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stars Toufic Alameddine and Fabricio Fernandes

Last week's win ended a run of three games without victory for the Rangers.

They take on a Hakoah team who are destined to finish with the wooden spoon and will be without a coach after Gavin Rae's departure from the club after their defeat to Sydney United 58 on Sunday.

The Eastern Suburbs based side has little to play for in the final two games so it will be interesting to see their intensity on Saturday. Goalkeeper Ryan Norval has been one of few standouts in what has been a horror Symons suffering injuries in that match. season for Hakoah and expect him to be busy against a dangerous Mt Druitt attack.

Mt Druitt will be expected to cruise to victory in this game but can Hakoah shake things up and end the Rangers finals dream?

Manly United FC v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC, Sunday 3pm at Cromer Park

Nothing less than victory will be enough for Manly United when they host APIA Leichhardt Tigers at Cromer Park on Sunday.

Defeat last week means that only a perfect two wins from Manly's final two games will secure them a shot at a top five finish.

It will take a mammoth turn around from the boys from the Northern Beaches to get the job done with the side losing four of their last five games.

Charles Mendy could be the man to turn their fortunes around with the Pacy striker a matchup nightmare for opposition defences. They take on an APIA Leichhardt side reeling from their shock 2-2 draw against Sydney FC last round.

squad around with Corey Biczo and Josh

APIA have already secured their place in this season's finals series, but will need to ensure they don't drop anymore points if they are to hold off a fast finishing Blacktown City team from knocking them out of second spot.

Manly's season is on the line in this clash so don't expect anything less than a desperation performance.

Sydney Olympic v Sydney United 58, Sunday 4pm at Belmore Sports Ground

Sydney United 58 are set to face off at Belmore Sports Ground on Sunday in a match with plenty of finals implications. **Sydney Olympic** sit outside the top five in sixth position and will need to reverse their current form if they have any hope of leapfrogging fifth placed Marconi Stallions. Coach Abbas Saad has made some risky selection decisions in recent weeks with a number of his experienced players unavailable.

Whiteside was a shock omission from last week's team and his demotion to the Grozdanovski are other key contributors Under-20 side, despite the absence of Will Angel and Mitchell Stamatellis, had Olympic For The Wolves a draw is enough for them fans asking plenty of questions.

They take on a Sydney United 58 side which finally broke through their recent struggles in a 3-0 win against bottom side Hakoah Sydney City East.

A midweek FFA Cup game will mean coach Miro Vlastelica has some big decisions to make to ensure his side is in the best shape after a busy week.

A red card to Yianni Fragogiannis in the dying stages of the match against Hakoah was a sore spot for Vlastelica who will likely be without the defender for Sunday's match. Matches between these two sides are Traditional rivals Sydney Olympic and always full of spice and expect Sunday's

clash to be no different as they both battle to secure their place in the post season.

Rockdale City Suns v Wollongong Wolves, Sunday 4.30pm at Ilinden Sports Centre

Rockdale City Suns have the chance to spoil the premiership party of Wollongong Wolves when the two sides come head to head at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday. The Suns need to take all three points

from the match if they are to keep their finals hopes alive and will look to their last match against the Wolves where they were shock 2-0 winners as inspiration.

A 2-0 win against Manly in Round 20 was Rockdale's only win from their past five matches with the side struggling at the back end of the campaign.

Despite this they are still in with a chance of a top five finish but it will require two wins from their final two games.

It hasn't been the season Panny Nikas would've envisioned when he made his high profile move to the Suns in January but the mercurial attacker has the chance **Coach John** Calleja may need to shuffle his **Last season's** standout defender Tom to make an impact in these crunch matches. Alec Urosevski and young striker Jonathan to watch for.

> to claim the Premiership and coach Luke Wilkshire is sure to have the team fired up especially after their shock defeat last round.

> It was a rare poor performance from Wollongong and with the chance of securing history it is unlikely they have another bad showing this week.

> Striker Thomas James will be looking to extend his lead in the Golden Boot race with a few goals after APIA front man Chris Payne closed the gap to only one strike.

> A lot is riding on this match for both teams so expect a thrilling clash with plenty of attacking football.