



Around the Grounds

NSW Premier League Round 6 Review

Sutherland Sharks strengthened their grip on top-spot with a workman-like performance against Bankstown City on Saturday evening. Denied by some tough Lions defending, and not assisted by the incessant rain that hit Seymour Shaw, the Sharks kept their nerve to score a 2-1 victory that further confirms the side's ability to challenge for the title this season. Sam Awad combined beautifully with Jim Bakis to latch onto the latter's through ball and round the goalkeeper before slotting home for a 1-0 lead. The Lions should have drawn level moments later as man of the moment Aman Hadid had an effort ricochet off the post, though the equaliser was forthcoming just after the hour mark. Chris Petrovski's floated free-kick met the head of David Gardiner who put the ball past Nathan Denham to make the score 1-1. The Sharks didn't take long to restore their lead, and seal the win, as Matt Bailey headed home a Nick Tsathalos cross from the left to claim the three-points. At Lily Homes Stadium, Blacktown City FC brought Sydney United's unbeaten start to the season to an abrupt end, producing their best football performance for 2011. The 2-1 win over the Reds sets the defending champions' season on track following a very indifferent start to the season. Milorad Simonovic showed composure and skill to open the scoring prior to the 30' minute mark for Blacktown City before the Reds found an equaliser via Luka Glavas' penalty 2' minutes later. Blacktown City, deservedly so, restored their lead in the 37' minute as Zac Caincross finished with aplomb from close-range, driving home Simonovic's centre from the right-flank. The visitors were made to rue two decent chances that went begging, via the feet of Glavas, before Luke Roodenburg scuffed a one-on-one chance of his own to wrap up the match late on. In the end, Blacktown City secured maximum points with a well organised performance across the park. Reigning Premiers Bonnyrigg White Eagles finally notched up their first win of the season with a very hard fought 2-1 win over Rockdale City Suns. Played on a very wet pitch, the White Eagles managed to overturn a one-goal deficit to seal the win, despite finishing the match with only nine-men. Two goalkeeping blunders – one from each shot-stopper – proved telling on the evening, as Phil Zabaks was forced to pick the ball out of his net on 18' minutes. Michael Robinson forced Zabaks off his line with a back pass, though the White Eagles shot-stopper only got a slight touch to the ball, turning in agony as the ball trickled into the back of his own net. Nathan Elasi had the home side level shortly after, heading home Jamie McMaster's cross to ensure the sides would go into the break on level terms. After the break, Nikola Zanjic was given his marching orders following a contrast with James Monie. Despite the numerical disadvantage, Bonnyrigg found their winner in bizarre circumstances. A Bonnyrigg corner appeared to hit the hand of a Suns defender, though amidst the pleas of the White Eagles players, Suns goalkeeper Dion Shaw watched the ball slowly dribble into the back of the net. The goal was validated, and Bonnyrigg administered the closing stages to seal the win, despite losing Shane Webb in injury-time after the midfielder collected his second yellow card of the evening. In the match between two former NSL giants APIA-Leichhardt Tigers and Sydney Olympic, the Blues prevailed with an emphatic performance at Lambert Park. Robert Mileski opened proceedings with a powerful finish on 13' minutes before Alex Smith rounded Jose Belb-Amigo before slotting home for his seventh goal of the season. Chris James pulled a goal back for the Tigers after the break, though Smith restored the Blues' two-goal lead in the 59' minute with another well taken goal. The performance was complete when Phil Makrys showed his skill and strength to barge his way past the Tigers' defensive line and slot home for the 4-1 win. South Coast Wolves stumbled at home on Sunday against Marconi Stallions 1-0, with the Stallions' Keith Shevlin scoring an exceptional goal midway through the first-half. Shevlin's 25-yard strike on 22' minutes finished in the top corner, leaving Brody Crane helpless in the Wolves goal. The Stallions administered proceedings very well, with the defensive line securing a second consecutive clean sheet. Sasho Petrovski and Andres Gomez had chances for the Wolves, though it wasn't their afternoon as Marconi move up the ladder with a very important victory on the South Coast. The Parramatta FC – Manly United FC match was called off due to the heavy rain in Sydney over the past week. This match will be rescheduled by Football NSW to be played at a later date. Follow www.nswpl.com.au for updates over the coming week on when this match will be played.

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NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE: Sutherland Sharks 2 (Sam Awad 54m Matthew Bailey 65m) Bankstown City 1 (David Gardiner 64m), Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 (Nathan Elasi 27m Tynan Diaz 86m) Rockdale City Suns 1 (Own goal 17m). **GRADE 20:** Sutherland Sharks 2 Bankstown City 0, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 Rockdale City Suns 2. **GRADE 18:** Sutherland Sharks Bankstown City Washed Out, Bonnyrigg White Eagles Rockdale City Suns Washed Out. **SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 7: FIRST GRADE:** West Sydney Berries Sydney University Washed Out, Blacktown Spartans Northern Tigers Washed Out, Fraser Park FC 0 Macarthur Rams 6 (S Hankin 12/3 Iln C Gomez 42/60/65m C Godoy Bascor 74m), St George FC Granville Rage Washed Out, Dulwich Hill Hills Brumbies Washed Out. **GRADE 20:** West Sydney Berries Sydney University Washed Out, Blacktown Spartans Northern Tigers Washed Out, Fraser Park FC 2 Macarthur Rams 4, St George FC Granville Rage Washed Out, Dulwich Hill Hills Brumbies Washed Out. **DIVISION ONE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE:** Schofield Scorpions Inter Lions Washed Out, Balmain SC 0 Mounties Wanderers FC 2 (D Willoughby 10m G Baldock 66m). **RESERVE GRADE:** Schofield Scorpions Inter Lions Washed Out, Balmain SC 0 Mounties Wanderers FC 7. **DIVISION TWO: ROUND 9:** Washed Out. **PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6:** Washed Out. **SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 9:** GRADE 13: West Sydney Berries 0 West Sydney Berries 1, Granville Rage Northern Tigers Washed Out, Mounties Wanderers Central Coast FC Washed Out, Sydney University 1 Spirit FC 0, Blacktown Spartans 1 Macarthur Rams 4, Dulwich Hill SC Fraser Park FC Washed Out, Schofields Scorpions Skillroos Washed Out. **GRADE 14:** West Sydney Berries 3 West Sydney Berries 0, Granville Rage Northern Tigers Washed Out, Mounties Wanderers Central Coast FC Washed Out, Sydney University 1 Spirit FC 2, Blacktown

Spartans 0 Macarthur Rams 3, Dulwich Hill SC Fraser Park FC Washed Out. **GRADE 15:** Western Panthers 0 West Sydney Berries 0, Granville Rage Northern Tigers Washed Out, Mounties Wanderers Central Coast FC Washed Out, Sydney University 2 Spirit FC 0, Blacktown Spartans 3 Macarthur Rams 2, Dulwich Hill SC Fraser Park FC Washed Out. **GRADE 16:** West Sydney Berries 1, Granville Rage Northern Tigers Washed Out, Mounties Wanderers Central Coast FC Washed Out, Sydney University 1 Spirit FC 0, Blacktown Spartans 1 Macarthur Rams 3, Dulwich Hill SC Fraser Park FC Washed Out. **GRADE 18:** West Sydney Berries 4 West Sydney Berries 0, Granville Rage Northern Tigers Washed Out, Mounties Wanderers Central Coast FC Washed Out, Sydney University 0 Spirit FC 2, Blacktown Spartans 2 Macarthur Rams 0, Dulwich Hill SC Fraser Park FC Washed Out.

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 9: **GRADE 13:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Mt Druitt Town Washed Out, Hurstville City Springwood United Washed Out, Inter Lions Balmain East Tigers Washed Out, Southern Branch 1 Nepean FC 1, St George FC 0 Camden Tigers 1. **GRADE 14:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Mt Druitt Town Washed Out, Hurstville City Springwood United Washed Out, Inter Lions Balmain East Tigers Washed Out, Southern Branch 2 Nepean FC 1, St George FC 2 Camden Tigers 0. **GRADE 15:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Mt Druitt Town Washed Out, Hurstville City Springwood United Washed Out, Inter Lions Balmain East Tigers Washed Out, Southern Branch 4 Nepean FC 3, St George FC 0 Camden Tigers 1. **GRADE 16:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Mt Druitt Town Washed Out, Hurstville City Springwood United Washed Out, Inter Lions Balmain East Tigers Washed Out, Southern Branch 2 Nepean FC 3, St George FC 0 Camden Tigers 3. **GRADE 18:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Mt Druitt Town Washed Out, Hurstville City Springwood United Washed Out, Inter Lions Balmain East Tigers Washed Out, Southern Branch 1 Nepean FC 3, St George FC 2 Camden Tigers 8.

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NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE: South Coast Wolves 0 Marconi Stallions 1 (Keith Shevlin 22m), Parramatta Eagles Manly United FC Washed Out, Blacktown City FC 2 (Milorad Simonovic 26m Zachary Caincross 38m) Sydney United 1 (Luka Glavas 28m pen), APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 (Christopher James 52m) Sydney Olympic 4 (Robert Mileski 13m Alexander Smith 35/59m Phillip Makrys 53m). **GRADE 20:** South Coast Wolves 2 Marconi Stallions 1, Parramatta Eagles Manly United FC Washed Out, Blacktown City FC 3 Sydney United 3, APIA Leichhardt Tigers Sydney Olympic Washed Out. **GRADE 18:** Parramatta Eagles Manly United FC Washed Out, Blacktown City FC 2 Sydney United 7, APIA Leichhardt Tigers Sydney Olympic Washed Out. **SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 7:** Washed Out. **DIVISION ONE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE:** Fairfield City Lions Camden Tigers Washed Out, Fairfield Bulls Mt Druitt Town Rangers Washed Out, Hurstville ZFC Stanmore Hawks Washed Out, Gladesville Ryde Magic 1 (Own goal 95m) UNSW 1 (S Bendall 79m pen). **RESERVE GRADE:** Fairfield City Lions Camden Tigers Washed Out, Fairfield Bulls Mt Druitt Town Rangers Washed Out, Hurstville ZFC Stanmore Hawks Washed Out, Gladesville Ryde Magic 0 UNSW 2. **DIVISION TWO: ROUND 9: FIRST GRADE:** FC Gazy Lansvale 1 (MAL-Rakabi 29m) Hawkesbury City 3 (J McCrea 48m P Cooper 76/84m), Chopin Park Rams Roosters FC Washed Out, Hurstville City Minotaurs Bathurst 75 Washed Out. **RESERVE GRADE:** FC Gazy Lansvale 3 Hawkesbury City 1, Chopin Park Rams Roosters FC Washed Out, Hurstville City Minotaurs Bathurst 75 Washed Out. **WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 6: GRADE 12:** St George FC Eastern UNSW Lions Washed Out, Nepean FC Parramatta Lady Hawks Washed Out, Northern Tigers 1 Northbridge FC 1, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 Gladesville Ravens 1, Springwood United FC Sydney Olympic FC Washed Out. **GRADE 14:** St George FC Eastern UNSW Lions Washed Out, Nepean FC Parramatta Lady Hawks Washed Out, Northern Tigers 0 Northbridge FC 2, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0 Gladesville Ravens 0, Springwood United FC Sydney Olympic FC Washed Out. **GRADE 16:** St George FC Eastern UNSW Lions Washed Out, Nepean FC Parramatta Lady Hawks Washed Out, Northern Tigers 1 Northbridge FC 0, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 3 Gladesville

Ravens 1, Springwood United FC Sydney Olympic FC Washed Out. **RESERVE GRADE:** St George FC Eastern UNSW Lions Washed Out, Nepean FC Parramatta Lady Hawks Washed Out, Northern Tigers 4 Northbridge FC 3, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0 Gladesville Ravens 2, Springwood United FC Sydney Olympic FC Washed Out. **FIRST GRADE:** St George FC Eastern UNSW Lions Washed Out, Nepean FC Parramatta Lady Hawks Washed Out, Northern Tigers 1 (G Dal Pozzo x 1) Northbridge FC 1 (P Robinson 90m), APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 (A Adalis x 1) Gladesville Ravens 4 (H Voudsen x 1 A Hardie x 1 F Agar x 1 G Osmond x 1), Springwood United FC Sydney Olympic FC Washed Out. **RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 1: GRADE 12:** Sydney Olympic Gladesville Ravens Washed Out. **GRADE 14:** Sydney Olympic Gladesville Ravens Washed Out. **GRADE 16:** Sydney Olympic Gladesville Ravens Washed Out. **RESERVE GRADE:** Sydney Olympic Gladesville Ravens Washed Out. **FIRST GRADE:** Sydney Olympic Gladesville Ravens Washed Out. **ROUND 5: GRADE 12:** Parramatta Lady Hawks Springwood United FC Washed Out. **GRADE 14:** Parramatta Lady Hawks Springwood United FC Washed Out. **GRADE 16:** Parramatta Lady Hawks Springwood United FC Washed Out. **RESERVE GRADE:** Parramatta Lady Hawks Springwood United FC Washed Out. **DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 9:** **GRADE 13:** Hills Brumbies Northbridge FC Washed Out, Hakoah 4 Stanmore Hawks 0. **GRADE 14:** Hills Brumbies Northbridge FC Washed Out, Hakoah 3 Stanmore Hawks 0. **GRADE 15:** Hills Brumbies Northbridge FC Washed Out, Hakoah 0 Stanmore Hawks 1. **GRADE 16:** Hills Brumbies Northbridge FC Washed Out, Hakoah 1 Stanmore Hawks 3. **RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 6: GRADE 13:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Springwood United Washed Out. **GRADE 14:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Springwood United Washed Out. **GRADE 15:** Gladesville Ryde Magic Springwood United Washed Out.

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