

MEN'S



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The boys from the Northern Beaches have paid the price for lapses in concentration squandering leads in their past two matches. **Coach Paul** Dee will be hoping to bring back winger Dejan Pandurevic for this match after he didn't feature last round as they conceded a goal in the final seconds as APIA snatched a dramatic draw.

Adam Parkhouse could also be returned to the starting lineup after being used off the bench.

Manly's effort can't be faulted but they need to curb small mistakes late in the game if they are to make the most of their great starts.

United 58 survived a thrilling clash against Sydney Olympic last round escaping with a draw.

Shot stopper Thomas Manos delivered arguably his best performance of the season to stifle a relentless Olympic attack and help the Reds claim a vital competition point.

Coach Miro Vlastelica continues to rotate his attacking stocks week to week with Patrick Antelmi and Matt Sim both playing off the bench last week with Cristian Gonzales and Tariq Maia given starting berths.

That could easily change this week if Vlastelica instead opts for his more experienced players on the road.

Peter Simonoski has continued his scoring run and will be the centrepiece of the United 58 attack once again.

The return to familiar surrounds could be just the formula for Manly United as they push to break back into the finals spots.

However, United 58 will be tough customers in a match which could go either way.

Blacktown City FC v Hakoah Sydney City East FC, 3pm Sunday at Lily Homes Stadium

Blacktown City has rediscovered their winning edge and will be out to double down when they host Hakoah Sydney City East at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

City claimed a huge victory against Marconi Stallions in Round 10 with that result sure to send morale at the club skyrocketing.

Turning those good feelings into results will be coach Mark Crittenden's next challenge.

Mani Gonzalez was given the start against Marconi and he repaid his gaffer with the match winner. It's not the first time Gonzalez has scored an important goal for Blacktown this season so expect to see him feature more and more if he can keep this run up.

Joey Gibbs has had a lean year in the goalscoring stakes so far but he proved against Marconi his skill and work rate plays a major role in any of Blacktown's successes.

Their opponents Hakoah will be desperate to snap a dire run without a win when they head out to Seven Hills and will surely be

struggling attacking units so this match could turn out to be quite the dog fight.

APIA Leichhardt Tigers v Mt Druitt Town Rangers, 3.30pm Sunday at Lambert Park

Chris Payne saved the day for APIA last week but they will need much more than that against Mt Druitt this Sunday at Lambert Park if they are to reclaim second spot.

A slip in form has meant APIA has won only one of their past five matches a stat which is sure to concern coach John Calleja.

Had Payne not found the net in the 94th minute against Manly to snatch a dramatic 1-1 draw it could've been worse for the Lambert Park side.

Injuries to David D'Apuzzo (season), Paul Galimi and Corey Biczo as well as the loss of Andre De Jong to South Africa has left the Tigers short of depth and relying on youth.

Nicholas Azzone has played in the past three matches for APIA while Sam McIlhatton has become a permanent fixture in the centre of midfield.

Biczo was able to make a return to action of the bench last round while Galimi is expected to return either this week or next.

Their opponents Mt Druitt had a mighty comeback of their own last round as they

snatched their first win in seven rounds. **Alex Boyadiljan's** goal gave the Rangers a vital three points and it is sure to boost them moving forward.

Coach Alden Desmond is sure to be happy with the way his side kept fighting until the final whistle.

Don't expect too many changes in the starting side for Mt Druitt and they look claim back to back wins.

APIA will be the favourites for this clash but their recent form shows that Mt Druitt are very much in with a shot of an upset.

Defence has been a weak spot for the Stallions and the absence of Zach Cairncross last round only made matters worse.

Expect Tsekenis to shake things up at the back this week.

Finally, young gun Yianni Nicolau will be given at least this week off after receiving a red card against Blacktown.

Their opponent Wollongong come into this match after their first defeat of the campaign and will also be pushing to bounce back.

Rockdale found a way to shut out prolific Wolves front man Thomas James and the rest of the Wollongong attack suffered as they were shutout for the first time this season.

Don't expect too many changes from coach Luke Wilkshire who won't be too concerned by the dropped points in round 10.

If anything the match could prove to be a bit of a wake up call to the league leaders who could've been starting to coast on their early season success.

Wollongong will be favourites for this match but Marconi has the firepower to take down any side if they're in the mood.

Manly United FC v Sydney United 58, 3pm Sunday at Cromer Park

A return to Cromer Park could be the perfect tonic for Manly United as the look to snap a win-less streak against Sydney United 58 on

