

# MEN'S



break them down and had to settle for a point in a match they probably should have won.

**Reds gaffer** Miro Vlastelica will have big decisions to make to help re-ignite his team's season after their recent stumbles.

**United 58** will be favourites but the result is far from a sure thing with Mt Druitt at home a tough team to beat.

## Manly United v Sydney Olympic, 3pm Sunday at Cromer Park

**A shock** thrashing at the hands of Sutherland last week will be the driving force pushing Manly United towards a big bounce back performance against Sydney Olympic on Sunday.

**It was** the second straight loss for Manly and was a tough reality check for the team from the Northern Beaches.

**The pressure** will be on coach Paul Dee to spark new life into his hot and cold United team.

**Travis Oughtred** will miss this clash after receiving a red card last round.

**Sydney Olympic** come into the contest after breaking into the top five last round with a win against Rockdale City Suns.

**Abbas Saad's** side may not be playing the same football which guided them to a

premiership and championship double last season but improved form in recent weeks has given them hope of making the finals.

**Star striker** Alex Sanchez will be a key omission from the squad as he is serving a one week suspension which means a lot of pressure will now ride on the likes of skipper Jason Madonis and Radovan Pavicevic, while look to Nicola Kuleski for a big game in midfield. **It's a** match not to miss with plenty riding on the result.

## Blacktown City v APIA Leichhardt Tigers, 3pm Sunday at Lily Homes Stadium

**It will** be a clash of the titans at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday when second placed APIA Leichhardt Tigers travel to take on Blacktown City.

**four points** separate the two sides on the ladder and a loss in Sunday's match could all but end Blacktown's hopes of a potential top two finish.

**A 3-1** win against Sydney FC in round 17 was a big result for City headlined by a highlight reel bicycle kick goal from Joey Gibbs to clinch the result.

**Coach Mark** Crittenden has used a more

conservative game plan this season to help cover the exodus of attacking stars from last season's team and it appeared to stifle their attack all together in the first half of the campaign.

**However, Blacktown** has found their groove and the goals are now flowing freely with Gibbs closing in on top form.

**APIA on** the other are in near finals form and three straight wins is proof of that.

**A big** part of that form is 36-year-old veteran playmaker Franco Parisi who has played the house down in all three matches including a return of three goals and three assists.

**The Tiger's** defence has also stood up conceding only one goal in their past three games.

**Themba Muata-Marlow** could be reintroduced to the centre of defence after serving a one game suspension but he will have a tough time to fight his way into the team.

**This is** the standout match of the round and one not to miss.

## Wollongong Wolves v Hakoah Sydney City East, 3pm Sunday at WIN Stadium

**League leaders** Wollongong Wolves will be determined to stretch their lead at the top of the table when they host Hakoah

Sydney City east in a special NAIDOC themed clash at WIN Stadium on Sunday.

**The Wolves** will play in a special commemorative strip for the match in honour of NAIDOC Week and will hope it helps them to another great performance.

**A second-half** flurry helped the Luke Wilkshire coached outfit to a 4-1 win against Mt Druitt Town Rangers in round 17.

**While Golden Boot** leader Thomas James added another goal to his tally, it was Lachlan Scott who stood out scoring two goals and proving Wollongong's attack is more than one dimensional.

**Expect to** see both Scott and James desperate to find the back of the net this week.

**It has** been a horror season for the competition's bottom team Hakoah with only four wins all season.

**They will** be in for an almighty challenge with a tough road trip away to the Wolves.

**Last week,** they suffered yet another defeat as APIA cruised to a 3-0 win.

**Goals have** been one of the biggest weaknesses of Hakoah's season with the Gavin Rae coached time scoring only 10 goals in 17 games.

**Against the** leagues best defence Hakoah's front third could be in for another frustrating display.

**Wollongong are** strong favourites for this match but if Hakoah can snatch an early goal and remain disciplined then an upset could be on the cards.

## NPL NSW 2019 Men's 1

### Round 17 Results

**Sydney United** - Marconi Stallions 0-0

**Sydney Olympic** - Rockdale City Suns 1-0

**Manly United** - Sutherland Sharks 0-5

**APIA Tigers** - Hakoah Sydney 3-0

**Blacktown City** - Sydney FC Youth 3-1

**Mt Druitt Rangers** - Wollongong Wolves 1-4

### Next Games Round 18

**06.07.2019**

Sutherland Sharks - Marconi Stallions

Mt Druitt Rangers - Sydney United

Sydney FC Youth - Rockdale City Suns

**07.07.2019**

Blacktown City - APIA Tigers

Manly United - Sydney Olympic

Wollongong Wolves - Hakoah Sydney

### Premier League NSW 1 Table 17 round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Wollongong Wolves	17	39	12	3	2	44	14	30
2	APIA Tigers	17	34	10	4	3	34	22	12
3	Blacktown City	17	30	9	3	5	23	18	5
4	Sydney United	17	26	7	5	5	24	27	-3
5	Sydney Olympic	17	23	6	5	6	27	26	1
6	Manly United	17	23	6	5	6	21	25	-4
7	Rockdale City Suns	17	23	7	2	8	20	30	-10
8	Sutherland Sharks	17	22	5	7	5	25	20	5
9	Marconi Stallions	17	20	6	2	9	32	27	5
10	Mt Druitt Rangers	17	20	5	5	7	31	39	-8
11	Sydney FC Youth	17	14	4	2	11	25	42	-17
12	Hakoah Sydney	17	10	3	1	13	10	26	-16