

KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 18



MARCONI
STADIUM



SATURDAY
26TH JUNE
5PM

“Traditional rivals” Marconi Stallions FC (9th) and APIA Leichhardt (8th) will both be hoping to keep their semifinal hopes “alive” when they meet at Marconi Stadium tonight.

The Stallions have “paid the price” with TEN draws proving costly in their 2021 campaign.

As a result of the unprecedented number of drawn games, every match now is an elimination final for the Stallions who need everything and every result to go their way to stay in contention for the “business” end of the season.

Marconi Stallions FC scored just their third win of the season when captain Marko Jesic’s (9th) goal for the season earned them a 1-0 result over semi-final aspirants Wollongong Wolves last round.

Stallions Coach Peter Tsekis knows what is now required of his team.

“After last week’s win, we are looking to string some wins together and beat the odds, pushing for a finals spot.

Marconi and APIA have a history of friendly rivalry and this Italian derby game will be important to both clubs in the race for finals football.”

For now, APIA have their “noses in front” they sit two points ahead of Marconi on 21 points in 8th spot. It is a must win situation for two of Australia’s oldest and most traditional football clubs.

The ask is a big one more so for the Stallions who face a tougher run home. They are now five points behind 5th placed Sydney Olympic on a congested competition table. They now have no margin for error, they simply have to keep winning matches and hope other results go their way as well.

APIA Leichhardt’s semifinal hopes took a “hit” when they lost 1-0 to third placed Rockdale Ilinden FC last weekend. A missed Apia penalty proved costly with Rockdale Ilinden sealing the precious three points in the 87th minute.

The Stallions (on 19 points) look up the table to see APIA Leichhardt (21 points) Wollongong Wolves (22 points) Mt Druitt Town Rangers (23 points) and Sydney Olympic (24 points) ahead of them with five games remaining.

If somehow the Stallions “sneak” into the finals, they will earn their place. They must overcome APIA Leichhardt, Sydney Olympic (this is a semifinal come early) Mt Druitt Town Rangers, top of the table Blacktown and finish at home against 4th placed Manly United. Too many, outside the Marconi camp it is Mission Impossible.

APIA Leichhardt’s run home on paper looks “easier” than the Stallions. After Marconi they face a winnable game against bottom placed Sydney FC, then they face 7th placed Wollongong Wolves, followed by 10th placed Northbridge Bulls FC (a winnable game) and then finish against 2nd placed Sydney United.

An “easier” draw on paper, plus the extra two-point cushion has APIA for now, better placed to sneak in to the finals.

A win for either team will keep their semi-final hopes alive, at least for another week, a draw, especially for the Draw Specialists the Stallions, would be disastrous and end what has been a frustrating season. It is hard to find anywhere in the record books where an NPL 1 team has had 10 drawn games in a season.

For the loser, they can really start planning for the longer 2022 season.

The Markka Cup (Pre SAP) three-way competition between Marconi Stallions FC, Hinchinbrook FC and Bossley Sports will conclude at half time on July 25th when the Stallions play Manly United in their last home game for 2021. No Cup games will be played tonight.

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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 Nenad Vekic
- 2 Nathan Millgate
- 3 Giorgio Speranza
- 4 Roberto Speranza
- 5 Mason Ingram
- 6 Mark Rodic
- 7 Chris Hatfield
- 8 Connor Evans
- 9 Anthony Costa
- 10 Marko Jesic
- 11 Mitchell Mallia
- 12 Stefan Nikolic
- 14 Anthony Frangie
- 16 Liam Youlley
- 17 Martin Fernandez
- 19 Zach Cairncross
- 20 Dion Shaw
- 21 Emmanuel Peters
- 23 Brandon Vella
- 24 Paolo Laxamana

Head Coach: Peter Tsekenis

Manager: Peter Papoythis



- 1 Ivan Necevski
- 2 William Mutch
- 3 Paul Galimi
- 4 Joshua Symons
- 5 Nick Azzone
- 6 Harry Callahan
- 7 Tynan Diaz
- 8 Corey Biczo
- 9 Blake Powell
- 10 Franco Parisi
- 11 Mathieu Cordier
- 12 Hassan Jalloh
- 13 David D'Apuzzo
- 15 Themba Muata-Marlow
- 16 Sean Symons
- 17 Dejan Bakrdanikoski
- 18 Adrian Uchino
- 19 Peter Kekeris
- 20 Samuel McIlhatton
- 21 Michael Kouta
- 22 Luke Turnbull
- 23 Gian Fiorese
- 24 Christian Cirino
- 25 Vincenzo Melissari
- 26 Vincent Fedele
- 27 Corey Gameiro
- 40 Evan Davies

Head Coach: Danial Cummins

Assist Coach: John Calleja

Goalkeeper Coach: Bruno Jasiczek

Managers: Vincent Leto, Joe Calabro, Sam

Barletta, Michael Sawan

Physio: Michael Sawan

Referee:

S. Lucas

Assistant Referees:

A. McConachie and E. Kocbek

Fourth Official:

J. Rose

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MATCH PREVIEW

It will be a huge clash at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night as the Marconi Stallions face up against the APIA Leichhardt Tigers in what's been dubbed the 'Classico D'Italia'. The three points up for grabs in the clash will be crucial to both teams as they cling to the chance of playing finals football in 2021.

Marconi Stallions recorded just their third win of the season last round against the Wollongong Wolves and will be looking to continue with their winning ways after recording an incredible ten draws this season. A penalty from captain Marko Jesic was enough to claim victory for Marconi in Round 17, but Peter Tsekenis' men will be looking for more this week as they return home.

Mitch Mallia, Chris Hatfield and Anthony Frangie all pose dangerous attacking threats for the Stallions, while the strength and experience of Marconi's defensive line will be on display after keeping Wollongong goalless in Round 17.

A missed penalty from club captain Sean Symons and letting in a late goal from Rockdale's Alec Urosevski in Round 17 will serve as plenty of motivation for APIA to come out firing and make a strong finals

push as the season comes to a close.

After playing a mid-week Waratah Cup Elimination Final in Wollongong on Wednesday night, APIA will be hoping that they will still have petrol left in the tank to back up for the Saturday night clash.

The trio of young guns Peter Kekeris, Will Mutch and Matthieu Cordier could be the energy the visitors will look towards for the much needed three points.



1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	17	11	3	3	36	17	19	36
2	Sydney United 58 FC	17	9	5	3	31	17	14	32
3	Rockdale Ilinden FC	17	7	6	4	28	22	6	27
4	Manly United FC	17	7	6	4	24	23	1	27
5	Sydney Olympic FC	17	7	3	7	22	19	3	24
6	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	17	6	5	6	21	25	-4	23
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	17	6	4	7	23	33	-10	22
8	APIA Leichhardt FC	17	6	3	8	20	21	-1	21
9	Marconi Stallions FC	17	3	10	4	24	25	-1	19
10	Northbridge Bulls FC	17	3	7	7	32	31	1	16
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	17	3	5	9	19	32	-13	14
12	Sydney FC	17	3	5	9	29	44	-15	14

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

Wollongong Wolves 0 – Marconi Stallions 1 at Albert Butler Memorial Park

Marconi Stallions secured their third victory of the season edging past Wollongong Wolves 1-0 at Albert Butler Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon.

A second-half strike from Marko Jesic was the difference as the Stallions claimed a valuable three points which keep their slim finals hopes alive.

The Wolves started strong but failed to make the most of their early dominance going into the interval still locked scoreless.

However, it was a different story in the second half with the Stallions leading the charge and claiming a penalty which Jesic would net in the narrow victory.

APIA Leichhardt 0 – Rockdale Ilinden 1 at Lambert Park

Rockdale Ilinden FC has returned to winning ways after securing a 1-0 victory over APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday afternoon.

Alec Urosevski's 87th-minute strike was the difference as Rockdale kept their slim premiership hopes alive with a valuable three points.

A missed penalty just moments before halftime will haunt APIA as they spurned a brilliant chance to take the lead.

It came back to bite the home side with Urosevski's late strike stealing the win and condemning APIA to another frustrating loss.

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GIRDWOOD-REICH



MUATA MARLOW



THOMPSON



STAMATELLIS



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TOP GOAL SCORERS

Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	14
Travis Major	Blacktown City	12
Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	12
Kyle Cimenti	Northbridge Bulls	9
Marko Jesic	Marconi	9
Jack Stewart	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	9
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	8
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	8
Leroy Jennings	Wollongong Wolves	6
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	6
Mo Adam	Sydney Olympic	6
Lachlan Scott	Wollongong Wolves	6



Patrick Antelmi

U20 TEAM LISTS



30 Jordan Ford
31 Daniel Helweh
32 Jarred McKinley
22 Andrew Holder
25 Blake Ilitch
18 Dimos Vlachos
33 Jackson Angelou
35 Jeremy Dinh

Coach: Steve Appleby
Manager: Patrick Gatt

38 Jesse Hirschowitz
39 Jay Hirschowitz
40 Luka Zepina
41 Ahmad Taleb
42 James Hilton
43 Jackson Andrews
44 Adrian Neoklis



27 Jonathan Accetta
28 Marcus Apostolakis
29 Daniel Azzzone
38 Joshua Azzopardi
40 James Khoury
39 Anthony Kyriazis
31 Matt Lee
30 Gene Marantos

Coach: Anthony Mazza
Assistant Coach: Mariano Mirigliani

32 Thomas Nicholas
41 Dylan Schifino
33 Harry Stavris
34 Cooper Stormonth
35 Dylan Susovic
36 Anthony Younis
37 Alexander Zinnato

Assistant Coach: Pierre Sassine
Manager: Giuseppe Mirigliani

U20 LADDER

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3	Wollongong Wolves FC	17	9	2	6	30	26	4	29
4	Blacktown City FC	17	8	3	6	34	19	15	27
5	Sydney FC	17	7	6	4	20	13	7	27
6	Marconi Stallions FC	17	7	3	7	27	21	6	24
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	17	7	3	7	32	33	-1	24
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	17	6	3	8	25	30	-5	21
9	Northbridge Bulls FC	17	5	3	9	22	31	-9	18
10	Sydney United 58 FC	17	5	3	9	28	40	-12	18
11	APIA Leichhardt FC	17	4	4	9	20	33	-13	16
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	17	3	5	9	17	37	-20	14

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	34	54	144	198
Manly United FC	34	78	108	186
Sydney United 58 FC	34	36	128	164
Sydney Olympic FC	34	60	96	156
Wollongong Wolves FC	34	58	88	146
Rockdale Ilinden FC	34	28	108	136
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	34	42	92	134
Marconi Stallions FC	34	48	76	124
APIA Leichhardt FC	34	32	84	116
Sydney FC	34	60	56	116
Northbridge Bulls FC	34	36	64	100
Sutherland Sharks FC	34	42	56	98

Club championships for all NPL Men's and Women's are available online:
 Men's: <https://mens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship/>
 Women's: <https://womens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship-nsw-womens/>

NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MANLY UNITED FC VS
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**
 7:00 PM / FRI 2 JUL
 CROMER PARK

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS
SUTHERLAND SHARKS**
 FC 3:00 PM / SUN 4 JUL
 ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS
SYDNEY FC**
 5:15 PM / SAT 3 JUL
 LAMBERT PARK

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS
MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS**
 FC 3:00 PM / SUN 4 JUL
 SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS
AWAY CLUB LOGOWOLLONGONG**
 WOLVES FC 3:00 PM / SUN 4 JUL
 LILY HOMES STADIUM

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**
 4:00 PM / SUN 4 JUL
 BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

EARLY BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR JING REEC

It has been quite a month for 18-year-old Jing Reec.

The former Marconi Stallions FC “attacker” recently made his debut “off the bench” in the A League for Central Coast Mariners and turned 18 a week later.

The Australian born youngster of Sudanese background, played with Marconi Stallions FC from 2016 to 2020. He came through the Stallions Youth Program starting in 2017 (Under 14) He played Under 15/16 in 2018.

In 2019 he played Under 16 Boys Youth before finishing in Under 18 with one First Grade game in 2020.

The “highlight” of his so far “short” career came on Saturday, June 5th when Central Coast Mariners Coach Alen Stajcic called the player wearing jersey 41 off the bench for the final 19 minutes against Western United. (Mariners won 2-0)

“It was a big thrill, I was very proud, my whole family and friends were at the Stadium to watch.”

So, how did he find the 19 minutes playing in the A League?

“It was much faster, the players are smarter, it is a big step up.”

Jing is thoroughly enjoying his “step up” from the NPL to the A League.

“I am learning all the time, training four times per week in a great environment.”

During this season prior to his call up Jing Reec has been playing with the Youth League and Academy teams.

Called up into the NPL 2 Academy team Jing Reec has scored 10 goals from 14 matches played and justifying the club’s faith and confidence in him.

With the A League season over for now for Jing Reec, he will continue to train with the A League squad (he is contracted for next season) and play with the clubs Academy team in NPL 2.

Season 2022 will hopefully see more cause for celebration – making the rare one-off appearance off the bench into more regular appearances on field as the 18-year-old continues on his promising career path.

Jing Reec is yet another Marconi Stallions FC youngster who has come through the club’s assembly line and moved on to bigger and better things.



FROM BALL GIRL TO MASCOT TO FUTURE WANDER WOMAN

Ella Sievwright takes the next step in Wanderful journey

By Janakan Seemampillai

It's not every day a 16-year-old gets the chance to fulfil her dream, but young Marconi defender and Western Sydney Wanderers' ball-girl Ella Sievwright is well on the way.

Ella is one of 35 young ladies who are part of the inaugural 'Future Wander Women Program'. The 20 week program is free and is designed to unearth the rich footballing talent that exists in western Sydney.

Over 200 girls tried out for the program, with 35 successfulists beginning the journey last month that may one day end up in the Wanderers' W-League squad.

Ella's Wanderers' journey started out six years ago, when she began volunteering for the Red & Black with her father Richard. The Sievwright's are loyal Western Sydney fans, and can be seen at each W-League and A-League game every weekend.

"Season 2015/2016 was when I first started my role as a ball girl," explains Ella. "The opportunity to sit on the side lines and have a front row seat to each home game was surreal.

"This experience has led to me meeting and getting to know past and current Wanderers' players and being able to call myself a WSW Volunteer. I have also been a flag bearer and ball kid for our A-League team as well as also being the Wanderers' mascot 'Sunny'."

Ella first started playing football at the age of five in western Sydney for Rouse Hill Rams. She has developed her skills across the western Sydney region, playing her trade at a number of high profile clubs, before landing at powerhouse Marconi.

"I first started playing soccer in 2010, I played for my local club Rouse Hill Rams for four years, then moved to Hills Brumbies, playing with the boys for another two years.

"In 2017 I moved to Mount Druitt Rangers for a year and then to Inter Lions. For the past three years, I have been playing at Marconi Stallions in their NPLW program. I am currently playing under 17s and Reserve Grade each week."

Marconi has a rich history of producing world class footballers. In Ella, they have a player that is not only willing to do the hard yards to get there, but one that is committed to taking the next step in her footballing adventure.

The 'Future Wander Women Program' is run by Wanderers' Technical Director Ian Crook, with the head coach being Linda Khamis, the sister of former Matilda and current Wanderers' forward Leena Khamis.

Ella admits working with Linda and some current Wanderers' W-League stars has been an exciting part

of the set-up.

"Honestly there are so many things in this program that are hard not to like," she says. "The coaching staff are a major part of this, both Linda Khamis and Libby Copus-Brown have so much experience, and the knowledge they are able to give us which we are able to incorporate into our game helps us to improve the way we see and play the game.

"I like that I have the opportunity to improve my skills and that I have the opportunity to be a future Wanderer and take the leap into such a fast and skillful game.

"Most importantly I loved meeting the other girls. I am so lucky and thankful to have an opportunity to meet such wonderful people."

While she has a long way to go to achieve her potential and her dream, Ella doesn't have to look very far for inspiration.

One of her favourite players is recently capped Matilda, and Wanderers' star defender Courtney Nevin.

"She is my inspiration as a player, the way she is able to attack and defend from her position, her fitness and skill levels are remarkable.

"Watching her play for Wanderers and now the Matildas at such a young age shows that it is possible for me to have the opportunity to work for a spot in the Wanderers' W-league side.

Ella's story is sure to be an inspiration to any young budding footballer out there. With the W-League only getting bigger, and the Women's World Cup coming to Australia and New Zealand in 2023, the future of women's football down under is in good hands.





Funland, one of Australia's fastest growing Arcade Entertainments, is providing Player of the Match Awards to boys and girls in the Marconi Stallions FC SAP, Pre SAP (Under 8) and the younger Youth Age Groups.

Each week until the end of the season, a program is chosen, and Awards are given to the player chosen by the Coach and Team Manager.

The player nominated, receives \$20 worth of tokens at Funland (inside Club Marconi) and has quickly become a much sought-after award.

Arcade Trade Director Beau Scott (Former NRL player with St George and Newcastle) is delighted

to extend Funland's involvement with the Marconi Stallions Football Club.

"I was most impressed when the SAP and Youth boys and girls raised over \$15,000 for the Balls for Balls Cancer Campaign."

"We donated tokens to each of the fund raisers because we admired their commitment to the cause."

The Player of the Match Awards are simply an extension of that "he added.

Due to the success of this year's initial involvement, Funland intends to further increase its commitment to Marconi Stallions FC in 2022.

So far, Funland Player of the Match Awards have been given out to the following:

Boys SAP

Under 9

Kyden Salim
Sebastian Silva
Cooper Chahine

Under 10

Lachlan Cooke
Nermin Husejnovic
Jacob Kovacev

Under 11

Dean Travlos
Sebastian Spinozzi
Dominik Terzic

Under 12

Elhan Katovic
Lawrence White
William Emms

Girls SAP

Under 10

Cydnee Avery
Chelsea Green

Under 11

Milica Alavanja
Shrika Salvi

Under 12

Ceyda Oncu
Annalise Slewo

Under 13

Alexandra Attard
Angelina Putrus

Boys Youth

Under 13

Joshua Mezzano
Pharrell – Ibini – Isei

Under 14

Ashton King
Noah Melluso

Girls Youth

Under 14

Elana Lekov
Raquel Taovil
Pre SAP

Under 8

Fawzy Abdallah
Zavier Faulks
Francesco Sofi
Jack Biset



PHOTO GALLERY



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2021 HOME FIXTURES

HOME GROUND - Marconi Stadium
121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

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ROUND 1	26/02/21 (Fri)	19:45	Sydney FC
ROUND 3	13/03/21 (Sat)	18:00	Rockdale Ilinden FC
ROUND 5	28/03/21 (Sun)	17:00	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 6	02/04/21 (Fri)	16:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 8	17/04/21 (Sat)	18:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 9	24/04/21 (Sat)	18:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 10	01/05/21 (Sat)	18:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 13	22/05/21 (Sat)	18:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 15	05/06/21 (Sat)	18:00	Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 18	26/06/21 (Sat)	18:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 22	25/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Manly United FC

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