

KICKOFF



**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES**
NSW

**WIN STADIUM
FRIDAY 6TH MAY
7.30PM**

FIXTURES, LADDERS

MATCH PREVIEW

REVIEWS, TEAM LISTS



2022 - ROUND 10

CORPORATE PARTNERS



CONTENTS

WOLLONGONG WOLVES COACHING STAFF & MANAGEMENT

Chairman	Tory Lavalle
Chief Executive Officer	Strebre Delovski
1st Team Coach	Luke Wilkshire
1st Grade Assistant Coach	Matheus Scapin
Senior Manager	Chris Keller and Mark Wilkshire
Equipment Manager	Egor Dolgopopolov
Under 20s Coach	Aaron Kellaway
Under 20s Assistant Coach	Juan Chazaretta
Under 20s Manager	Warren McWhirter
GK Coach	John Krajnovic
Health and Medical Services	Figtree Physiotherapy
Technical Director	Neil Mann
Admin Manager	Susan Gatt
Program Contributors	Malcolm Rowney
Photographer - Seniors	Pedro Garcia
Photographer – Juniors	Chris Horn

***For advertising opportunities, please contact
Susan Gatt @ admin@wollongongwolves.com.au.***

WOLVES SHOP
**Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street,
Fairy Meadow**



Match Preview	6
Team Lineups	20
Season Draw - Home Games	40

This program is proudly
printed by



Public Notices:

- Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
- All spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the end of the final game. Police may be requested to remove any unauthorised people who remain after the stipulated time.
- The setting alight of, or the lighting or discharging of any type of object, including fireworks, signal or smoke flares is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be arrested and charged.



Website: wollongongwolves.com.au **Email:** admin@wollongongwolves.com.au
Address: 32 Waverley Drive Unanderra NSW 2526
Twitter: @wollongongwolves **Facebook:** [fb.com/wollongongwolves](https://www.facebook.com/wollongongwolves)
Instagram: @WollongongWolves

CLUB WELCOME



This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Blacktown City FC to WIN Stadium for our round 10 fixture in the NPL competition.

The Wolves have had a tough start to the season and will be looking to take all three points this Friday night to kickstart their season in what will be a very tough match. The last fortnight has been extremely busy for the club as the Wolves will have played 5 games in 14 days. After a good 3-0 win against Mt Druitt, the Wolves conceded a goal in the last minute of the match against Sydney Olympic to draw 3-3 mid week. The boys will be looking to bounce back after a poor performance last weekend against Marconi where we lost 2-0.

The Wolves players and coaching staff have set themselves high standards this season and have been disappointed with their performances over the first 9 rounds of the season. This is a massive game for the club and will be looking to make a statement this week in front of a big crowd.

A big congratulations must also go to our U20's team who sit second on the table. A win against Blacktown City this week will see them sit on top of the table after 10 rounds. This will be a mouth watering, top of the table clash so get there early and support the 20's.

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. "C'mon you Wolves".

Strebre Delovski
Chief Executive Officer
Wollongong Wolves FC



MATCH PREVIEW

V BLACKTOWN CITY

Wollongong Wolves are to play Blacktown City, the leading team when the competition was shut down due to the Covid pandemic in 2021, in the 2022 Round 10 of the NPL NSW Mens 1 competition at WIN Stadium. The first meeting between the clubs in the NSW based competition (as distinct from the NSL,) was in the 2004/05 season. Played on the 19th March 2005 at Fairfax Community Stadium, Seven Hills, Blacktown won the match 2-1 with goals by Adam Kwasnik, Jason Connolly (BC) and Shane McGirr (WW). We have seen some spectacular goals when these teams have met in the past including Luke Wilshire's strike in 2018. This game should be a fantastic foray.

THE OPPOSITION TODAY - BLACKTOWN CITY

Blacktown City began in 1953 as Toongabbie Soccer Club, changing to the Blacktown City name in 1979. In 2017, the team defeated Central Coast Mariners in the FFA Cup Round Of 32, 3-2, being one of a handful of clubs to have achieved this feat. In the past, guest players have turned out for the club with these being former English internationals Bobby Charlton and Kevin Keegan in 1980 and 1985 respectively.

Coach Mark Crittenden has brought Mitch Mallia back to the club from Marconi and has also added Western Sydney Wanderers NPL player in Jake Trew and Jordan Smylie from the Central Coast Mariners to replace some of the six players that have departed from the successful 2021 side the team that was leading the competition, four points in advance of the second placed team after Round 17.

In the aborted season of 2021, after seventeen rounds Blacktown City was in first position on Thirty-six points from eleven victories and three draws scoring thirty-six goals and conceding seventeen. The top scorer was Travis Major with twelve goals with eleven other players featuring in the goals. Three nil scores eventuated with six clean sheets. The best result without loss was ten games Rounds 8-17, win, win, win, win, draw, draw, win, win and win. Multi scorers in a single game were Major with a treble and two braces, and a brace each to Mario Shabow and Jackson Bandiera. Carlos De Oliveira scored the quickest goal, in the third minute of Round 16. The best score was 5-0 versus Wollongong Wolves, with the least impressive being

1-4 in the Round 4 Sydney United 58 clash. The goal per game ratio was 2.1 while the win/loss ratio 0.71. Team Of the Week selections were with Major topping the count with four, followed by Shabow (3), Lachlan Campbell (3), Daniel Collins (2) and De Oliveira, Greg Lynch, Matt Lewis and Bandiera with one each.

THE MATCH UP

Blacktown sits in third position with six wins and one draw on nineteen points as against the Wolves' eight points from two victories and two draws while occupying ninth position.

Six players plus an own goal have contributed to the scoring while the Wolves have eight players who have achieved this act. The goals per game ratio for both teams are as follows, Wolves - 1.44 and Blacktown - 2.22.

In the last start, Blacktown defeated Sutherland 1-0 and the Wolves were defeated 2-0 by Marconi.

The Wolves have four nil score games plus a thirteen goal tally as against Blacktown's one nil result and twenty goal achievement. To date, the Wolves have scored most goals in the 16 to 30 and 61 to 75 minute time periods and conceded most goals in last fifteen minutes of games. On the other hand Blacktown has scored most goals in the first fifteen minutes of games and concedes most in the first and final fifteen minute of these time periods. Fourteen goals have been scored in the first half of matches and six have been conceded in the second half. The Wolves have scored most goals in the second half with eight and conceded most also in the second half with seven.

The top scorers are Jordan Smylie (BC) and Lachlan Scott (WW) with eight and five respectively. The latest goal scorers have been Scott (WW) and Hiroaki Aoyama (BC).

The result sequence for the last five matches for each is - BC - loss, win, win, win and win, WW - loss, loss, win, draw and loss.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Jordan Smylie is a striker that has been banging in the goals during the current season with eight including two braces. He made thirteen appearances in the A-League with the Central Coast Mariners with one

goal against Macarthur FC in 2021. He is quick and slick of action in the goal vicinity and

Joshua Macdonald is a skilful left wide player and is a free kick specialist with many of these dead ball situations leading to goals. He swings corner kicks in with precision and provides defence-splitting passes to set up strikers.

SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

1. 2018. Blacktown City 1 (Joey Gibbs) drew with Wolves 1 (Luke Wilshire)
2. 2019. Wolves 4 (Thomas James x2, Taylor McDonald, Nick Littler) defeated Blacktown City 0
3. 2019. Blacktown City 2 (Greg Lynch, Joey Gibbs) defeated Wolves 0
4. 2020 Wollongong Wolves 2 (Marcus Beattie, Josh Bingham) defeated Blacktown City 0
5. 2021 Wollongong Wolves 0 def by Blacktown City 5 (Charles Mendy, Lachlan Campbell, Travis Major x2, own goal)

BLAST FROM THE PAST

It was in the 1986 Round 13 that the two teams played at Wollongong Showground on July 6. The home team was Warwick Young (GK), David Green, Ray Vlietstra, Reg Chilby, Jock Morlando, Peter Kotamanidis, Richard Piel, Leonel Arcosa, Robert Giraldi, David Batten and Randall Easthorpe. Pat Brodnik substituted for Piel, with the coach being John Fleming. The Blacktown line-up comprised of David Curtis (GK), Peter Willis, Jeff Ainsworth, Peter Denyer, Paul Kay, Gary Byrne, Adam Sandy, Robbie Slater, Joe Carroll and Brett Thornwaite. Brian Ellem and John Bradley replaced Kay and Thornwaite respectively. Casey De Bruin was the coach.

It was Wollongong who struck first through a header from Giraldi on forty-one minutes and went into the interval ahead. Five minutes after the resumption, Denyer was inconvenienced in the penalty area with a spot kick being awarded. Denyer took the kick with the result that he placed the ball beyond Young. However, the Wolves regained the lead when a mix-up in the Blacktown goal vicinity allowed Easthorpe who was a new signing to ram home four after

Blacktown's equaliser. Blacktown again restored parity through Thornwaite following Carroll's incisive pass. With the Wolves showing a lack of discipline and being wasteful with their passing putting pressure on the defence, Blacktown scored the winning goal with four minutes remaining. Carroll latched onto an Ellem pass to head the ball over the head of Young into the goal for a 3-2 victory, after coming from behind on two occasions

THREE SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR BLACKTOWN CITY FC- MATTHEW RYAN, BARRY HOARE and DAVID CURTIS

Hoare played in goals for four seasons with Blacktown in the NSL from 1981 to 1986. In all, he made sixty appearances, all starts. Twenty-nine appearances were made in the 1984 season with one start in his first season. His final was in Round 22 against Sydney Olympic.

Ryan was on Blacktown's books from 2009 to 2010 making eleven appearances and from there he transferred to Central Coast Mariners in the A-League. From there he went overseas to play with Club Bruges, Valencia, Genk, Brighton and Hove Albion, Arsenal and Real Sociedad. From 2021 he has represented his country. He played youth football with Marconi and Blacktown City.

In the 1986 NSL, Curtis was in the incumbent custodian on fourteen occasions earning two clean sheets. His debut was in Round 1 versus Canberra City with a clean sheet attained and his final game came in the Round 15 Sydney City sojourn.

THREE SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR WOLLONGONG WOLVES - DRAGAN PUPOVAC, ALEX AUGUSTO and BRETT HUGHES.

Pupovac was the custodian in the 1989/90 NSL season with a total of fourteen appearances. He made his debut on November 5 1989 against Adelaide City at Bandon Park with his last game being also versus Adelaide City in Round 14. He achieved four clean sheets at 0.28 goals per game ratio.

Giving his utmost, Augusto played nineteen league games in the 2009 season with an additional two in the cup. He accomplished one clean sheet and that was in the final cup match versus Penrith-

Nepean, which went into extra time. He made some telling saves in his matches and denied the strong Blacktown team in Round 21 clash with low fingertip saves, punches out to stem the tide.

Hughes played six seasons with the Wolves from 1992/93 to 1997/98 with one hundred and forty-one league appearances. He is longest serving Wolves custodian. Originally, he came to the Wolves from APIA and left for Marconi. He achieved thirty clean sheets, which is a club record. His debut was in the Round 7 Melbourne Knights fixture with his final appearance being the Round 26 Sydney United sojourn at Brandon Park. Hughes was a commanding custodian, being equally adept at taking low or high balls.

TWO SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH TEAMS - DOMINIC LONGO and CHARLIE YANKOS.

Yankos turned out for Blacktown City from 1989/1990 in the NSL with twenty-four starting appearances and followed on at the Wolves from 1990/91 to 1993/94 season with a tally of four seasons and eighty-six games with twelve goals. In the Round 5 match in the 1989/90 season Yankos scored against the Wolves. In the forty-fourth minute, he lobbed the custodian, Dragan Pupovac, from twenty metres out, over the defence as well into an empty net. His final goal for the Wolves was in the Elimination Final Parramatta Eagles game at Brandon Park, when he scored in the eighty-first minute. A brace was achieved in Round 6

in the Melbourne Knights encounter. An indirect free kick was awarded on the six-yard line. Mike Hollifield touched the ball to Yankos and he blasted the ball high into the roof of the net. On forty-five minutes Pat Brodnik was elbowed when setting himself up for a shot. A penalty kick ensued and Yankos made no mistake. Yankos was a consummate defender with a strong and powerful shot. He was solid in tackles with a ball winning mentality and his passing and control was deft.

Longo was at Blacktown City in the 1989/90 NSL season making fourteen appearances with one from the bench in addition scoring one goal. His debut was in Round 1 versus St. George. His goal emanated also in Round 5 against Wollongong City Wolves at Brandon Park, being a header in the seventh minute after the defence was caught flatfooted. Longo was at the Wolves in the 2004/04

5 season when he played six games with his debut in Round 3 versus Central Coast United. This defender had good aerial ability in cutting out crosses and set pieces with intercepting headers, was a fearless tackler and had strength in shielding the ball and cleared up the danger effectively.

By Malcolm Rowney

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



OFFICIAL MATCH BALL OF NPL NSW

PURCHASE FROM:

THE FOOTBALL CORNER.COM.AU

GIOCA

**BY FOOTBALLERS
FOR FOOTBALLERS**

SPONSORS

www.GIOCA.com.au



SPONSORS



SPONSORS



DOUBLE TROUBLE

5-2 OR 2-5

In the Round 11 and final round of the 2020 Rebooted NSW Mens 1 season, the Wolves posted a 5-2 victory over Manly United with this being one circumstance of eleven such game score lines. It is a score line that does not occur often in comparison to the most prevalent scores, which are 1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 0-0, 2-0, 0-2 and 2-1 or 1-2, not necessarily in the correct frequency of times. Five of these 5-2 games were victories with six being defeats with Melbourne Knights Manly United and Sydney Olympic being clubs that featured on two occasions, together with seven clubs in total from Sydney. In addition, two games with this result eventuated in the one season. These are the circumstances behind each of these 5-2 or 2-5 results.

In the 2020 Manly United encounter Marcus Beattie got the scoring going in the fourth minute, which was the equal quickest goal, scored in the season, tying with Josh Bingham in Round 10. Following exceptional preliminary play by Nick Littler and Thomas James. Takeru Okada played the ball into the path of Beattie. He subsequently showed presence of mind to lob the custodian and celebrate. Manly replied in the twenty-second minute to restore parity and the score did not change until after half time. Three minutes following the resumption of play an Okada corner kick was whipped in. Littler headed the ball on to the far post and the lurking Beattie pushed the ball home. The home team did not have the lead for long, only four minutes before Manly added another. The game seesawed for a time until the sixty-fourth minute when the Wolves poked their noses in front once more. Midfielder Guy Knight won the ball in a tackle before involving Harry Callahan. Exchanging passes with Okada saw the latter scamper through the defensive line before laying the ball off for Bingham. He in turn from close vicinity tapped the ball in. The Wolves made sure of victory when Beattie brought up his hat trick. In the seventy-seventh minute after a Knight pass saw Thomas James let go with a stunning shot. The custodian could not hold and the ball was then tucked home. For number five, Callahan burst in the box with a strong determined run only to be severely inconvenienced. Bingham took the ensuing penalty kick dispatching the ball with power to breach the Manly domain. The line-up included Luke Kairies, Taylor McDonald, Darcy Madden, Chris Price,

Harrison Taranto and Brendan Griffin. Beattie - 'It was good to put them away.'

Ten years prior in the 2010 season in the Round 18 against Manly United it was a reversed result. The Wolves were the first team to score when Tayfun Buyyukopru produced a powerful effort from twenty metres out that zoomed inside the far post eluding the outstretched custodian. Barely had a minute elapsed and parity was restored, when a player who made inroads cut back a pass to a striker. As he shot, Nick Littler lunged and the ball took a slight touch but not enough to alter its trajectory. Thirty minutes after the goal the Wolves went down to ten men as Greg Valic received a straight red card for a last man denying a goal chance. At half it was level pegging.

Following the half time break, Manly was quick out of the blocks to score once again with a striker's effort that the Wolves' custodian Brody Crane could not thwart. However, it was only sixty-seconds later that the Wolves got it back to evens. Tynan Diaz had made an enterprising run down the right before scooping the ball to Andres Gomez. He moved the ball to Jason Trifiro with his shot penetrating Manly's domain with the goalkeeper beaten. Another minute passed and this time Manly main scorer added their third with a free kick that curled around the defensive wall, bulging the back of the net. With some fatigue in the home side, Manly added two more goals in the eighty-fourth minutes and ninety plus minutes of this Round 18 clash to emerge 5-2 winners. The team was Crane, Chris Nathaniel, Alex Mansueto, Greg Valic, Nick McInerney, Gomez, Shaun Van Rooyen, Buyyukopru, Littler, Trifiro and Andrew Paine. Dave Abel, Diaz and Andrew Gamble replaced Gomez, Paine and Van Rooyen respectively.

In Round 19 of the 2000/01 season, the Wolves played Melbourne Knights at WIN Stadium. The team was Grant Barlow, George Souris, Alvin Ceccoli, Matthew Horsley, Paul Reid, Sasho Petrovski, Stuart Young, Scott Chipperfield, David Huxley, Ben Blake and Robbie Middleby. Dean Anastasiadis, David Cervinski and Robert Stanton came on for Barlow, Horsley and Huxley respectively. Young scored the initial goal before the Knights replied seven minutes later. The English striker headed home a Chipperfield cross. Two

minutes the Wolves went further ahead through Petrovski and 2-1 score line remained at half time. On the hour, Petrovski achieved his brace and Young achieved likewise five minutes later. The fifth goal was score by Chipperfield on seventy-three minutes before the Knights added their second, courtesy of Cervinski's brother, Adrian.

This 5-2 result happened in the Round 3 Sydney City clash at Wentworth Park in 1985. The team was Natch Vardareff, Brian Condran, Peter Willis, Scott Dickson, Phil Matias, Alex Bundalo, Zivko Hristovski, Phil Kerr, Peter Kotamanidis, Pat Brodnik and Dominic Giannone. Craig Baker and Tony Corridini replaced Matias and Brodnik. It was Willis who goaled first of all on eleven minutes converting a penalty kick after Hristovski had been brought down. Nine minutes on, the Slickers had equalized with a header. Following Vardareff's spilling of the ball, a defender steamed in to capitalize on the error to score. Brodnik reduced the arrears for the Wolves with the opposition protesting that the ball had gone over the line. Sydney went further ahead when a corner kick was rammed in. Two more eventuated for Sydney City in the sixty-fifth and sixty-eight minutes to run easy winners. It was a hat trick to a City striker.

A Round 4 fixture in 2009 was another seven goal total for the match between Sydney Olympic and the Wolves. The team was Alex Augusto, Keiran Deane, Jamie Pitt, Alfredo Estevez, Dave Abel, Ilija Prenzoski, Samet Kaynak, Steve Hayes (Capt.), Ballamodou Conde, James Lawrence and Chris Nathaniel. Josh Price and Steve Dimitrievski and Daniel Cortez replaced Estevez, Conde and Nathaniel. For the initial goal Prenzoski seized the opportunity to score one minute in. It was followed up by a Lawrence goal after he scrambled the ball over the goal line in a crowded area ten minutes later. A two goal start looked well until Olympic pulled one back on twenty minutes. The scorer's brace eventuated seventeen minutes on to equalize. However, Three more Olympic goals in the second half put paid the Wolves' early achievements to emerge victorious with another player scoring a brace.

The team was Les Pogliacomì, Alvin Ceccoli, Robert Stanton, David Cervinski, Mathew Horsley, Stuart

Young Scott Chipperfield, Neil Harlock, Sasho Petrovski, David Huxley and Esala Masi. Anthony Surjan and Noel Spencer replaced Petrovski and Masi in the Round 18 Sydney United encounter in the 1999/00 season. It was in the third minute when Young had his team hit the lead in this Wednesday night game played in Sydney on the 26th January. Four minutes he struck again, achieving a brace. United had scored a minute before Young's second goal and this 2-1 score line remained when the referee signaled half time. In this entertaining and flowing game Horsley added the third on seventy-one minutes. Sydney United replied seven minutes later through a midfielder to get the score to 3-2 and were well into the match looking for equalizer. However, the Wolves went further ahead with two more goals, scored by Masi and Chipperfield in the eighty-fifth and eighty-eight minutes respectively.

At Jubilee Oval in Rockdale, Sydney Olympic was the opposition in the 2003/04 Round 21. The Wolves were Andrew Crews, Borislav Dragas, Adam Hughes, Michael Hawrysiuk, Shane Lyons, Nahuel Arrarte, Stuart Young, Danial Cummins, Dustin Wells, Ben Blake and Chimoabi Nwaogazi. Steven De Giovanniello, Jacob Timpano and John Majurovski replaced Hawrysiuk, Wells and Blake. The Wolves hit the lead on sixteen minutes when Nwaogazi bagged the goal when he connected with an Arrarte cross following two defensive errors and ineffectual marking on the Nigerian. It took until a minute before half time before Olympic replied with a midfielder's goal when he lobbed over Crews for the ball to go in off the post. The Sydney team scored again following the Wolves conceding two free kicks in the first twenty minutes of the half that brought up pay dirt for Olympic. The first went in on target only for Crews to parry away. The ball was retrieved and then passed for an easy tap in on. The second free kick from twenty-five minutes went from a dead ball specialist. Majurovski came on to gain success by chipping the custodian with a floating effort in the seventy-fifth minute. However, Olympic made doubly sure of their victory with two late goals, the first in the eighty-ninth and the second, three minutes later.

Round 20 was the fixture in which seven goals were scored in the 1996/97-season match involving the adversary, Melbourne Knights. The team was Brett

Hughes, Alvin Ceccoli, Stephen Laybutt, Martin Bourke, Matthew Horsley, Sonny Sevin, Sasho Dimoski, Nick Josevski, Richard Lloyd, Anthony Surjan and Scott Chipperfield. Neil Harlock, Michael Kariamias and Colin Luff replaced Laybutt, Sevin and Josevski respectively. Three goals were scored in nine minutes in an explosive barrage of scoring. Dimoski scored first on seventeen minutes turning in a Surjan pass, followed by Ceccoli four minutes later. From a free kick twenty-three metres out Sevin played a square pass to Surjan who in turn passed to Ceccoli. His left footed drive powered into the top left corner of the net. Dimoski achieved his brace a further six minutes down the track. Surjan had released Horsley, who proceeded to hit the ball wide to Sevin. He crossed from the left side and Dimoski connected to drive the ball in. Josevski scored number four after being set up by Chipperfield and Luff got number five by heading in a Harlock cross. The Knights got onto the score card with a penalty on seventy-four with their second coming three minutes from full time to give the team a modicum of respectability.

The final round in the 2001/02 season was played at North Sydney Oval versus Northern Spirit. Dean Anastasiadis, George Souris, Alvin Ceccoli, Robert Stanton, Paul Reid, Stuart Young, Naum Sekulovski, Con Anthopoulos, Ben Blake, Dustin Wells and Greg Sharland comprised the starting line-up with Justin Pasfield, Alex Castro and David Huxley replacing Anastasiadis, Souris and Sekulovski respectively. It was four minutes in and the Wolves had to substitute goalkeepers as Anastasiadis was clattered into and his injury was such that he was unable to complete the match. Pasfield entered the field for his first team debut. Ten minutes later, the Spirit went ahead. With the Wolves responding four minutes later through Young after Wells had sneaked the ball to him. From twenty-two metres out, Young perfected a swinging shot, which struck the left post and rebounded into the goal. Just after the half hour, the Spirit racked up number two and a minute later Reid collected a Young through ball to score. This was the extent of the Wolves' achievement in front of goal, though Northern Spirit went on for three more scored in the forty-fifth, sixty-ninth and eighty-ninth minutes. The custodian Pasfield, even though the team had conceded five, had made a number of good saves to prevent the score from blowing out any further in the dramatic debut for the sixteen year old.

Brandon Park was the venue for the Round 28 encounter with Marconi Stallions. Barely three minutes in Marconi had taken the lead and another emanated twenty-three minutes later increased their advantage. At half time, the scoreboard read Wolves 0 Marconi 2. The Wolves' run on line-up consisted of Daniel Beltrame, George Souris, Robert Stanton, Michael Brooks, Anthony Surjan, Sasho Dimoski, Scott Chipperfield, Damon Langan, Esala Masi, Chad Bishop and Paul Reid. Ray Younis, Gerald Quennet and Sasho Petrovski replaced Brooks, Masi and Bishop. In the second half Marconi went three up when scoring on fifty-six minutes. The Wolves first response came after Surjan was involved earlier. The ball had fallen at Dimoski's feet. From outside the penalty area, he let fly, with his swerving effort lodging into the right side of the goal. To save the home team's blushes, Surjan scored from the penalty spot before Marconi goaled again. This Marconi player achieved a treble to round out the seven goal total.

Earlier in the 1996/97 season the 5-2 result occurred in the Round 13 clash with Gippsland Falcons. The Wolves were Adam Brodbeck, Alvin Ceccoli, Gary Van Egmond, Matthew Horsley, Sonny Sevin, Michael Reda, Neil Harlock, Nick Josevski, Richard Lloyd, Anthony Surjan and Sasho Dimoski. Michael Kariamias, Scott Chipperfield and Martin replaced Reda, Harlock and Surjan. It was the Falcons who were the first cab of the rank scoring in the second minute. One minute Ceccoli restored parity before Lloyd added a second goal a quarter of an hour in. Three minutes on, the Wolves blew out to a two-goal advantage when Josevski headed in a Ceccoli cross. Josevski achieved his brace when on receipt of a Van Egmond pass, he rounded the custodian to slot the ball in an unoccupied goal on the hour mark. Gippsland reacted by scoring their second before Sasho Dimoski rubbed salt in the opposition wounds following good lead-up play from Kariamias and Chipperfield. Dimoski produced an overhead kick that concluded the Wolves goal haul in spectacular fashion.

At the end of the 2020 season, nine hundred and sixty-three league games have been played. The ratio of the 5-2 result to the number of games is 0.51%, while the 2-5 score line ratio is 0.62%. These seven goal results have a combined ratio of 1.13%

By Malcolm Rowney

SPONSORS



SPONSORS

PROUDLY SUPPORTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



DGB
lawyers



SPONSORS



QUEST FOR THE CUP

PART 2 - 1982 AMPOL CUP

The Ampol Cup campaigns that followed on from 1982 in Part One will be highlighted in years 1983, 1985 and 1986.

On the 5th February 1983 Wollongong played Polonia in the Ampol Cup for the second such occasion in successive years. A half hour was played before an addition was made to the scoreboard. Phil Kerr had provided a cross from the left for Phil O'Connor to head into the goal. This lead only lasted two minutes before Polonia's Henry Sobczyk produced a shot that rifled past custodian Jim Preston. However, in the second half initially Glen Fontana goalied in the forty-eight minute before Roy Cotton followed suit, beating custodian Stetfenpool on fifty-five minutes. Polonia pulled another back when Ken Smith converted a minute short of the hour after Ronnie Geekie was involved in the lead-up. Cotton achieved his brace a minute after Smith had scored. The Wolves had won 4-2 and had qualified for the finals.

Qualifying for the 1983 Quarter Final was Wollongong and Marconi and the line-ups for this encounter were as follows, Marconi - Alan Maher (GK), Vic Bozanic, Paul Degney, Ricky Budini, Joe Rizzotto, Jovan Djordjevic, Atti Carbone, Tom McCulloch, Hilton Silva and Rod Brown, Wolves - Jim Preston, Peter Willis, Ray Vliestra, John Fleming, Steve Pollard, Larry Gaffney, Alan Waldron, Phil Kerr,

Roy Cotton, Jock Morlando and Glen Fontana.

It was ten minutes in before Marconi opened their account. Right-sided defender Bozanic whipped in a cross that found striker Hunter. He subsequently passed the ball back to Carbone who volleyed the ball home from inside the penalty area. The Wolves had a good opportunity to redress the balance but Budini was the prime position to clear off the line. However, the Wolves were not to be denied for too much longer. Twenty-two minutes into the second half, a Fontana incisive pass found Kerr who made a thirty metre foray before powering his shot in to beat Maher. The Wolves' comeback lasted for all of six minutes before Marconi hit again. Djordjevic made a ground breaking run. At the conclusion of this he provided a cross into the penalty area. Hunter got onto the end of this cross and pushed the ball over the goal line from close vicinity to put Marconi into lead once more. This 2-1 score line was the end result though Brown could have added number three if it was not for a top Preston save.

In the 1985 Ampol Cup the Wolves played only one game, as it was now a knockout competition. The team was up against Penrith City at Marconi Stadium. The Wolves were Natch Vardareff, David Green, Jamie Dummett, Brian Condran, Ray Vliestra, Phil Kerr, Bernie Godzik, Alex Bundalo, Peter Willis, Peter Kotamanidis and Dominic Giannone. Zivko



Hristovski and Pat Brodnik replaced Godzik and Kotamanidis. Penrith City was Mike Gibson, Peter Brogan, Mike Cross, Atti Carbone, David McIntosh, Campbell, Ian Hunter, Mike Toohey, Lowe Peter Nix and Randall Easthorpe. Felix and David Shute replaced Hunter and Lowe.

This was a match that did not reach on 1st February 1985 the heights with many chances that fell to Bundalo and Kerr being squandered. Likewise Hunter and Shute were put into goal scoring range but failed to take heed and sure up their victory. However, it was nine minutes in that the only goal of the match was scored. Penrith's Randall Easthorpe (later a Wolves player) placed a cross in that caught the defence somewhat unaware. Nix was there to project the ball past Vardareff into the net. In the attempt to redress the balance, Godzik missed from close vicinity putting his left foot shot past the post and Giannone from right in front, failed to bring up an easy desired outcome. Hristovski drove a pile driver free kick in but Gibson was able to push it onto the bar. His shot deserved better. The rebound fell to Kotamanidis but he could only manage to send his shot skyward.

The 1986 Ampol Cup involved six matches with the Round 1 being against local team Fairy Meadow. This game was without goals as neither team could take the advantage. Sydney City was the next in

line and this team ran out winners 1-0. Round 3 was against Wollongong Macedonia with the Wolves winning 3-1. Round 4 was a bye before the next assignment versus Blacktown City. This was also a 0-0 score as neither team could take it out. The final round was versus Melita Eagles.

At Marconi Stadium, the final round was played. It was Melita who opened the scoring with an early goal. It emanated in the sixth minute when Wayne Farnsworth pounced on Ray Vlietstra's deflection and from sixteen metres out powered the ball into the goal. Ten minutes later a free kick was awarded to the Wolves. Saul Rivero from twenty metres curled the ball past the defensive wall and beat the custodian. The Wolves had restored parity. Farnsworth achieved his brace on thirty-five minutes when he chested down a cross from Spiro Serbas to ram the ball home. The Wolves were not done by any stretch of the imagination. On seventy-five minutes, Ken Wilson inconvenienced Rade Stefanovski in the box with a penalty kick being awarded. Striker David Batten stepped up and dispatched the ball into the goal. It was a 2-2 draw, enough to propel Melita into the finals of the competition.

By Malcolm Rowney



1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 2 Daniel Goni
- 3 Darcy Madden
- 4 Nikola Djordjevic
- 5 Banri Kanaizumi
- 6 Senna Stevenson
- 8 Brendan Griffin
- 9 Peter Simonoski
- 10 Takumu Tsujimura
- 11 Josh Macdonald
- 12 Harrison Taranto
- 13 Tomas Butkovic
- 14 Nicholas Duarte
- 15 Nick Littler
- 16 Guy Knight
- 17 James Stojcevski
- 18 Evan Ball
- 19 Jake Lavalle
- 20 Kuot Maliet
- 21 Jacob Madden
- 22 Leroy Jennings
- 24 Lachlan Scott
- 25 Nav Darjani

Coach: Luke Wilkshire

Assistant Coach: Matheus Scapin

Senior Managers: Chris Keller and Mark Wilkshire

Equipment Manager: Egor Dolgoplov

GK Coach: John Krajnovic



- 1 Tristan Prendergast
- 3 Daniel Collins
- 4 Lachlan Campbell
- 5 Grant Lynch
- 6 Matthew Lewis
- 7 Jordan Smylie
- 8 Jak O'Brien
- 9 Jake Trew
- 10 Mario Shabow
- 11 Mitchell Mallia
- 12 Tyren Burnie
- 15 Ryan Attard
- 14 Caleb Jackson-Brown
- 16 Ben Berry
- 17 Dakota Askew
- 18 Nicholas O'Brien
- 19 Adam Berry
- 20 Cayden Henderson
- 21 Charles Mendy
- 22 Carlos De Oliveira
- 23 Charles Eriku
- 24 Jackson Bandiera
- 30 Alex Robinson
- 32 Hiroaki Aoyama
- 40 Dylan Niski

Head Coach: Mark Crittenden

Assistant Coach: Matthew Bingley

Assistant Coach: John Carnevale

Team Manager: Graham Crawhall

Referee:

Adrian Arndt

Assistant Referees:

Brodie Merchant and Matt Staples

Fourth Official:

Aaron Bloch

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	9	6	2	1	27	18	9	20
2	APIA Leichhardt FC	9	6	1	2	23	12	11	19
3	Blacktown City FC	9	6	1	2	19	11	8	19
4	Rockdale Ilinden FC	9	5	3	1	18	10	8	18
5	Marconi Stallions FC	9	4	3	2	19	14	5	15
6	Manly United FC	9	4	2	3	14	11	3	14
7	Sydney Olympic FC	9	4	2	3	14	13	1	14
8	Sydney United 58 FC	9	3	1	5	13	24	-11	10
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	9	2	2	5	13	14	-1	8
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	9	2	0	7	12	21	-9	6
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	9	1	2	6	19	29	-10	5
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	9	1	1	7	14	28	-14	4





CDN has launched its new CloudVue Digital Asset Management System that offers real world value for a range of industries to take them to the Cloud.

With Cloudvue:

- **Your business will save time and money as quality control of administration and documentation becomes more effective and efficient.**
- **Collaboration becomes simple with quick and easy exchanges of information between colleagues**
- **Specific client portals are accessible with the permissions system**
- **Access includes flexibility and mobility from mobile devices as well as computers**
- **Your data is backed up for disaster recovery**
- **Your data is secure on Australian servers**

With features that include Version Control and Templates, as well as enhanced Data Control and User Management capabilities, CloudVue is able to offer an organisation the best aspects of multiple software classes, from EDRMS to CMS, as well as CRM and many others!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE TEAM ON SALES@CDN.COM.AU!**

SPONSORS



TIGS

The Illawarra Grammar School



IBH ILLAWARRA BULK HAULAGE

A striker who plays with conviction and skill in equal proportion plus in 'perpetual motion' is none other than the former 2021 captain of the club, Lachlan Scott. He indeed works for the team, possesses a strong shot and penchant for scoring and provides assists in addition. He is also an Australian representative in the Under 20s as a measure of his skill and outlook.

Beginning his youth career at Balgownie Rangers until the age of eleven Scott followed-up by joining the Wolves juniors from the years 2007- 2012. From 2012 -2016, Lambert Park was his port of call with APIA Leichhardt before landing at Sydney FC in 2014/15 where the team finished in fourth position. Following this, he went across to Western Sydney Wanderers in 2015/16. He was in the youth setup at both A-League clubs.

His senior career began in the NSW NPL with APIA Leichhardt in 2015 playing seven times. From there he move to NPL Mens 2 clubs Western Sydney Wanderers where he scored twenty-two goals from twenty-two matches in this competition. In the NYL in the 2015/16 season and in Round 1 scored a brace against Newcastle Jets and went on to finish the season as the club's equal top scorer. He was later named club 'Youth Player Of The Year'. When the Wanderers NPL Mens 2 team played Spirit FC, the defending premiers, in Round 1, Scott came off the bench to score five goals, a fantastic achievement. He had hit fifteen goals in thirteen matches, a strike rate of 1.15, a top rate in anyone's language. He was later acknowledged as the Foxtel National Youth League 'Player Of The Year'.

He was promoted to the A-League Wanderers team for the 2016/17 season where he made twenty appearances with one goal in the league. His debut for Western Sydney was in an FFA Cup versus Wellington Phoenix when he scored a brace to equal the score before his team ultimately won the tie. He swooped onto Steven Lustica's cross first to spirit the ball home from close vicinity. A slick exchange between Lustica and Mitch Nichols allowed Scott to bring up his brace. His initial A-League goal emanated in the Round 16 clash with Newcastle Jets at Campbelltown Stadium on 27th January 2017. Kearyn Baccus had pushed the ball forward to Scott

who was positioned at the top of the box. The striker proceeded to take a skilful touch, dragging the ball away from the defender and then on the turn, with the defender still sniping, projected his strike into the top left corner of the goal in the forty-fourth minute for his team's first goal of the encounter and the team's first home victory. With Western Sydney in the NPL Mens 2 side he scored twelve goals in ten appearances.

In 2017, Scott played in the Asian champions League with the Wanderers against Shanghai SPIG FC and FC Seoul.

He left the Wanderers in 2019 after seeing little pitch time under new coach Markus Babbel before signing for Wollongong Wolves to make things count again at his new club. He made his first grade club debut on 10th March 2019 at Albert Butler Memorial Park and did not take long to fashion a number of shots on goal with a header from a Takeru Okada cross being one of those. Scott's debut goal arrived in the Round 4 Sydney FC clash. His goal was the first of seven for the match coming in the eighteenth minute. Okada had lifted a left footed pass into the goal area. Scott rose at the far post to project his strong header past the custodian inside of his left post with the ball bouncing over the goal line. He added to his tally in the subsequent round versus Sydney Olympic, powering a low angled shot in the thirty-third minute.

A brace was achieved against Manly United In Round 12 at Cromer Park. Thomas James gained the ball from an attempted clearance. He set forth forward and on the edge of the penalty area he lofted the ball to Scott. He in turn got inside the defender to head in. To bring up his brace James had got to the bye-line on the left and cut back a pass in ward for Scott. He pounced with a polished header, glancing the ball to his right, beating a defender to the ball.

In Round 13 the Wolves took APIA Leichhardt to task with a 4-0 drubbing. Scott scored the second goal of the match in sixty-fifth minute. A Taylor McDonald high ball into the box saw Scott gather. With the custodian advancing Scott decisively pushed with his right foot the ball into the left side of the goal with a defender in tow. 'It was a great performance

by the whole team. We really weathered the storm in the first twenty minutes and after that we just played our game, we were just too good. We wore them down in the first half and in the second half they could not keep up with us pretty much. We had more space, had the chances and finished the game off....I'm doing the best I can and helping the team to win is most important.'

Another brace was hit in the Round 16 Sydney Olympic match. 'We started well and played some really good football first half and eventually by doing that, we got the goal early in the second half. We were under the pump after scoring a bit and they had a couple of chances but we defended really well and came out with another, Had a close one in the first half in combination with TJ at the end of the box but it was a bit unlucky not to go in...we all work hard for each other and you have to get back and defend and that is one of the reasons we are on top.' His first strike came after James Stojcevski lifted to ball to Takeru Okada. He put in an angled low shot towards the goal, beating the Olympic custodian.

However, a defender was at the far post to clear off the line. However, the ball fortuitously went to Scott who shuffled his feet before dispatching the ball into the goal. Eight minutes before full time, the brace was attained. After gaining possession following a Stojcevski pass, Scott made an inward foray from the right before producing a left footed effort that zoomed in at the near post.

In the 2019 league, he made 15 starting appearances with one off the bench with twelve goals at an 80% goal rate. He played in two cup games and four finals with one goal in the latter competition.

With a team cup run of four matches, the team succumbed to Mount Druitt Town Rangers through an own goal in the Round 7 clash. Scott did what he could to arrest the match producing a goal bound header only for the custodian to snuff it out and other opportunities that did not pan out with the opposition custodian having a wow of a match.

In the NPL NSW Mens 1 finals campaign, Scott missed the APIA match and came on substitute



versus Sydney United 58 in the fifty-first minute. With ten minutes remaining, James Stojcevski played the ball to Scott. He took a touch and the custodian came out before he could get his shot away with this being one of his chances.

Scott was back on track with his scoring in the Elimination Final FFA NPL Finals Series. The opposition was Canberra Olympic and Scott achieved the first of six goals in the tie. In the thirty-sixth minute, Harry Callahan forged his way on the left before passing inward for Scott. The striker subsequently dragged the ball back then turned to produce a telling shot. He showed another side of his game when he became provider following his possession of the ball. He eluded two players on his run before slotting a square pass to Nick Littler who duly converted.

In The Second Semi-Final versus Perth S.C. Scott did his share of defending and kept the opposition defenders honest with his attacking prowess. In the final against Lions FC from Brisbane, Scott let fly with an audacious overhead kick in a crowded area that beat the custodian but was unfortunately cleared off the line. He executed it decisively and confidently. If it had gone in, it would have been a highlight on you tube.

In total, Scott played four finals matches with a one goal tally with a valuable contribution.

In the Covid pandemic year of 2020, Scott only played four games in the truncated season scoring four goals, a brace each in Rounds 2 and 4 but sustained injury in the Round 4 North Shore Mariners encounter, which curtailed his season. However he did score a goal in the original Round 1 against Sydney Olympic, a game that was later expunged from the records. His goal came in the tenth minute when Thomas James was impeded. The Takeru Okada free kick came into the box from the right. The Olympic custodian came for the ball but under pressure could not hold. Scott collected the loose ball and he subsequently banged it into the goal. 'The game was very crappy and we definitely did not play up to our best and we know that. It shows the mentality of the team knowing that we come here, not play well and still get over the line, coming

away with the three points and that It was a good first half goal. I went up with the 'keeper and it fell to me. I was in the right place at the right time. I love those types... They play good football and it is hard to come here and get the points.' Prior to the season proper a fund raiser game for a Bushfire Appeal was played between the Wolves and an Albion Park FC Invitational Eleven consisting of former Australian international players and guests including the Wolves coach Luke Wilkshire, with Scott showing his wares in a half hour appearance with some of his team mates.

Round 2 of the 2002 Rebooted Mens 1 competition saw Scott's first brace coming against APIA away at Lambert Park. The goals were scored in the twenty-second and sixty-ninth minute. Harry Callahan moved the ball on for Bul Juach and then to Scott. His first timed shot from inside the penalty arc flew into the top corner. For his second he set forth on goal with a defender in tow. His powerfully hit shot lodged into the top left corner of the eastern goal.

It was Round 4 North Shore Mariners that his second brace was scored against the North Shore Mariners. Five minutes in, Scott struck. A Guy Knight throw in caused consternation with the ball being headed back. The striker gathered the ball to then place it narrowly inside at the goal at the near post. After Josh Bingham and Takeru Okada had prior involvement, with Okada providing the final assist with his headed pass falling at Scott's feet. His right footed effort just evading the custodian on its way into the goal. That was his final hurrah in 2020.

For the commencement of the 2021 competition, Scott was elevated to the captaincy role. While in this role, he led the team with commitment and panache, never shirking his responsibilities as the team faced both adverse results and well wrought wins. However, the season was unfortunately abandoned in Round 17 as another lockdown occurred. Following the narrow defeat by Northbridge Bulls in Round 5, he stated -'It was very disappointing. . There were lots of areas where we did not really live up to our standards. For most of the game, we switched off and did not come with the right attitude and they deserved to win

the game, to be honest. Our defence was good, no doubt about that, especially on the line scrambling and stuff like that. We did have chances but we were not clinical enough. We need to be better, plain and simple...Yes, a quick turnaround with the game on Friday. We will go for the three points.'

A fiftieth minute penalty was scored again Rockdale City in Round 12 to put his team ahead. Leroy Jennings had burst into the box and was subsequently impeded by an on-rushing custodian. Scott took the spot kick, burying the ball in the right lower corner as the custodian dived the opposite way. His next addition to his tally was in the Sydney Olympic match at home. In a match with six goals being hit, Scott scored the only one for his team. Fifteen minutes in, the Olympic custodian spilled Leroy Jennings free kick. The ball bounced once before Scott reacted quickly from close vicinity to blast the ball home.

Late in 2022, the FFA Cup Round of 32 was played at Ponpondetta Park with Mount Druitt Town Rangers being the opposition. Scott scored the third of his team's goals when on the break, Leroy Jennings slotted the ball to the striker and he fashioned a deadly accurate shot that entered the goal at the lower corner of the goal in the seventieth minute. In the Round of 16 played at WIN Stadium with the Central Coast Mariners being the adversary, Scott scored from the penalty spot after Nick Littler was badly inconvenienced by the A-League custodian. Scott directed the ball to the left side of the goal as the substitute goalkeeper dived the opposite way.

In his fourth season at the club in 2022 he was still scoring multiple goals in a single sojourn with his brace in Round 2 being the sixth time of achieving this. Against the Northbridge Bulls, Scott following a Leroy Jennings pass was positioned in penalty arc. He took a number of touches as he worked himself inwards. His right-footed penalty kick traversed into the top right hand corner of the goal from Scott's perspective. His brace was brought up after Peter Simonoski was inconvenienced in the penalty area and the Bulls were penalized. Scott being the designated spot kick taker, dispatched the ball to the left and under of the diving custodian. In the Round

8 home Mt Druitt Town Rangers game, another brace was forthcoming. Senna Stevenson passed inward from the left and Scott was the recipient. He moved to his right with a few touches from outside the penalty arc he let fly. The ball zoomed in beating the custodian who dived the correct way to his left. For his brace, he hit the ball sweetly with a first time left-footed shot from a Nicholas Duarte left field pass.

Scott is a consummate striker with close skill, verve, determination with a work ethic that is second to none. He displays quickness of thought, fast acceleration and draws defenders and holds up the ball with strength and has close skill. His defensive capabilities are acute and he greatly assists the team ethic.

Up to Round 9 match in May 2022, he has played forty-six league games, seven in the cup and two in the finals for a combined total of fifty-five. His goal tally is thirty-three comprising of twenty-nine in the league, two in the cup and two in the finals. His goal per game ratio in the league is 0.73.

By Malcolm Rowney

TODAY'S PROUD MATCH DAY SPONSOR



TEAM OF THE WEEK



**TEAM
OF THE
WEEK**

ROUND 9



JASON ROMERO



MARKO JESIC



JAIDEN KUCHARSKI



JADEN CASELLA



BRUNO MENDES



HIROAKI AOYAMA



CLAYTON TAYLOR



SEIYA KAMBAYASHI



DANIEL COLLINS



ROBERTO SPERANZA



DAVID BRADASEVIC

NPL.TV



NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES
NSW

*EVERY MATCH. EVERY TEAM.
LIVE, FREE & ON-DEMAND.*

FOR THE FIRST TIME

WOLLONGONG WOLVES' SCORERS ON DEBUT

There have been quite a number of players for the Wollongong Wolves who have indeed scored their initial goal 'for the first time' - in their debut appearance. With the first match in 1981 it is not surprising that whoever scored in this match would be candidate for inclusion within this criteria. There was also the circumstance when a player scored in his first match but the result was overturned due to ineligible players being played. Notwithstanding, he will be still will be feted. In addition, a guest player from Scotland also achieved this feat. These are twenty of such achievers.

Three minutes following half time, this striker in the 2017 Round 1 match-up scored a brace against Parramatta FC at Melita Stadium on 11th March. A low hard effort from Patrick Antelmi brought up pay dirt. However, this was later expunged from the records. Antelmi was at Wollongong for one season with twenty-one league games and one cup appearance. He scored ten official goals with two others in the league.

A Chilean striker graced the turf in 2016 and on the 13th March, he scored in the eighty-first minute with his first appearance in the red and white. From close quarters Nicolas Bernal latched onto a Ben Zucco cross to head home beating the Hakoah Sydney City East custodian. Bernal played two seasons, 20016 and 2017, appearing in twenty-nine league and four cup games, scoring nine league and two cup goals.

It was former Ipswich Town striker of UEFA cup fame and Scottish international Alan Brazil, who goalied in Round 1 in 1988. He totalled four goals in his twelve game guest stint. On the 1st February, Brazil was positioned at the far post as fellow Scot Danny Crainie put the ball across the face of goal on this rainy night. On meeting the ball, Brazil drove it forcefully into the St George domain on twenty-eight minutes

New Zealand international, Clive Campbell earned the plaudits on his debut. He also played two seasons, 1981 and 1982 with the club, making twenty-seven appearances with two goals in the kick. At Wollongong Showground in the fifty-fourth minute on 15th February, Campbell made a

breakaway and scored in the final wash-up with a well-directed shot into the Sydney Olympic goal.

On the 19th February 2006 in Round 1, this striker moved in quickly to intercept the ball. The Sutherland Shark custodian did not hold a defender's back pass securely. Once gaining possession, Adam Casey composed himself, considered his options before placing his shot beyond the custodian into the goal in the thirty-first minute. Casey played a single season with the club with six appearances, five starts and one from the bench, achieving a six-goal tally.

At John Crehan Park, Cringila, a skilful midfield player in Round 1 on 4th November 2004, scored his teams only goal and the third one of five in the match against Bonnyrigg White Eagles. Michael Clare, in his only season, got the ball over the line to post the Wolves' first goal back in the NSW Premier League. The midfielder went on to accrue twenty league games and two-cup games with six league and two cup goals. In this match Alvin Ceccoli had played an enticing cross from the left flank. At the far post Adam Hughes nodded the ball back and down. It fell fortuitously for Clare and he dispatched it accordingly.

In his debut match against Uruguayan-Penrith on the 7th March 1987 in Round 1at Cook Park, Frank Demertzis directed a penalty kick home for the first goal in the club's first foray in the NSW Premier League. With this being his debut and his first goal it was also his only appearance for the club.

It was at Lambert Park in Leichhardt that Dominic Giannone achieved the first of his three goals on the 10th March 1985. He sent the ball into the APIA goal in the fifty-sixth minute. He played only one season at the club appearing twelve times, eleven starts and one from the bench.

A striker from England via Canberra came to the Wolves for the 2019 campaign. On the 10th March, at Albert Butler Park, Warrawong, he scored a brace in his first appearance in Round 1 Manly United clash. Four minutes after the half hour mark, Thomas James duly got onto the scoreboard. Teammate, Takeru Okada worked into position on the left side for a cross. It subsequently flew across the face of

goal with nary a touch except for James. He made sure it would count. 'It was a good first game...it was the first of many hopefully but I should have had a few more... I was not going to miss from six yards.' James made twenty-six league game appearances in 2019 and 2020 with twenty-four goals. Two further appearances were in the cup with a two goal tally. He also played in six finals matches with four goals attained.

A single season for this striker eventuated in the 1990/91 NSL season. In Round 1 on the 7th October 1990 Mladin Kuc scored his initial goal of four for the club. It emanated in the thirteenth minute against Preston at Connor Reserve. Kuc seized upon a defender error to round the custodian and tap the ball home. This was the first of five total goals for the match. Kuc played twenty times with four goals attained.

It was in Round 8 of the 2014 season that this striker came on as a substitute in the seventy-ninth minute to score a brace against Manly United. 'It was unbelievable and on my first grade debut. I'm

proud, I'm pretty happy and can't thank the coaches enough.' It was on 3rd May that Jordan Murray achieved his initial goal in the seventieth minute. He took a number of skilful touches to elude a desperate defender before setting forth for the goal. With only the custodian in his way, Murray's subsequent shot passed him to enter the goal. He went on to score six more league goals with a goal per game ratio of 0.66. In addition, he accrued two goals in the cup. Twenty-one league appearances were achieved in 2015 with another eight league goals and two in the cup. He also made a finals appearance.

In the match against Sydney Olympic played at the Wollongong Showground on 15th February 1981 it was Jim McBreen who scored the very first league goal of the eight hundred and seventy-one goals scored. (Up to the end of 2020) McBreen played forty-eight times in the league for the Wolves in 1981 and 1983 with nine goals in his scoring tally. In his debut, he scored after twenty minutes when free kick was deflected off the post. The ball rebounded to the McBreen and he dispatched it with vigour into the goal. Murray went on to score six more goals



that season from twelve matches, a goal per game ratio of 0.66. He played in four cup games with two goal accrued.

In the 1990/91 season, this player scored in the Round 1 clash with Preston Makedonia at Connor Reserve. On the October 7th, Jason Oldridge scored his team's second goal. It was a tremendous curling effort from his position narrowly outside the penalty area that flew past the custodian to lodge in the top left corner of the goal. Oldridge made a further six starting appearances and one from the bench in his only season.

This particular striker played a solitary season with the club and scored in the 1993/94 Round 1 Newcastle match played at Brandon Park on 5th October. Scott Ollerenshaw scored his team's third goal with a fine shot in the seventy-third minute with Matthew Horsley's direct running assisting. Ollerenshaw scored a further five goals from his twenty-two games with a goal per game ratio of 0.27.

With Bonnyrigg White Eagles being the adversary in this Round 1 fixture, Andrew Paine was through on goal in the twenty-second minute of April 3rd. A defender threw down the gauntlet to scythe Paine down, as he was the last defender he was consequently marched. Paine took the spot kick to send the custodian the opposite way to where the ball was going. He totalled fourteen appearances in his only season at the club in 2010 with two goals in his tally.

A midfield player who played one season with the club in 2011 scored his debut goal in Round 2 versus Parramatta FC at Crehan Park. As Stjepan Paric did not appear in the Round 1 fixture and with nine minutes left on the clock in Round 2 on the 3rd April, Paric dispossessed a defender. With a position to the right of centre and narrowly outside the penalty area, he picked his spot. His ensuing sterling effort beat the custodian with the ball lodging at the back and inside of the goal.

A striker who had three stints at the club scored on his debut on the 7th October 1995. Tony Perenich scored the fifth goal of the match and the Wolves only one as a consolation. It was in the Round 1 Morwell Falcons' game played at Falcons Park (now

Latrobe City Stadium). From close range he struck in the sixty-fourth minute. Perenich played in the 1995/96, 1996/97, 2001/02 and 2006 seasons scoring in all those seasons with a combined total of thirteen goals.

It was a seven games stint for a Uruguayan player in 1986. It was the skilful Saul Rivero who scored a brace in his debut and doubled this for his final goal achievement. His career at the Wolves was unfortunately curtailed by a bad injury he sustained while playing against Marconi. On the 31st March in Round 1, Rivero headed home a Peter Kotamanidis cross in the seventh minute at the Wollongong Showground with Marconi being the opposition.

A mid season signing in 2002/03 season saw a debut in Round 22 for this midfielder in the Parramatta Power game on the 31st January. Stuart Young beat two defenders after receiving a pass from Osagie Nwaogazi on the left side. He then provided a cross for Nick Sabljak who hit his effort superbly into the goal. This midfielder played five games in total with two goals attained.

Thirty-eight games were achieved in the 1996/97 and 1997/98 seasons by quicksilver midfielder Sonny Sevin. His first of four goals was achieved in his debut on 13th October 1996 at Sydney United Sports Centre, Edensor Park. In the fifteenth minute, he produced a long and high cross from the right side. The opposition 'keeper got a glove to it but could not it going over the goal line with striker Nick Josevski putting pressure on.

Patrick Antelmi, Nicolas Bernal, Alan Brazil, Clive Campbell, Adam Casey, Michael Clare, Frank Demertzis, Dominic Giannone, Thomas James, Mladin Kuc, Jordan Murray, Jim McBreen, Andrew Paine, Jason Oldridge, Scott Ollerenshaw, Stjepan Paric, Tony Perenich, Saul Rivero, Nick Sabljak and Sonny Sevin all achieved a first strike in their first outing.

(Player quotes were taken from interviews taken by the writer for inclusion in match reports at the time.)

By Malcolm Rowney



THE NEW
NPL.TV
POWERED BY Clutch

+524 GAMES
LIVE & ON-DEMAND



U20 TEAM LISTS



- 1 Tommy Butkovic
- 2 Ben Giason
- 3 Ryan Mrvic
- 4 Dax Kelly
- 5 Senna Stevenson
- 6 Nicholas Kalule
- 7 Thomas Dunn
- 8 Luke Dearsley
- 9 Denim Nou
- 10 Nico Duarte
- 11 Josh Fields
- 12 Michael Manyoun

Coach: Aaron Kellaway
Assistant Coach: Juan Chazaretta
Manager: Warren McWhirter
GK Coach: John Krajnovic



- 27 Shayden Sampow
- 28 Jett McCue-Shore
- 29 Daniel Helweh
- 33 Alvin-John Khoshaba
- 34 Zachary Farmer
- 35 Jaidyn Dunn
- 36 Sunday Yona
- 37 Rhys Westwood

Coach: Jeff Suzor
Manager: Craig Schofield

U20 LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	8	5	2	1	19	6	13	17
2	Wollongong Wolves FC	8	5	1	2	15	7	8	16
3	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	7	4	2	1	22	11	11	14
4	Rockdale Ilinden FC	9	3	4	2	18	16	2	13
5	Manly United FC	8	4	1	3	10	8	2	13
6	Sydney Olympic FC	6	4	0	2	8	6	2	12
7	Sutherland Sharks FC	9	3	2	4	12	21	-9	11
8	Sydney FC	6	3	1	2	11	10	1	10
9	APIA Leichhardt FC	8	2	3	3	12	11	1	9
10	Northbridge Bulls FC	9	2	2	5	11	18	-7	8
11	Marconi Stallions FC	6	2	0	4	9	14	-5	6
12	Sydney United 58 FC	8	0	0	8	3	22	-19	0

GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	11
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	8
Jason Romero (APIA)	8
Mark Jesic (Marconi)	7
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	6
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	6
Sean Symons (APIA)	6
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	6



NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS
SYDNEY FC**
7:00 PM / FRI 13 MAY
POPONDETTA PARK

**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**
3:30 PM / SAT 14 MAY
SEYMOUR SHAW

**MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 14 MAY
MARCONI STADIUM

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 15 MAY
BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 15 MAY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS
MANLY UNITED FC**
4:00 PM / SUN 15 MAY
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

SPONSORS



Always where you are

 **1800 681 211**

www.rmblawyers.com.au

LOCAL OFFICES LOCATED AT
Wollongong | Shellharbour | Dapto | Warilla | Kiama





SPONSORS

PROUDLY SUPPORTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



DGB
lawyers



PRO | hire
GROUP PTY LTD

1800 PRO HIRE
7 7 6 4 4 7



FIXTURES

2022 HOME GAMES



HOME GROUND - WIN Stadium
46 Harbour St, Wollongong NSW 2500

Fri, 18th Mar	7:30 PM	Sydney FC	R3
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



NPLNSW.COM.AU



NPLNSW



NPLNSW_OFFICIAL



NPLNSW

CLUB CONTACTS

Website: wollongongwolves.com.au

Facebook: [wollongongwolves](https://www.facebook.com/wollongongwolves)

Twitter: [wollongongwolves](https://twitter.com/wollongongwolves)

Instagram: [WollongongWolves](https://www.instagram.com/WollongongWolves)