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CLUB WELCOME



This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Sydney United 58 FC to Sir Ian McLennan Oval for our round 12 fixture in the NPL competition.

The last fortnight has seen the Wolves register two strong wins against Blacktown City 3-1 and Sutherland 1-0. Back to back wins by the first team has turned the season around and sit only 7 points off top spot in what is a very congested ladder.

Last week against Sutherland, the Wolves showed enormous fight and determination to secure the three points. It would have been easy to sit back and defend for 30 minutes after Leroy Jennings sending off in the 61st minute, however the boys scored a great counter attacking goal shortly after the send off and then fought extremely hard to take the 3 points.

This Sunday we take on our fierce rivals, Sydney Utd 58 FC. Over the past 4 years we have had some tough battles and this weekend will be no different. Sydney Utd sit only 3 points behind the Wolves, so this is an extremely important match for both clubs to stay in touch with the top 5.

The Wolves U20's team also returned to the winners circle last week with a 1-0 victory against Sutherland FC and continue to sit second on the 20's table.

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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 SYDNEY UNITED 58

Sydney United 58, runners up in the 2019 Waratah Cup, FFA Cup Round Of 32 achievers and 2020 NSW Mens 1 Champions, are in the Illawarra for the Round 12 clash with the Wollongong Wolves. This encounter should be a captivating concern at Albert Butler Park.

Since 2013, in the fourteen matches played between Sydney United 58 and Wollongong Wolves, each team has attained a tally of thirty and fourteen goals in matches against each other for a goal per game ratio of 2.14 and 1.0 respectively. The clubs first met in 1984 at Dapto Showground in Round 6. It was a 2-1 victory to the Wolves with the scorers being Ray Farrell, Peter Kotamanidis (WW) and Ken Boden (SU).

THE OPPOSITION TODAY - SYDNEY UNITED 58

The new coach is Miro Vlastelica after incumbent Joe Haywood was relieved of his position after Round 9. Haywood had made two astute signings for the 2020 Championship winners including Kyle Cimenti from Rockdale Ilinden and Macarthur Bulls and Japanese import Taisei Kaneko to complement the long standing members of the squad.

Since being formed in 1957 many honours have been achieved by the club and one such attainment was the 2006 Premier League Championship. The fourth placed team played Blacktown City in the Grand Final after defeating Marconi 3-0 and Bankstown City Lions 6-5 on penalties after 1-1 after extra time in the Semi-Final and Preliminary Final respectively. In the Grand Final the team won 4-0 with striker Luka Glavas scoring all four goals in the tenth, twenty-fifth, fiftieth and seventy-seventh minutes. Coached by Jean-Paul Marigny, together with Glavas, the team squad included Mathew Cox, Ante Juric, Dean Culina, Mile Jedinak, Joe Vrkic (Capt.) Mitchell Thompson, Troy Halpin, Marko Filipovic, Jim Bakis, Tallan Martin, Pablo Cardozo, Lisandro Berbis, Petar Markovic, Greg Owens and Robert Napoleane.

In the abandoned 2021 season, after the seventeen rounds, Sydney United was second on the table with thirty-two points from nine wins and five draws. The team scored thirty-one goals with Patrick Antelmi being the top scorer with fourteen goals and eight players in total contributed to the scoring. Six nil

scores eventuated which was the equal highest in the competition. 5-0 was the highest score in Round 10 versus Manly United with the least impressive being 1-5 in the Northbridge Bulls Round 6 fixture. The best result sequence without loss was eight matches Rounds 7-14, draw, draw, draw, win, win, win, win and draw. Antelmi scored the fastest goal, a second minute strike in Round 13 against Sydney FC and he was also a multi scorer in a single game, a hat trick in Round 10, a brace in Rounds 2 and 13. Team Of The Week selections were Antelmi with five, followed by Matt Sim (2), Adrian Vlastelica (2) and Jordan Roberts, Chris Payne, Daniel Nizic and Glen Trifiro with one apiece. The Win/loss ratio was 0.75 and the goal per game ratio was 1.82.

Sydney United 58 has completed the previous five seasons in 1st, 7th, 3rd, 4th and 3rd positions. (2021 was not counted).



THE MATCH - UP

Since the first league meeting between the two clubs in 1984, the Wolves have won nineteen times compared with Sydney United 58's forty-two with only one 0-0 draw. Sydney United 58 lead in the number of attained goals leading one hundred and twenty-nine to seventy-seven. In the 2022 league the Wolves have scored sixteen while the team from Edensor Park has three less.

The Wolves and Sydney United occupy eighth and ninth positions on the standings respectively with the Wolves having four wins to Sydney United's three. Most number of goals in a single match between the two sides was nine, with the Wolves winning 6-3 in 2012. Sydney United 's biggest win was 5-1 on three occasions in 1975, 2006 and 2014. Conversely, the Wolves biggest margin win was 4-0 in 2015. In the 2022 competition thus far, Sydney United's best score was 3-2 versus Sutherland Sharks while Wolves defeated Northbridge Bulls 4-0 to be their highest tally.

The top scorers of each team at this stage of the competition are Kyle Cimenti and Chris Payne together on four and Lachlan Scott on six, while eight players for the Wolves and five for Sydney United 58 have shared in the scoring. Both teams have had three nil scores. The most recent goals scorer for each team was Joshua Macdonald (WW) and Chris Payne (SU58).

Most of Sydney United goals are scored in the 46 to 60 and 75 to 90+ minute time periods of matches while conceding most in the 61-75 minute time frame. The team has scored most goals in the second half with nine while conceding thirteen in both halves. (Up to R10) Most of the Wolves' goals are scored in the second half while conceding most goals marginally in the second half. The greater majority of goals are scored in the 61-75 time frame while conceding most in the last fifteen minutes of games.

The result sequence for the last five reads - WW - win, draw loss win and win, SU58 - loss, loss, loss, loss and draw.

The results from the previous round saw the Wolves defeating by Sutherland 1-0 with Sydney United

drawing 2-2 with APIA Leichhardt.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sydney United striker Patrick Antelmi has scored a fair tally of goals in season 2021 as in his many other seasons. He is a consistent goal achiever and will be out to cause damage to one of his former teams in this fixture. He is fast and produces a deadly shot.

The Wolves' Banri Kanaizumi is a central defender with poise, safety and composure and goes about his business with the minimum of fuss. He intercepts with precisions whether the ball's in the air or on the ground and his passing is direct. He is a consummate defender and has a goal to his credit as well this season.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

On 1st March 2001 in Round 25 Sydney United consisted of Brett Hughes, Elvis Orlic, Richard Plesa, Nahuel Arrarte, Tom Pondeljak, Tom Maric, Ante Deur, Atytec Genc, Commins Menapi, Francis Awaritefe and Shane Webb. Danny Burt, Kain Rastall and Goran Talevski replaced Maric, Genc and Awaritefe respectively. Wollongong was Dean Anastasidis, George Souris, Alvin Ceccoli, Matt Horsley, Paul Reid, Sasho Petrovski, Stuart Young, David Huxley, Ben Blake, Dino Mennillo and Robbie Middleby.

This match was a closely fought encounter with the Wolves scoring first at Edensor Park. Midfielder Huxley scored in the fiftieth minute and kept their advantage for twenty-six minutes until Talevski equalised. Despite opportunities, neither side could add to the score line with a point shared being the ultimate result.

SCORES AND SCORERS FROM THE PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

1. 2019. Sydney United 2 (Jordan Roberts, Tariq Maia) drew with Wolves 2 (Thomas James, Nikola Djordjevic)
2. 2019 Wollongong Wolves 1 (Thomas James) defeated by Sydney United 2 (Tariq Maia, Matthew Sim)
3. 2020. Sydney United 58 3 (Josh McDonald, Patrick Antelmi x2) defeated Wollongong Wolves

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4. 2021. Sydney United 58 0 drew with Wollongong Wolves 0

5. 2022. Sydney United 58 1 (Adrian Vlastelica) def Wollongong Wolves 0

SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR SYDNEY UNITED 58 – JOHN KRAJNOVIC, TOM MANOS and STEVE WATSON.

Krajnovic played for Sydney United in the 1989 and 1989/90 seasons to make a total of nineteen appearances, eighteen in his first season and one in the subsequent campaign. He made his debut in Round 2 versus South Melbourne and he achieved a clean sheet. In addition he did likewise against the Wolves in Round 17. His final game for United was in Round 2 St. George game at Edensor Park in the 1989/00 season.

Manos was on the books at Sydney United 58 after departing the Wolves at the end of the 2015 season. He has been at Edensor Park from 2016 to 2020 and is now at Melbourne Knights. At Sydney United he made ninety-eight league appearances with finals and cups putting his total well over the one hundred mark. He was in The Grand final winning team of 2016 and part of the squad for the 2021 championship victory. Following the 2019 Round 14 Wolves-Sydney United match he stated-'It was a good game from both teams. We got tested in the first half fairly early and for the majority of that half. Once we got the ball and started moving we caused them some problems. We got the goal, which was good going into half time... The Wolves are a quality side, they are not first for no reason. We went into our shells once we conceded but as the half went on and we got the ball on the deck we looked like the team that was going to win and we got the late goal....It (the Wolves) is a special club for me... I loved being there.'

Watson played fifty-two games from 1984 to 1986 achieving nineteen clean sheets.

SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR WOLLONGONG WOLVES – LES POGLIACOMI, STACY ALOGDELLIS and KIRI VELKOV.

Pogliacomì guarded the Wolves' domain for two seasons, 1988/89 and 1989/90 making a total of fifty-six appearances. He also played in four finals matches culminated in the epic Grand Final against

Perth Glory when he saved three penalties to greatly assist in winning the NSL Championship. His debut was in the Round 14 Sydney Olympic sojourn in the 1998/99 season with his final game being at Subiaco Oval in the Grand Final of season 1999/00.

Alogdellis played four league games in 2006 and one cup as a replacement against Dandaloo in the Cup. He was at the club for one season only.

Velkov played six games in goal in the 1985 season from Rounds 16 to 21 with the opposition for his debut and final game being Penrith City and Canberra City. He achieved one clean sheet.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH CLUBS - MILE STERJOVSKI and DEAN HEFFERNAN

Striker Sterjovski began his career at Wollongong Wolves making just two appearances as a replacement, for Bill Gjakovski and Lupcho Naumovski in the 1995/96 NSL season in Rounds 31 and 32. Following on, he landed at Sydney United for the 1997/98 season making a total of thirty-five starts in a two-season stint. He attained twenty goals in this time frame, with eighteen in his second season at the club. He went to play to play for Wollongong United, Parramatta Power, Lille FC, FC Basel, Hacettepe in Turkey, Derby County, Perth Glory, Dalian Aerbin in China and Central Coast Mariners.

The defender Heffernan played one season with each club, in 2002 with the Wolves and at Sydney United 58 in 2003/04 with twenty and eighteen appearances respectively. He one scored at each club with his Wolves goal coming in the Round 17 Football Kingz clash on fifty-one minutes while his debut Sydney United 58 goal was in Round 25 versus Perth Glory, scored in the seventy-eight minute. Heffernan was a reliable defender, with good aerial ability and went to play at Central Coast Mariners in the A-League, and also Melbourne Heart, Perth Glory and Western Sydney Wanderers. Overseas stints with FC Nurnberg, Liaoning Whowin and Huddersfield Town were interspersed in between A League clubs.

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 STROYRY

CUP

Since a 2022 Australia Cup fifth round was played in the previous week against Waverley Old Boys, it is pertinent to take a look at the 'cup.' In the this competition, the Wolves have played in the New South Wales run competition in many seasons and the ones since the 2004/05 season are in the sights with a number of facts that have been tabulated. The 'Cup' has also during this time, had a number of different names depending on sponsors including the Tiger Turf Cup, McDonalds Cup and Continental Tyres Cup in addition with other nomenclature as Waratah Cup and FFA Cup and now Australian Cup.

NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED

Up until and including the Mount Druitt Town Rangers match in 2019, the team has run onto the field on forty-nine occasions in cup games.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT GOAL SCORERS

A total of forty-six different players have scored cup goals in the previous fourteen seasons.

MOST GOALS SCORED IN SINGLE GAME

Eleven was the total number of goals scored in a solitary match by the one team and it was 11-0 versus Coledale Waves in 2019. Another eleven goals were scored in 2015 with ten by the Wolves and one by Yagoona FC in their match up.

MOST INDIVIDUAL PLAYER GOALS SCORED IN A SINGLE MATCH

Five goals was the highest individual tally in one match and striker Stefan Dimoski accomplished this feat versus Coledale Waves in 2019. Second was Ricky Zucco with four against Hurstville Zagreb in 2014.

HAT TRICK

Two players have achieved hat tricks and these players were Bradley Welch, Peter Simonoski and Nicholas Duarte. Welch hit three versus Yagoona in 2015 and Simonoski was to the fore against Spirit FC also in 2015, while Duarte hit his treble versus Western Rage in 2022.

BRACE

Thomas James scored a brace versus Pittwater RSL in 2019.

PLAYERS WHO SCORED MORE THAN ONE CUP GOAL.

The following players have accomplished two or more goals in the 'Cup', with these being in alphabetical order, Daniel Aliffi, Matthew Bailey, Tayfun Buyukopru, Stefan Dimoski, Keiran Deane, Nicholas Duarte, Osagie Ederaro, Corey Gameiro, Adam Hughes, Thomas James, Bul Juach, Samet Kaynak, Cameron Littler, Shane McGirr, Darcy Madden, Jordan Murray, Tory Musumeci, Jordan Nikolovski, Stewart Petrie, Mark Picciolini, Michael Prentice Ilija Prenzowski, Chris Price, Lachlan Scott, Peter Simonoski, Bradley Welch and Ricky Zucco.

LONGEST TIME PERIODS BETWEEN CUP GOALS

Chris Price attained an eight-year time period between strikes with a goal in the 2007 Greenisland encounter and his succeeding one in 2014 against Manly United. Matthew Bailey had a six-year gap with his first goal in the 2008 Granville Rage game and in the 2014 versus Hurstville Zagreb.

WIN ON PENALTIES

In 2014, a 4-3 penalty shoot win eventuated against Sutherland and in the year prior a 5-3 win came at the expense of Manly United after it was 0-0 and 1-1 after regulation respectively.

DEFEAT BY PENALTIES

Following a 2-2 draw in 2008, the Wolves suffered a 4-5-penalty loss to Granville Rage for the team's solitary appearance in the competition that season.

AFTER EXTRA TIME

Three matches went into extra time and in the one hundred and twenty minutes total time a final score resulted. It was 2-2 between the Wolves and Parramatta FC in 2014 after ninety minutes concluded with a 5-3 end result. Dandaloo Fury in 2006 worked a 2-2 draw with the home team and the final result was a victory to the Wolves with the addition of one more goal. It was 2-2 in 2011 until the Wolves struck on four minutes before the extra thirty minutes were up.

MOST CLUBS PLAYED

A number of clubs have featured as the opposition

on multiple occasions. The highest number is four with Manly United and Parramatta FC being these clubs, with Spirit FC and Bankstown City Lions being second on the list with three appearances apiece.

CUP FINAL VICTORY

Played at Seymour Shaw Park on 8th July 2007, the Wolves defeated Manly United 3-2 with Daniel Aliffi (with a brace from the spot) and Osagie Ederaro scoring the goals to send the victorious Wolves team captained by Ben Blake back to Wollongong.

BIGGEST DEFEAT

4-1 was the worst defeat and Manly United inflicted this score in 2014.

IPL CLUBS PLAYED

Three clubs from the Illawarra competition provided the opposition with those being Dandaloo Fury, Bulli, and Kemblawarra.

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE MENS 1 CLUBS PLAYED

Sydney Olympic, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Sutherland Sharks, Parramatta FC, Bankstown City

Lions and Mt. Druitt Town Rangers have provided the NSW Premier League Mens 1 opponents during the years.

FFA CUP ROUND OF 32

A three time feature in the this FFA Cup (now Australian Cup) brought a huge crowd to the WIN Stadium in 2014 and 2016 with the opposition being A-League clubs Central Coast Mariners and Sydney FC with a 0-1 and 0-3 result respectively. In 2021, the team defeated Mt Druitt Town Rangers 3-0.

FFA CUP ROUND OF 16

In 2021, the Wolves featured for the initial time at this stage of the competition and played the Central Coast Mariners at WIN Stadium. The result was 2-1 with a win to the Mariners.

The 'Cup' has certainly been an interesting and compelling competition since the 2004/05 season and has thrown up interesting statistical information.

By Malcolm Rowney



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FEATURE STORY

GOOD THING

With the number of goals being scored in a season, it is easy to think that the championship teams with a high number of goals would be a 'good thing' to top the list or be thereabouts on a goals' team per season average tally board. This is generally the case but as is often, there are also exceptions to any rule.

The following high scoring Wollongong Wolves team are in the top six of the standings with these results, seventy-six goals in 2000/01, seventy-two in 1999/00, sixty-one goals in 1987, fifty-two in 2019, fifty-one in 1997/98 and forty-five in 1998/99. However, obviously the number of games played in a season may change the above order or maybe another change will eventuate.

The best season's goal per game average occurred in the 1987 season with a 2.77 return. and in this season, Randall Easthorpe. Robert Giraldi and Pat Brodnik scored the bulk of the goals. Second in line was season 2000/01 with a result of 2.66, with the triumvirate of Sasho Petrovski, Stuart Young and Scott Chipperfield earning most of the scoring honours. In third position is season 2019 with 2.31 ratio, with Thomas James excelling in the scoring department together with Lachlan Scott and Takeru Okada. Season 2020 was in fourth spot, which returned 2.18 with a relatively high number of goals but a shortened season of only eleven games due to the pandemic. Josh Bingham, Lachlan Scott plus Marcus Beattie and Takeru Okada all shared in most of the spoils. The 1999/00 season follows in fifth place with 2.11 and season 1997/98 was in sixth position with 1.96. It was Sasho Petrovski, Scott Chipperfield and Esala Masi who exacted the damage on opposition goal frames in the former with Scott Chipperfield, Anthony Surjan together with Tony Perenich in the latter.

In the NSW Premier League seasons of 1987 and from 2004/05 to 2020, seasons 1987, 2019 and 2020 would obviously take the top three positions as they featured in the overall results. 2012 with forty-one goals at a rate of 1.86 came next followed by 2008 with 1.77 from thirty-nine goals. In sixth position is 2011 with 1.59 from thirty-five goals. In

2012, Peter Simonoski, Mark Picciolini and Ricky Zucco earned the applause, as did likewise Ilija Prenzoski Matthew Bailey, plus Chris Price and Osagie Ederaro in 2008 and Mark Picciolini, Sasho Petrovski and John Martinoski in 2011.

Conversely there were a total of six seasons, which were not such a 'good thing', rating less than a goal a game average ranging from 0.84 to 0.93. The best of these ratios was in the 1995/96 season (0.93) followed by equally on 0.92 were seasons 1991/92 and 1993/94. The ratios of 0.9 were posted in 2009, together with 0.84 in 1989, 0.78 in 1984 respectively.

In season 1984, Peter Kotamanidis, Alex Bundalo and Glen Fontana attained the majority of the team's twenty two-goals with Randall Easthorpe, Pat Brodnik and David Skeen being the three highest scorers in season 1989. Season 2009 saw Ilija Prenzoski, Steve Hayes and Samet Kaynak earning the accolades with a team total of twenty while 1993/94 had Scott Ollerenshaw, Vaughn Coveny and Richard Lloyd, while Claude Cellini and Grant Bard with Frank Bate, Alex Bundalo, Pat Brodnik and Mike Smith did likewise in the 1991/92 season with an identical totals of twenty-four goals. In the 1995/96 season, Tony Perinich, Mario Jermen and Richard Lloyd were the top three on the scorer's list with the team achieving a tally of thirty-one goals.

The team's goal per game statistics of the free scoring sides did bring up a 'good thing' and the opposite not so 'good thing' but results are results and they cannot always be good, though one always wants them to be.

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- 2 Cristian Gonzalez
- 3 Jordan Roberts
- 4 Adrian Vlastelica (c)
- 5 Anthony Tomelic
- 6 Christopher Payne
- 7 Taisei Kaneko
- 8 Kyle Ciment
- 9 Patrick Antelmi
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2	Rockdale Ilinden FC	11	6	3	2	22	14	8	21
3	APIA Leichhardt FC	11	6	2	3	26	18	8	20
4	Sydney Olympic FC	11	6	2	3	20	14	6	20
5	Manly United FC	11	6	2	3	16	11	5	20
6	Marconi Stallions FC	11	5	4	2	25	17	8	19
7	Blacktown City FC	11	6	1	4	21	16	5	19
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	4	2	5	17	15	2	14
9	Sydney United 58 FC	11	3	2	6	15	27	-12	11
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	3	0	8	14	23	-9	9
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	1	3	7	20	34	-14	6
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	11	1	2	8	17	32	-15	5





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PART 4

This is another instalment of players for the Wollongong Wolves who have been acknowledged to become 'captain'. Players who have been captain in the past are listed in alphabetical order - Jeff Ainsworth, Matthew Bailey, James Baldacchino, Lisandro Berbis, Ben Blake, Daniel Collison, Ballamodou Conde, Brodie Crane, Danial Cummins, Chris Dunleavy, Alfredo Estevez, John Fleming, David Green, Brendan Griffin, Steve Hayes, Matthew Horsley, Guy Knight, Nick Littler, Taylor McDonald, Nick Montgomery, Michael O'Shea, Justin Pasfield, Sasho Petrovski, Mark Picciolini, Jim Preston, Chris Price, David Ratcliffe, Michael Robinson, Lachlan Scott, Peter Simonoski, James Stojcevski, Jacob Timpano, Charlie Yankos and Stuart Young. These terms of captaincy range from one match to eight years.

These are some additional achievers to be added to the honours list.

ADAM HUGHES

With Sydney Crescent Star being the adversary at WIN Stadium in 2004/05 NSW Premier League season, midfielder Hughes was elevated to the captaincy role. It was a 3-2 victory to the Wolves in this Round 12 fixture, as Hughes encouraged his team to come back from one goal down and then to go for a winner after Crescent Star had equalized. The Wolves achieved a third goal to win the encounter to gain the points and the victory. Hughes was instrumental in the midfield, winning the ball and intercepting perceptively. He led intuitively.

DARCY MADDEN

In the season 2021 Madden became captain for the Round 6 Marconi Stallions match played at the home ground. He led by example scoring the goal to get his team back into the game after Marconi had got out by two goals in the first twenty minutes of the match. As a result of his sterling performance in this encounter he was elected to the 'Team Of The Week'

ILIJA PRENZOSKI

In the penultimate match of 2009, striker Prenzoski captained the side against Blacktown City at Macedonia Park, Berkeley. Prenzoski was taking the corner kicks with one leading to a goal and

other set pieces, and led the offense together with youngsters at the time, Peter Simonoski and Corey Gameiro who went on to goal.

HARRISON TARANTO

In the 2022 Round 4 Australian Cup game played at Ian McLennan Oval, captain Taranto led out the Wolves team. With a young team at the ready, Taranto led with focus and resolve being the midfield general. He directed the attacking play and won the ball with precision and strength. The team finally did the job, winning 6-2. On receiving congratulations, - 'Thanks. I appreciate it. It is an honour to be captain....we should have been better'.

DAVID STOJIC

Against Spirit FC in the 2015 FFA Cup Round 5, midfielder Stojic was the captain. Stojic won a penalty kick with his direct running with the ball and was at the helm for set pieces with one of free kicks narrowly missing the target by going over the bar. He certainly showed the way.

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(Quotations from players are taken from interviews conducted by the writer for inclusion in his match reports at the time.)



QUEST FOR THE CUP

PART 3 - NSL (PSL) CUP 1981-1985

The NSL Cup began in 1977 and concluded in 1997. It had a knock out format and ran in conjunction mostly with the National Soccer League clubs.

The Wollongong Wolves' initial hit-out in the cup was on 21st March 1981 at Memorial Park, Corrimal versus Downer Olympic from Canberra. The home team was - Jim Preston (GK), Lee Adam, Chris Dunleavy, Billy de Graaf, Jeff Ainsworth, John Fleming, Jim McBreen, John Lathan, Peter Tredinnick, Clive Campbell and Brian Turner. Ken Morton was the coach and he replaced Lathan. The first goal came on the half when Lathan scored. This one goal advantage lasted for fifty minutes until Campbell added the second for his team. Ten minutes a penalty kick was converted by Adam.

For the Round 2 assignment played at Woonona Oval, the team personnel were the same except that Glen Fontana started in place of Campbell and Peter Willis took Turner's place for this APIA adventure. During the proceedings, substitute Paul Kay replaced Fontana fifty-five minutes in. It was soon to be a wolf in the subsequent season who scored APIA's first goal on seventy-five minutes. This was English striker, Phil O'Connor. The Wolves followed suit two minutes later through Jim McBreen. Marshal Soper scored a minute before full time before Peter Tredinnick equalized on ninety minutes, ensuring

extra time. On one hundred minutes, Zdenko Kafka put his team ahead before Soper made sure of the victory with his one hundred and nineteenth minute goal to bring up his brace.

In the following two years only one game was played in each season with the Wolves progression in the cup being cut short. Sydney City scored five to the Wolves one with Canterbury-Marrickville winning 2-0, with details about these confrontations being scant and hard to come by despite a great deal of endeavour.

In 1984, the cup changed to a round robin format with groups of four teams thereby three matches. Unfortunately, the Wolves were defeated in all three matches, 1-2, 1-2 and 0-1 versus Newcastle, St.George and APIA Leichhardt respectively. Goal scorers for the Wolves were Peter Kotamanidis in the first and Peter Beggs in the second.

Playing against Sydney Croatia in the 1985 Round 1 saw the Wollongong winning 3-2, with Dominic Giannone, Phil Kerr and Bernie Godzik achieving the goals on the twenty-second, twenty-eighth and thirty-sixth minute marks respectively. However, progress in the cup was halted when Newcastle scored three goals to the Wolves' two in Round 2.

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- 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



- 23 Goran Palecek
- 24 Adrian Knez
- 25 Ethan Payne
- 26 Javier Giles
- 27 James Habib
- 28 Marko Seric
- 29 Jai Payne
- 30 Adam Farkas
- 31 Ali Mhanna
- 32 Lawrence Frederick
- 33 Ante Ozanic
- 34 Luka Usljeburka
- 35 Michael Krslovic
- 36 Josh Georges

Coach: Oliver Vrtkovski
Assistant Coaches: Dean Saveski and Stefan Donevski

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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	10	7	2	1	23	7	16	23
2	Wollongong Wolves FC	10	6	1	3	16	8	8	19
3	Sydney Olympic FC	9	6	0	3	14	11	3	18
4	Manly United FC	10	5	1	4	15	12	3	16
5	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	8	4	2	2	23	14	9	14
6	Sydney FC	7	4	1	2	14	10	4	13
7	Rockdale Ilinden FC	11	3	4	4	20	24	-4	13
8	Northbridge Bulls FC	11	3	2	6	14	21	-7	11
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	3	2	6	12	25	-13	11
10	APIA Leichhardt FC	10	2	4	4	12	14	-2	10
11	Marconi Stallions FC	9	3	1	5	13	16	-3	10
12	Sydney United 58 FC	10	2	0	8	8	22	-14	6

GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	11
Mark Jesic (Marconi)	11
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	10
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	8
Jason Romero (APIA)	9
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	9
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	7
Sean Symons (APIA)	7
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	6
Charles Lokolingoy (Marconi)	6
Zachary Sapsford (Sydney FC)	6
Jack Armson (APIA)	6
Bruno Mendes (Manly United)	6



NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**
7:00 PM / FRI 27 MAY
POPONDETTA PARK

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**
7:30 PM / FRI 27 MAY
WIN STADIUM

**MANLY UNITED FC VS
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 28 MAY
CROMER PARK

**MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS
SYDNEY FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 28 MAY
MARCONI STADIUM

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 29 MAY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC**
4:00 PM / SUN 29 MAY
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2022 HOME GAMES



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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



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