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LEAGUE CLUB



**2022 - ROUND 01**

# CLUB WELCOME

Welcome to the 2022 season and our Round 1 fixture against Manly United FC at Belmore Sportsground. In 2022, we are looking to build on a shortened but promising 2021 season, at the point the competition was cancelled we were in the top 5 and had just qualified for the Round of 32 for the FFA Cup against Sydney FC. While on that memorable FFA Cup night at Belmore in November we didn't get the result we were after, our players relished the big crowd and did us proud hitting the lead early in the match and pushing for a result right to the end. We are hoping a big crowd turns out again and creates a true O-lympic atmosphere at all our home matches.

This season we welcome back 1st Grade coach and Olympic Hall of Fame legend Ante Juric as Head Coach, as well as all our new and returning players, we wish you all the best of luck for a big 2022!

I must thank our season pass holders and fans who truly are the best in the league. The atmosphere you create at all our matches inspires our boys to play their best each week, we are very appreciative of your support. I again urge you to help build our crowd numbers, contact a friend, whether they are an old Olympic fan or a new football fan, bring them along, we know they will enjoy the Olympic experience. Season Passes are available for purchase at the entry gate.

To our sponsors both new and old, we cannot run our club without you and thank you for being part of

the Olympic family. I must give a special mention to returning sponsors for this season JASO, Canterbury League Club, Ereamea, Charas Constructions, ARC Energy Group, Crowne Plaza Burwood and Conquest, as well as new sponsor Simon Curwood Jewellers and Pickles who all will this year will take branding positions on our Club strip. We also welcome back existing and new business and player sponsors who can be found in our player images in the match day program. As always I urge you to support all of our sponsors as they support us.

Thanks to all our Coaches, support staff and volunteers who have gone over and above to ensure we are ready to start the season today, your effort and work is extremely valued.

Our Men's youth squads kicked off their competitions last week in fine style against Blacktown Spartans FC. Our Girls SAP and Womens squads continue their trial matches ahead of a season start in late March and early April respectively. We wish them the best of luck for the season ahead.

Today, we will be presenting our Boys SAP squads with their home jersey for the season. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to the players and their families, they are the future of our Club.

I hope you enjoy what I am sure will be a very exciting day of football and season ahead. Go Olympic!

John Boulous CEO, Sydney Olympic FC



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# FIRST GRADE PLAYERS



# OLYMPIC HOPING FOR RETURN TO GLORY IN 2022

Former Socceroo and Sydney Olympic legend Ante Juric is hoping the culmination of several years of building will see his team reach their peak this season.

Since winning the Premiership/Championship double in 2018, Olympic haven't been able to replicate the success, but Juric explained that is definitely their goal for 2022.

"Olympic doesn't change in terms of what we're trying to do," he explained.

"We always try and win things and be in the top five and then hopefully win the Championship.

"That doesn't change in terms of goals, but we've got a new team and we're still building with this revitalized team from the last year or two."

With a focus on improving some small things from last season and using their new talent to bring some extra impact, particularly in the front third, Olympic are real contenders for the trophy.

"We dominated a lot of games last year, but we didn't finish," Juric said.

"Hopefully, with the inclusion of a couple of players there, maybe Sam [McIlhatton] and Roy [O'Donovan], even Mat Cordier, hopefully that will improve our top third.

"With a new season other teams would have improved so we just need to keep working hard on the right things and being energetic and then hopefully defensively we stay strong and in attack, we improve and score."

While talent is key to bringing Olympic's goals to fruition, something more important has been creating a positive culture within the club.

With several coaching and personnel changes over the years prior to Juric's appointment as manager, a goal of Juric's has been to set about on a new era of respect and selflessness that will lead the club back to glory.

"I'm a big believer in playing for each other and being selfless and respecting each other and that's probably most important," he said.

"That's why we brought in certain players because I think they'll follow that and that's more important to me than anything.

"Usually success comes from that as long as they're decent players, and they are, so that for me is something I think we've changed over the last two years since I've come in.

"I think we were losing our way a little bit in terms of that potentially coaches, potentially certain players, but I think we've turned the leaf in terms of that and it's a new it's a new era, we'd probably call it because there's a lot of new youngsters in there, a lot of players under 23.

"Now we're probably past the building stage because for the last two years we've tried to bring these guys in and now it's time to excel with the players we've got.

"Culturally I think we're in a very, very good place."

**By Madeline Riley**

# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 2 Tom Whiteside
- 3 Nikola Udjur
- 4 Ben Van Meurs
- 5 Michael Glasscock
- 6 Mathieu Cordier
- 7 William Angel
- 8 Sam Mcilhatton
- 9 Oliver Puflett
- 10 Brendan Cholakian
- 11 Adam Parkhouse
- 15 Kristofer Nicolaou
- 17 Marley Peterson
- 19 Darcy Burgess
- 20 Chris Parsons
- 21 Chan Deng
- 22 Fabio Ferreira
- 23 Daniel Dias
- 30 Jeremy Pollard
- 90 Evan Hamele
- 99 Roy O'Donovan

Head Coach: Ante Juric

Assistant Coach: Steve Bozinovski

Assistant Coach: Hagi Gligor

Goal Keeper Coach: Paul Henderson

Team Manager: Parry Hatzi

Equipment Manager: Paul Oliveri

Assistant Manager: David Nicotra

Physio: Sam Mahabady

Physio: James Combes



- 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:**

**Adrian Arndt**

**Assistant Referees:**

**Cameron Wayne Wright and Melik Ibrahim**

**Fourth Official:**

**Harrison Fisher**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# MATCH PREVIEW

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It's finally here - the return of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition!

After the 2021 season was cut short due to Covid, our 12 teams have been working hard for months to prepare for Round 1 and are eager to get back on the pitch this weekend.

Let's hope the weather eases off as the best NPL competition in Australia kick's off.

Sydney Olympic will host Manly United on Saturday night at Belmore Sportsground.

Ante Juric's men will be looking to use their new attackers to tackle the force of Adam Griffiths' Manly United outfit and start off the season on the right foot.

Having recruited heavily during the break, Blues fans hope that big signing Roy O'Donovan can light up the place with his experience and eye for goal.

With some new, experienced players, Manly United will be hoping they can claim an early upset as they start a string of away matches to commence the season.

The old guard of Matt Sim will no doubt be a key inclusion to help assist Griffiths' young troops in what will be a big night for both clubs.

## 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

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**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**  
7:30 PM / FRI, 11TH MAR 2022  
LAMBERT PARK

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**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS  
SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC**  
3:30 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SEYMOUR SHAW MAIN

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**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**  
7:00 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

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**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC**  
4:00 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

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**SYDNEY FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**  
6:30 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS

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# U20 TEAM LISTS



- 25 Roger Djuma
- 27 Blair Smith
- 29 Juan Da Silva
- 31 Peter Kontis
- 32 Dylan Spiteri
- 33 Dimitri Gremos
- 34 Patrick (Pano) Alexiadis
- 35 Karim Farhat
- 36 Peter Politis
- 37 Kaidyn Wright
- 38 Mohammed Khamis
- 39 Junyong Jin
- 40 Jay Coates-westerink
- 41 Michael Vakis
- 43 Elliott Forestier

Head Coach: Jim Patikas  
Assistant Coach: Guy Sciacchitano  
Team Manager: Con Haramis



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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     |

Head Coach: Nick Robb  
Assistant Coach: Gonzalo Naya  
Team Manager: John Rae  
Head Physio: Steve Felsher  
Lead Physio: Christian Bate  
Strength and Conditioning: Alex Berger



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# FIXTURES

## 2022 HOME GAMES



**HOME GROUND - Belmore Sports Ground**  
**Edison Ln, Belmore**

<b>Sat, 5th Mar</b>	6:45 PM	Manly United FC	<b>R1</b>
<b>Sun, 13th Mar</b>	4:00 PM	Rockdale Ilinden FC	<b>R2</b>
<b>Sun, 20th Mar</b>	4:00 PM	Northbridge Bulls FC	<b>R3</b>
<b>Sun, 1st May</b>	5:15 PM	APIA Leichhardt FC	<b>R9</b>
<b>Sat, 7th May</b>	5:00 PM	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	<b>R10</b>
<b>Mon, 13th Jun</b>	4:00 PM	Wollongong Wolves FC	<b>R15</b>
<b>Sun, 19th Jun</b>	4:00 PM	Marconi Stallions FC	<b>R16</b>
<b>Sun, 26th Jun</b>	4:00 PM	Sutherland Sharks FC	<b>R17</b>
<b>Sun, 3rd Jul</b>	4:00 PM	Sydney United 58 FC	<b>R18</b>
<b>Sat, 9th Jul</b>	4:00 PM	Sydney FC	<b>R19</b>
<b>Sun, 31st Jul</b>	4:00 PM	Blacktown City FC	<b>R22</b>



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