



**Sim knocked** a header over the bar from a curling corner and Vlastelica also had a headed effort saved by an alert Vekic.

**With seconds** left on the clock United 58 had one last effort when Trifiro lined up over a free-kick 25 yards from goal.

**His stinging** effort curled over the wall and dipped drastically forcing an incredible reaction save from Vekic to ensure his team took home the trophy.

**Marconi coach** Peter Tsekenis was all smiles after claiming what was his second title as a coach.

**"This team** has been written off by some this season so to win the cup is the perfect reward for a brilliant group of players," he said.

**"Today was** a tough game which could've easily gone United's way but we displayed a lot of character to fight back and get the result when the pressure was on.

**"This is** the first silverware of their career for some of the boys so it will be a moment they remember for a long time to come.

**"Our focus** now moves back to the league and getting Marconi into the finals. It will be a tough task but today's performance shows how far this team has come and I believe we can get Marconi back to the finals where the club belongs.

**A solemn** United 58 striker Patrick Antelmi rued what could've been after the heartbreaking defeat.

**"You can't** fault the effort of anyone today. We just failed to make the most of our chances and paid the price," he said.

**"I had** three or so opportunities I should've done better with but sometimes that football and things don't go your way.

**"It's never** easy when you lose a final. Hopefully we can bounce back quickly and move our focus to securing our spot in the finals.

**Match Stats**

**Marconi Stallions:** 2 (Jesic 43', 70')

**Sydney United 58:** 1 Simonoski 28')

**Sunday, 14 July 2019**

**Lily Homes Stadium, Seven Hills**

**Referee:** K Patterson

**Assistant referees:** J Park, S Edeling

**Fourth official:** S Lucas

**Marconi Stallions:** 1. Nenad Vekic, 2. Nathan Millgate, 3. Giorgio Speranza, 4. Roberto Speranza, 8. Connor Evans, 10. Marko Jesic, 12. James Andrew, 13. Yianni Nicolou 16. Liam Youlley, 23. Brandon Vella 28. Martin Fernandez (7. Sean O'Connell 82')

**Substitutes not used:** 20. Richie Cardozo, 14. Peter Pelekanos, 17. Kristian Sekutkoski, 40. Damian Tsekenis



**Yellow Cards:** Millgate 41'

**Red Cards:**

**Sydney United 58:** 21. Thomas Manos, 4. Adrian Vlastelica, 5. Anthony Tomelic, 7. Peter Simonoski, 8. Matthew Sim (19. Joshua McDonald 89'), 9. Patrick Antelmi, 11. Yianni Perkatis (15. Tariq Maia), 12. Liam Rose, 17. Matthew Bilic, 18. Glen Trifiro, 22. Yianni Fragogiannis

**Substitutes not used:** 1. Daniel Sadaka, 6. Petar Markovic, 23. Luke Vlastelica

**Yellow Cards:** Rose, Perkatis 34', Bilic 52', 66', Manos 88', Fragogiannis 91

**Red Cards:** Bilic

