

The Hawks have also managed to secure exciting prospect Angus Chance who joins the club from Dulwich Hill.

Inter Lions will be hoping to get off on the front foot in 2019 with new recruits Alec Beccera, Fikiret Berisha, Meco Tripodi, Nico Paras, Stephen Stavropoulos and big signing Zac Ribeiro all having NPL or NPL 2 experience under their belts.

2018 Grand Finalists SD Raiders FC will look to go one step further this campaign as they host the Western NSW Mariners FC on Saturday night at Ernie Smith Reserve.

As the hosts approach their third year in the league they will hope to build upon last year's performance and be crowned NPL 3 winners come the end of the season.

With former Socceroo star Nick Carle continuing in his role as technical director, we will be sure to see several exciting prospects break through into their first grade squad and make a name for themselves in the league.

Hovering at the lower reaches of the league table for the last couple of seasons, the Mariners will be striving for better this year as they look to battle their way into finals contention.

After last season's penalty shootout heartbreak in the elimination final, Bankstown City FC will meet Dulwich Hill FC at Jensen Park on Saturday night at 7pm.

Bankstown City will be looking to kickstart their 2019 campaign on the right foot. Playing at the revamped Jensen Park, Dulwich Hill will be a welcome sight for the Lions after they did the double over them in their two meetings last season.

Led by their captain in Nikola Todoroski who once again will be looked at in leading his chargers to victory, his goals will be vital for Bankstown's chances in the competition.

Todoroski along with another big name, Ante Tomic, when on, are one of the most fiercest teams in the league.

Dulwich Hill will have an almost entirely new playing roster this year-round with several players heading out of the club, most notably veteran goalkeeper Michael Frost who has decided to hang up his gloves.

Coach Mark Strachan has had to step up player recruitment for the 2019 season with nine new faces set to join Dully with Nathan Sansom and star attacker Peter Crevani joining from Blacktown Spartans.

Dulwich Hill have also added NPL 2 trio Luke Turnbull, Russell Farrell and Christian Desa to their squad as they team up to create a new look Dully outfit.

Round one action will be rounded up at 3pm at Christie Park on Sunday afternoon as last season's surprise package Gladesville Ryde Magic play host to Sydney University SFC.

After a stellar 2018 campaign, Magic have been dealt a blow with star player Michael Gaitatzis, the competition's golden boot winner last season joining NPL outfit Sydney Olympic where his brother Harris also signed with after his time at the Rockdale City Suns.

In a bid to replace the void left by Michael, Magic have secured the signature of seasoned striker Rosario Occhipinti. A player well known to the NPL 3, Rosario has won the golden boot in this league on two previous occasions.

The biggest coup for Magic comes with the signing of Robert Mileski with the former Sydney United striker and captain adding a wealth of experience to their playing roster. He, along with Chris Triantis will most certainly form one of the deadliest partnerships in the NPL 3 NSW Men's competition so watch this space.

Sunday's opponents, Sydney University may prove tricky for the hosts with the visitors having taken maximum points from their two outings in the previous campaign.

With kick off only days away we all cannot wait to see what this season has install for us.

Who will be the frontrunners? Which teams will fall short this year?

Get ready for another blockbuster season in the NSW NPL 3 Men's competition!

National Premier Leagues NSW Men's 1 Big matches dominate opening round

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today confirmed that experienced Australian coach Ante Milicic will lead the Westfield Matildas at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France.

The 2019 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's season will be kicking off with an absolute bang thanks to some mouth-watering opening fixtures to wet the appetite of players and fans across the competition. All round 1 matches will take place on Sunday 10th of March with 2018 Premiers and Champions Sydney Olympic taking on the Sutherland Sharks with the Blues hoping to keep their momentum on winning back to back silverware at Belmore Sports Ground.

Manly United will be making the massive trek down South as they clash with the Wollongong Wolves while it will be an all out traditional affair at Lambert Park as APIA Leichhardt Tigers entertain Marconi Stallions.

Lily Homes Stadium will play host to a local derby as Blacktown City host newly promoted Mt Druitt Town Rangers while at Hensley Athletic Field, Hakoah Sydney City East tackle the young guns of Sydney FC.

The pick of the round however will be the high octane clash at Sydney United Sports Centre when the Rockdale City Suns face Sydney United 58.

Round 1 NPL NSW Men's Fixtures Sunday March 10th

Wollongong Wolves v Manly United
Sydney Olympic v Sutherland Sharks
Blacktown City v Mt Druitt Town Rangers
Hakoah Sydney City East v Sydney FC
Sydney United 58 v Rockdale City Suns
Manly United v Wollongong Wolves

Maclaren edges on Oz record while Glory edge to title

Jamie Maclaren is on the verge of breaking Robbie Slater's long-held Australian football record, but that's cold comfort for Melbourne City who shipped two late goals to draw 2-2 with Perth Glory



Jamie Maclaren opened the scoring with a bullet bouncing-header after he found acres of space between Perth's defenders from a deep cross.

The Socceroo's striker then added a second from the penalty spot after Shane Lowry was adjudged to have handballed attempting to clear a low-driven cross.

But despite City's excellent ball movement sending a shell-shocked Glory outfit into the second half 2-0 down, Tony Popovic's men were composed and able to step up a level with ease in the second, as Warren Joyce's City sat deep and invited pressure.

The losses to injury of Bart Schenkeveld and Ritchie De Laet ultimately proved decisive, as the damage occurred in the final 10 minutes.

First Joel Chianese responding with a similar header to Maclaren - equally unmarked - before Diego Castro pulled off a thumping, curving shot from range which left Eugene Galekovic equal parts stranded and confused.

While an away point keeps Perth six points clear of Sydney FC with six matches remaining, it only creates a four point buffer between Newcastle Jets in seventh, and a very disappointed City outfit.