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CLUB WELCOME



This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC to WIN Stadium for our round 8 fixture in the NPL competition.

Both teams have had a tough start to the season and will be looking take all three points this Friday night to kickstart their season. It's a massive game for both clubs in the context of the season.

The Wolves players have set themselves high standards this season and have been disappointed with their performances over the last few weeks. They will be looking to make a statement this week and take all three points in front of a big crowd.

A big congratulations must also go to our U20's team who sit second on the table. Last week's excellent 3-0 win against Rockdale saw the team play some quality football against a very good opponent.

The club wants to acknowledge and thank each and every one of our wonderful and loyal sponsors. Without their support, the club does not exist. I also want to acknowledge and thank our wonderful volunteers who turn up at every home game and carry out their roles with a minimum of fuss.

Good luck to both teams and hope you enjoy the match. I look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Stebre Delovski
Chief Executive Officer
Wollongong Wolves FC



MATCH PREVIEW

V MOUNT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS

Mount Druitt Town Rangers are the Round 8 opposition for the Wollongong Wolves at WIN Stadium. The teams have met on eight occasions in league and cup games since 2015 with the Wolves leading with a total of fifteen goals to eight and six victories to two. The teams met in the 2021 FFA Cup Round of 32 with a 3-0 result for the Wolves. The initial league meeting in 2019 concluded in a 1-1 draw, with Thomas James (WW) and Alex Boyadjian (MDTR) being the scorers. Today's match should be a compelling contest.

THE OPPOSITION TODAY - Mt. DRUITT TOWN RANGERS

New players to the Stewart Montgomery coached roster in 2022 include Brett Da Silva from Blacktown City, Custodian Jerome Narayan and Rocco Chisari from Bonnyrigg White Eagles, St George FC's Jake Trajkovski and from Monaro Panthers is Lukman Ahmed-Shaibu with another custodian in Matt Symes, a Port Melbourne Sharks and Preston Lions player. Four players have departed.

Mount Druitt Town Rangers began in 1970 and have been Premiers in Mens 2 in 2018. In 2019 the team qualified for the FFA Cup Of 32 after defeating the Wolves but in a titanic struggle went out to Manly United after 1-1 after ninety minutes, 2-2 after extra time. In the penalty shoot-out Manly won 4 penalties to 2. The team was Carlos Saliadarre, Jake Mamone, Josh Gould, Blake Thompson, Jacob Esposito, Toufic Almeddine, Solimon-John Monahan-Vaiika, Luke Clifford, Fabriccio Fernandez, Mirjan Pavlovic and John Roberts. Alex Boyadjian, Cooper Coskerie replaced Pavlovic and Clifford respectively. Roberts and Alameddine scored the goals with Saliadarre and Fernandez in the shoot out converting from the spot.

In the abandoned 2021 season, Mt Druitt was in sixth position after the seventeen rounds with twenty-three points earned from six victories and five draws, with a win average of 0.5. Eight players scored twenty-one goals and twenty-five were conceded. The goals per game ratio were 0.8. The best result sequence without loss was six games, Rounds 6-11, win, win, draw, win, draw and draw. The best score was 3-0 versus Wollongong Wolves while the worst result was 2-5 against Sydney FC.

Jack Stewart was the top scorer with nine goals and he was a multiple scorer in a single game with a brace in round 14. He also scored the fastest goal in the Round 11 Northbridge Bulls encounter. In the Team Of The Week, Stewart topped the count with five selections, followed by Saliadarre (3), Marc Warren (3) and Travis Oughtred, Tarek Elrich and Mitchell Smith with one apiece. The win/loss ratio was 0.5 and the goal per game average was 1.23.

THE MATCH-UP

Each club sits in tenth (MD) and eleventh (WW) positions on the points table with one win each, with Mt Druitt achieving two draws to the Wolves' one. Six and five players have been the scorers for the Town Rangers and Wolves respectively. The Wolves have neglected to score on three occasions while Mt Druitt has goaled in all matches to date.

In the last five matches the result sequence for Mt Druitt is - loss, draw, loss, draw and loss plus for the Wolves - win, draw, loss, loss and loss

The most recent scorer for each team is Joshua Macdonald (WW) and Bul Juach (MDTR) while the top scorer is Jack Stewart (MDTR with five goals) and Lachlan Scott (WW) and Joshua Macdonald (WW) with two apiece.

Each club would be eager to accomplish the three points to move further up the table from near the cellar.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Mount Druitt's Jack Stewart is a goal scorer who show has a penchant for scoring and he was the Golden Boot winner in the aborted 2021. He is slick and positions perfectly for goal attempts and has skill and verve.

The Wolves wide player Joshua Macdonald has good close skill, determination and is willing to take players on. He bobs to score on occasions but sets up attacks with aplomb with incisive passing.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

At Butler Park in the Round 1 of the 2020 Rebooted league the two teams met due to the pandemic. For the Wolves it was Hayden Durose (GK), Darcy Madden, Harry Callahan, Nick Littler, Guy Knight,



James Stojcevski (Capt.), Brendan Griffin, Lachlan Scott, Marcus Beattie, Bul Juach, and Liam Wille. Chris Price, Takeru Okada, Josh Bingham Harrison Taranto and Taylor McDonald replaced Madden, Griffin, Beattie and Juach and Wille. Mt Druitt was Carlos Saliadarré (GK) Jake Mamone, Travis Oughtred, Solimon-Johnn Monahan-Vaiika, Luke Clifford, Ante Vrlc, Lord Darkoh, Josh Gould, Cooper Coskerie, John Roberts and Brodie Clarkson. Callum Roberts Thomas Gittany, Nick Chymiak, and Michael Jeffery subbed on for Monahan-Vaiika, Clifford, Darkoh, and Coskerie.

The Wolves had much of the attacking thrust in the first half with speedsters Beattie and Juach causing the Rangers concern. Scott was in his element setting up supports, one such being Callahan. Scott eluded a number of players on his forward run before getting the ball to Callahan for a dig. Minutes earlier Juach put Stojcevski in but his shot went a little high. Later a little effort went skywards but the Wolves were keeping up the pressure. Mt Druitt's Roberts was adding consternation to the wolves defence with his proactive attacking. At half time, despite the opportunities, it was nil apiece. Callahan made some diverting runs culminating in two shots that unfortunately did not convert when play resumed. Durose had to come off his line to deny Roberts

and later Chymiak. The deadlock was broken on seventy-two minutes. A free kick was taken and after this Okada produced a shot that took a deflection off the leg of a defender to lodge into the goal. Coach Luke Wilshire – 'three points is three points....We had enough chances to finish it off.' Stojcevski - 'it was a real competitive game after not playing for four months and with eleven rounds you have to start well... It was good to get the first one out of the way and get a goal and win.' Durose – 'We made it hard for ourselves...we had the opportunities.. It was good to get a clean sheet.'

SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS

1. 2019 - Wolves 1 (Thomas James) drew with Mount Druitt 1 (Alex Boyadjian)
2. 2019 - Mt. Druitt 1 (Mirjan Pavlovic) defeated by Wolves 4 (Darcy Madden, Thomas James, Lachlan Scott x2)
3. 2020 - Wollongong Wolves 1 (Takeru Okada) defeated Mt Druitt 0
4. 2021 - Wollongong Wolves 3 (Darcy Madden, Lachlan Scott, Hamish Lamberton) defeated Mt.Druitt 0

5. 2021 – Mt. Druitt 3 (Jack Stewart x2, Fumoto Kamada) defeated Wollongong Wolves 0

SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR MT. DRUITT TOWN RANGERS - CARLOS SALIADARRE and JUSTIN BIEGA.

Biega moved to the Town Rangers from Parramatta to make twenty-eight appearances in 2016. Following on from this club, he went to Bay Olympic FC in New Zealand.

In 2016 Saliadarre went to Mt. Druitt after being with Blacktown Spartans for some years. He was a thorn in the side of many Wolves strikers especially in the 2019 FFA Cup Round 7 match in which the Town Rangers pulled off an upset. He had a huge clearing kick and guarded his domain with strength, skill and composure.

TWO SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR WOLLONGONG WOLVES - JUSTIN PASFIELD and WARWICK YOUNG.

Young was the incumbent for four seasons with three in the NSL 1986, 1988, 1989 with sixty-five league appearances earning twenty-one clean sheets. His third season was in the 1987 State League campaign when he tallied twenty-six league games with two in

the finals. In this league season, he achieved eight clean sheets. Young was in goal when the Wolves annexed the premiership and championship double in 1987 and again in 1998 to win the premiership. Young had good positioning with quick reflexes with a strong punch out and safe distribution.

Pasfield began with a NSL game in 2001/02 and was back to the club for the 2008 season for a one-season stint culminating in the Grand Final victory. He returned to the club in 2016 until 2019 totalling eighty-four league, four cup and five finals games and sixteen clean sheets. In 2008, he attained seventeen league, one cup and one finals appearance; with ten league clean sheets in addition in this time frame. Pasfield was in goal when the team won the 2008 championship and in 2019 to win the FFA NPL Championship. He was strong in the air, fearless, adept at smothering shots, moreover alert and a consummate custodian. He was the team captain.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players' comments were taken from interviews conducted by the writer for inclusion in his match reports at the time.)



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DOUBLE TROUBLE

THE DAY TWO GUEST PLAYERS SCORED IN THE SAME MATCH

It was in Round 16 in 1988 in the Adelaide City adventure played at Brandon Park that this story unfolded and it certainly was 'double trouble' for the Adelaide City team.

Just who were these guest players that entrepreneur Harry Michaels brought to the club in 1988? Both were former internationals with their countries and both had successful club affiliations.

Trevor Francis, an English striker, began his first class career with Birmingham City in 1970 making his debut at the age of sixteen. Before his seventeenth birthday he was on target four times in the match with Bolton Wanderers and all told he made two hundred and eighty appearances with the 'blues' and attained one hundred and eighteen goals. a ratio of 0.42 goals per game until 1979. In the English off-season of 1978 he went on loan to Detroit Express in the USA where he made his presence felt scoring twenty-two goals in nineteen matches, a goal per game ratio of 1.15. In 1979 he was a million pound signing for Nottingham Forest and at this club he continued with success. In the European Cup final versus Malmo of Sweden, It was Francis who scored the only goal of the encounter when he threw himself at the ball at the far post after a cross came in from the left, to head high into the Malmo net. He returned to Detroit where he scored fourteen goals in the same number of matches. Both times at Detroit he was named in the competition's first eleven. While at Forest his return was twenty-eight goals in seventy appearances and towards the end of his tenure he was injured. He had six months to recuperate and then signed for Manchester City scored twelve in twenty six matches. A move to Sampdoria in Italy was enacted and while at the club, history was made. Sampdoria won the 1984/85 Coppa Italia for the initial time. He made sixty-seven starts with a return of seventeen goals. Following on in 1986 after four years at the previous club, Francis moved to Atalanta, where he played twenty-one times, but with only a solitary goal, less than his usual proficiency. He returned to Great Britain play with Glasgow Rangers with this being the only club that he did not score before but was in the team to win the 1987/88 Scottish League Cup scoring a penalty in the shoot-out. In 1988 he returned to London with Queens Park Rangers before turning out for the Wollongong Wolves for a three match stint in 1988.

He went back to Queens Park and in 1989 versus Aston Villa Francis scored a hat trick. His third goal at the age of thirty-five came after he picked a headed clearance. With the ball bouncing once he lifted it to the far post from his position left of centre. The ball went into the goal at the junction of the cross bar and post. He then landed at Sheffield Wednesday. In 1989, He could not help this club avoid being relegated but in the following season he assisted the club in gaining promotion. From 1977-1986 he attained international honours with England, playing fifty-two times for twelve goals, one such being against Kuwait in the 1982 World Cup.

Scottish striker Alan Brazil commenced his first season in top flight football in England with Ipswich Town and he became a legend of the club from 1976 to 1983 scoring seventy goals in a hundred and fifty appearances, a 4.66 goal per game ratio. On the 15th February 1982, the Tractor Boys played Southampton and won 5-2 with Brazil scoring all five goals. Another goal was the first one in the 6-0 slaughter of Manchester United in 1980. An incisive



through ball from the back found Brazil who beat the offside trap. He moved forward rapidly before getting narrowly inside the box before placing his left footed shot through the legs of the United custodian from the centre. Another goal was achieved in this match. Paul Mariner who was another guest player in 1988, rifled in a shot in the hope of achieving a hat trick. However, the custodian pushed it and Brazil in the follow-up got his foot to the ball before a defender to bring up his brace. Mariner in fact scored a treble. Brazil contributed to the successful Ipswich's FA Cup run in the 1978 when he played against Bristol Rovers in Round 5. However, he was not in the winning Cup final squad. During 1978 he was loaned to Detroit Express like Francis, to score nine goals from twenty-one appearances. Ipswich was immense in the 1980/81 season with a UEFA Cup victory and in Premier League where the Town finished as runners up, with Brazil having a defining role. He scored twenty-two goals in this season and finished second in the goal scorers' list. In the UEFA Cup early rounds he scored versus Widzew Lodz from Poland. Following on from his long Ipswich stint, he was at Tottenham Hotspur from 1983 to 1984 with thirty-one appearances with nine goals. Further thirty-one starts with eight goals were achieved with Manchester United from 1984 to 1986. Also In 1986 he played fifteen games and four games with Coventry City and Queens Park Rangers with two and one goal respectively. In 1987 he was with Wilham Town with twenty-five appearances and ten goals before coming to Wollongong. Chelmsford City was his destination post Wolves in 1988. Three goals from seven starts were his statistics at this club. FC Baden in 1988-1989 was his penultimate destination making six starts with four goals. His final club was Stambridge United but he did not turn out before retiring. All up Brazil scored one hundred and nineteen goals from three hundred and six games with a goal per game ratio of 0.38.

Brazil played in the 1982 World Cup for Scotland and played for his country from 1980 to 1983 with a total of thirteen times with one goal, which was versus Poland in 1980, a friendly.

In this match, the Wolves on the 23rd May 1988 were Warwick Young (GK), Mike Hollifield, David Skeen, Ray Vlietstra, Bryan Cokely, Jeff Ainsworth,

Alan Brazil, Danny Crainie, Trevor Francis, Randall Easthorpe and Pat Brodnik with John Fleming

Being in the rather poor crowd at the time was disappointing as only two thousand five hundred and thirty nine turned up with to watch and admire the stature and skill of the guest international players on show. They certainly deserved better with a sunny day to boot for the betterment of the game.

By all published accounts, this match did not rise to any great heights except for the goals of Francis and Brazil with their presence enlivening the occasion. It took only five minutes before Francis achieved a goal and make his presence felt. Skeen had made inroads down the right before sending in a deep cross. Crainie met the ball, producing a fine shot. The Adelaide defence scrambled but could not adequately clear it out. Francis reacted quickly and instinctively, as all good strikers do, to turn a defender and ram the ball into the goal. Adelaide in the twenty-fifth restored parity from the spot. Unfortunately Easthorpe was adjudged of inconveniencing Steve Maxwell and Sergio Melta converting sending the ball past Young. Easthorpe redeemed himself when he from inside his own half ventured forward before letting Brazil in on the action. He eluded two defenders with adept close skill and quick acceleration before achieving the goal from close vicinity. A further Francis effort thundered into the cross bar and in addition he was denied what looked like a sure fired penalty, only to be turned away by the man in charge. Francis concluded the match with cuts and bruises to his shins and knees following the treatment by the Adelaide defence. The Wolves' play improved in the second half and after all, a win is a win.

Brazil has said since then that he enjoyed his sojourn at the Wolves remarking how players used to grab his shirt and that he was used to it and responded in kind. He attained twelve appearances with four goals in his three stints that year, two as a guest player and one as a visa player. Francis went on to play three games and scored two goals in total.

On this day in 1988, it was certainly was 'double trouble', with Alan Brazil and Trevor Francis.

By Malcolm Rowney

FIRST STRIKE

PART 2

'First Strike' Part 2 champions the initial goal scorer in seasons from 2016 onwards. This follows from the first installment from 1981 to 2015 that was published in a 2015 Match Day Program with the following being Jim McBreen, Phil O'Connor (x2), Alex Bundalo, Dominic Giannone, Saul Rivero, Frank Demertzis, Alan Brazil, Danny Crainie, Paul McFadden (x2), Mladin Kuc, John O'Shea, Dale White, Martin Akers, Tony Perenich, Matt Horsley, Scott Chipperfield, Anthony Surjan, Esala Masi, Stuart Young (x2), Naum Sekuloski, John Majuroski, Michael Clare, Adam Casey, Daniel Aliffi, Chris Price, Ilija Prenzoski, Andrew Paine, Sasho Petrovski, Mark Picciolini, Ricky Zucco (x2) and Peter Simonoski.

2016 - CHRIS PRICE

At WIN Stadium on 2016 Hakoah Sydney City East provided the opposition. Price got hold of a clearance that came directly to him thirty or so metres out from goal just forty seconds into the encounter. Price produced a strong left footed shot, which lodged into the top left corner of the goal, surprising the custodian.

2017 - PATRICK ANTELMi / YUZO TASHIRO

A low and powerful drive saw Antelmi's shot elude the Parramatta FC custodian at Melita Stadium in Round 1. Unfortunately this winning result for the Wolves was overturned due to fielding suspended players, but as this was scored on the field of play it is acknowledged. However, Tashiro scored the 'legitimate' first goal in Round 2 versus Sydney Olympic at Belmore Oval. It was a point blank header consolation on ninety minutes for the Japanese striker for his debut goal.

2018 - CAOIMHIM 'QUIVI' FOWLER

In unseasonal heat wave conditions on 18th March at WIN Stadium in Round 2, Fowler opened his and the team's ledger in the thirty-first minute. 'I have settled in well with the team... the conditions were tough but we played well considering. It was pleasing to score.' Fowler played a pass to Yuzo Tashiro who drew two defenders, before he returned the ball. Fowler composed himself before unleashing a strong shot with his left foot that powered into the goal.

2019 - THOMAS JAMES

In Round 1 versus Manly United in the thirty-fourth minute, James duly etched his name on the score sheet. Takeru Okada provided a cross from the left. The ball travelled across the goal eluding all and sundry except for James at the far post. He pushed the ball home for his initial goal that began his subsequent goal haul.

2020 - TAKERU OKADA

In the seventy-second minute of the Mt Druitt Town Rangers Round 1 clash at Albert Butler Park in the Rebooted 2020 campaign. A right-footed effort from Okada drew first blood as the ball brushed a defender before entering the goal for the team's solitary goal of the encounter.

2021 - TAYLOR McDONALD

The Wolves got out of gaol in the final minute of regulation time when the right wing/back McDonald got onto the end of Darcy Madden high ball to ultimately control and slot the ball into the Manly United goal at WIN Stadium on the 7th March.

2022 - LACHLAN SCOTT

In Round 2, Leroy Jennings pulled down a Nick Littler headed clearance as two Northbridge Bull defenders surrounded him. Jennings then slipped a pass to Scott who was present in the penalty arc. Taking a few touches to steady himself, he subsequently let fly with his spectacular right-footed effort lodging in the goal in the top left corner. (From the custodian's viewpoint.) This occurred in the twenty-sixth minute.

Chris Price, Patrick Antelmi and Yuzo Tashiro, Caoimhim Fowler, Thomas James, Taylor McDonald and Lachlan Scott were achievers for the opening goal of the seasons past and present. Price scored the quickest.

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FEATURE STORY

THE OLDER GUY

There are a total of five of 'the older guy' who has achieved goals for the Wolves in the twilight of their playing careers. Who have been these players? Which player tops the list of being the oldest scorer? All this will be revealed. These scorers all were thirty-six years of age plus when each hit the mark and beat the opposition custodian. Four of these matches also produced a victory.

The youngest of these players was thirty-six years and two hundred and thirty five days when he scored in 2018. It was on the 27th May in Round 12 versus Blacktown City that this player earned the equalizer. Following an indiscretion by Blacktown, a free kick was awarded outside the penalty area and the defender took the kick. His first effort cannoned into the defensive wall and rebounded back. His returning shot flew in and entered the goal inside the near post with the Blacktown custodian grasping at air.

At thirty-six years and two hundred and fifty-eight days, this player also achieved a goal in 2018. On the 17th June at J. J. Kelly Park, Coniston, this defender scored the winner against Sutherland Sharks. In the 90+2 minute, in blustery and cold conditions, the Wolves had earlier scoring opportunities by Peter Simonoski and Brendan Griffin at this time that unfortunately were not converted until the defender's cleanly struck missile zoomed in to bulge the net and win the contest and enrapture the crowd.

In 1985, the third oldest scorer achieved his goal on the 7th July at Wollongong Showground. He was thirty-seven years and eighty-three days when he attained his goal in the Marconi encounter. On thirty-five minutes in this Round 18 fixture the striker took a corner kick. It was whipped in and before anyone could react, the ball was in the net.

The second oldest scorer was thirty-seven years and one hundred and eighty-one days when he scored his final goal on the 2nd September 2012. It was in Round 22 and twenty minutes in that this striker achieved. With the ball at his feet, and with his subtle footwork, he eluded a Sutherland Sharks defender to the right of centre before checking to see where the custodian was positioned. On checking, he proceeded to curl the ball inside the

post for his team's second goal of the match, scored a minute after the first from the penalty area border.

This Scottish striker, with 'A' League credentials, scored a cup goal on 10th June 2007 against Dandaloo at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda in the Semi-Final Of the Tiger Turf Cup. He was thirty-seven years and one hundred and twenty-nine days, which is the oldest of these achievers. Teammate Steve Hayes produced a powerful shot on target that stung the hands of the Dandaloo custodian who kept the ball out but could not hold. The ball ran free and the striker reacted quickly to ram the ball home in the fourteenth minute. This was his only goal for the club.

These players in order from the youngest thirty-six year to the oldest thirty-seven year old were Luke Wilkshire, Nick Montgomery, Dez Marton, Sasho Petrovski and Stewart Petrie. These all were 'the older guy' and certainly showed their longevity of a player and that their scoring ability was not dimmed.

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**TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	APIA Leichhardt FC	7	5	0	2	16	9	7	15
2	Sydney FC	7	4	2	1	18	16	2	14
3	Blacktown City FC	7	4	1	2	15	10	5	13
4	Rockdale Ilinden FC	7	3	3	1	11	8	3	12
5	Manly United FC	7	3	2	2	9	6	3	11
6	Sydney Olympic FC	5	3	1	1	7	3	4	10
7	Sydney United 58 FC	6	3	1	2	10	11	-1	10
8	Marconi Stallions FC	6	1	3	2	9	10	-1	6
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	7	2	0	5	12	17	-5	6
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	6	1	2	3	15	18	-3	5
11	Wollongong Wolves FC	6	1	1	4	7	9	-2	4
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	7	1	0	6	9	21	-12	3





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QUEST FOR THE CUP

PART 1 - 1982 AMPOL CUP

The Ampol Cup began in 1958 in Sydney and it was later extended for other states to run their competitions until 1985. In some ways it was the forerunner to the Waratah Cup. During the early years of the Wolves' existence the Ampol Cup was run with NSL teams and NSW Premier League teams combining to play a round robin format with the top teams from each group progressing to the finals. In 1982 competition, the teams in the Wolves' group were APIA Leichhardt, Manly United, Bankstown City and Polonia and background information about these teams at that time will be disclosed.

With five teams in the group, a bye was the consequence and in Round 1 it was the first turn for Wollongong.

The first match was against APIA Leichhardt. The APIA club was founded in 1954 and was backed by the Italian community. Before 1982, the club had won success in NSW run competitions in the years 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1975. Victories in the Ampol Cup on three occasions between 1966 and 1974 were achieved. In the final of 1974 Ampol Cup Final, APIA defeated Auburn nine goals to one at Wentworth Park in a truly commanding display. Promotion to the National Soccer league in 1979 was enacted and the team finished in eighth position at the initial attempt at this level. In 1982, this was the third meeting between the NSL clubs, APIA and the Wolves.

The Wolves showed up early in this Round 2 clash with APIA Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium on the 10th February 1982. Striker Phil O'Connor had left APIA to sign for the Wolves and showed out in this confrontation even though he was man marked for much of the time, a ploy that was instituted by coach, Scotsman Wille Wallace. It was Chris Dunleavy who changed the scoreboard with his strike in the first half when the Wolves were dominating. However, in the second half Marshall Soper restored parity and 1-1 was the final result. Both Wallace and Soper were involved with the Wolves at a later stage of their careers.

Bankstown was the next club in line. The club originally played in the 1940s and in 1982 it was still the original club before any extinction and

subsequent amalgamations. Success was not forthcoming and in 1981 Bankstown had finished in twelfth position in a fourteen team competition with seven wins and two draws. This was the initial encounter and the later versions of the club were to play the Wolves on a many occasions in the following years.

A week after the APIA game, this subsequent fixture was played at Melita Stadium against the Mike Johnson coached side. It was a game when the Wolves piled on five goals against the hapless Bankstown side. Nothing much of any note transpired in the first thirty-five minutes and at half time it was nil apiece. However, straight after the whistle for the second half, John Fleming goaled. Lee Adam and Phil O'Connor with a brace, followed suit and an own goal added insult to injury. Bankstown's Chris Rootsey deflected the ball into the goal past 'keeper Lowenstein as a shot came in.

A Dutch club Neerlandia competed in the 1959 Sydney Federation Division 2 and won promotion in Division 1 for the 1960 season and changed its name to Manly-Warringah and this club was the top grade for eight seasons, 1960, 1968, and from 1976 to 1981 time frame. Further amalgamations would take place in the future. Manly-Warringah in 1981 concluded the season in seventh position with eight victories and five draws.

Manly-Warringah went into this Round 4 match having drawn 1-1 with Manly in the previous round. However, after eleven minutes at Melita Stadium, Phil O'Connor produced a dipping shot which the Manly custodian dealt with by tipping it over the cross bar. With the ensuing Lee Adam corner kick being whipped in, Roy Cotton was unchallenged to project his header in. Chances followed but were not converted by the striking pair together with Clive Campbell, until O'Connor put his side further ahead three minutes before half time. Arno Bertogna met Adam's corner kick before he nodded down for O'Connor to slot home near the far post. He did not have to wait long to bring up his brace. It was four minutes on from his first goal that he struck the ball from thirty metres out and it zoomed into the goal. Morton instituted a double substitution on

the hour and Phil Kerr was one player to be brought on. He certainly made his presence felt only three minutes after entering the field of play. Cotton set up his opportunity and from the left side of the penalty area Kerr let fly from his unmarked position with the ball flying into the goal. In the final minute of the match an Adam free kick from the right side, which traversed to Kerr, positioned in the middle of the penalty area. He hit a volley past the custodian and into the net to bring up his brace. The Wolves had won convincingly.

Polonia was formed in 1949 with the club having a Polish background. In 1960, Polonia finished in second position on the ladder in the first division and won the Grand Final to champions defeating Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic) 2-1. In 1961 Polonia merged with Northside. The 1979 saw the club in First Division (the division below State League level) and in the following season finished in second spot, one point behind Marconi and were defeated in the semi-finals by Wollongong United 4-1. The club's only first top division final was in the Ampol Cup falling 0-2 to Sutherland. In 1981, the team qualified for the State League Semi Finals after finishing in fourth position with twelve wins and seven draws before bowing in the Minor Semi-Final 0-1 to Melita Eagles.

Round 5 was played on the 26th February with the Wolves at Melita Stadium being up against Polonia. In the early stages the first guilt edged opportunity fell to Polonia with Natch Vardareff parrying away a shot from Polonia's Scott Dickson (a future Wolves player), after Ray Vlietstra had cleared away the danger from his position guarding the goal on the line. O'Connor threatened the Ziggy Kalinowski goal but the custodian saved. However, another O'Connor effort was deflected by the custodian with Cotton being there and managed to head home in an unattended goal. A minute later, Cotton doubled the score. His close skill enabled him to elude three defenders before firing his shot into the goal. The Wolves kept up the attacking momentum but the Polonia defence and Kalinowski frustrated the Wolves' attacking players. In the second half, the Wolves were a little subdued with coach Morton bringing on Glen Fontana and Kerr for

Zivko Hristovski and Adam. These players added renewed vigor with Fontana drawing a good save from Kalinowski after meeting O'Connor's cross from the left. However, the Wolves could get add to the score line but won in a comfortable manner.

Wollongong had concluded the round robin format scoring thirteen goals and conceding one, with three wins and a draw, thereby qualifying for the final series after topping the group with seven points.

In the Quarter Final match up with the Rale Rasic coached Blacktown City, the Wolves were on the back foot for much of the match with only striker Roy Cotton keeping his reputation intact. The Ken Morton coached team was Natch Vardareff (GK), Peter Willis, Jeff Ainsworth, Arno Bertogna, Chris Dunleavy, Lee Adam, John Fleming, Glen Fontana, Clive Campbell, Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor. Jock Morlando and Phil Kerr came on at the hour mark for Willis and Fontana respectively. Conversely, Blacktown consisted of Bruce James (GK), Robert Wheatley, Tony Rasmussen, Cliff Pointer, Peter Brogan, Stuart Selvage, Harry Housseini, Derek Quarmby, Bucky Kristic, Stuart Johnston and Paul Kirwan.

Errors had crept into the Wolves' play which could have proven costly had Blacktown taken advantage. It took thirty minutes, however until there was a change to the score. A cross came in from Kristic and Johnston headed home beating Vardareff. In the seventieth minute, Blacktown nearly doubled their lead through Housseini, but Vardareff denied him. Twelve minutes from the conclusion of the match the goal scorer blotted his copybook and went from hero to villain for being red carded. For the Wolves, Roy Cotton attempted to break through but received little support. The Wolves bowed out and Blacktown progressed.

This was the 1982 'quest for the cup' with a grand results with a host of goals being achieved and finals representation as a bonus, over the teams APIA Leichhardt, Bankstown, Manly-Warringah and Polonia.

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- 10 Nico Duarte
- 11 Josh Fields
- 12 Michael Manyoun

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- 36 Noah Panczyk
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- 38 Elijah Uelese
- 39 James Gray
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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	6	4	2	0	16	4	12	14
2	Wollongong Wolves FC	6	4	1	1	11	3	8	13
3	Manly United FC	6	4	1	1	9	3	6	13
4	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	5	3	2	0	18	8	10	11
5	Sydney FC	6	3	1	2	11	10	1	10
6	APIA Leichhardt FC	6	2	2	2	10	7	3	8
7	Sutherland Sharks FC	7	2	2	3	11	19	-8	8
8	Rockdale Ilinden FC	6	1	3	2	11	12	-1	6
9	Northbridge Bulls FC	7	2	0	5	8	15	-7	6
10	Sydney Olympic FC	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
11	Marconi Stallions FC	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
12	Sydney United 58 FC	6	0	0	6	2	18	-16	0

GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	6
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	6
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	6
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	6
Jason Romero (APIA)	5
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	5
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	5



NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS
MANLY UNITED FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 30 APR
POPONDETTA PARK

**MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 30 APR
MARCONI STADIUM

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 1 MAY
BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS
SYDNEY FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 1 MAY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**
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Fri, 25th Mar	7:30 PM	Sydney Olympic FC	R4
Fri, 22nd Apr	7:30 PM	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	R8
Fri, 6th May	7:30 PM	Blacktown City FC	R10
Sun, 22nd May	3:00 PM	Sydney United 58	R10
<i>Albert Butler Memorial Park</i>			
Fri, 27th May	7:30 PM	Northbridge Bulls FC	R13
Fri, 17th Jun	7:30 PM	APIA Leichhardt FC	R16
Sat, 25th Jun	6:00 PM	Manly United FC	R17
Fri, 1st Jul	7:30 PM	Rockdale Ilinden FC	R18
Fri, 15th Jul	7:30 PM	Marconi Stallions FC	R20
Sun, 31st Jul	3:00 PM	Sutherland Sharks FC	R22



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