

football in years with striker Thomas James leading the golden boot race with ten for the season. Along with James, the likes of Takeru Okada and Guy Knight have been in fine form for the Wolves as has keeper Justin Pasfield and Nick Littler in the back.

**Wollongong coach** Luke Wilkshire is unlikely to make any changes to his starting line-up from the team which defeated Hakoah last week.

**It will** be an almighty task for Sutherland but anything can happen in football.

### Mount Druitt Town Rangers v Marconi Stallions, 7pm Saturday at Popondetta Park

**A return** to Popondetta Park could be the driving force that inspires Mt Druitt to victory when they host Marconi Stallions on Saturday.

**The Rangers** have gone four games without a win and have conceded 14 goals in that period.

**They have** however competed in most of its matches thus far and have been able to get amongst the goals.

**Coach Aidan** Desmond will be desperately searching for answers as they face off against a Marconi team full of confidence and hungry for goals.

**One upside** for Mt Druitt is the return of Toufic Alameddine from an ankle injury with the skillful attacker making a cameo appearance off the bench last week.

**Desmond will** surely be tempted to return Alameddine to the starting side as well as Alex Boyadjian who has also performed well this season.

**The Stallions** have arguably been the best performing team over the last two rounds scoring eight goals including a five goal demolition of Sydney United 58 in Round 6.

**Nathan Millgate** might get a return to the starting side after being relegated to the bench last match on his return from a two game suspension.

**Mirjan Pavlovic** and Marko Jesic can't stop scoring and will be expected to lead the line once again for Marconi.

**Plenty of** goals could be on the menu if the Stallions are in the mood for it come Saturday night which means Mt Druitt defence could be in for a busy night.

### Manly United FC v Hakoah Sydney City East, 3pm Sunday at Cromer Park

**Manly United** will be hoping to give their fans plenty to cheer about when they return to Cromer Park on Sunday to take on Hakoah Sydney City East.

**Last week** Paul Dee's side were agonisingly denied a win by Sydney Olympic who snatched a 1-1 draw with a goal only two minutes from full-time.

**The boys** from the Northern Beaches have been solid so far this season but have been unable to turn their performances into consistent results.

**Dee has** made few changes to his starting team in recent weeks so expect a similar looking side to the one which ran out onto Belmore Sports Ground on Good Friday.

**Charles Mendy** and Nikola Taneski are dangerous players off the bench and could be the game changers in this clash against a stout Hakoah defense.

**Gavin Rae's** Hakoah team pushed APIA all the way in Round 6 but had no answers for league leaders Wollongong last round.

**Bradley Walker's** return to the centre of defence has helped steel the back line of the Eastern Suburbs outfit.

**Amaury Gauthier's** return last week also provided extra spark to the attack.

**Hakoah can** be a prickly customer and Manly won't want to slip up if they are secure the win in front of their fans.

### Blacktown City FC v Rockdale City Suns, 3pm Sunday at Lily Homes Stadium

**Blacktown City** will be hoping to reclaim third spot on the ladder with victory against a resurgent Rockdale City Suns outfit at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

**Blacktown fought** back to snatch a draw against APIA Leichhardt Tigers last week thanks only seven days after snatching a win with some more heroics in the late stages

## MARK BOSNICH SAYS TONY POPOVIC COACHING HIS SON IS A 'DIFFICULT SITUATION'

It was a proud moment for the Popovic family when Perth Glory coach Tony Popovic gave his son his A-League debut, but Mark Bosnich says it's going to be a 'difficult situation' between father and son.

**Kristian Popovic**, 17, was brought on against Sydney FC with 15 minutes to go as the Glory fielded an understrength side for the away trip to Kogarah. But how Popovic manages his son moving forward will be a challenge, Bosnich said on Fox Sports' A-League Hour, who had a similar situation with his own father growing up.

**"I've had** it at park level with my father and it didn't work," Bosnich said.

**"Basically my** mum turned around and said this is not going to happen next season because we'd come back from training and we wouldn't be speaking to each other. I've seen it at the very top as well, with Darren Ferguson and Sir Alex it's very, very difficult.

**"Any praise** that's afforded to your son you get people in the team who turn around and say of course he's going to say that.

**"It's a** very difficult situation and one that's hard to find in football where you can say that's a smashing success." After the match, which the Glory went on to lose, Popovic was proud of his son's impressive cameo performance.

**"I'm very** proud of him", Popovic said.

**"As a** coach I can say that he grew into the game and almost set up a chance for Ivan (Franjic) and the longer it went he looked like he belonged more and more."



Ultra Football Round 7 Team of the Week and once more Englishman **Thomas James** gets himself a mention. Wollongong Wolves Football Club star recruit and NPL NSW Men's goalscorer is in smashing form and only gets better as weeks roll on. Sydney United 58 FC's new recruit **Peter Simonoski** got himself a mention after bagging a hat-trick on Easter Monday while Marconi Stallions FC's **Mirjan Pavlovic** continues to impress up front. Blacktown City FC's **Mani Gonzalez** did his bit to catch the headlines over the weekend as did APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC keeper **Ivan Necevski**.

against Sydney FC.

**Mark Crittenden'** side has maintained the never say die attitude which helped the veteran coach lead the club to numerous titles this decade.

**Expect few** if any changes to his side for this match but if any player possibly earning themselves a promotion to the starting side it is James Demetriou who has scored twice in as many weeks after coming off the bench.

**Star midfielder** and former A-League player Devante Clut was an unused substitute against APIA so he may be another player who could be elevated into the line-up.

**Rockdale come** into the game on the up and up with two straight wins under interim coach Nick Porecca.

**Much Improved** performances from the Ilinden Sports Centre based side has given hope to Rockdale fans and they will be determined to stretch their new success as far as possible.

**However, one** headache for Porecca will be managing star player Alec Uroevski's groin injury which has limited the prolific winger's involvement in recent weeks.

**Expect an** exciting contest which could go down to the wire.