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### **CLUB WELCOME**













This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Northbridge Bulls FC to WIN Stadium for our round 13 fixture in the NPL competition.

The last few weeks has seen the Wolves register two strong wins against Blacktown City 3-1 and Sutherland 1-0. Unfortunately, the boys lost 4-3 last Sunday against our archrivals Sydney United 58. After conceding two early goals in atrocious conditions, the Wolves showed great courage and fight to come back with two great goals to level the scores 2-2 at half time. The boys then started well in the second half and equalised early on to take the lead 3-2. The Wolves then squandered a number of opportunities and were punished with two late goals from Sydney United to make it 4-3 in their favour.

The Wolves now sit in 8th position on the ladder with 14 points and remain 7 points out of the top 5. This Friday's game against Northbridge Bulls FC is crucial in the context of the season and our semi-final hopes.

Our under 20's have been outstanding in the first half of the season and currently sit second on the table. The 20's also had another good win on Saturday night with a 3-1 win over Sydney united 58 FC. Please arrive early and support our 20's team.

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 second half of the season. "C'mon you Wolves".

Strebre Delovski Chief Executive Officer Wollongong Wolves FC



#### **MATCH PREVIEW**

#### **V NORTHBRIDGE BULLS**

Wollongong Wolves welcome Northbridge Bulls to WIN Stadium for this Round 13 fixture. Previously the clubs have met only on five occasions, with only two of the results actually counting, due to the pandemic, with a former player, who began his career at the Wolves, being Mile Sterjovski, the current coach of the Bulls. This should be a captivating confrontation.

# THE OPPOSITION TODAY - NORTHBRIDGE BULLS

For 2022 the club has signed new players Brodie Clarkson with Lachlan Rose joining after fulfilling his Macarthur Bulls requirements, amongst others.

This club was founded in 1952 and in 2014 was known as North Shore Mariners. In 2020 the club reverted to the Northbridge name and linked up with A-League club, Macarthur Bulls. The club won the State League Premiership and Championship in 2015 defeating Hills Brumbies 3-2. From the twenty-two games played, the team won eighteen with three draws and being defeated only once. Michael Cole, Lee Jones and Mark McAlpine were the Grand Final scorers in the eighth, sixteenth and sixty-eight minutes respectively.

In the abandoned 2021 season, after seventeen rounds the team was in tenth position on sixteen points from three wins and seven draws. Thirty-three goals were scored with thirty-one being conceded. The best result was 5-1 in Round 6 and 12 over Sydney FC and Sutherland Sharks while the least impressive one was 0-2 in the Round 2 Blacktown game. The top scorer was Rory lordan with four goals while fourteen players featured in the scoring department with one own goal. There were only three nil scores and the best result without loss was four matches, Rounds 12-15, win, draw, draw and draw. The quickest goal was in the second minute of Round 6 with Michael Ruhrs being the scorer. Multi scorers in a single match were Bul luach and Milos Popovic in Round 12. The Team of the Week selections were Rory Jordan with two followed by Lachlan Sepping, Thelph Thelph, Jake Hollman, Michael Ruhrs, Ryan Wood, Milos Popovic and McLoughlin with one each. The goal per game ratio was 1.88 and the win/loss ratio was 0.3.

#### THE MATCH - UP

The positions for the Northbridge and the Wolves on the ladder are twelfth and eighth with the home



team having four wins and two draws and the away team having one win and two draws. Northbridge has scored nineteen goals with the Wolves achieving twenty. Both teams have three nil scores.

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

The top scorers for WW and NB are Lachlan Scott and Diego Bonilla with eight and five goals respectively. Eight players have shared in the scoring opportunities for the Bulls with the Wolves equalling.

Northbridge's most impressive was 4-2 with the win in Round 4 against Sydney United, while the Wolves biggest result was 4-0 over Northbridge Bulls in Round 2.

Most of Northbridge goals so far this season are scored in the 31'-45 and 46'-60' time frames while conceding the bulk in the time frame 1'-15' and 61'-75' with six in each. Conversely, the majority of Wolves' goals emanate in the 61'-75' period of time with the most conceded in the last fifteen plus minutes of play. For Northbridge, most goals are scored and conceded in the first half of games. The Wolves scored the greater number of goals in the second half and share both halves equally in the conceding of goals to date.

In the last outing the Wolves were defeated 4-3 by Sydney United 58 and Northbridge succumbed to Sydney FC 6-2. The last scorer for each team is Lachlan Rose (NB) and Lachlan Scott, each with a brace.

#### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Hayden Durose is the Wolves custodian who is a consummate shot stopper with quite a few penalty kick saves on his record. He positions very effectively, is strong in the air and on the ground and has safe hands and is a quick thinker and mover and being fearless. He will guard his domain to the utmost.

Lachlan Sepping, player with A-League experience with parent club, Macarthur Bulls after playing in an FFA Cup match, takes free kicks at times and these seem to cause consternation in opposition

defences. As a midfield player, he has vision and anticipation to turn defence into attack.

#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

It was in Round 16 in the abandoned 2021 season. that the two teams met. The Mile Sterjovski coached Northbridge Bulls were Ryan Wood (GK), Jack McLoughlin, Nikola Ujdur, Keanu Ismic, Lachlan Sepping, Kyle Climenti, Bul Juach, Rory Jordan, Stephan De Robillard, Jake Jovanovski, and Moudi Najjar. Ollie Jones Anthony Krilic, Diego Bonilla, Eddie Caspers and Giovanni Pannucio replaced Ismic, Juach, De Robillard, Jovanovski and Najjar. The wolves comprised of Hayden Durose (GK), Nikola Djordjevic, and Dax Kelly. Marcus Beattie, Brendan Griffin, Nicholas Duarte, Leroy Jennings, Fletcher McFarlane, Evan Ball Bilal Belkadi and Lachlan Scott. lake Lavalle, Liam Wille, Harrison Taranto and Stefan Dimoski subbed on for Griffin, Duarte, McFarlane and Scott in the Luke Wilkshire coached team.

At Sydney United Sports Centre, it was the away team that opened the account. Scott had made an enterprising foray into space down the right before passing inward to Jennings. He in turn, from the right corner of the penalty area, was able to sweep the ball inside the far post in the seventh minute. Ten minutes later, a catastrophe for Wolves eventuated. Sepping pushed a pass for Juach who accelerated to leave a marker in the dust. He immediately played the ball across the face of goal. Djordjevic was facing his goal as he made an attempt to deal with luach's effort. However, the ball had other ideas and hit the bottom of the post and rebounded high to Djordjevic who had little option to clear and the ball went off him into the Wolves' domain for an own goal. The Bulls looked to sneak ahead when a back pass to Durose did not reach him. Juach chased but Durose came off his line to clear the ball but it deflected off luach's leg and traversed wide. A griffin indiscretion on Juach in the box led to a spot kick. Juach took the penalty but Durose was equal to the task and he denied the Bulls. However, Climenti managed to alter the scoreboard five minutes after the half hour. An incisive lordan pass allowed Climenti to produce the goods with his effort from the left striking the underside of the crossbar to lodge into the goal and get his team ahead.

Following the resumption of played after the break, the Wolves restored parity pretty quickly. Scott's released Jennings outside of his right foot slotted pass. Jennings moved forward and just before reaching the goal area line he shot. The ball went through the legs of the custodian in at the near post. The second half was an arm-wrestle as each team vied for the victory. Beattie went close by beating Wood but the ball was kept out put by the post. Jordan put an attempt wide and it was Dimoski who rose high to head home a Jennings cross in the final few minutes of the game.

# SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS MATCHES

- 1. 2020 Wollongong Wolves 2 (Thomas James x2) def by North Shore 3 (Panni Nikas, Emmanuel Peters, Mitchell Smith) Expunged match,
- 2. 2020 Wollongong Wolves 4 (Takeru Okada, Nick Littler, Lachlan Scott x2) def North Shore 1 (Lawrence Frederick)
- 3. 2021 Wollongong Wolves 0 defeated by Northbridge Bulls 1 (Moudi Najjar) Season Abandoned
- 4. 2021 Northbridge Bulls 2 (own goal, Kyle Climenti) defeated by Wollongong Wolves 3 (Leroy Jennings x2, Stefan Dimoski) Season Abandoned
- 2022 Northbridge Bulls 0 def by Wollongong Wolves 4 (Lachlan Scott x2, Joshua Macdonald, Peter Simonoski)

# THREE SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR NORTHBRIDGE - RYAN WOOD, STEFAN GIGLIO and ANTHONY ZECCHINATI.

Wood has been with since the 2017 Mens 2 season and in 2019 was in goal when the club won promotion to Mens 1. In 2019, he made played twenty-five starts with eleven more in 2020 and twelve in 2021.

Giglio was the incumbent custodian in 2016 and made twenty-five league appearances and fifteen in 2017.

Zecchinati was the custodian that helped secure the 2015 State League 1 Grand victory in 2015 after playing in the Grand Final the previous year versus Hakoah Sydney City East that unfortunately was a defeat. He made some telling saves in the winning Grand Final to help sure up the victory.

# THREE SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR WOLVES - ZLATKO JOSEVSKI, MICHAEL TURNBULL and AIDAN MUNFORD.

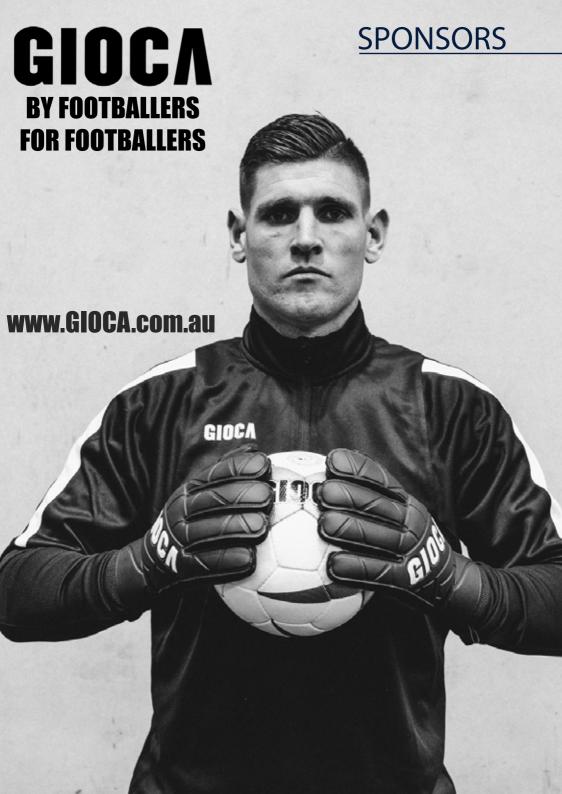
Turnbull made four league appearances and one finals outing with the club, being a mid season signing in 2008. His debut was versus Sydney United in Round 17 and the Major Semi-Final against Sutherland Sharks was his final appearance. After this encounter at Seymour Shaw Park in Miranda, he stated – 'we did enough to deserve the win. Now we have two weeks for a rest and to get our injuries right. ... I'm glad that I didn't concede any goals in the second half. I thought we were going to penalties.' During the match Turnbull produced fine form. He denied a one on one with Bradley Boardman and made some other telling saves. He was adept in taking high ball from set pieces and cut out crosses with confidence and skill.

Josevski was in goal in the 2007 season and came and went from Bankstown City Lions. He achieved eight league games and four cup games and was in goal for Cup final victory over Manly United. Against his former club, the custodian saved a penalty kick in the Round 9 encounter. Following this match he stated –'we deserved a bit of luck today. I had the bonus of practicing about a hundred penalties from that bloke'. This was Nahuel Arrarte.' Josevski was a custodian that liked to sweep and come off his line. He had safe hands and moved quickly.

Two appearances were made by Munford in the 2021 campaign. He played in the Rounds 1 and 2 with the opposition being Rockdale Ilinden and Manly United respectively. Munford took corners with skill and denied a striker that looked likely to score in his second match. He left the Wolves to sign for Brisbane Roar and now Lions FC.

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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#### **FEATURE STRORY**

#### **SPOT - PART 2**

The original Part 1 edition of 'Spot' was published in a 2019 match day program with the following players Jeff Ainsworth, Daniel Aliffi, Lee Adam, Patrick Antelmi, Matthew Bailey, Peter Beggs, Zivko Hristovski, Thomas James, Steve Karavatakis, Jock Morlando, Andrew Paine, Mark Picciolini, Ilija Prenzoski, Peter Simonoski, Anthony Surjan, Peter Willis, Stuart Young, Charlie Yankos and Ricky Zucco, all being successful converters from the 'spot'. These are the successful spot kicks. Some of the latter names will feature below in other circumstances with many familiar names amongst them. One player features a number of times.

The most recent penalty kick conversion at the time of writing was in the Round 5 Australian Cup match with Waverley Old Boys played at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda on Wednesday 18th May 2022. It emanated in the one hundred and nineteenth minute, the final minute of extra time. Substitute Peter Simonoski came on to score a brace with his penalty kick being his second strike.

Another spot eventuated in the 2022 season in the Australian Cup Round 4 rendezvous with Western Rage. Nicholas Duarte was inconvenienced when he burst into the penalty area. He took the resultant spot kick, burying the ball into goal, giving the custodian little chance of saving. 'It is always good to get on the score sheet.'

Stuart Young converted three penalty kicks. Bruce Stadium, in Round 30 of the 1999/00 season, a sixty-fourth minute penalty conversion was his second of four goals. The Cosmos custodian brought down Scott Chipperfield, sending the shot stopper off for his misdemeanor with Young duly converting against the substitute 'keeper. Earlier in the season he converted against South Melbourne in the thirtysixth minute. He achieved again his 2000/01 Round 1 spot kick at WIN Stadium against Perth Glory. Scott Chipperfield was impeded and it surprised him that a penalty kick was awarded. Young made no mistake and converted strongly with his customary left foot. A thirty-first minute penalty kick was awarded in this Round 5 encounter in the 2000/01 season versus Brisbane Strikers. A one two between Sasho Petrovski and Scott Chipperfield saw the later being brought down. Young hit it home without any fuss. Again in Round 24, Northern Spirit felt the brunt of his left foot in the twenty-first minute. The Football Kingz in 2000/01 on ten minutes went behind through Young's achievement. Max Nicholson was fouled and Young stepped for the resultant spot kick to dispatch it to perfection in 2001/02 Round 2. Another conversion was in the 2002/03 season with a thirty-seventh minute a strike against Perth Glory.

Two penalty kicks by Lachlan Scott are featured. A twentieth minute penalty followed a handball infringement at Belmore Sports Ground versus Sydney Olympic in the 2021 Round 4 fixture. He sent his spot kick down the centre of the goal over the diving custodian who went to his left. In the 2021 Round 12 Rockdale Ilinden encounter, the striker scored the first goal of the match in the fiftieth minute. Leroy Jennings burst into the penalty area running onto Scott's though pass. The opposition custodian ventured forward and collided with Jennings. A penalty kick was awarded. Scott took the spot kick and projected the ball into the right lower corner of the goal.

Striker Ricky Zucco also scored two penalties in separate seasons. A handball by a Marconi defender allowed him to convert his ensuing spot kick. His shot was powered to the right of a diving custodian in the seventieth minute of this 2013 Round 15 clash. The other emanated in 2014 Round 3 clash with Sydney Olympic at WIN Stadium. It came in the fifty-fifth minute when wing/back Jack Keating rampaged into the box before being impeded by an Olympic defender. The referee pointed to the spot quite quickly as he was in no doubt. Zucco powered his kick straight down the middle of the goal to nestle high in the Olympic domain.

It was way back in the first round of 1987 that Frank Demertzis scored his only goal in his only appearance in first grade. It was in the first minute of play against Uruguayan-Penrith at Cook Park.

Against APIA in 2007 Round 17 fixture Daniel Aliffi had put pressure onto a defender who hand balled as a consequence. Aliffi's right-footed penalty kick flew into the top right corner of the goal beyond the outstretched custodian, in the twenty-eight minute at Crehan Park.

In the final match of the 2009 season at Leichhardt

Oval, Brian Vanega was causing trouble in the penalty area only to be impeded. A penalty was awarded. Jamie McMaster, a former APIA player just six weeks before this encounter, placed the ball wide of the custodian who had dived in the correct direction but could not prevent the shot.

In the penultimate play of the 2000/01 season, Northern Spirit was the adversary at North Sydney Oval. A forty-seventh minute penalty ensued and Scott Chipperfield converted the team's second of the four goal tally. Earlier in the season, he achieved in the seventy-third minute versus Eastern Pride after a push in the box led to the penalty after a prior Wolves penalty was missed. In Round

A Sutherland Sharks defender hauled down Nicolas Bernal. Yuzo Tashiro took the spot, drilling the ball precisely and with composure into the Sharks domain in season 2017 in Round 8 at Seymour Shaw Park.

At Pratten Park, Ashfield in the 1982 season, Lee Adam converted in the thirteenth minute against Sydney Olympic for the only score of the Round 15 match. Roy Cotton progressed into the Olympic box but a defender knocked him down unceremoniously. Adam duly dispatched his strong effort beyond the custodian.

In the 1983 season in Round 17 with the opposition being Preston Makedonia, defender Peter Willis hit his spot kick home in the forty-fourth minute. Striker Phil O'Connor was severely dealt with the penalty area. Willis rifled his kick high into the top of the goal. He also converted in the Round 13 Sydney 1985 Croatia competition match at Edensor Park.

A fifty-fifth minute spot kick was awarded in the 1986 season in the Round 4 Inter-Monaro. A handball indiscretion led to Peter Kotamanidis thumping the ball in from the centre of the box.

In the Ampol Cup game of 1986, Rade Stefanovski was fouled with a quarter of an hour to spare. It was David Batten who pushed the spot kick but it was not enough for his team to progress.

Dino Menillo scored an eighty-minute penalty in the Round 25 encounter with Adelaide Force in 2002/03 season after Shane Lyons was wrestled down.

In the 1993/94 season versus South Melbourne in Round 4 a defender was penalized and sent off for his action. Defender Mike O'Shea took the resultant penalty and rammed it into the goal in the sixty-first minute. O'Shea achieved a second one in Round 7 with a Sydney United defender seeing red. O'Shea did not having any trouble to score.

A thirty-ninth minute strike from Peter Murray was the third of his team's goals. An Adrian Cervinski shot on target was finger tipped over. However, it was not the custodian and Murray slotted it in.

Vaughn Coveny struck a fifty fourth minute spot kick in the 1994/95 season in the fifteenth round drawing with Marconi 2-2 and winning on the penalty kicks that was in this season to decide drawn matches.

With West Adelaide being the opposition in Round 30 in the 1995/96 season, striker Mario Jermen hit home in the twelfth minute

A ninth minute penalty against West Adelaide saw Anthony Surjan propelling the ball home from the spot. This was the initial goal of the 1996/97 Round



23 match though the opposition scored three. Surjan converted another in the subsequent season in Round 7. In the sixth minute he sent the Adelaide Sharks custodian the wrong way after a handball was enacted. The Gippsland Falcons were also find themselves facing a successful Surjan penalty in the Round 8 game after Alvin Ceccoli was interfered with and again in Round 13 against Carlton a tug of a shirt was enacted in the twenty-sixth minute. In the 1998/99 season he converted another versus Melbourne Knights in the seventeenth minute and in the same season hit home versus Marconi in Round 28.

Also in the 1996/97 season, midfielder Jason Connolly got into the action. A hand decision went against a Perth Glory defender who was subsequently marched. Connolly did earn the honours with a successful attempt.

While it is not too easy to convert a penalty kick, most are successful. However, it all depends on a number of factors such as the composure, the power, technique and accuracy of the taker. While the odds are strongly stacked in the penalty taker's favour, misses and custodian saves are inevitable. A case in point was Sam Kerr's penalty miss in the

2020 Tokyo Olympics that happened in 2021. The ever-reliable goal scorer Kerr took her spot shot, which was ultimately saved by the Swedish custodian in the opening round. Even the best player can miss the opportunity. Some examples of big names who have spurned penalty opportunities include Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Antonio Di Natale, Francesco Totti, Cristiano Ronaldo, David Beckham, Roberto Baggio, David Trezeguet, Zico, Michael Platini, Mark Viduka and Lionel Messi, while Matt Le Tissier of Southampton fame, missed only one from forty-nine attempts.

However, it is kudos to Lee Adam, Daniel Aliffi, David Batten, Nicolas Bernal, Vaughan Coveny, Frank Demertzis, Nicholas Duarte, Peter Kotamandis, Jamie McMaster, Peter Murray, Mike O'Shea, Lachlan Scott, Peter Simonoski, Anthony Surjan, Yuzo Tashiro, Stuart Young, Peter Willis and Ricky Zucco who have all converted their 'spot' kicks for the Wollongong Wolves.

By Malcolm Rowney

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













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# **1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS**



- 2 **Daniel Goni**
- 3 Darcy Madden
- 4 Nikola Diordievic
- 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 lames Stojcevski
- 18 **Evan Ball**
- 19 lake Lavalle
- 20 **Kuot Maliet**
- 21 lacob Madden
- 22 Leroy lennings
- 24 Lachlan Scott
- 25 Nav Darjani

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- 1 Nick Suman (GK)
- 2 lack Mcloughlin
- 3 Nathan Dimou
- 4 **Anthony Sparacino**
- 5 Ante Krilic
- 6 Moudi Najjar
- 7 Mason Wells
- 8 **Brodie Clarkson**
- 9 Diego Bonilla
- 10 Rory Jordan
- 11 Stephen De Robillard
- 12 Marcus Sparacino
- 13 lames Cakcovski
- 14 Al Hassan Toure
- 15 **Eddie Caspers**
- 16 Oliver Iones
- 17 led Drew
- 18 Michael Ruhs
- 19 Lachlan Sepping
- 20 Levi Kaye
- 21 lake Holman
- 37 **Lachlan Rose**

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# **1ST GRADE LADDER**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	12	7	3	2	37	25	12	24
2	APIA Leichhardt FC	12	7	2	3	30	19	11	23
3	Marconi Stallions FC	12	6	4	2	27	18	9	22
4	Blacktown City FC	12	7	1	4	24	16	8	22
5	Sydney Olympic FC	12	6	3	3	20	14	6	21
6	Rockdale Ilinden FC	12	6	3	3	22	17	5	21
7	Manly United FC	12	6	3	3	16	11	5	21
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	12	4	2	6	20	19	1	14
9	Sydney United 58 FC	12	4	2	6	19	30	-11	14
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	12	3	0	9	15	25	-10	9
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	12	1	3	8	21	38	-17	6
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	12	1	2	9	19	38	-19	5





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#### **FEATURE STORY**

#### **EIGHT**

How many matches have there been that featured 'eight' goals in total? If you said seven times you would be correct. In fact, the scores were 8-0, 4-4 in three instances, 5-3 and 3-5 plus 6-2. When did these games post these scores?

#### 8-0

It was in the 1997/98 at Brandon Park when the Wollongong Wolves put Canberra Cosmos to the sword in this round10 clash. Scott Chipperfield got the ball rolling into the net in the twentieth minute and a minute later, Esala Masi joined the scoring party, which was indeed followed by Alvin Ceccoli in the twenty-fifth minute. Chipperfield added two more before the half time break in the thirty-sixth and fortieth minutes. Anthony Surian followed suit four minutes into the second half before Chipperfield added his fourth in the fifty-fifth minute. With five minutes of the match remaining Ray Younnis got onto the score sheet for number eight. The team personnel also consisted of Adam Brodbeck (GK). Robert Stanton, Matt Horsley, Michael Reda, George Souris, Tony Perenich and David Huxley. Noel Spencer and Colin Luff came on as substitutes.

#### 4-4

A four all draw was the result in the 2013 season also in Round 10. The Wolves began the scoring when Ricky Zucco goaled in the eighth minute and three minutes later Mitchell Del Turco did likewise. APIA pulled one back through Jason Oswell in the eighteenth minute and then converted a penalty with Nick Taneski. Wolves' John Martinoski restored parity just two minutes on. However APIA punched back in the fifty-second minute through Oswell again to achieve his brace. Del Turco also did likewise two minutes on and his team was in the lead once more. However, with three minutes to go, Franco Parisi bobbed up to gain the equalizer.

Other than the scorers, the Richard Lloyd coached team consisted of Daniel Collison (GK), Jack Keating, Michael Robinson, Jacob Timpano (Capt), Sam Chapple, Sam Matthews, Zak Mackenzie, and Peter Simonoski. Chris Nathaniel, Joseph Lavalle and Matthew Floro were the on field replacements.

Brace scorer Del Turco -'It was good to get the two goals but a win would have been a bit sweeter....

their last goal hurts the most.' Lloyd - 'It was a great start being 2-0 up, then once again we gave the ball away.'

#### 5-3

Sydney FC went to an early lead on ten minutes in 2021 with Patrick Wood scoring. Four minutes later, Marcus Beattie equalized before Nav Darjani scored his initial club goal with Lachlan Scott adding a third. Wood attained his brace before Daniel Loe also scored his debut club goal, with an own goal adding to Sydney's score sheet.

The Luke Wilkshire coached side other than the scorers were, Hayden Durose (GK), Taylor McDonald, Darcy Madden, Brendan Griffin, Leroy Jennings, Fletcher MacFarlane, Evan Ball, with substitutes who played an on field role being Jake Lavalle, Jarvis Patterson, Stefan Dimoski, Harrison Taranto and Liam Wille

#### 4-4

The initial 4-4 score line occurred in 1996/97 NSL season against Collingwood Warriors at Brandon Park on the 20th April 1997. It was Round 26, the final game of the season. Collingwood's' Andy Vlahos hit the first goal in the fourteenth minute before Scott Chipperfield restored parity eight minutes later. Con Boutsianos put Collingwood ahead once more Just before half time Noel Spencer for the Wolves and Collingwood's Paul Della Rocca attained. Three second half goals were achieved. In order the achievers were Matt Horsley (WW), Peter Di Iorio (CW) and Sonny Sevin (WW). The team also was Adam Brodbeck, Sebastian Sinozic, Alvin Ceccoli, Gary Van Egmond, Stephen Laybutt, Sasho Dimoski and Martin Bourke with Neil Harlock. Colin Luff and Anthony Surjan joining the fray as substitutes.

#### 3-5

The Wolves were on the other end of this match, a 2006 Round with three goals in the kick and Marconi with five. It was Daniel Aliffi who fired his team to the front before Tony Faria got his team rolling. The Wolves' Adam Casey restored the lead for his team. Aliffi achieved his brace before half time. However, Faria achieved his hat trick scoring in the sixtieth and ninety-first minutes of play with Vuko Tomacevic

adding the extras in the ninety-second minute to sure up his team's victory. The Wolves with the exclusion of the goal scorers were Nathan Denham (GK), Chris Price, Andrew Mumford, Steve Hayes, Dustin Wells, Ballamodou Conde, (Capt.) Darren McDonald, Ian Waldon, and Dean Kerr. Wayne Gibson and Andrew Lazarou entered the field from the bench.

#### 4-4

Eight goals emanated two years after the first draw of this nature in the Adelaide City versus Wollongong Wolves encounter in the 1998/99 Round 21 fixture at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide. Adelaide's Carl Veart opened the scoring proceedings before the Wolves struck with an Anthony Surjan penalty kick. Before the half time break, Matt Horsley, Scott Chipperfield and Steve Karavatakis achieved to put the away team in the paramount position. However after the break, Adelaide added three with Damian Mori, then Veart achieved his brace, with Mori following to add his second with four minutes left on the clock. The Wolves were also Les Pogliacomi (GK), Robert Stanton, Sebastian Sinozic, Michael Brooks, Noel Spencer, David Huxley, Esala Masi and Paul Reid. Substitutes were Sasho Dimoski, Karavatakis and Damon Langan who came on.

#### 6-2

A second appearance for Adelaide City in an eight goal thriller was in the 2000/01 season in Round 30, the final fixture. Scott Chipperfield was to the fore with a four goal haul in the eleventh, fifty-first, seventieth and seventy-seventh minutes Wit h Robert Stanton and Sasho Petrovski adding in the twenty-eighth and eighty third minutes respectively. Adelaide's Scott Tunbridge got one in the forty-fifth minute before a consolation spot kick was converted by Claudio Pelosi a minute before full time. The team also consisted of Dean Anastasiadis, Alvin Ceccoli, Robert Stanton, David Cervinski, Matt Horsley, Paul Reid, David Huxley, Ben Blake, and Robbie Middleby (who was red carded). Max Nicholson and Jay Lucas had on field roles as substitutes.

'Eight' goals in a match is certainly not a regular occurrence but when this happens they are a certainly are feast for the eyes of the supporters.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Coach and player comments are from the writer's post match interviews and included in the his match reports at the time.)





### **TEAM OF THE WEEK**





#### **HEADING**

#### **OWN IT**

When players put the ball into their own nets to contribute to the opposition's score card, they may experience a sinking feeling. If it happens the reverse way, then the team is happy for their contribution though maybe having some sympathy for the perpetrator. However, despite the feelings of those concerned, they really have to 'own it' and then move on. In one instance, the player scored an own goal and then indeed, recovered to score at the correct end. It is not the intention of this article to name any of these players.

As far as it can verified, there have been twentytwo league and one cup own goals that have been scored by the Wolves for the opposition, while on the other side of the ledger, there has been eighteen that the opposition has put into their own net for the benefit of the Wolves. Balls that have skimmed off the head, skewed off the foot or rebounded off the body are amongst the examples of these own goals.

There have been three Wolves players who have put the ball into their own nets on two occasions each and all played in the back line. The regularity of this event happening for these three players was varied. One did the deed two seasons apart, one scored twice in the same season and the other's own goals were five seasons apart.

Clubs that benefitted by the Wolves own goals include Newcastle United, Sydney United, Adelaide Force, South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia, Brisbane Strikers, Manly United and Central Coast Academy.

The earliest time an own goal was credited was in the 1981 season and the season in which most were scored, was in 1983, with four in total. The most recent time was in 2021.

Amongst these, was a Wolves' goalkeeper who was credited.

The earliest own goal scored by the adversary who was assigned to the Wolves was in the 1983 season with the last instance being in 2017. Two examples came in the following seasons, 1989, 1991/92, 1992/93 and 1998/99. On occasions, the own goal was the only one of the match.

The incidences of own goals by opposition clubs are APIA Leichhardt, which scored three times, which was the highest club incidence in tandem with Perth Glory. Other clubs to have assisted the Wolves' scores were Macarthur Rams, West Adelaide, Melbourne Knights, St. George, Blacktown City, Parramatta Power, Sutherland Sharks, Sydney United, Gippsland Falcons and South Melbourne.

Own goals are part and parcel of the game though nobody likes to be credited. Thirty-eight of these goals have played a small part in the history of the Wolves and the other teams mentioned.

By Malcolm Rowney





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## **U20 TEAM LISTS**



- 1 Tommy Butkovic
- 2 Ben Giason
- 3 Ryan Mrvcic
- 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



- 23 Daniel Milicic
- 24 Matthew O'Donoghue
- 25 Charlie Ragg
- 26 Abbas Karnib
- 27 Corev Smith
- 28 Jacob Garner
- 29 Anthony Idehen
- 31 Luka Sterjovski
- 32 Jacob Maniti
- 33 Alexander Trajanoski
- 34 Nick Panuccio
- 35 Amanhom Khamiz
- 36 Kual Mien
- 38 Flynn Madden
- 39 Sebastian Hernandez
- 40 Grifffin Barry

Coach: Damir Prodanovic Assistant Coach: Panny Nikas GK Coach: John Stevanja

Physiotherapist: Anthony Frketic

# **U20 LADDER**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	11	8	2	1	26	7	19	26
2	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	7	1	3	19	9	10	22
3	Manly United FC	11	6	1	4	17	13	4	19
4	Sydney Olympic FC	10	6	0	4	15	13	2	18
5	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	9	5	2	2	27	15	12	17
6	Sydney FC	8	5	1	2	17	10	7	16
7	Marconi Stallions FC	10	4	1	5	14	16	-2	13
8	Rockdale Ilinden FC	12	3	4	5	20	27	-7	13
9	Northbridge Bulls FC	12	3	2	7	14	24	-10	11
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	12	3	2	7	12	26	-14	11
11	APIA Leichhardt FC	11	2	4	5	13	18	-5	10
12	Sydney United 58 FC	11	2	0	9	9	25	-16	6

# **GOLDEN BOOT TALLY**

Name (Team)	Goals
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	13
Mark Jesic (Marconi)	12
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	10
Jason Romero (APIA)	10
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	9
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	8
Sean Symons (APIA)	8
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	8
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	7
Zachary Sapsford (Sydney FC)	7



## **NEXT ROUND FIXTURES**

# MANLY UNITED FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC

7:00 PM / FRI 3 JUN CROMER PARK

### MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC

7:00 PM / FRI 3 JUN POPONDETTA PARK

# NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC

3:00 PM / SAT 4 JUN
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

#### APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC

5:30 PM / SAT 4 JUN LAMBERT PARK

### MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS BLACKTOWN CITY FC

7:00 PM / SAT 4 JUN MARCONI STADIUM

# SYDNEY FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC

6:30 PM / SUN 5 JUN
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE







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# FIXTURES 2022 HOME GAMES



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

7:30 PM Sydney FC Fri, 18th Mar 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 Sydney United 58 **R10** 3:00 PM Albert Butler Memorial Park 7:30 PM Fri, 27th May Northbridge Bulls FC **R13** Fri, 17th Jun APIA Leichhardt FC 7:30 PM **R16** Sat. 25th lun 6:00 PM Manly United FC **R17** 

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