

NPL NSW MEN'S

has been billed as 'Super Sunday' with all six matches taking place.



performances.

Club captain Brad Walker will steer the team's backline while the club will rely heavily on the goals from classy marksman Amaury Gauthier who hopes he can bang a few away against the young boys of Sydney.

FC come into this opener with a new manager in Jimmy Van Weeren.

Never short of talent, the pool keeps on delivering and this year will no doubt see more new faces added to the list of youngsters produced by the Sydney FC club.

Captain Liam McGing will be leading the team from the back while the likes of exciting players such as keeper Thomas Heward-Belle, Jerry Skotadis, Daniel Blachura, Harry Van Der Saag, Hamish Lamberton and Marco Tilio will be names to look out for.

Current Sky Blues senior star Luke Ivanovic has been named in the club's roster and will link up with his team post A-League season to add more zing to the team.

Sunday March 10th
Sydney United 58 v Rockdale City Suns
Sydney United Sports Centre, 5pm kick-off

What a mouth-watering clash we have in stall as Sydney United 58 take on the Rockdale City Suns in a match that has so many dominating headlines pre kick-off.

The major one being Panny Nikas returning to his old stomping

ground with the new colours of the Suns.

The question remains, will Nikas be able to replicate his golden form he once had at United 58 with his new troops?

Head coach Paul Reid who hung the boots last year will no doubt look towards Nikas for that magic alongside some other big players the club has managed to snare with ex-Manly United star Sasa Macura being another.

The club lost influential midfielder Blake Ricciuto who will no doubt be a huge loss for the club but Reid will have players such as skipper Daniel Petkovski, Alec Urosevski, Alec Canak, Idris El Hafiane and Jordan Figon to spearhead the side to glory.

United 58 coach Miro Vlastelica will need to cope with the loss of not only Nikas but another goal getter in Chris Payne who made the off-season switch to APIA.

The Reds will be down on numbers on opening day as their new signings in former Uruguayan youth international Sebastien Gallegos and former Wolves attacker Peter Simonovski have been ruled out through injuries sustained during the off-season.

Former Australian youth international Liam Rose will hope he can spearhead his playing career once more with his coming to the club while Vlastelica will rely heavily on the shoulders of inspirational captain Nick Stavroulakis as well as the experience of Yianni Fragogiannis, Petar Markovic, Yianni Perkatis, Matthew Bilic and Glenn Trifiro to get their season off to a good start.

Club keeper Tom Manos will once again pull the strings underneath the goal posts while Patrick Antelmi, although suspended for this game, will hope he can regain his 2017 form by hitting the back of the net for the club in more ways than one.

Expect fireworks at Edensor Park, a huge clash to kick things off.

Sunday 10th March
APIA Leichhardt Tigers v Marconi Stallions
Lambert Park, 7pm kick-off

The Match of the Round that is sure to dominate in more ways than one closes what should be a massive 'Super Sunday' at Lambert Park as two familiar foes meet in the form of APIA Leichhardt Tigers and Marconi Stallions.

Both clubs have bought incredibly this year meaning a number of high-quality players will be on show on Sunday evening.

Could this be a possible Grand Final match? Very early to say but looking at both team rosters you'd think it would be a big chance.

The Tigers will have John Calleja as the gaffer and his experience will be needed to steer this team towards some silverware.

APIA have recruited well with Sam McIlhatton set to be a key signing. The pint-sized midfielder was arguably Sydney FC's best player last year in the NPL as the then captain pulled in some massive performances for the club that earned him the status of one of the players to watch for 2019.

He will be joined by some familiar faces with former Bonnyrigg White Eagles star Tynan Diaz and ex-Sydney United 58 goal getter Chris Payne as well as former Hakoah star Michael Kouta calling Lambert Park home.

The club has again retained the services of captain Sean Symons, brother Josh, Ivan Necevski, Themba Muata Marlow, Paul Galimi, Corey Biczo, David D'Apuzzo and of course the APIA Legend himself, Franco Parisi, who will once again strut his stuff like no other player does in the NPL NSW Men's competition.

Their opponents the Stallions come into this match as probably one of the punters favourites to win the league.

Why wouldn't they when they've recruited some of the best players out in the NPL NSW Men's competition.

Nathan Millgate will hope to enter the correct dressing room after spending the last few seasons with the Tigers, will make his debut with the Stallions – what a way to kick your career off with your new club against your former right?

Joining Millgate will be a host of former Blacktown City FC stars, five in fact, with the Speranza brothers Roberto and Giorgio, Connor Evans, Mitchell Mallia and Zach Cairncross making their much publicized moves.

Former Hakoah star Anthony Frangie will add firepower up top while former Wolves defender James Baldacchino is set to sturdy up the club's defence.

A familiar face returns to the NPL NSW Men's competition in the form of lethal marksman Richie Cardozo, a player coach Peter Tsekenis hopes will hit the back of the net a number of times this year.

If these names weren't enough to get the Stallions fans excited add in keeper Nenad Vekic, Marko Jesic, a now fully fit Mirjan Pavlovic as well as the deadly speed of James Andrew and you have yourself an almost All-Star squad.

Oh wait, there's also former Western Sydney Wanderer Liam Youlley and the exciting Lachlan Sepping thrown into that mix.

What a match to kick things off for round 1 right?

The pick of the bunch but one that has entertainment plus written all over it.