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Biczo who has been a key performer all season for the club.

Wollongong will be the favourites at home but with so much on the line the form could very easily go out the window.

Sydney Olympic v Mt Druitt Town Rangers, Saturday 4pm at Belmore Sports Ground

A clash against fellow strugglers Mt Druitt Town Rangers could be just what the doctor ordered for Sydney Olympic when the two sides face off at Belmore Sports Ground on Saturday

Olympic slumped to their worst defeat of the year last round as Sutherland Sharks ended their ten match winless streak with a 3-0 victory against the reigning champions.

Star striker Alex Sanchez has lacked the service he had last season following the departure of Max Burgess, with the rest of the Olympic attack also unable to find their way.

Expect plenty of changes this week as Abbas Saad looks to re-ignite his struggling troops.

Its been a similar story out west with Mt Druitt also doing it tough after a 4-1 loss to local rivals Blacktown City last round.

The Rangers have the worst defence in the league and will need to focus all their attention on fixing that if they are to turn their campaign around.

One bright spark has been Uruguayan import Fabricio Fernandez who has been able to provide his teammates plenty of chances as he operates out of his preferred attacking midfield position.

New signing John Roberts looked good early on against Blacktown but faded late. With more time to train with his new teammates expect the former Wanderers NYL star to have a bigger impact on matches for Mt Druitt.

Rockdale City Suns v Marconi Stallions, Sunday 4.30pm at Ilinden Sports Centre.

Rockdale City Suns will be determined to return to winning ways when they host Marconi Stallions at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

The Suns had their unbeaten run stopped last round thanks to a last minute Sydney United 58 winner which was sure to rankle the club and it's players.

They will be driven to make up for that



defeat against the struggling Stallions and get back in the race for the premiership.

Interim coach Nick Porecca has had success with a similar line-up in since taking the reigns in round six and expect that to continue.

Panny Nikas was absent yet again for Rockdale against United with Alec Urosevski left to do most of the heavy lifting for the Suns.

Urosevski remains Rockdale's most important player and will once again be a good chance of finding his name on the score sheet.

Their opponents Marconi come into this match searching for answers after yet another big defeat.

The Stallions have slumped to eighth on the ladder and out of the finals spots because of their recent poor form.

Coach Peter Tsekenis is sure to put the pressure on his high profile stars to lift the team now that they need it most.

Marko Jesic has been somewhat of a Jekyll and Hyde for Marconi of late with the talented striker trading moments of brilliance with moments of madness in each of his last two matches.

Rockdale will head to Marconi Stadium as favourites but Marconi's squad of stars makes them a side you can never really write off.

Hakoah Sydney City East v Sutherland Sharks, Sunday 5pm at Hensley Athletic Field

Hakoah Sydney City East are desperate for a win and will be hoping to claim all three points when they host a resurgent Sutherland Sharks on Sunday.

Hakoah is anchored to the bottom of the league table after yet another tough loss last week but will be hoping the injection of former A-League defender Pedj Bojic can be answer to their woes.

Bojic made a solid debut last round earning himself Team of the Week honours.

Coach Gavin Rae is sure to be buoyed by the ex-Sydney FC and Central Coast Mariners man's performance.

Goals however remain Hakoah's biggest struggles and it is in that department the club still has plenty of work to do if they are to climb off the bottom of the competition.

Shohel Okuna and Amaury Gauthier have

been Hakoah's best so far upfront and expect Rae to persist with them going forward.

Their opponents Sutherland Sharks come into the match with a new lease on life after ending their incredible 10 week winless streak.

With veteran goalkeeper Nathan Denham back between the sticks and new signing Charles Lokolingoy finding his way, expect more good things to come from the Sharks.

Coach Terry Palapanis has added to his defensive stocks this week signing Sydney FC centre back Liam McGing.

Hakoah took the points when these two sides met back in round two so this match could go either way.

Sydney United 58 v Blacktown City FC, 5pm Sunday at Sydney United Sports Centre

Third spot goes on the line on Sunday as Sydney United 58 take on Blacktown City at Sydney United Sports Centre.

An incredible last minute winner from Patrick Antelmi helped United 58 snatch a 3-2 victory against rivals Rockdale City Suns last week.

The Reds raced out of the blocks last week and another fast start would put them in good stead for another valuable three points.

The trio of Matt Sim, Peter Simonoski and Glen Trifiro has been an effective attacking rotation for the club.

This week United 58 emotionally farewelled warrior midfielder Nick Stavroulakis which opens up more opportunities in midfield for the side's young players.

It will be interesting to see how coach Miro Vlastelica manages his squad in the run home.

Their opponents this week is a Blacktown City side which have seemingly rediscovered their eye for goal.

The second worst attack in the league until last round. Blacktown scored four against Mt Druitt as they finally broke free of the shackles which had been holding them back.

Enmanuel Gonzalez was a top performer for Blacktown as was Grant Lynch in defence.

Substitue Rhett Desilva made his mark with a stunning long range strike and explosive play through midfield.

It is sure to give coach Mark Crittenden consideration whenever to give the youngster a start.