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ROUND 22 PREVIEW — NPL NSW

It's the final round of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's regular season and while the Premiership race has been wrapped up there is still a lot on the line.

Wollongong Wolves clinched their first Premiership in more than 30 years last round and will be out to put on a show for their home fans when they return to WIN Stadium on Sunday. A carnival like atmosphere will rock the South with a special Premiership parade set to take shape at WIN Stadium, honouring Luke Wilkshire's men. **APIA Leichhardt Tigers**, **Blacktown City** and **Marconi Stallions** have secured their place in the finals but won't be taking this week easy as they look to enter the playoffs in the best possible form. There is still one more finals place to be decided and it will be a three way battle on Sunday between **Sydney United 58**, **Sydney Olympic** and **Mt Druitt Town Rangers** to book their ticket to the post season. It will be a thrilling final chapter in what has been a massive season and one you won't want to miss.

Hakoah Sydney City East v Blacktown City, Sunday 3pm at Hensley Athletic Field

Hakoah Sydney City East will be looking to end a horror season on a high note when they take on **Blacktown City** at Hensley Athletic Field on Sunday.

The Eastern Suburbs based side has only three wins this season, two of which came in the opening five rounds, suffering through painful defeats time after time.

It proved costly for former coach Gavin Rae who was moved on by the club a fortnight ago as they prepared for their relegation to NPL NSW Men's 2 competition next season. **Hakoah** have had a brilliant run in the NSW's top tier competition and will be out to send a message in their final NPL NSW Men's match for at least the next 12 months.

Ryan Norval has been Hakoah's most consistent performer this year while Oliver Green and Harry Jones have also been bright spots in what has been a grim campaign.

The come up against third placed **Blacktown City** who will be determined to go into the finals on the back of a win.

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Results 21 Round

Sydney Olympic - Sydney United 2-1

Manly United - APIA Tigers 0-1

Marconi Stallions - Blacktown City 2-0

Mt Druitt Rangers - Hakoah Sydney 4-0

Sydney FC Youth - Sutherland Sharks 0-4

Rockdale City Suns - Wollongong Wolves 1-2

Next Games Round 22

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Hakoah Sydney - Blacktown City

Mt Druitt Rangers - APIA Tigers

Rockdale City Suns - Sutherland Sharks

Sydney FC Youth - Sydney Olympic

Sydney United - Manly United

Wollongong Wolves - Marconi Stallions

Premier League NSW 1 Table 20 round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Wollongong Wolves	21	48	15	3	3	51	17	34
2	APIA Tigers	21	42	12	6	3	41	26	15
3	Blacktown City	21	37	11	4	6	30	23	7
4	Marconi Stallions	21	32	10	2	9	42	29	13
5	Sydney United	21	30	8	6	7	28	31	-3
6	Sydney Olympic	21	29	8	5	8	32	32	0
7	Mt Druitt Rangers	21	27	7	6	8	41	45	-4
8	Manly United	21	26	7	5	9	24	31	-7
9	Rockdale City Suns	21	26	8	2	11	26	39	-13
10	Sutherland Sharks	21	25	6	7	8	31	31	0
11	Sydney FC Youth	21	21	6	3	12	32	49	-17
12	Hakoah Sydney	21	10	3	1	17	11	36	-25



The Mark Crittenden coached side were stunned 2-0 by Marconi in Round 21 and will be using this game to tweak a few things before the playoffs.

One key figure missing in the line-up will be defender Grant Lynch who was sent off in the match against the Stallions.

The visitors though have a number of quality ready to step in, and with the club taking out the Club Championship title for yet another year, look towards seeing a few rising prospects unearthed in this match.

Blacktown will be favourites for this match but don't write off Hakoah who will be giving everything to go out with a bang.

Rockdale City Suns v Sutherland Sharks, Sunday 3pm at Ilinden Sports Centre

Rockdale City Suns and Sutherland Sharks will do battle for local bragging rights as they face off in a Southern Sydney Derby at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

While both teams have been ruled out of finals contention it doesn't mean they'll be taking this game lightly.

Ninth placed Rockdale and tenth placed

Sutherland are split by only a point on the ladder with the winner finishing the season with the highest points tally of the two.

Rockdale come into this game after a narrow 2-1 defeat to Premiers Wollongong Wolves.

Defence again let Rockdale down as the Wolves made the most of their few chances.

With nothing to lose it will be interesting to see what formation the side goes with, **Sutherland come** into the match on the back of a comprehensive 4-0 win against Sydney FC last week.

Strikers Jeremy Cox and Charles Lokolingoy were in inspired form as they each scored a brace against an inexperienced Sydney back line.

It will be a bit tougher this week but if anyone can find the back of the net it is these two. Lokolingoy has been linked with a move to the Hong Kong top tier competition with the big marksman hoping he can sign off on a bang come Sunday.

Rockdale will be favourites at home but Sutherland's recent form shows this game could truly go either way.

Sydney FC v Sydney Olympic, Sunday 3pm at Lambert Park