

## NSW Premier League Round 22 Review *By Joseph Carlucci*

**N**ext weekend's re-scheduled Round 17 fixtures promise to make for some enthralling last day action as the Top-Five battle for the highest possible finish on the ladder in anticipation of finals football.

Sydney Olympic will need a win to secure the Premiership trophy as Sydney United sit one-point behind the long-time League leader. The Blues were denied maximum points in the 89' minute as Blake Powell's corner delivery finished in the back of the net, despite the Blues' defenders best efforts at the near post. Sydney Olympic had taken the lead on the hour mark courtesy of a tremendous free-kick by Chris Triantis.

The Sydney Olympic playmaker's delivery was world class – the effort, without doubt, rivaling the world's best free-kick takers. Despite the Blues dominating possession over the first 45' minutes, it was Bonnyrigg who started the second-half on the front foot with a positive at-

tacking approach. Sydney Olympic's goal arrived against the run of play, though the Blues proved their worth with a strong defensive showing until the late setback. Sydney United kept the pressure on first-placed Sydney Olympic with an emphatic 4-1 defeat of Bankstown City at Jensen Park. Goals to Steve Hayes and Luka Glavas in the first-half had the Reds in full control as Nathan Ristevski was shown his second yellow card prior to the break. In the second-half, Mitchell Thompson added a third for the Reds before Peter Peralta's powerful finish momentarily re-opened the match. In the end, Ben Vidaic confirmed the win with a fabulous finish 8' minutes from time, rounding out the 4-1 win. At Seymour Shaw, Sutherland Sharks were stunned by South Coast Wolves in arguably one of the weekend's major upsets. The Wolves, who have proven a handful for all adversaries this season, sealed a 2-0 win to lay further claim to the side's bid to

finish the season in sixth-spot. Sean Robertson had the visitors ahead inside the first 5' minutes before Nick Littler doubled his side's advantage with virtually the last kick of the first-half. Despite Sutherland's best efforts to get back into the match, the Wolves administered proceedings with a great showing to secure the points and deny Sutherland Sharks the chance to keep their bid for a top-two finish alive. Manly United FC twice came from behind to overcome Blacktown City FC at Lily Homes Stadium and consequently denied Mark Crittenden's men the chance to surpass Sutherland Sharks following their home loss. Matthew Simm's screamer of a goal along with Adam Foti's effort cancelled out Luke Roodenburg and Travis Major's goals before the visitors clinched the win late-on via strikes from Graeme Forbes and Robbie Cattanaach. A stalemate at Lambert Park saw A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt and Marconi Stallions share the spoils in

the 'Italian derby'. A standout performance by Stallions goalkeeper Andrew Mercuri, making his first grade debut due to James Chronopoulos being out ill, saw the shot-stopper deny the Tigers on two occasions. Nick Rizzo created the Tigers best chances in the attacking third, meanwhile the Stallions went closest via Gioswe Sama. In the end, both sides settle for a point in what has been a disappointing season for both clubs who have failed to reach the finals series. At Melita Stadium, Jason Naidovski's 8' minute strike was enough to secure Rockdale City Suns the points against Parramatta FC. In a very scrappy encounter, both sides created half-chances throughout the encounter, though in the end it was the Suns who managed to call the shots and hold out for the win. With one match remaining, the Suns could finish as high as sixth on the League ladder if other results are to go their way next weekend.

### FOOTBALL NSW RESULTS

**Saturday 27th August 2011**

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 21: GRADE 20: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Sutherland Sharks 2. GRADE 18: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Sutherland Sharks 7.

SUPER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Macarthur Rams 6 (C Cooley 85m) Granville Rage 5 (D Harding 2m) Win on penalties (1-1 F/T 1-1 E/T). GRADE 20: Central Coast FC 0 Hills Brumbies 1.

DIVISION ONE: FINAL SERIES: ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Camden Tigers 1 (D Mugridge 16m) UNSW 2 (M Bryan 17m R Luca 21m). GRADE 20: Camden Tigers 1 Schofield Scorpions 4 Win on penalties (1-1 F/T 2-2 E/T).

DIVISION TWO: RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 14: FIRST GRADE: Belmore Hercules 1 (J Cross 78m) Roosters FC 2 (E Topal 28/69m). RESERVE GRADE: Belmore Hercules 3 Roosters FC 0. ROUND 25: FIRST GRADE: Belmore Hercules 4 (P Paras x 3 G Iliopoulos x 1) Luddenham United 2. RESERVE GRADE: Springwood United 1 Hawkesbury City 1, Hurstville City 1 Fairfield Wanderers FC 3.

WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MINOR SEMI FINALS: GRADE 12: Manly United FC 0 Marconi Stallions 1. GRADE 14: Inter Lions 3 Sutherland Shire 4 Win on penalties (1-1 F/T 1-1 E/T). GRADE 16: Southern Branch 3 Illawarra Stingrays 0. RESERVE GRADE: Illawarra Stingrays 2 Inter Lions 0. FIRST GRADE: Marconi Stallions 2 (Trudy Camilleri x 1 Jessica Coates x 1) Sydney University 0.

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 22: GRADE 13: Sydney Olympic 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3, Sutherland Sharks 2 South Coast Wolves 1, APIA Tigers 1 Marconi Stallions 0, Bankstown City 0 Sydney United 1, Blacktown City 0 Manly United FC 1, Parramatta Eagles 4 Rockdale City Suns 0. GRADE 14: Sydney Olympic 4 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Sutherland Sharks 5 South Coast Wolves 0, APIA Tigers 0 Marconi Stallions 2, Bankstown City 1 Sydney United 1, Blacktown City 1 Manly United FC 2, Parramatta Eagles 1 Rockdale City Suns 0. GRADE 15: Sydney Olympic 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1, Sutherland Sharks 1 South Coast Wolves 0, APIA Tigers 0 Marconi Stallions 1, Bankstown City 1 Sydney United 2, Blacktown City 0 Manly United FC 1, Parra-

matta Eagles 1 Rockdale City Suns 1. GRADE 16: Sydney Olympic 2 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Sutherland Sharks 5 South Coast Wolves 1, APIA Tigers 0 Marconi Stallions 4, Bankstown City 0 Sydney United 1, Blacktown City 0 Manly United FC 1, Parramatta Eagles 1 Rockdale City Suns 0. GRADE 18: Sutherland Sharks 9 South Coast Wolves 1, Bankstown City 2 Sydney United 4, Blacktown City 2 Manly United FC 1, Parramatta Eagles 4 Rockdale City Suns 2.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: Macarthur Rams 4 Mounties Wanderers 1. GRADE 14: Dulwich Hill SC 1 Spirit FC 2. GRADE 15: Dulwich Hill SC 1 Spirit FC 0. GRADE 16: Blacktown Spartans 2 Sydney University 1. GRADE 18: Blacktown Spartans 2 Spirit FC 4. RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 26: GRADE 13: Fraser Park 0 Central Coast FC 2. GRADE 14: Fraser Park 1 Central Coast FC 2. GRADE 18: Fraser Park 2 Central Coast FC 1.

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: St George FC 0 Mt Druitt Town 1. GRADE 14: Hakoah FC 1 Camden Tigers 2. GRADE 15: Gladesville Ryde Magic 0 Balmain East Tigers 2. GRADE 16: Hurstville City 1 St George FC 3. GRADE 18: Stanmore Hawks 4 St George FC 2. RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 26: GRADE 13: St George FC 1 Hills Brumbies 0. GRADE 14: St George FC 9 Hills Brumbies 0. GRADE 15: St George FC 1 Hills Brumbies 2. GRADE 16: St George FC 2 Hills Brumbies 2.

### Sunday 28th August 2011

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 22: FIRST GRADE: Blacktown City FC 2 (Luke Roodenburg 6m Travis Major 64m) Manly United FC 4 (Matthew Sim 21m Adam Foti 75m Graeme Forbes 84m Robert Cattanaach 87m), Bankstown City 1 (Peter Peralta 59m) Sydney United 4 (Steven Hayes 13m Luka Glavas 29m pen Mitchell Thompson 54m Benjamin Vidaic 82m), Sydney Olympic FC 1 (Chris Triantis 60m) Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 (Blake Powell 89m), APIA Tigers 0 Marconi Stallions 0, Sutherland Sharks 0 South Coast Wolves 2 (Nicholas Littler 1m Sean Robertson 45m), Parramatta Eagles 0 Rockdale City Suns 1 (Jason Naidovski 7m). GRADE 20: Blacktown City FC 1 Manly United FC 0, Bankstown City 0 Sydney United 3, Sydney Olympic FC 4 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, APIA Tigers 5 Marconi Stallions 2, Suther-

land Sharks 5 South Coast Wolves 0, Parramatta Eagles 1 Rockdale City Suns 2. GRADE 18: Sydney Olympic FC 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3, APIA Tigers 0 Marconi Stallions 0.

SUPER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: West Sydney Berries 1 (A Deur 41m) St George FC 0. GRADE 20: Spirit FC 1 St George FC 0.

DIVISION ONE: FINAL SERIES: PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Fairfield City Lions 1 (B Cronk 19m) Gladesville Ryde Magic 0. GRADE 20: Fairfield City Lions 4 Stanmore Hawks 1.

DIVISION TWO: ROUND 26: FIRST GRADE: Roosters FC 5 (B Akin 26m T Ozgul 75m T Gunalp 82m O Semerci 86m E Topal 89m) Hurstville City 0, Luddenham United 5 (P Corso 38m H Merdanovic 41/54/78m M Wood 51m) Bathurst '75 2 (R Guihot 61/87m), Chopin Park Rams 0 Prospect United 1 (A Chandab 56m), Fairfield Wanderers FC 0 Belmore Hercules 1 (G Iliopoulos 80m), Northbridge FC 1 (E King 53m) Hakoah 0, FC Gazy Lansvale 3 (M Ellehayfi 11/17/32m) Springwood United 4 (R Haberman 45m P Henderson 73m N King 84m T O'Connell 86m). RESERVE GRADE: Roosters FC 5 Hurstville City 2, Luddenham United 1 Bathurst '75 3, Chopin Park Rams 1 Prospect United 0, Fairfield Wanderers FC 1 Belmore Hercules 0, Northbridge FC 2 Hakoah 3, FC Gazy Lansvale 1 Springwood United 0.

WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MAJOR SEMI FINALS: GRADE 12: Sydney University 4 Blacktown Spartans 3 Win on penalties (0-0 F/T 0-0 E/T). GRADE 14: NWS Koalas 1 Manly United FC 0. GRADE 16: NWS Koalas 2 Manly United FC 4 Extra Time (2-2 F/T). RESERVE GRADE: Manly United FC 3 Marconi Stallions 2. FIRST GRADE: Illawarra Stingrays 2 (Talitha Kramer 7m Michelle Heyman 76m) NWS Koalas 1 (Chloe Logarzo 65m).

WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE: GRAND FINALS: GRADE 12: Northern Tigers 1 Northbridge FC 0. GRADE 14: Northern Tigers 1 Parramatta Lady Hawks 0 Extra Time (0-0 F/T). GRADE 16: Parramatta Lady Hawks 0 Northbridge FC 1. RESERVE GRADE: APIA Tigers 2 Gladesville Ravens 4. FIRST GRADE: APIA Tigers 2 (Ayse Adalis x 2) Gladesville Ravens 0.

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 16: GRADE 13: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Marconi Stallions 2.

GRADE 14: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Marconi Stallions 7. GRADE 15: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3 Marconi Stallions 1. GRADE 16: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Marconi Stallions 1.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: Blacktown Spartans 1 Western Panthers 2. GRADE 14: Sydney University 1 Mounties Wanderers 2 Extra Time (1-1 F/T). GRADE 15: Sydney University 3 Mounties Wanderers 2. GRADE 16: Granville Rage 0 Fraser Park 1. GRADE 18: Northern Tigers 2 Western Panthers 0.

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: Camden Tigers 1 Hakoah FC 0. GRADE 14: Stanmore Hawks 0 Mt Druitt Town 1 Extra Time (0-0 F/T). GRADE 15: Stanmore Hawks 1 Southern Branch 5. GRADE 16: Stanmore Hawks 4 Hakoah FC 5 Win on penalties (0-0 F/T 0-0 E/T). GRADE 18: Hills Brumbies 1 Camden Tigers 3.

METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE: ROUND 27: GRADE 11: Canterbury Association 1 Eastern Suburbs Association 2, St George Association 4 Nepean Association 0, Macarthur Association 2 Granville Association 0, Southern Districts 0 Gladesville Hornsby Association 1, Central Coast Football 0 Bankstown Association 0, Western Branch 4 Sutherland Association 0, Southern Branch 0 Ku-ring-gai Association 3. GRADE 12: Canterbury Association 0 Eastern Suburbs Association 2, St George Association 10 Nepean Association 2, Macarthur Association 0 Granville Association 2, Southern Districts 0 Gladesville Hornsby Association 0, Central Coast Football 2 Bankstown Association 1, Western Branch 0 Sutherland Association 0, Southern Branch 8 Ku-ring-gai Association 0. RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 22: GRADE 11: Eastern Suburbs Association 3 Southern Districts 1, Gladesville Hornsby Association 0 Bankstown Association 0. GRADE 12: Eastern Suburbs Association 1 Southern Districts 1, Gladesville Hornsby Association 2 Bankstown Association 0. ROUND 26: GRADE 11: Manly Warringah Association 1 Canterbury Association 2, Ku-ring-gai Association 0 Macarthur Association 4, Blacktown Association 0 Sutherland Association 0. GRADE 12: Manly Warringah Association 1 Canterbury Association 1, Ku-ring-gai Association 2 Macarthur Association 4, Blacktown Association 0 Sutherland Association 1.