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AMBITIOUS SHARKS READY TO ATTACK IN 2020

Rookie National Premier Leagues NSW Men's coach Nick Dimovski will be hoping that his newly built squad will be one to watch out for as the 2020 season beckons.

After completing a number of successful seasons as the head coach for the club's 20's squad which saw him take out three Championships and one Premiership in the last three successive seasons, Dimovski was given his opportunity to shine at the NPL NSW Men's elite level in 2020 replacing Terry Palapanis who switched to Sydney Olympic.

Dimovski has been busy making his moves announcing a number of players that will play pivotal roles in the hope of giving the Sharks some finals football, something that has eluded the club for twelve seasons.

Headlining the new recruits for 2020 is former Sharks junior and ace marksman Blake Powell. The former NPL NSW Men's Golden Boot winner returns to the Shire and will play an influential role in hitting the back of the net for his beloved Sharks.

Joining Powell is former Wollongong Wolves and Sydney United 58 attacker Peter Simonoski and ex-Rockdale City

Suns and Blacktown City striker Jonathan Grozdanovski forming a pretty mean attacking force.

Dimovski has also secured the services of three ex-Hakoah Sydney City players, experienced club captain Bradley Walker, gun keeper Ryan Norval who returns to the Shire as well as young guns Oliver Green and Connor Shaddock.

One key player that will definitely have a huge impact on the squad is former Blacktown City midfielder Mason Versi. The talented youngster, a Shire junior, has found his way back to Seymour Shaw and will hope he can work his magic in the team's midfield.

Former Western Sydney Wanderers NPL product Andrea Agamemnonos has also been brought to the club with huge wraps placed on the young midfielder's head.

Club captain Marc Warren will once again steer the ship at the Sharks with Patrick O'Shea, Blair Brown and Lachlan Everett all being re-signed from the 2019 squad while the

club has continued on its successful cycle of developing youngsters from its youth teams handing out first grade contracts to Brodie Clarkson, Harry Sutherland, James Temelkovski, Thomas Papa, Adam Massoud, Jarred Wiley, James Carlie and Mario Aleksic.

One thing's for certain, watch out for the Sharks to be potential 'darkhorses' in the race for the 2020 Premiership and Championship.

Dimovski and co will kick off the 2020 season with a round 1 clash against the Marconi Stallions on Sunday 1st of March at Marconi Stadium (7pm).

Sutherland Sharks 2020: Marc Warren, Lachlan Everett, Blair Brown, Adam Massoud, Brodie Clarkson, Harry Sutherland, James Temelkovski, Thomas Papa, Patrick O'Shea, Jarred Wiley, James Carlie, Mario Aleksic, Blake Powell, Peter Simonoski, Jonathan Grozdanovski, Oliver Green, Ryan Norval, Mason Versi, Bradley Walker, Gabriel Contiglianni, Connor Shaddock, Andrea Agamemnonos

UNITED 58 READY FOR NEW ERA UNDER KALAC

Former Soccerroo keeper Zeljko 'Spider' Kalac is ready to instil that 'win at all cost' attitude when he lines up his chargers for the 2020 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's season.

A proud club man and a legend at Edensor Park, Kalac has been given the huge task of leading the former NSL giants to hopeful glory with one thing in mind, getting that trophy cabinet full once more.

It will be a case of sticking with the majority of the 2019 squad that finished Grand Finalists, losing out to the APIA Leichhardt Tigers at Bankwest Stadium, with a number of its stars staying put under the watchful eye of Kalac.

Four new faces will be hoping to make their mark in 2020 with former Western Sydney Wanderers shotstopper Daniel Nizic and ex-Australian youth internationals Jacob

Esposito and Devante Clut agreeing to terms with the club. While former Reds striker Adrian Vranic has also returned to his former club.

The likes of quality players such as club captain Glen Trifiro, Tom Manos, Gianni Perkatis, Yiannis Fragogiannis, Adrian Vlastelica, Tomislav Uskok, Matthew Bilic, Patrick Antelmi, Matthew Sim, Tariq Maia, Liam Rose, Joshua Macdonald, Jordan Roberts, Luke Vlastelica, Christian Gonzalez and Anthony Tomelic will all don the famous red kit for 2020 with one thing in mind – bringing back the glory days at Edensor Park.

United 58 also re-signed promising Australian youth

international Michael Ruhs.

One thing's for certain, under Kalac, the players and club will be pushing their expectations to the maximum with United 58's first match against Blacktown City on Sunday 1st of March at Lily Homes Stadium.

Sydney United 58 2020: Thomas Manos, Jordan Roberts, Yiannis Fragogiannis, Adrian Vlastelica, Tomislav Uskok, Christian Gonzalez, Adrian Vranic, Matthew Bilic, Anthony Tomelic, Patrick Antelmi, Glen Trifiro, Gianni Perkatis, Tariq Maia, Matthew Sim, Liam Rose, Joshua Macdonald, Daniel Nizic, Jacob Esposito, Devante Clut, Michael Ruhs, Luke Vlastelica.

APIA KEEP IT CONSISTENT FOR 2020 SEASON

Reigning 2019 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Champions APIA Leichhardt Tigers have made minimal fuss in the off-season break as coach John Calleja has opted to stick with the same squad that earned his side the big prize at Bankwest Stadium when they defeated Sydney United 58 in the finale.

After recently uncovering its new logo for the 2020 NPL NSW season going back to basics with a traditional style adding a modern twist to it, Calleja has stayed true to the squad that gave their faithful so much joy gifting them the Championship in Sydney's Inner West.

Three new faces have thus far graced the pre-season pitches at the Tigers with former Rydalmere FC player Mitchell Gibbs, ex-Sydney FC youth product Patrick Scibilio and dangerous marksman and another FC and Sutherland Sharks product Jeremy Cox all penning deals with the club. The club may look towards signing one more well-known recruit to finalise its squad.

In the re-signing department, one name that sticks out again is that of iconic club legend and the NPL NSW Men's maestro Franco Parisi who has stated his intent in playing

another year with the 36-year-old hoping to make it back to back Championships.

The likes of 2019 players such as the Symons brothers Sean and Josh, Ivan Necevski, Luke Turnbull, Themba Muata Marlow, Paul Galimi, Sam McIllhatton, Adrian Uchino, Corey Biczo, Michael Kouta, Chris Payne, Lachlan Hughes and Dom Nasrabadi will once again call Lambert Park while the club has announced that their 2019 mid-season signing, midfield bulldog Nick Stavroulakis, has been appointed assistant coach as well as a registered player for the 2020 season. One player that won't be there in 2020 will be journeyman Tynan Diaz who will likely feature with NPL 2 NSW Men's outfit Mounties Wanderers.

The club has also continued its push in promoting and developing their young up and coming players by rewarding

Camil Abouchaya and Nick Azzone first grade contracts. The club in recent seasons has produced some fine young talent and both Abou and Azzone will hope to gain as much experience as possible in stamping their claims as future senior stars.

APIA will open its 2020 NPL NSW Men's campaign with a clash against newly promoted side North Shore Mariners at Lambert Park on Saturday 29th of February.

APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2020: Sean Symons, Josh Symons, Franco Parisi, Nick Stavroulakis, Ivan Necevski, Luke Turnbull, Themba Muata Marlow, Paul Galimi, Sam McIllhatton, Adrian Uchino, Corey Biczo, Michael Kouta, Chris Payne, Lachlan Hughes, Dom Nasrabadi, Mitchell Gibbs, Patrick Scibilio, Jeremy Cox, Camil Abouchaya, Nick Azzone.