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**6PM**

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**2022 - ROUND 01**

# CLUB WELCOME

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Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of the Marconi Stallions to Seymour Shaw for our 1st round fixture in the NPL competition. The Sharks will be looking to start the season in a positive fashion, showcasing our new look side with players such as Nick Sullivan and Jason Madonis returning to Sharks this year ready to display all of their talents.

The first round of any football competition is always met with an air of excitement especially when our young squad boasts a large number of local juniors. Nick Dimovski and his coaching staff have been

working hard through the pre-season fine tuning his starting line up and systems of play, which will be tested against a very competitive Marconi side also looking to kickstart their season.

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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



1 Anthony Bouzanis  
2 James Baldacchino  
3 Gabriel Contigiani  
6 Pat O'Shea  
7 Harry Callahan  
8 Jason Madonis  
9 Jeremy Cox  
10 Lachlan Everett  
11 Nikola Taneski  
12 Lukman Ahmed-Shaibu  
13 Charlie Jones  
14 Chris Lindsay  
15 Sam Amey  
17 James Andrew  
18 Mitch Smith  
21 Michael Neill  
22 Nick Sullivan  
23 Mark Rodic  
25 Luke Sauer  
26 Jacob Cremen-Cowan (Gk)  
34 Julian Trovato  
80 Nelson Lam  
99 Lachlan Macdonald  
Coach: Nick Dimovski  
Assistant Coaches: Steve Gordon and Luis Contigiani  
Managers: Craig Simmons and Ian Mackenzie  
Physi: Jubilee Sports Therapy  
Gk Coach: Nathan Denham



1 Nenad Vekic (GK)  
2 Nathan Millgate  
3 Giorgio Speranza  
4 Roberto Speranza  
6 Domenico Costanzo  
7 Christopher Hatfield  
8 Connor Evans  
9 Thomas James  
10 Marko Jesic  
11 Charles Lokolingoy  
12 Stefan Nikolic  
13 Samuel Gulisano  
14 Jarrod McKinley  
16 Liam Youlley  
17 Martin Fernandez  
18 Adrian Valenti  
19 Zac Cairncross  
20 Dion Shaw (GK)  
22 Taylor McDonald  
23 Brandon Vella  
24 Dominic Brischetto  
Head Coach: Peter Tsekenis  
Assistant Coach: Peter Papoythis  
Assistant Coach: Manny Spanoudakis  
Team Manager: Frank Mammoliti  
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Brett Studman  
Gear Steward: Rob Filipin  
Gear Steward: Rob Tolomeo

**Referee:**

**Ivica Covic**

**Assistant Referees:**

**Alessandro Llana and Matthew Staples**

**Fourth Official:**

**Ayad Naji**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# MATCH PREVIEW

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The battle between Sutherland Sharks and Marconi Stallions will be the first chance Nick Dimovski has to show off his new-look Sharks squad & new brand of attacking football, and the first chance Peter Tsekenis will have to test out the new talent in his attacking line.

Marconi will be hoping their investment in attacking forces, along with their retention of their solid defensive structure, will lead them to an early victory at home.

Unfortunately they will not be able to call upon the services of new recruit Thomas James who is currently on the sidelines through injury but the Palace will see a few new players make their official debuts with Domenico Costanzo a great story, following in the footsteps of his father Angelo who proudly wore the kit in the early 2000's.

While for the Sharks, former Wanderers and Glory ace Nick Sullivan will hope he can spearhead his charge back into A-League contention with a solid season in the NPL.

The win will be crucial to both sides as they look to gain some confidence and momentum to kick off the season.



## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

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**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**

**7:00 PM / FRI, 11TH MAR 2022  
POPONDETTA PARK**

**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**

**7:30 PM / FRI, 11TH MAR 2022  
LAMBERT PARK**

**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS  
SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC**

**3:30 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SEYMOUR SHAW MAIN**

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**

**7:00 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE**

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC**

**4:00 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND**

**SYDNEY FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**

**6:30 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS**

# SHARKS SET FOR STELLAR SEASON WITH NEW LOOK SQUAD

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Nick Dimovski has set about creating a new look Sutherland Sharks outfit in the off season, with plenty of new signings, an invigorated team culture, and an emphasis on playing a dynamic style of attacking football.

Over the break, Dimovski has recruited well with A-League talent Nick Sullivan, NPL NSW Men's stalwarts Jason Madonis, Nikola Taneski and Michael O'Neill joining the club, alongside Harry Callahan, Mark Rodic, Lachlan McDonald and most recently Lukman Ahmed-Shaibu.

There has also been a number of talented players retained at the club including goalkeeper Antony Bouzanis, James Andrew, Chris Lindsay, Lachlan Everett and young-gun Gabriel Contigiani.

In the process of recruiting the new players to the club, there has been plenty of thought as to who would fit the culture that Dimovski is trying to build.

With big goals for the season, and even bigger goals for the future of the club, Dimovski explained that attitude and values were two incredibly important facets of his recruitment strategy.

"Like all teams we've obviously got a goal to make the top five and one of the things this year when we've done the rebuild was when we were looking at players we wanted to make sure it wasn't just players that had the ability, it was players with the right mindset players, with the right values as human beings," he explained.

"We try and pick good people first and then try and help their football to make them better players.

"Sutherland Sharks is a family orientated club that cares for its players and wants players here with the right attitudes and when you get them you can then develop the right culture within the club."

One of the Sharks biggest recruits this season is former Sydney Olympic captain Jason Madonis, who Dimovski had nothing but praise for.

"You need people like Jason in a team, because they bring so much to it, so much," he said.

"I've told everyone I believe Jason Madonis is the best Sharks signing since Jacob Tratt.

"He's not only a good player, he's a top kid.

"He is so good in the change rooms, he's a natural born leader.

"I'm hoping success is going to follow him around because he's a great kid and he deserves everything he achieves in the sport because he puts so much time and effort in off the field as well to get it right on the park when he's playing."

While the Sharks' goals for the season are clear, the pre-season has been full of challenges due to the current climate with the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions.

"It's the most unusual of preseasons, but we have been working on developing our attacking brand.

"We want to be on the front foot and we want to be playing an attacking brand of football this year and we've been working on that in preseason but there has been the challenges obviously of COVID which is I'm sure the same as every other club."

The Sharks are set to kick off their season against Marconi Stallions at 6:00pm on Saturday 5th March at Marconi Stadium.

***By Madeline Riley***





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# NEW NPL SEASON FOR SUTHERLAND FC

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*Outgoing Sutherland FC President Paul Smith with Rob Sauer (L) and coach Nick Dimovski with the under 10 team. Picture John Veage.*

With football experiencing a tough period in 2021 due to COVID-19 where the season was shortened, the sport is expecting a bigger 2022 campaign across all its competitions with a huge 11,940 matches scheduled for the new year.

The Sutherland Sharks Football Club, established in 1932, compete in the NSW National Premier League. They have had mixed fortunes over the past decade, being in the bottom half of the ladder and even not playing in the shortened Covid affected 2020 season.

This season the Sharks say they are back with a new president, coach and new clubhouse under construction at Seymour Shaw Park.

First grade coach Nick Dimovski said they were looking forward to the start of the season because they aimed to play finals football this year.

"It's been 13 years since we made the grand final, but we have 16 new players and it's our definite aim to make the finals," he said

"We have a big junior nursery in Sutherland Shire and you can't keep every young player with potential, but this year we have 17 out of the 23 squad who are local juniors.

"We tip a big year for Harry Callahan, Micky Neill, Nick Sullivan who's come back from the A League, Lachie McDonald, Jason Madonis and all the young guys coming through."

The season also sees the retirement of stalwart President Paul Smith.

"I'm handing over the reins, but I'm leaving it in good hands, a new boss, new look team and new building works," he said

New President Rob Sauer said Paul Smith's contribution to Sutherland Sharks FC has been unprecedented.

"Paul's dedication, commitment and selfless nature have made this club a special place to be part of, his DNA will forever be ingrained at the club and we truly thank him for everything he has done in his time at the club."

"Our new Clubhouse has been fully funded by Sutherland Sharks FC with help from our major sponsor PipeKing.

"We have for many years and will continue to produce high quality football players through our youth academy and training programs, many of which have gone on to further their careers in the ALeague, Overseas and representing Australia.

"We are excited about our 2022 1st grade team which includes 17 Sutherland Sharks FC youth players who have either returned to the club or have continued to play for us right through their careers from a very young age like Charlie Jones and Luke Sauer who have been here since the Under 12's" he said

A lot has changed at Sutherland FC this year but major sponsor John Hills and his Pipeking company's commitment has not waived and his continued support is driving the club to take this year seriously.

## U20 TEAM LISTS



- 26 Jacob Cremen - Cowan (GK)
- 27 Angelo Apokis
- 28 Jacob Tresaglovic
- 35 Marcus Russo
- 30 Brohden Souris
- 31 Sebastian Cerecedo
- 32 Tye McGowan
- 33 Matthew Jackson
- 37 Marcus Grbevski
- 36 Christopher Neskovski

Coach: Nick Porecca

Assistant Coach: George Mavrocordatos

Managers: Matthew Smith and Jason Joaquim



- 25 Jackson Andrews
- 27 Dean Efstathiou
- 28 Jordan Ford
- 29 James Hilton (GK)
- 31 Dylan Kanjo
- 32 Marcelo Martellotta
- 33 Matthew Martignago
- 34 Johnny Tsimigos
- 35 Justin Vidic
- 36 Cooper Widdup
- 37 Liam Gregory
- 38 Stefano D'Amico

Head Coach: Ante Moric

Assistant Coach: Peter Vrilic

Team Manager: Frank Mammoliti



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# MADONIS HYPED FOR SHARKS SEASON

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After 13 years at Sydney Olympic FC, 26-year-old Jason Madonis has made the move to the Sutherland Sharks for the 2022 season and is ready to step into the next chapter of his football journey.

Having made his first-grade debut under the leadership of Grant Lee, Madonis became a stalwart of Olympic over the years, enjoying the success of their incredible Premiership/Championship double in 2018.

While Madonis has proved his loyalty to the club over the years, he has decided to take on a new challenge in 2022.

"I feel excited," Madonis explained.

"It's obviously a very new experience for me.

"I was at Olympic for 13 years so it's always going to be exciting, but also a little bit nerve-wracking when you go into a new environment after such a long period of time."

Joining an invigorated line-up at the Sutherland Sharks under the coaching leadership of Nick Dimovski, Madonis praised the recruitment of the club in putting together a well-balanced squad for 2022.

"Nick and the whole board at Sutho have done very well to put together a strong squad – hopefully a squad that's going to be very competitive and try and push for a finals spot in the upcoming season.

"They've bought in some very good quality players, they've brought in very experienced players, as well as some hungry youngsters so it's a good mix and it's a good balance.

"Guys like Micky Neill, James Baldacchino, Nikola Taneski and Nick Sullivan, I've grown up with so I've either played against them or played with them.

"So there's a good bond throughout the squad, and everyone's kind of tied together in some way, shape or form."

When asked if there was any pressure to perform after switching teams after such a long time in the competition, Madonis explained that he didn't feel pressure but rather the responsibility that comes with his level of experience.

"When I'm enjoying my football, I know I have a lot to offer the club so not really any pressure.

"There is there is that added responsibility – I'm not leaving as a young kid anymore I am quite an experienced player, I've made over 150 appearances in the league so there is that sense of responsibility to do my best and give my all but yeah, I wouldn't say any feeling any pressure."

While having plenty of NPL New South Wales experience, Madonis still has plenty left to give to the competition.

"I'm still only 26 so I feel as if I've got my best years of me – the next two, three years I feel as if I'll be in my prime," he explained.

"I want to be known as a player that, whichever club I'm playing for at the time, I'm giving 110% and I'm giving my absolute all to the club.

"With Sutho it will be no different, I want to give my absolute all to the club on and off the pitch."

**By Madeline Riley**





# FIXTURES

## 2022 HOME GAMES



**HOME GROUND - Seymour Shaw**  
**244 The Boulevard, Miranda**

<b>Sat, 5th May</b>	6:00 PM	Marconi Stallions FC	<b>R1</b>
<b>Sat, 12th Mar</b>	3:30 PM	Sydney United 58 FC	<b>R2</b>
<b>Fri, 18th Mar</b>	7:00 PM	Manly United FC	<b>R3</b>
<b>Sat, 2nd Apr</b>	4:30 PM	Sydney FC	<b>R5</b>
<b>Sat, 9th Apr</b>	3:30 PM	Sydney Olympic FC	<b>R6</b>
<b>Sat, 23rd Apr</b>	3:30 PM	Rockdale Ilinden FC	<b>R8</b>
<b>Sat, 14th May</b>	3:30 PM	Wollongong Wolves FC	<b>R11</b>
<b>Sat, 11th Jun</b>	3:30 PM	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	<b>R15</b>
<b>Sat, 2nd Jul</b>	3:30 PM	APIA Leichhardt FC	<b>R18</b>
<b>Sat, 16th Jul</b>	3:30 PM	Blacktown City FC	<b>R20</b>
<b>Sat, 23rd Jul</b>	4:30 PM	Northbridge Bulls FC	<b>R21</b>



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