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GLADESVILLE RYDE MAGIC - STANMORE HAWKS FC

Crunch time is fast approaching in the National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's competition, with round 22 to provide us with a better indication of who will still be lacing up their boots come the second week of September.

Gladesville Ryde Magic and Stanmore Hawks FC will wrap up round 22 on Sunday afternoon when they meet at Christie Park at 3pm.

4th plays 1st in this eye-catching encounter as Magic look to close the five-point gap between them and rivals Raiders and Bankstown City, while Hawks will be striving to keep hold of their sizeable lead at the summit of the ladder. Gladesville finally returned to winning ways last weekend away to Parramatta and they will hope that has sparked an upturn in fortune as they approach the run in. Stanmore once again proved why they are top of the table when they tore apart Camden last Saturday, many would have expected them to fall short against the Tigers in their backyard. Another three points against Magic would mark their seventh straight victory as they gear up for testing ties against Raiders and the Lions over the next fortnight. In the corresponding tie at Arlington Oval, it was Stanmore who came out on top 2-0 thanks to a brace from Conor Quilligan.



FFA Cup 2019 Round 32

St George Saints - Sydney United* ET 3-5 (0-1,3-3)

Campbelltown City - Melbourne City* 1-3 (1-2)

Cooma Tigers - Hume City FC* 0-2 (0-2)

Maitland FC - Central Coast Mariners* 0-2 (0-2)

South Hobart - Marconi Stallions* 0-3 (0-2)

PETER TSEKENIS THREE MORE YEARS

As a reward for winning the Club's first trophy since 2012, and having his team well placed for the semi finals, the Board of Club Marconi has extended the contract of coach Peter Tsekenis by three more years.

Marconi Stallions FC recently won the TAFE NSW Waratah Cup beating arch rivals and neighbours Sydney United 2-1 in the final to secure the trophy and \$16,500 in prizemoney.

His re-signing is a massive boost for the team who face two "crucial" matches this week.

Tsekenis has his team "timing their run" perfectly, they are unbeaten in their last four matches in the NPL NSW Men's competition and face third placed Blacktown City on Saturday night in a "semi-final" come early.

But, before that, they are in Hobart tonight for an FFA Cup match (Round of 32) against a dangerous and well-prepared South Hobart team.

The former defender turned coach has been with the club since 2017 and had previously taken the Stallions back to the top flight from NPL 2.

Tsekenis enjoyed a highly successful career initially as a player, representing Australia at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and playing in the U20 World Cup.

Prior to joining the Stallions, he coached at Bankstown City Lions and Sydney Olympic.

