

# MEN'S



## Marconi Stallions v Sydney FC, Sunday 3pm at Marconi Stadium

**Marconi Stallions** will be driven to build on last week's emphatic win and make it back to back victories when they host Sydney FC on Sunday.

**The Stallions** displayed everything their attack is capable of as they scored five goals in a 5-2 win against rivals Rockdale City Suns.

**While that** performance gave Marconi fans something to smile about, the team still has a long way to go if they are to live up to their potential as Championship contenders.

**Consistency will** be the message from coach Peter Tsekis as too many times this season Marconi have followed up from a win with a poor display.

**Tsekis has** seemingly put all his faith in Marko Jesic to spearhead the side's attack after allowing Mirjan Pavlovic to depart the club this week.

**Expect few** other changes as they will likely carry the same team from last week's win.

**For Sydney FC** the win will be about snatching points from a tough road trip.

**With two** wins from their last three games, the Young Sky Blues are feeling pretty good despite a busy schedule for their young players.

**Coach Jimmy** van Weeren has done well to rotate his squad as the club's A-League and Asian Champions League campaign's have robbed him of the chance to field his best team.

**Hamish Lamberton** once again showed his eye for goal last round and has carved a vital role in this team.

**It will** be a very tough encounter for Sydney with Marconi the favourites for the win at home.

## Wollongong Wolves v Sydney United 58 FC, Sunday 3pm at WIN Stadium

**Riding high** and seemingly on track for a maiden NPL NSW Premiership, Wollongong Wolves will be determined to keep their focus as they host Sydney United 58 on Sunday.

**A second** half onslaught last round helped the Wolves thrash their nearest rivals APIA Leichhardt 4-0 further stretching their dominance at the top of the pile.

**However, Wollongong** won't have it easy this week as Sydney United 58 come to town.

**Consistency has** been the Wolves weapon of choice this season with everyone in the squad contributing each week.

**It is** sure to put a smile on Luke Wilshire's face as he has finally unlocked the South Coast's



sides potential.

**Thomas James** has claimed 15 goals to lead the golden boot race while Nikola Djordjevic and Nick Littler are a formidable pairing at the heart of their defence.

**It sets** up an almighty challenge for Sydney United 58 but the Red's have a few aces of their own coming into this match-up.

**The return** of Tomislav Uskok to United 58 from the Melbourne Knights gives the visitors another top tier defender to pair up with Yianni Fragogiannis.

**Uskok was** a big part of Mark Rudan's dominant United 58 side and he will want to get back to those winning ways.

**The return** of Glen Trifiro who recently completed his 'B' Licence in Canberra will also boost the clubs stocks as experience may be the key to winning this for the Reds.

**Last week** United suffered a poor 4-2 defeat to Blacktown City to drop them down to fourth on the ladder.

**They will** want to bounce back in a big way this round but know tactically they need to get it right to beat off what is a rampant Wolves outfit.

## APIA Leichhardt Tigers v Sutherland Sharks, Sunday 3.30pm at Lambert Park

**Second placed** APIA Leichhardt will hoping to shake off last week's defeat when they take on Sutherland Sharks at Lambert Park on Sunday.

**The Tigers** took a major hit to their Premiership hopes in round 13 with a 4-0 loss to competition leaders Wollongong Wolves.

**However it's** not all bad news for APIA and they will want to get back to winning ways against Sutherland Sharks.

**Coach John** Calleja will be tempted to give new signing Nick Stavroulakis his debut for the club this round in an attempt to sure up his side's midfield.

**APIA's attack** wouldn't have been happy after being held out and striker Chris Payne is sure to be around the goals this week.

**Their opponents** Sutherland Sharks boast one of the strangest form records in the competition going undefeated in their last six matches but until two weeks ago hadn't won a game since round 1.

**Those first** half of the season struggles appear to be over and if their last few games are

anything to go by the Sharks could turn into a real dark horse.

**The addition** of striker Charles Lokolingoy and defender Liam McGing have helped Sutherland make a major step forward with both players completely changing the once struggling side's fortunes while the club is hoping to get Bai Antoniou in time for this clash after a stint overseas.

**Expect to** see a heavy dose of those two this weekend from the Sharks as well as captain Marc Warren whose efforts have been impressive all season.

**APIA will** be favourites for this game but Sutherland are a real good chance of an upset if they play to their potential.

## Hakoah Sydney City East v Rockdale City Suns, Sunday 5 pm at Hensley Athletic Field

**Hakoah Sydney** City East will be looking to repeat their round three win when they take on Rockdale City Suns at Hensley Athletic Field on Sunday.

**The Gavin** Rae coached side delivered their best performance of the season to secure a 3-0 win against Rockdale.

**However, much** has changed since that match with Hakoah not winning again since that fixture.

**The Eastern** Suburbs outfit are desperate to end their streak of 10 games without a win and are sure to take inspiration from that comprehensive win back in round 3.

**Oliver Green** was a standout in a losing side last week for Hakoah as they suffered a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Sutherland Sharks.

**Rae and** his side will have a lot of work to do if they are to snatch another upset but in their favour is the fact that the Suns are coming off one of their worst defeats of the campaign.

**Rockdale conceded** five unanswered goals in round 13 as Marconi fought back from 2-0 down to claim a comprehensive 5-2 victory.

**It's been** a tough few weeks for the Suns who have plateaued after a run of six straight wins.

**Defence seems** to be once again an issue for Rockdale and interim coach Nick Porecca is sure to stress the importance of keeping things together to his squad for this match.

**Rockdale will** be the favourites for this clash and it will take an almighty Hakoah performance for the home side to snatch an upset.