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ROUND 11 PREVIEW — NPL NSW

It's round 11 of the National Premier Leagues NSW Competition and the final match of the first half of the season.

Wollongong Wolves suffered their first defeat last week but cling on to top spot for the tenth straight week going into the upcoming fixtures. The biggest movers have been Rockdale City Suns and after defeating Wollongong last round have the Wolves ladder position in their sights. They travel to bottom team Sutherland in Round 11. Sydney Olympic open the round on Friday night with a match against Sydney FC. Sunday features three matches including Sydney United 58's trip to Cromer Park to play Manly United, Blacktown hosting Hakoah and the final match of the round with APIA Leichhardt Tigers taking on Mt Druitt at Lambert Park.

Sydney Olympic FC v Sydney FC, 8pm Friday at Belmore Sports Ground

Friday night football at its best as NPL NSW Men's fever hits Belmore Sports Ground. Sydney Olympic have hit a purple patch of

form and will be out to step up their title defence when they host Sydney FC.

Olympic have broken free of the shackles which held them back in the opening weeks and have gone undefeated in their past four matches.

It's been an impressive turnaround by the Abbas Saad coached side which has helped them to fifth on the ladder and back in the race for finals football.

The return to fitness, and form, of Spanish striker Alex Sanchez has played a big part in Olympic's recent success and he will once again be a leading light against Sydney FC.

His strike partner Radovan Pavicevic finally got off the mark against Sydney United 58 in round 10 and will be hoping to hit the back of the net on Friday.

Veteran custodian Paul Henderson has also turned back the clock once more producing some fine goalkeeper displays all of which have kept the Blues at bay.

Looking to stop Olympic's firing front pair will be a Sydney FC side desperate to end a five game run without a win.

For another week they missed out on all three points due to a lapse in concentration and it is surely something coach Jimmy Van Weeren will be looking to sort out sooner rather than later.



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Round 10 Results

Hakoah Sydney - Mt Druitt Rangers 1-2
Sydney United - Sydney Olympic 1-1
Blacktown City - Marconi Stallions 1-0
APIA Tigers - Manly United 1-1
Sutherland Sharks - Sydney FC Youth 1-1
Wollongong Wolves - Rockdale City Suns 0-1

Next Games Round 11 17.05.2019

Sydney Olympic - Sydney FC Youth

18.05.2019

Sutherland Sharks- Rockdale City Suns

Marconi Stallions- Wollongong Wolves

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Blacktown City- Hakoah Sydney

Manly United - Sydney United

APIA Tigers-Mt Druitt Rangers

Round 10 Table

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Wollongong Wolves	10	21	6	3	1	22	10	12
2	Rockdale City Suns	10	19	6	1	3	10	13	-3
3	APIA Tigers	10	18	5	3	2	16	11	5
4	Sydney United	10	18	5	3	2	16	15	1
5	Sydney Olympic	10	15	4	3	3	20	15	5
6	Manly United	10	14	3	5	2	13	12	1
7	Blacktown City	10	14	4	2	4	8	11	-3
8	Marconi Stallions	10	13	4	1	5	19	14	5
9	Mt Druitt Rangers	10	10	2	4	4	16	22	-6
10	Sydney FC Youth	10	8	2	2	6	14	20	-6
11	Sutherland Sharks	10	7	1	4	5	9	14	-5
12	Hakoah Sydney	10	7	2	1	7	8	14	-6

Van Weeren was able to include A-League rising stars Luke Ivanovic and Joel King in his team against Sydney FC and their addition is surely something which will only strengthen the Young Sky Blues outfit.

Hamish Lambertson has done a good job covering the striking position since the injury to Jordi Swibel and he was once again on the scoreboard after coming off the bench.

It will be a tough contest for Sydney FC against an inform Olympic team but a full 90 minute performance could be enough for them to claim an upset

hopefully improve their performances moving forward.

They face an almighty task against Rockdale City Suns in Round 11.

The Suns are on an incredible five game winning streak which has catapulted them to second on the ladder after last week's win against league leaders Wollongong.

Star winger Alec Urosevski's injury woes appear behind him as the star attacker has been in fine form after his wonder strike against the Wolves.

Sutherland will go into this match as underdogs but proved in their 2-2 draw against Wollongong that they can challenge the competition's front runners.

Sutherland Sharks v Rockdale City Suns, 6.30pm Saturday at Seymour Shaw

Sutherland Sharks are desperately hunting for their first win in ten weeks and they will be in for an almighty challenge when Rockdale City Suns come to Seymour Shaw on Saturday in the local derby of the South.

The Sharks have shown improvement over the past month and have claimed three draws from their past three matches.

The signing of former Sydney FC and Brisbane Roar A-League striker Charles Lokolingoy has given new life to the Sutherland attack which was on display as he helped them snatch a late draw last week.

Lokolingoy will join forces with Marc Warren to provide the Sharks a formidable spine and

Marconi Stallions v Wollongong Wolves, 7pm Saturday at Marconi Stadium

Marconi Stallions will be aiming for a return to winning ways when they host league leaders Wollongong Wolves at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night.

The Stallions have hit the skids in recent weeks and have not won in their past three matches.

Coach Peter Tsekenis is determined to fix his star side's stuttering performances starting with this clash against the Wolves.