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**NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES  
NSW**

**LAMBERT PARK  
FRIDAY 11TH MARCH  
7.30PM**

**FIXTURES, LADDERS**

**MATCH PREVIEW**

**REVIEWS, TEAM LISTS**



**2022 - ROUND 02**



# Wests Ashfield

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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 Ivan Necevski
- 2 Gian Fiorese
- 3 Paul Galimi
- 4 Josh Symons
- 5 Nick Azzone
- 6 Simon Nicholas
- 7 Matthew Cahill
- 9 Jason Romero
- 10 Franco Parisi
- 14 Jack Armson
- 15 Themba Muata-Marlow
- 16 Sean Symons
- 18 Adrian Uchino
- 19 Fabian Monge
- 20 Nathaniel Blair
- 22 Luke Turnbull
- 23 Walter Scott
- 38 Yianni Nicolaou

Head Coach: Danial Cummins  
Assistant Coach: John Calleja  
Goalkeeper Coach: Bronislav Jasiczek  
Club Physios: Michael Sawan and  
Isaiah Martins  
Club S and C: Stelios Pikoulis  
Club Official: Andrew Mandaglio  
Data and Analysis: Steve Callas



- 1 Sam Benton
- 2 Kieran Paull
- 3 Jesse Piriz
- 4 Jimmy Oates
- 5 Tom Fay
- 6 James Georgaklis
- 7 Seiya Kambayashi
- 8 Dom Ferguson
- 9 Ben Koop
- 10 Luca Kmet
- 11 Matt Sim
- 12 Finn Ashton
- 14 Dejan Pandurevic
- 15 Kristian Santich
- 17 Zenden Hart
- 18 Lucas Rainbird
- 19 Alen Aganovic
- 20 Jack Greenwood
- 21 Nick Rainbird
- 22 Bruno Mendes
- 23 Hugo Cornish
- 24 Mitch Mattison

Head Coach: Adam Griffiths  
Assistant Coach: Marty Judge  
Goalkeeper Coach: Elvis Demarchi  
Head Physio: Steve Felsher  
Team Manager: Ida Rigoni  
Lead Physio: Christian Bate  
Strength and Conditioning: Alex Berger

**Referee:**  
**Assistant Referees:**  
**Fourth Official:**

**Christian Verdicchio**  
**Patrick Teleki and Matthew Staples**  
**Jake Rose**

## MATCH PREVIEW

After a wash out in their Round 1 clash against Mt Druitt, APIA Leichhardt will be looking to start their season with a show of strength against Manly United, who have a win under their belt on Friday night under lights.

A moment of brilliance from returning star Matt Sim saw Manly United secure a 1-0 defeat of Sydney Olympic in Round 1.

While the goal from Sim was the only one of the match, there was plenty of promise from all over the park for Manly, with Bruno Mendes and Jimmy Oates making the NPL NSW Men's team of the week while Jesse Piriz also did well in the opening match.

With the advantage of momentum, Manly United will surely come out firing in this clash, but APIA Leichhardt will be eager to start their season with a big win at home.

Hoping to put their new brand of football on display under returning coach Danial Cummins will unleash a couple of new faces with the likes of Matthew Cahill, Walter Scott and Fabian Monge set to make their Lambert Park debuts.

Will APIA be able to secure a win in their first match of the season or will Manly go two from two?



## 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	FF	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marconi Stallions FC	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	3
2	Sydney FC	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	3
3	Blacktown City FC	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
4	Manly United FC	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	Sydney United 58 FC	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	APIA Leichhardt FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Northbridge Bulls FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	-1	0
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	-1	0
10	Rockdale Ilinden FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	0
11	Sydney Olympic FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	0
12	Wollongong Wolves FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	0

## FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

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### Sydney Olympic 0 – Manly United 1 at Belmore Sportsground

Matt Sim's winner on his Manly United return helped the Northern Beaches outfit claim a 1-0 win over Sydney Olympic in their Round 1 encounter on Saturday evening.

A superbly timed lob over Olympic custodian Nicholas Sorras at breakneck speed crowned a lovely exchange

involving Thomas Fay and Dejan Pandurevic to give Manly the advantage, while Olympic struggled to get on the scoreboard – even with major signing Roy O'Donovan.

### Mt Druitt Town Rangers v APIA Leichhardt

WASHED OUT

## FEATURE STORY

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Having wrapped up an incredible FFA Cup run in December, APIA Leichhardt certainly have the most momentum leading into the 2022 NPL NSW season.

A taste of national football glory will have the boys from Lambert Park eager to get back on the pitch and make their mark in 2022.

With Danial Cummins returning to the helm, there is a good blend of fresh faces and strong experience that will lead APIA through the season.

### FROM THE COACH: DANIAL CUMMINS

"What I'm going for is to get a bit more mobility.

"I want to be pressing a bit higher and I want to move the ball a lot quicker than what they did last year.

"First and foremost, I want to stay the season and to stay the season means we need to be winning - so expectations are top two.

"It's tough because it's been a difficult preseason with COVID and injuries, but that's where we should be and that's where we're working towards.

"I think you need three things in this league. I think they need to be fit, they need structure and there needs to be team culture.

"If you look at the league since 2014, if you concede less than 20 goals you win the comp, so it starts with defence.

"We've bought really well up top, we've got some really young fellas that are good, but if we don't defend and keep clean sheets, then we won't win the league.

### ONE TO WATCH

Walter Scott and Matt Cahill have both joined the Tigers from the A-League and will be looking to show their talent and ambition to make their mark on the NPL in the upcoming season.

Let's not forget American ace Jason Romero who will no doubt feature as one of the go to players for the Inner West club.

### RISING STAR

Nathaniel Blair is set to be the club's rising star for the 2022 season, with plenty of potential to make his mark on the league as he steps up from the junior ranks.

### KEY SIGNINGS

Jack Armson, Matthew Cahill and Walter Scott.



## TEAM OF THE WEEK



A Mitres Delta Max football, white with blue and black patterns, is shown on the left. The background is dark blue with faint white arrows. Logos for "NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES NSW" and "mitre" are in the top center. The text "OFFICIAL MATCH BALL OF NPL NSW" is in the top right. Below it, "PURCHASE FROM:" is followed by "THE FOOTBALL CORNER.COM.AU" with a TFC logo.

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## U20 TEAM LISTS



- 24 Sebastian Boffa
- 25 Massimo Melissari
- 26 Joshua Azzopardi
- 27 Dylan Chau
- 28 Marcus Apostolakis
- 29 Daniel Azzone
- 30 Gene Marantos
- 31 Matt Lee
- 32 Alex Bardas
- 33 Harry Stavris
- 34 Cooper Stormonth
- 35 Dylan Susovic
- 37 Alexander Zinnato
- 39 Anthony Kyriazis
- 40 James Khoury
- 41 Konstantin Petkovic

Coach: Anthony Mazza  
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- 26 Tom Chidiac
- 27 Hunter Elliot
- 28 Yannis Frerck
- 29 Marcus Lal
- 30 Daniel Solsky
- 31 Max Martinello
- 32 Jack Mason
- 33 Lachlan Mills
- 34 Tian Rae
- 35 Stefano Rossello
- 36 Adam Shaheen
- 37 Kyle Devine

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12	Sydney United 58 FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	-3	0

## GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Charles Lokolingoy (Marconi)	2
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	2
Hiroaki Aoyama (Blacktown City)	1
Rory Jordan (Northbridge Bulls)	1
Stephan De Robillard (Northbridge Bulls)	1
Mark Jesic (Marconi)	1
Matt Sim (Manly United)	1
James Andrew (Sutherland Sharks)	1
Jason Madonis (Sutherland Sharks)	1
Adrian Vlastelica (Sydney United 58)	1
Zachary Sapsford (Sydney FC)	1



## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

### **SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC V MANLY UNITED FC**

**07:00 PM / FRI, 18TH MAR  
SEYMOUR SHAW**

### **WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC V SYDNEY FC**

**07:30 PM / FRI, 18TH MAR  
WIN STADIUM**

### **SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC V MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC**

**03:00 PM / SUN, 20TH MAR  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE**

### **BLACKTOWN CITY FC V MARCONI STALLIONS FC**

**03:00 PM / SUN, 20TH MAR  
BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE**

### **ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC V APIA LEICHHARDT FC**

**04:00 PM / SUN, 20TH MAR  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE**

### **SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC V NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**

**04:00 PM / SUN, 20TH MAR  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND**



# FIXTURES

## 2022 HOME GAMES



**HOME GROUND - Lambert Park**  
**Marion St, Leichhardt**

<b>Fri, 11th Mar</b>	7:30 PM	Manly United FC	<b>R2</b>
<b>Sat, 26th Mar</b>	5:30 PM	Blacktown City FC	<b>R4</b>
<b>Fri, 1st Apr</b>	7:30 PM	Wollongong Wolves FC	<b>R5</b>
<b>Sat, 16th Apr</b>	5:30 PM	Sutherland Sharks FC	<b>R7</b>
<b>Sun, 8th May</b>	3:30 PM	Marconi Stallions FC	<b>R10</b>
<b>Sat, 21st May</b>	5:30 PM	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	<b>R12</b>
<b>Sat, 4th Jun</b>	5:30 PM	Rockdale Ilinden FC	<b>R14</b>
<b>Sat, 25th Jun</b>	5:30 PM	Sydney FC First	<b>R17</b>
<b>Sat, 9th Jul</b>	5:30 PM	Northbridge Bulls FC	<b>R19</b>
<b>Sun, 17th Jul</b>	4:00 PM	Sydney Olympic FC	<b>R20</b>
<b>Sun, 31st Jul</b>	3:00 PM	Sydney United 58 FC	<b>R22</b>



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