

WOMEN'S



Looking to stop them is a Rockdale team struggling to end a horror run which has included five straight defeats from their past five matches.

Panny Nikas had a solid return to action last week and will be required to help carry the load and re-ignite his teammates.

Rockdale's defence has conceded 15 goals in the past five matches and will be without captain and centre back Daniel Petkovski who is suspended after he was sent off against Blacktown last week.

Both teams have plenty to play for in what is sure to be a cracking contest.

Blacktown City v Wollongong Wolves, 3pm Sunday at Lily Homes Stadium

Third placed Blacktown City will be out to ruin Wollongong's potential premiership party when the two sides meet at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

The Mark Crittenden coached outfit have proven their doubters wrong this season after a major player exodus at the end of last campaign forced a rebuild at the Seven Hills based club.

While the team may look different, the characteristics of successful Blacktown City teams remain and have been on show

as they go from strength to strength.

Blacktown City possess one of the league's best defensive units but they will be in for an almighty test against a Wollongong Wolves team who have been scoring goals for fun in 2019.

The Wolves have massive motivation to take away all three points with the premiership title potentially 90 minutes away.

Lachlan Scott and Thomas James were impressive again last round against Sutherland Sharks but it was Takeru Okada and goal keeper Justin Pasfield who stole the show.

Can Wollongong make history on Sunday or will it be a resilient Blacktown team going home with all three points?

Sydney Olympic v Marconi Stallions, 4pm Sunday at Belmore Sports Ground

There will be many finals implications riding on the result of Sydney Olympic's clash with Marconi Stallions on Sunday afternoon at Belmore Sports Ground.

Olympic have been inconsistent this season but two wins from their past three games has

them in sixth place only one spot out of potential finals football.

Last round they were easily beaten by APIA Leichhardt Tigers but a big bounce back performance will be in order.

They will be without Zach Mackenzie and Will Angel (who is overseas) who are unavailable for the match which is sure to force a reshuffle from coach Abbas Saad.

They will up against a Marconi Stallions team in arguably their best form of the season.

Riding high after clinching the Waratah Cup only two weeks ago, Marconi are finally starting to deliver on the promise too their star studded lineup.

Youngster Martin Fernandez earned a spot on the team of the week last round and has impressed in place of suspended star Mitch Mallia.

The pressure is on both team with the result changing the race for the top five and finals football.

Hakoah Sydney City East v Sydney United 58, 5pm Sunday at Hensley Athletic Field

Hakoah Sydney City East will be out to force Sydney United 58 to succumb to

their second shock defeat in as many weeks.

Bottom side Hakoah have done it tough this year but could still change the playoff equation if they win on Sunday at Hensley Athletic Field.

Both teams have struggled to score goals over the past few rounds so the match could be a defensive battle.

Ryan Norval has been in good form at Hakoah despite a season the club would rather forget. They will be hoping he can be a shining light against United.

United are battling their way through one of their worst slumps of the campaign and were stunned at home by 11th placed Sydney United.

The Reds will be hoping for a return for Glen Trifiro who missed the match against Sydney FC.

United has not scored a solitary goal in three league matches despite dominating in attack. They have just lacked the clinical touch required to score during this time.

Pressure is mounting on coach Miro Vlastelica to produce positive results and will be hoping the likes of Matt Sim, Peter Simonoski and Patrick Antelmi fire against the league cellar dwellers.

This game is sure to be a hard nosed battle and with so much riding on it then it really could be set for a few more twists