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CLUB WELCOME



This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Manly United FC to WIN Stadium for our round 17 fixture in the NPL competition.

The last three weeks has seen the Wolves record three draws against top of the table opposition (Sydney FC 3-3, Sydney Olympic 1-1 and Apia Leichhardt 2-2). The boys have demonstrated courage and determination to stay in games to the very end. Their never say die attitude has been particularly evident over the last two weeks as the boys have fought back to score in the last minute against Sydney Olympic and Apia Leichhardt to register a point. However, the Wolves have conceded too many goals this season which has significantly impacted the club's semi-finals chances.

The Wolves now sit in 9th position on the ladder with 17 points and remain 10 points out of the top five. This Saturday's game against Manly United FC is critical in the context of the season and to keep our slim finals chances alive.

Our under 20's have been outstanding in the first half of the season and currently sit inside the top five. The 20's drew 2-2 against Apia Leichhardt FC last week and will be looking to bounce back with a win to stay in touch with the leaders. Please arrive early and support our 20's team.

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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 MANLY UNITED

The team from north of Sydney Harbour, Manly United are to take on the home team Wollongong Wolves in this Round 17 fixture. The first official meeting with Manly United was in the 2004/05 season, though in 1987, the fore runners of the club were played. It was a scoreless draw at WIN Stadium on the 23rd January 2005. In the last five years the Wolves have scored sixteen goals at 2.28 goals per game ratio. Conversely, Manly United has a 1.28 ratio with nine goals. This should be a scintillating sporting tie.

THE OPPOSITION TODAY – MANLY UNITED FC

Coach Adam Griffiths has signed Thomas Fay (from Sydney FC) and Mat Sim from (Sydney United 58) to his squad for 2022. Also added was a Brazilian attacking midfielder in Bruno Mendes.

Manly United began in 2004 after the amalgamation of Manly-North Shore and Warringah-Freshwater. The club has won several honours and were runners-up in the Waratah Cup on four occasions with the first in 2007. The team in 2014 then was Tonu Liiband (GK), James Oates, Leigh Egger, Graeme Forbes (Capt.), Joshua Lawson, Josh Ward, Daniel

Grant, Christopher Payne, Brendan Cholakian, Rhys Williams and Dylan Whitlock. Patrick Weir, Roberto Speranza, Daniel Saric and Scott Balderson replaced Ward, Grant Williams and Whitlock. The club won cup the 2011.

In the abandoned 2021 season after seventeen rounds Manly was sitting in fourth position on twenty-seven points from seven wins and six draws. The team scored twenty-four goals with ten players contributing to the goal scoring the top scorer being Dejan Pandurevic with eight. Three nil scores happened which was the second equal lowest. Pandurevic was also a multi scorer in a single game with a brace in the Round 5 APIA adventure and the quickest Manly scorer, a sixth minute strike versus APIA in Round 5. The best score was 4-1 in Round 13 over Mt. Druitt with the least impressive being 1-3 in Round 3. Team Of the Week selections were Keiran Paull and Pandurevic with three each, followed by Luca Kmet (2), with one each to Jimmy Oates, Sam Benton and Seiya Kambayashi. The best result sequence without loss was six matches, Rounds 1-6, draw, draw, win, draw, win and win.



THE MATCH-UP

Manly have sixteen victories with the highest margin being 5-1 in 2006. The Wolves best result was 6-1 in 2014 and fifteen wins. The most prevalent score line was 2-1 and 1-4 with four occurrences each. The teams have met four times in Cup competitions with two wins each, Manly with two 4-1 victories with the Wolves results being 3-2 and 1-1 a.e.t. and on 5-3 penalties.

In the 2022 competition Manly sit in fourth position on thirty-one points with eight wins, scoring twenty-eight goals. The Wolves have scored twenty-eight goals and are in ninth position. Nine players have scored for the Wolves with eight for Manly. Nil scores are three (WW) and four (MU).

The most goals scored in one match was seven a 5-2 in 2020, a 6-1 in 2004, both Wolves wins, and a 2-5 in 2010, a Manly victory.

Lachlan Scott (WW) with ten goals and Bruno Mendes (MU) with nine are the top scorers. The latest scorers before this encounter were Banri Kanaizumi (WW) and Jesse Priz (MU).

The result sequence for the last five games are WW-loss, loss, draw, draw and draw, MU - draw, win, win, draw and win.

Most of Manly's goals have been scored in the 31' to 45' time period and most have been conceded in the 16'-30' time frame. Most goals have been scored in the second half and conceded in the first half of matches. For the Wolves, most goals were scored in the second half and most were conceded in the first half. The time frame with most goals scored was 61' to 75' and 76'-90+' with 16'-30' time period being when most goals were conceded.

The best winning result was 4-0 by the Wolves in Round 2 over Northbridge Bulls and 4-1 to Manly with the opposition being APIA in Round 13.

In the previous round, the Wolves drew 2-2 with APIA and Manly defeated Northbridge Bulls 3-0.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In the second round of 2007, the two teams met at Crehan Park, Cringila. The John Turner coached team was Zlatko Josevski (GK), Wayne Heath, Steve

Hayes, Daniel Aliffi, Ivan Vojdovic, Dean Kerr, Danial Cummins, Ballamodou Conde, Tynan Diaz, Ben Blake (Capt.), Osagie Ederaro. Chimoabi Nwaogazi, Michael Hawrysiuk and Dustin Wells replaced Heath, Vojdovic and Ederaro. The Manly team comprised of Brad Swancott (GK), Pascal Julliard, Bradley Groves, Michael Williams, Jonti Richter, James Monie, Joey Schirpa, Michael Cunico, Beau Busch, Richard Williams, and Robert Hamad, with Phil Moss being the coach. Ashley Ryan, Robbie Cattanaach replaced M.Williams and Richter respectively.

The first half was a tight affair with neither team applying to much pressure in the hot and humid conditions and went into the sheds with a 0-0 score line. However, that was all to change in the second half with a total of five goals being attained. Four minutes after the resumption of play, Monie eluded a defender to float the ball in at the far post from his position on the right side. Eight minutes later, Richter ran onto an incisive pass and with composure slotted home. Manly were in a comfortable position. However, a Diaz free kick was headed on by Nwaogazi to Aliffi. He projected his header into the goal as defenders converged on him. Late in the second half, Cattanaach made sure of the victory with two goals in four minutes. He chipped Josevski for the first and chased a long pass and when in possession out sprinted the opposition to score a relatively easy goal. Manly had won 4-1. Turner- 'they scored two decent goals and we scored one. A 2-1 score line would have been a better reflection of the match. We had long periods of the second half when we were all over them.' Aliffi- 'we finally got one (goal). We couldn't wait for the first goal to come and I got a kick in the head for it. It would have better if we had won.'

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Takumu Tsujimura is a midfield general and pivot man that assists in getting the team momentum generating.

Bruno Mendes has scored a good deal of goals in this initial season in Australia. He shows guile and skill to get into scoring positions.

SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETING

1. 2019. Manly United 0 defeated by Wolves 4 (Thomas James, Lachlan Scott x2, Takeru Okada)

2. 2020. Wollongong Wolves 5 (Marcus Beattie x3, Josh Bingham x2) defeated Manly United 2 (Scott Balderson, Dejan Pandurevic)

3. 2021. Wollongong Wolves 1 (Taylor McDonald) drew with Manly United 1 (Richard Cardozo)

4. 2021. Manly United 1 (Dejan Pandurevic) defeated by Wollongong Wolves 2 (Leroy Jennings, Liam Wille)

5. 2022. Manly United 2 (Bruno Mendes, Thomas Fay) def Wollongong Wolves 0

THREE SELECTED GOALKEEPERS FOR MANLY UNITED - BRAD SWANCOTT, SAM BENTON and DYLAN MITCHELL

Swancott was a fixture in Manly's domain from 2004 to 2010, achieving a hundred and fourteen games. From Manly he went back to Newcastle and play for Lake Macquarie City. He played in the A-League with Newcastle Jets making twenty-one appearances from 1995-2000.

From 2019 to the present Benton has been Manly's custodian. He made sixteen league appearances in 2021 with three the season before.

Mitchell has been at the club since 2019, playing twenty-two games in 2019, six in 2020 and two in 2021.

THREE SELECTED TOP GOALKEEPERS FOR WOLLONGONG WOLVES - ANDREW CREWS, GRANT BARLOW and DANIEL BELTRAME.

Crews was in goal for two seasons with the Wolves, 2002/03 and 2003/04, making forty-six appearances in total, achieving eight clean sheets. His debut was in the Round 1 Marconi match-up, with his final appearance versus Newcastle United in Round 26 at WIN Stadium. Crews was good in going for the high or low balls with a strong punch out and had speed in movement.

Barlow tallied thirteen starts in the 2000/01 season. His debut was in Round 6 versus Parramatta Power and he achieved one clean sheet. His final game was in the 9-4 Newcastle United game in Round 23. As a custodian, he directed the ball out with precision, had safe hands with quick reflexes and displayed resilience.

Ten league appearances in the NSL were achieved by Beltrame from seasons 1998/99 to 2000/01 with seven clean sheets achieved. In the 2004/05 seasons, he made eight appearances in the NSW Premier League with three additional in the cup, attaining two league clean sheets. The custodian made his debut in Round 25 in the 1998/99 season against Morwell Falcons, with his final game in 2004/05 season being the Round 8 Marconi. Beltrame had a strong physical presence being a commanding figure with a long clearance kick, displaying agility and possessed a long throw. He took high balls with precision. He was the custodian when the Wolves won the Oceania Club Championship and went post Wolves to play in the A-League with Adelaide United.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players and coach's comments are excerpts from interviews conducted by the writer and published in his match reports at the time.)



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FEATURE STORY

ON THE TOP

Since the 2004/05 season there have been upwards of forty run Cup encounters with those players 'on the top' echelon of cup scorers, the top five.

This striker who has scored a total of five goals with all five having transpired in the one match, is Stefan Dimoski and he is the fourth placed top cup goal poacher in this particular time frame. At Ian McLennan Park on artificial turf, Dimoski did not take too long to open his scoring account against Coledale Waves. It was in the seventh minute, with his accurate header from a Bul Juach cross from the left going in. Dimoski had positioned himself well in a crouching position to nod home. That was the extent of his entry onto the score sheet until the second half when he scored four in succession. In a four minute period, Dimoski had three more in his kick. On fifty-six minutes an airborne shot following a James Stojcevski corner kick flew into the goal from close vicinity. Bul Juach set up Dimoski for his third when played the ball directly to the striker who converted the chance. A Brendan Low cross from near he left sideline was met by Dimoski's right foot skewing into the goal to his right. A James Markovic free kick was sent in from the left with Dimoski at the far post meeting the ball to project it into the net with a header.

A six goal total haul began in 2010 against Bonnyrigg White Eagles with four more emanating in four matches in 2011 versus Hawkesbury, Bankstown City Lions, Parramatta FC and Manly United with Mark Picciolini leading the six goal scoring charge. A goal in the Northern Tigers match in 2012 brought up his sixth. Versus Bankstown at John Crehan Park on a cold windy night, a Picciolini thunderbolt from approximately twenty-five metres from goal and left of centre hit pay dirt. The ball dipped as it entered the goal, scored in the ninth minute. He followed up in the next outing against Parramatta in the Quarter Final. A sixty-ninth minute penalty kick after Peter Simonoski was impeded by the custodian, going to ground as a consequence, was ultimately converted. Picciolini had no trouble with the spot kick, dispatching the ball high into the net. In the subsequent Semi Final, Samet Kaynak's effort cannoned into a defender and rebounded. Picciolini sprinted quickly to take control of the loose ball before any one else to then projected his effort in the Manly United goal on the twenty-seven minutes.

One player has scored two braces in his seven goal total and that was striker Daniel Aliffi coming in a two year period of cup games in 2006 and 2007. His initial cup goal eventuated in the 2006 Round 3 Dandaloo fixture when a Peter Gaffney effort was cleared off the line with the ball with Aliffi collecting the errant ball. His subsequent left footed shot flew in hitting the post as it traversed into the goal. Fraser Park and Manly United suffered two braces by the striker. At minutes sixty-five and seventy-eight, Ballamodou Conde provided an incisive pass for Aliffi. He then scored with a good effort. Aliffi's second in this match was a spot kick after suffering an inconvenience from a Fraser Park defender. In the Cup final, a spot kick was converted on sixty-one minutes as he directed the ball to the right of the Manly custodian. Steve Hayes was brought down as he burst into the box. Aliffi once again won over. Previously In the semi final cup encounter with Dandaloo a month prior, a Michael Hawrysiuk long throw reached the striker and a subsequent header beat the custodian. Sandwiched In between the Fraser Park and Dandaloo matches was an away match versus Parramatta FC and Aliffi hit his goal in the sixty-ninth minute.

A player with a nine-goal cup tally is in second position. A goal in the 2013 Manly United match was his initial cup goal, before a brace emanated against Parramatta FC in 2014. Striker Ricky Zucco scored four against Hurstville Zagreb in 2014 before his next one in 2016 against Kemblawarra FC with his ninth versus Bulli. At Hooka Creek Park (aka Macedonia Park) Zucco begin his four goal spree in the fifth minute much to Hurstville's chagrin. A free kick outside the penalty area played into Zucco's hands when he produced a rocket that zoomed straight and low in to beat the custodian. Three minutes later, the striker robbed a defender, took a step forward to subsequently propel the ball low into the net. With Simonoski and Chris Nathaniel in the lead up play, Zucco used his quick feet to beat the custodian again. With four minutes left on the clock, Zucco curled in his free kick into the goal to bulge the inside netting for his fourth of the night.

An eleven-cup goal haul was achieved from 2015 to 2022 and this is the highest tally since the 2004/045 season. A hat trick in the Spirit FC match in 2015 and a brace against Yagoona FC in the subsequent round

before scoring in the first goal in the 2016 Bulli Round 5 match, being the first instances of his Cup accomplishments. A brace further emanated in the Kellyville Kolts match in 2018 and Peter Simonoski shone in all these four matches with his goal scoring feat. On a minute past the hour, Simonoski converted a penalty kick against Spirit FC at Crehan Park after Bradley Welch was impeded. Second half substitute, Simonoski blasted his effort beyond the custodian into the goal. A handball decision was awarded after David Stojic had made a tackle with a defender being penalized. Simonoski directed his spot effort high into the net. His hat trick was brought in the ninety-first minute. A defensive clearance hit the custodian with the ball reaching Simonoski. He kept it under control before dispatching it into the goal. At Albert Butler Oval in 2018 the striker latched onto a 'Quivi' Fowler free kick, sending it into the Kellyville Kolts goal. A ball was headed on following a Takuya Nozawa corner kick. Simonoski was the recipient who headed home with a minute

to spare before the half time break. 'It was good to get the early win and to get on the score sheet was a bonus... They were pumped up. It was good for us to score a few and get a clean sheet.' In the 2021 Round of 16 FFA Cup versus Mt Druitt Town Rangers, the custodian did not handle a Leroy Jennings shot safely. Simonoski pounced on the loose ball and pounded it into the goal in the forty-five plus four minute mark. Two further goals eventuated in 2022. It was a brace against the Round 6 opponents, Waverley Old Boys in the ninety-second minute and a penalty in the one hundred and nineteenth minute in extra time.

All of these players, Peter Simonoski, Ricky Zucco, Mark Picciolini, Daniel Aliffi and Stefan Dimoski, have made valuable contributions to the club in the Cup runs of varying success with their many goal scoring accomplishments. Their sublime efforts are certainly 'on the top'.

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FEATURE STORY

ON THIS DAY - (JUNE 25TH OR CLOSE ENOUGH TO)

'On this day' on the 25th June 1989, the Wolves turned out at Somers Street Stadium in Sunshine North, Melbourne against Melbourne Croatia. The Wolves were George Bouhoutsos, Jock Morlando, David Skeen, Ray Vlietstra, Mike Hollifield, Peter Kotamanidis, Tom Pontidas, Sean Ingham, Walter Calbanese, Danny Crainie and Pat Brodnik. Rade Stefanovski in the fifty-six minute replaced Kotamanidis. The coach was Doug Collins, formerly an English professional player with Burnley FC being his main club.

It was Melbourne Croatia who got the ball rolling into the net when Francis Awaritefe scored after fifty minutes. An own goal became a lifeline for the Wolves in the sixty-sixth minute. Five minutes later, Croatia gained a further advantage to win the encounter.

Penrith City was the opposition on June 23rd 1985 played at Wollongong Showground. The Wolves line-up was Kiri Velkov in goal, David Green, Peter Willis, Ray Vlietstra, Larry Gaffney, Alex Bundalo, Dez Marton, Zivko Hristovski, Bernie Godzik (Peter Kotamanidis 75), Scott Dickson, Rade Stefanovski (Pat Brodnik 67) Pat Brodnik and Peter Kotamanidis replaced Stefanovski and Godzik in the sixty-seventh and seventy-fifth minutes respectively, with the coach being Adrian Alston. This game was a scoreless draw as neither side could break the deadlock.

On June 24th 2007, APIA Leichhardt was at Crehan Park, Cringila to play the Round 17 fixture. Zlatko Josevski was in goal, with Michael West, Ben Blake (Capt.) Steve Hayes, Daniel Aliffi, Mathew Hunter, Dustin Wells, Danial Cummins, Ballamodou Conde, Osagie Ederaro and Stewart Petrie being the personnel. Dean Kerr in the ninetieth, Tynan Diaz in the eighty-seventh and Chris Price in the nineteenth plus minutes replaced West, Hayes and Petrie respectively. The Wolves had some early chances with West and Ederaro to the fore and APIA responded in kind through Franco Parisi and Robert Younis. The first goal emanated two minutes before the half hour. A handball in the box saw a penalty kick being awarded. Aliffi stepped up and sent a powerful right-footed shot into the top right corner of the goal. At half time, the Wolves

were in front. The Wolves got a second goal when Conde headed to Ederaro. He in turn put it to Aliffi who subsequently hit the ball home to bring up his brace. APIA looked to reduce the arrears when Parisi darted close to goal. However, Josevski took the ball of his boots to negate the threat. In the seventy-eight minute, through West and Petrie, Ederaro assisted with a pass to Aliffi once again. He placed it away from the custodian to bring up his hat trick. APIA denied a Wolves' clean sheet when Simon Ryan scored with a strong left footed drive. Petrie -'I have enjoyed my time here.' Hayes -'I like to go forward and attack but I'm used as defensive midfielder in the framework of the team. We were superior today.' Coach John Turner = 'they were never in the game and we played them off the park'

At Wollongong Showground against Sydney Croatia on June 24th 1984 the Adrian Alston coached team Wolves consisted of goalkeeper Natch Vardareff, David Green, John Fleming, Ray Vlietstra, Zivko Hristovski, Peter Willis, Alex Bundalo, Brian Condran Peter Kotamanidis, Scott Dickson and Glen Fontana. Earl Canvin replaced Condran in the seventy-fifth minute. It was a solitary goal that divided the two teams with Croatia's Graham Arnold scoring in the seventy-seventh minute.

At John Crehan Park on the 26th June 2011, the Wolves played APIA Leichhardt. The Wolves were Brody Crane, Alex Mansueto, Dave Abel, Stepan Paric, Zac Freeburn, Samet Kaynak, Jake Duczynski, Mark Picciolini, Peter Simonoski, Sasho Petrovski and Chris Nathaniel. Tayfun Buyukopru Andres Gomez and Cameron Littler replaced Kaynak, Duczynski and Simonovski in the sixty-eight, forty-sixth and sixty eight minutes respectively. Trevor Morgan was the incumbent coach in his second season. APIA was on top for an hour or more and scored after eleven minutes. Crane was doing a great job in between the sticks to keep the APIA juggernaut at bay. Picciolini, Kaynak and Petrovski all had good opportunities to score but nothing of any consequence was forthcoming. The second half saw both teams vying to produce a scoring feat and until the seventy-sixth minute it did not transpire. Picciolini produced a diving header off a Buyukopru corner kick to get the Wolves onto the scoreboard. An indirect free kick into injury time

saw the Wolves produce a winner. Buyyukopru feigned to take the kick, only for the APIA defence to encroach. When they moved back. Buyyukopru slotted the ball to Petrovski who was close by. He then dispatched by lifting it over the defensive wall. The ball struck the underside of the cross bar and bounced into the goal.

Also on the 26th June, the Wolves took on St. George at Ziems Park, Corrimal. The Wolves consisted of Natch Vardareff, Peter Willis, Jeff Ainsworth, Ray Vlietstra, Steve Pollard, Phil Kerr, Jim McBreen, John Fleming, Larry Gaffney, Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor with the coach being Willie Wallace, a former Scottish international and player with Celtic FC. This game was a scoreless draw as neither side could take the advantage.

On June 26th 1988, the Wolves were Warwick Young, David Skeen, Ray Vlietstra, David Ratcliffe, Mike Hollifield, Brian Cokely, Peter Kotamanidis Jeff Ainsworth, Pat Brodnik, Randall Easthorpe, Danny Crainie.

and John Fleming being the coach. Marshall Soper subbed on for Kotamanidis in the fifty-eight minute. Sunshine George Cross was the adversary with the match being played at Brandon Park, Fairy Meadow.

Twenty minutes had elapsed before a goal was achieved. Easthorpe scored in the twenty-first minute before Sunshine equalised twenty minute later and it was even Stevens at half time. In the sixty-seventh minute, Cokely scored and Crainie followed suit on eighty minutes.

Footscray JUST was at home to play the Ken Morton coached Wollongong Wolves on June 27th 1982 with Jim Preston, Peter Willis, Jeff Ainsworth, Arno Bertogna, Chris Dunleavy, Alan Waldron, Lee Adam, John Fleming, Peter Tredinnick, Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton being the line-up. O'Connor scored on twenty-five minutes and Adam put his team two goals ahead a minute short of the hour. Mendo Ristovski pulled one back for his team but the Wolves emerged the victors.

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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Manly United FC	16	9	4	3	25	13	12	31
2	APIA Leichhardt FC	16	9	3	4	36	25	11	30
3	Marconi Stallions FC	16	8	5	3	37	27	10	29
4	Sydney Olympic FC	16	8	4	4	30	21	9	28
5	Sydney FC	16	7	6	3	46	36	10	27
6	Blacktown City FC	16	8	3	5	27	19	8	27
7	Rockdale Ilinden FC	16	7	4	5	27	24	3	25
8	Sydney United 58 FC	16	6	3	7	23	33	-10	21
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	16	4	5	7	28	28	0	17
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	16	2	6	8	27	42	-15	12
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	16	3	1	12	19	33	-14	10
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	16	2	2	12	24	48	-24	8





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FEATURE STORY

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW

These are the current players' first and latest goal for the club with some of these achievements stretching back a few years whether it is in league or cup games. 'That was then, this is now', reveals the circumstances, including the date and time, behind these efforts.

NIKOLA DJORDJEVIC

Versus Sydney United 58 away in 2019 Round 3, the central defender met Tasuku Okada's cross sent in from the left sideline. Djordjevic rose sharply and directed his well-placed header into the goal, beating the despairing custodian for his debut goal in Mens 1.

The latest was also in the 2019 season when in the Round 8 Sutherland Sharks match at Seymour Shaw Park. This was a sensational scorpion kick by the central defender in the thirty-fourth minute.

NICHOLAS DUARTE

In the seventy-third minute of the 2002 Round 8 Mount Druitt Town Rangers duel, Duarte scored his initial goal at this level. Joshua Macdonald had curled the ball in from the corner with Duarte producing a fine header to nod the ball into the goal. 'It was a pretty good feeling to score. I was lucky.'

His latest was third of three that he scored thirteen days later in the 2022 Australia Cup Round 4 versus Western Rage. With fifteen minutes left of the match's proceedings, Duarte struck with precision.

BRENDAN GRIFFIN

On Thursday 23rd April 2015, Griffin scored his inaugural goal for the club in the Bonnyrigg White Eagles Round 5 encounter at WIN Stadium. This goal was the second in the match for his club and an equalizer, with it coming in the fiftieth minute. From outside the penalty area, following a Sam Matthews feigns, Griffin ran onto the ball and then curled it into the goal, with his effort eluding the custodian. 'We showed character and came from behind twice. It was good to get our first win.'

It was in the 2017 season final round with Sydney FC that Griffin scored a brace. At WIN Stadium in the seventy-sixth minute he scored his second of the match and his team's fifth of six. A high ball was swung in from the right with a left footed effort to

Chris Price on the left. He in turn slotted a low pass to Griffin, positioned just inside the penalty area. With a first time effort he swept the ball with his left foot. The ball curled inside the far post.

LEROY JENNINGS

With Sutherland Sharks providing the opposition in 2021 Round 11 Jennings achieved a hat trick with his debut goal emanating in the twenty-seventh minute. Thirty or so metres out from the Shark's goal Jennings took the free kick. He went like an Exocet missile high inside Sutherland's left post.

A fifty-fourth minute strike brought up Jennings' brace in this 2022 Round 15 Sydney FC clash at Ilinden Sports Ground, Rockdale. The custodian kept out a Joshua Macdonald shot but he could not hold. The ball ran free and Jennings drove the ball home.

BANRI KANAIZUMI

Kanaizumi headed the ball in on the half hour in the re-scheduled Sydney Olympic 2022 Round 4 wrangle at WIN Stadium. Joshua Macdonald swung the ball in from the corner. Darcy Madden got a boot on the ball as it bounced, sending it high in the air. It went to Kanaizumi at the left post. He in turn pushed the back to the other side. Macdonald gained possession and played it back to Kanaizumi to score. 'It was good to score.'

A dramatic third goal for the season was achieved versus APIA Leichhardt in Round 16 at Butler Park. A Leroy Jennings corner kick from the right in the dying minutes of the encounter flew to Kanaizumi at the far post. He chested the ball down and switched the ball from his right to the left before driving the ball into the inside roof of the goal to earn his team a share of the points.

NICK LITTLER

It was in 2010 Cup match away to Bonnyrigg White Eagles that Littler scored his initial club goal.

In 2022 Round 3 Sydney FC challenge at WIN Stadium, Nav Darjani was inconvenienced as he made a run. The ball ran loose and Littler chased before hitting his shot into the goal with a determined and precise effort.

DARCY MADDEN

The Round 22 fixture, the final league game of the 2014 campaign saw Madden scoring his first goal. A corner kick was projected in and Madden came in on the left side of the goal to garner his team's fifth goal of the match in the 90+2 minute on 17th August at WIN Stadium.

In the 2022 Australia Cup Round 7 match versus NWS Spirit played at Christie Park, Macquarie Park, and Madden scored his team's goal in the fifty-first minute.

JOSHUA MACDONALD

It was in the 2016 season that the wide attacking player scored his initial goal for the Wolves. It was away to Parramatta FC in Round 21. A shot from Macdonald struck a defender on the way into the goal in the last fifteen minutes of the match.

A 2022 Australia Cup Round 6 challenge against Lindfield FC saw Macdonald in the fifty-fifth minute slotting in a Bari Kanaizumi cross with precision.

LACHLAN SCOTT

In the 2019 Round 4 fixture versus Sydney FC at Lambert Park, the former Western Sydney Wanderers striker, Scott scored his first goal for his new club. Takeru Okada projected a cross in and Scott got up to head home at the far post in the

eighteenth minute on 30th May 2019.

With APIA being the opposition at Butler Park in 2002 Round 16, Scott was brought down as he burst into the box by an APIA central defender. A penalty kick was awarded. Scott took the spot kick and directed the ball into the goal at mid height with the custodian diving the opposite way (to his left.)

PETER SIMONOSKI

It was in 2009 that the striker scored his initial club goal. With Blacktown City providing the opposition, Simonoski headed in a Jamie McMaster chipped pass following a corner kick.

His latest strike was in the 2022 Round 13 match up with Northbridge Bulls. A Leroy Jennings corner kick was whipped with Nick Littler getting his head to the ball. The ball fell but the Bulls could not get the ball away and Simonoski pounded it in. 'I was at the right place at the right time. I got a bit fortunate and I hit it.'

'That was then, this was now' showcases the first and latest goals scored by the current players who have scored more than one goal.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Player comments were taken from the writer's post match interviews for Inclusion in his match reports at the time.)



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ROUND 16



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FEATURE STORY

GOOD NEWS BAD NEWS - PART 1

'Good news bad news' involves the best and the least impressive results of each particular season since 1981. This is the first part of the article and every odd numbered season from the initial year will be the subject, with the achievers behind these memorable victories and defeats, however, maybe not so unforgettable in the former. Part 2 in future will detail the even numbered years. In all in this article, the best result was 8-0 while the contrary result was 7-0. The score line with the most occasions was 4-0 on both the impressive and least impressive side. In the affirmative, the next most popular score was 3-1 and in the negative, 0-3, 1-4 and 0-6 were equal in the runners up position in these odd seasons.

1981

It was a Round 29 encounter with Marconi that saw the Wolves blow out the score to four goals with nil in reply at the Wollongong Showground. John Lathan scored a brace with the extras being attained by Jim McBreen and Peter Tredinnick prior. Five rounds previously, the team had suffered a 6-0 hiding from Preston at Connor Reserve in Melbourne.

1983

A 3-1 victory over Adelaide City with a brace to Phil O'Connor on forty-three and eighty-eight minutes plus Roy Cotton's fifty ninth minute goal set the team for its best result in Round 30. Four rounds prior, the team succumbed to four by St George with nil in reply.

1985

Blacktown City in Round 22 was on the receiving end of a 3-0 result while it was a demolition 5-1 rout by Sydney United in Round 13. With a Peter Willis penalty kick being the sole converted strike for his team in the Sydney United encounter, Two goals to Pat Brodnik and one to Bernie Godzik on twenty-nine, eighty four and thirty-six minutes respectively.

1987

The final round match of the season in a twenty-two round competition was the good news with two players only with three apiece goaling against Manly -Warringah. Way back in Round 4 was the less favourable scoreboard showing. Blacktown City won 3-1 with a Jock Morlando spot kick being the home team's attainment. It was Robert Giraldi and Randall Easthorpe on eighteen, fifty nine minutes and eighty-eight minutes for Giraldi and for Easthorpe on one, thirty seven and sixty two minutes.

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1989

The final season of winter football at the highest club level in 1989 saw a 4-1 Round 2 victory over Blacktown City and seven rounds later a 0-6 drubbing by Marconi. In the first mentioned game it was Danny Crainie, Randall Easthorpe Pat Brodnik plus an own goal being the deciding factors for the Wolves.

1989/90

The Wolves hit seven goals in a muddy Brandon Park in Round 21 with Pat Brodnik scoring a mammoth six goals and Zivko Hristovski adding one against a lacklustre West Adelaide. In the subsequent round, St.George hit six goals with nil in return

1991/92

In the Round 4 Marconi match, Frank Bate achieved a brace, while Alex Bundalo and Richard Lloyd to round out the most remarkable result. The converse was a 0-3 defeat by Heidelberg United in Round 18

1993/94

Goals to Pedro Ricoy, Vaughn Coveny and Martin Akers were scored over Heidelberg United with one reply in Round 20 while Brunswick did the same against the Wolves with Scott Ollerenshaw getting one back in Round 14.

1995/96

Newcastle Breakers conceded four goals to the Wolves in Round 21 with a Tony Perenich brace and a goal to Alvin Ceccoli. Five rounds previously, South Melbourne pushed home six goals at Middle Park to see the Wolves' blushes.

1997/98

In Round 10 at Brandon Park, the Wolves scored eight goals versus Canberra Cosmos with Scott Chipperfield scoring four goals, with Esala Masi, with Alvin Ceccoli, Anthony Surjan and Ray Younis adding the other four. In the Round 7 West Adelaide workout, a penalty conversion by Surjan contrasted with West's three goal achievement.

1999/00

Canberra Cosmos were again conceding a big total when the Wolves scored six in this season in the Round 30. Stuart Young garnered a four goal haul together with a Scott Chipperfield brace. Earlier in the season in Round 3 Sydney Olympic reached a four goal tally at Brandon Park.

2001/02

South Melbourne in Round 12 scored one but the Wolves attained three with Alex Castro, Dino Menillo and Paul Reid goaling. In the reverse fixture, the result was changed with South Melbourne scoring four and the Wolves with one with Con Anthopoulos getting the consolation.

2003/04

Five goals were scored in the Round 20 Northern Spirit encounter with the Wolves hitting four, courtesy of a brace to Stuart Young, with Adam Hughes and Chimoabi Nwaogazi adding to the total. South Melbourne in Round 3 achieved four on sixteen, fifty-three, seventy-eight and ninety-second minutes.

2007

In Round 10, Sutherland Sharks were defeated 3-0 by the Wolves with Osagie Ederaro with a brace and Daniel Aliffi achieving, while 1-4 was the least imposing result and this was encountered thrice, in Rounds 2, 13 and 16 with Manly United, Sydney United Blacktown City being the teams concerned. Manly scored in forty-ninth, fifty-seventh, eighty-sixth and ninetieth with Aliffi replying. Ederaro scored first against Sydney United but four to the good wrecked the Wolves' plan and Blacktown did likewise while Steve Hayes got one back for the Wollongong.

2009

A 3-2 winning result was the solitary win of the season and occurred in Round 2. Ilija Prenzowski scored with a brace and Samet Kaynak added the third. In Round 7, Marconi put the Wolves to the sword with seven goal drubbing. The initial goal was scored just four minutes in and the others eventuated on twenty-seven, twenty-eight, fifty, sixty-eight, eighty-five and eighty-seven minutes.

2011

Rockdale conceded four goals in Round 18 with the Wolves goal scorers being Andres Gomez, Sasho Petrovski, John Martinovski and Sean Robertson. Rockdale scored a consolation. Olympic inflicted a 3-0 defeat for the least impressive result, scoring in the forty-sixth, seventy-ninth and eighty-eighth minutes.

2013

It was Round 1 that Sutherland garnered four goals and in Round 20 Sydney Olympic did likewise.

Sutherland scored in the forty-first, forty-ninth, sixty-fifth and eighty-eighth minutes, while Olympic attained in the twenty-fifth, sixty-fourth, seventy-seventh and ninetieth minutes. The Wolves best result was 4-1 versus Marconi in Round 15 with Ricky Zucco with a brace together with Peter Simonoski and Mitchell Del Turco.

2015

Four goals to nil were both the best and worst scores in this season. In Round 15 the Wolves achieved four against Sydney United 58 with Brendan Griffin, Peter Simonoski, Jordan Murray and David Stojic scoring the goals. Blacktown attained in Round 13 in the fifteenth, twentieth, sixty-second and eighty-sixth minutes.

2017

A six goal haul for the Wolves against Sydney FC in the final round of the 2017 season saw the team hit a high. Patrick Antelmi scored a hat trick, Brendan Griffin achieved with a brace and Steve Hayes attained. Sydney FC pulled one back as a consolation.

Bonnyrigg White Eagles in Round 9 produced a 3-0 shut out scoring in the fifty-second, eighty-third and ninety-third minutes.

2019

In this history making year, the team's most impressive score lines were on five occasions being 4-0, scored in Rounds 9,12, 13, 15 and 19 versus Blacktown City, Manly United Sydney FC and APIA Leichhardt in that order. Thomas James with a brace together with Taylor McDonald and Nick Littler achieved against Blacktown, Lachlan Scott attained a brace with James and Takeru Okada with the extras in the Manly encounter, while in Round 13 James with another brace joined Okada and Scott on the scorer's list. With Sydney FC being the opposition, Okada and Scott goaled with James adding another brace. In Round 19 it was four individual scorers being Darcy Madden, Scott, Okada and James.

The least impressive score was 2-1 in Round 14 when Sydney United 58 hit two on thirty-nine and ninety minutes with James scoring his team's reply.

These score lines have the best and the least palpable in the odd year seasons of the club. In fact, the 'good news, bad news'.

By Malcolm Rowney

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

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



- 26 Tom Chidiac
- 27 Hunter Elliott
- 28 Yannis Frerck
- 29 Marcus Lal
- 31 Max Martinello
- 32 Jack Mason
- 33 Lachlan Mills
- 34 Tian Rae
- 35 Stefano Rossello
- 36 Adam Shaheen
- 37 Kyle Devine
- 56 Jack Urgan

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

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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	14	10	3	1	35	9	26	33
2	Sydney FC	12	8	2	2	33	13	20	26
3	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	12	8	2	2	38	19	19	26
4	Wollongong Wolves FC	16	7	4	5	25	20	5	25
5	Marconi Stallions FC	15	7	2	6	24	23	1	23
6	Sydney Olympic FC	14	6	2	6	19	19	0	20
7	Northbridge Bulls FC	15	6	2	7	21	26	-5	20
8	Manly United FC	13	6	1	6	19	18	1	19
9	APIA Leichhardt FC	15	4	5	6	21	25	-4	17
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	4	2	8	16	30	-14	14
11	Rockdale Ilinden FC	16	3	5	8	24	41	-17	14
12	Sydney United 58 FC	16	2	0	14	13	45	-32	6

GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	15
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	15
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	15
Marko Jesic (Marconi)	14
Jason Romero (APIA)	10
Sean Symons (APIA)	10
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	10
Bruno Mendes (Manly United)	9
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	8
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	8
Adrian Segecic (Sydney FC)	8



NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MANLY UNITED FC VS
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**
7:00 PM / FRI 1 JUL
CROMER PARK

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS
ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC**
7:30 PM / FRI 1 JUL
WIN STADIUM

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS
MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC**
3:00 PM / SAT 2 JUL
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**
3:30 PM / SAT 2 JUL
SEYMOUR SHAW

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS
SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC**
4:00 PM / SUN 3 JUL
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

**SYDNEY FC VS
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**
6:30 PM / SUN 3 JUL
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

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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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