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NSW PREMIER LEAGUE
ROUND 14 REVIEW

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South Coast Wolves cut Bonnyrigg White Eagles lead at the top of the League ladder to four-points over the weekend as the Wolves scored maximum points against Rockdale City, meanwhile the White Eagles were stunned at home by an impressive APIA-Leichhardt.

Round 14 further proved Sydney Olympic is further closing in on their best form with an emphatic 4-0 defeat of Blacktown Spartans, whilst Sydney United returned to the winner's list with a thoroughly entertaining, and tense, encounter against Blacktown City FC. At the bottom of the ladder, Manly United FC scored its first win at home this season meanwhile Parramatta FC's dour run of results continued with a loss at Marconi despite a spirited performance by Lee Sterrey's men.

Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 APIA-Leichhardt Tigers 2

The high-flying Bonnyrigg White Eagles were given a rude shock last night as APIA-Leichhardt Tigers overturned a 0-1 deficit to score two world class goals and snatch three very important points for John Turner's men.

Former Tigers striker Robbie Younis hit the White Eagles in-front on 25' minutes from the penalty-spot after winning his side the spot-kick with the Tigers under pressure.

Despite the setback, the Waratah Cup Final bound APIA-Leichhardt played some beautiful football with quick ball movement across the park.

Substitute Ethan Gailbraith proved to be the hero after entering the field of play. Gailbraith combined with Stephen Kayes - the latter delivery a pin-point cross from the right - to head home for the equaliser on 78' minutes.

The striker's fine solo effort 5' minutes from the end proved to be the winner for the Tigers. Gailbraith beat two markers with a fine turn on goal before blasting a venomous drive past a helpless Andrew Bazi in the Bonnyrigg goal.

Gailbraith's fairytale evening turned into a nightmare moments later however, as he was shown his second yellow card of the evening, ruling the striker out of the Cup Final against Sutherland Sharks next weekend.

Marconi Stallions 3 Parramatta FC 2

The Stallions and Eagles shared five goals on a chilly Saturday evening at Marconi Stadium as Luke Casserly's men did enough to secure the home side maximum points against a determined Parramatta FC.

On 11' minutes, Patrick Dixon drove home Luke Grima's cross to put Parramatta FC ahead.

Marconi restored parity in the 28' minute as Aaron Peterson was adjudged to have handled inside the penalty-area. Stallions' captain Nahuel Arrarte led by example, stepping up to the spot to level the score. Joey Gibbs gave the Stallions the lead early in the second-half with a powerful finish, before extended the lead with Daniel Severino via a free-kick. The attacking midfielder's free-kick was claimed by Parramatta FC goalkeeper Matthew Nash, though the shot-stopper was adjudged to have brought the ball behind the goal line, giving the Stallions a two-goal buffer.

Parramatta FC did find a goal on 88' minutes to make for a tense finish - Joel Woods converting from the penalty-spot on the second attempt after the referee order him to re-take his first shot that finished against the crossbar. In the end, the Stallions administered proceedings to seal the win.

Sydney United 58 FC 4 Blacktown City FC 3

Sydney United 58 FC returned to winning ways following a lean run of results in recent weeks with a 4-3 defeat of Blacktown City FC in a highly entertaining encounter on Sunday afternoon.

Ante Tomic opened proceedings in the 29' minute with a contender for goal of the season. The attacking midfielder blasted an effort from 20-yards into the top corner to get the Reds going. Despite the buzz created around Sydney United Sports Centre following that strike, Blacktown City drew level from the penalty spot after Sean Rooney was fouled inside the penalty-area. Travis Major took the responsibility of taking the spot-kick, and the youngster duly converted to restore parity.

Major added another early in the second-half with a looping header over goalkeeper Tomislav Romic before the shot-stopper was forced from the pitch with an ankle injury.

Tomic restored parity from the penalty-spot with his second of the afternoon, though the visitors again took the lead in the 70' minute as Adam Jenner fired home off the post.

In a dramatic final 15' minutes, Stephen Hayes combined with Mirjan Pavlovic before firing home to equalise, and 4' minutes from time Daniel Barac turned superbly to beat the challenges of two Blacktown City FC defenders to slot home for the winner.

Sydney Olympic 4 Blacktown Spartans 0

Sydney Olympic further proved its title ambitions with an emphatic

showing in the 4-0 demolition of Blacktown Spartans, played as the first of two matches at Sydney United Sports Centre on Sunday. The Blues were quick out of the blocks as captain Phil Makrys, back from a one match suspension, converted a 10' minute penalty. Despite the Blues not finding a second goal in the first period, Peter Tsekenis' side showed just how strong they are with a dominant display, especially by midfielder Zak Elrich who was brilliant throughout the encounter.

Makrys doubled the Blues lead in the 58' minute via a trademark free-kick before Chris Triantis added a third goal 2' minutes later with a well-driven effort into the bottom left-hand corner. Sydney Olympic rounded out the scoring in the 78' minute when young substitute Amaury Gauthier, for the second weekend in a row, scored with his head. The youngster latched onto Emmanuel Giannaros' cross from the right to beat goalkeeper Carlos Saliadare and keep the Blues' charge towards the top spots on the League ladder alive.

Rockdale City Suns 0 South Coast Wolves 1

South Coast Wolves scored an important victory at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday to keep its charge towards top-spot alive. The Suns, aware of Bonnyrigg White Eagles' slip-up on Saturday against APIA-Leichhardt Tigers, scored a 1-0 win over the in form Suns to cut Bonnyrigg's lead at the top of the League ladder to four-points.

Ricky Zucco scored his first ever goal for the Wolves in the 27' minute. Zucco was on hand to make the most of a loose ball inside the penalty-area following a goalmouth scramble, netting the match winner for the Wolves.

Rockdale City did create chances in the second period, though a confident South Coast Wolves side proved that the side has matured greatly in recent seasons, and the side's hold on second-spot is testament to the good work of Trevor Morgan and his chargers.

Manly United FC 3 Sutherland Sharks 1

Manly United FC recorded its first win for the season on the new Cromer Park playing surface with a 3-1 defeat of Sutherland Sharks.

Justin Hayward opened the scoring on 25' minutes after finishing off Colin Iley's unselfish centre.

The home side could not hold onto its lead to take into the break as Panni Nikas won the Sharks a penalty before getting up to convert past Dylan Mitchell.

Tinashe Mugabe restored Manly United's lead when he stabbed home Matthew Sim's cross, before Hayward netted his second of the afternoon via the penalty-spot to seal the win.

Both teams had a man each sent off. Jim Bakis was given a straight red card for an off the ball incident that will see the midfielder miss the Waratah Cup Final next weekend, meanwhile Roberto Hamad was also given an early shower after collecting two yellow cards.

Hyundai A-League transfers update Friday, 29 June 2012

We're some time away from season 2012/13 but the Hyundai A-League playing rosters are slowly taking shape. Here's an updated list of all the transfers so far...

Adelaide United

In: Jake Barker-Daish (Gold Coast United), Daniel Bowles (Gold Coast United), Teeboy Kamara (Adelaide United Youth Team), Evan Kostopoulos (Adelaide United Youth Team)

Out: Spase Dilevski (Melbourne Victory), Ricardo Da Silva (released), Evgeniy Levchenko (released), Mark Birighitti (Newcastle Jets)

Brisbane Roar

In: Ben Halloran (Gold Coast United), Matt Acton (NYL)

Out: Andrew Redmayne (Melbourne Heart), Issey Nakajima-Farran, Matt Mundy (released - Rochdale Rovers)

Central Coast Mariners

In: Zac Anderson (Gold Coast United), Anthony Caceres (Mariners NYL), James Oates (Mariners NYL), Mitchell Duke (Mariners NYL)

Out: Stuart Musialik (released), Sutton (loan expired), Sam Gallagher (Melbourne Victory)

Melbourne Heart

In: Patrick Gerhardt (FK Zeljeznicar), Andrew Redmayne (Brisbane Roar)

Out: Eli Babalj (Red Star Belgrade), Adrian Zahra (Perth Glory), Rutger Worm (released), Alex Terra (released), Kristian Sarkies (released), Kamal Ibrahim (released), Kliment Taseski (released), Maycon (released), Nikola Roganovic (released), Craig Goodwin (Newcastle Jets), Wayne Srhoj (released)

Melbourne Victory

In: Guilherme Finkler (Criciuma, Brazil),

Adam Traore (Gold Coast United), Sam Gallagher (Central Coast Mariners), Jonathon Bru, Spase Dilevski (Adelaide United)

Out: Harry Kewell (released), Ante Covic (released), Carlos Hernandez (released) and Grant Brebner (released), Matthew Kemp (retired), Rodrigo Vargas (released), Tom Pondeljak (released)

Newcastle Jets

In: Josh Mitchell (Perth Glory), Mark Birighitti (Adelaide United), Mitch Cooper (Gold Coast United), James Brown (Gold Coast United), Craig Goodwin (Melbourne Heart), Adam Taggart (Perth Glory), Joshua Brillante (Gold Coast), Scott Neville (Perth Glory), Mitchell Oxborrow (AIS Youth), Connor Chapman (AIS Youth)

Out: Nikolai Topor-Stanley (released), Tarek Elrich (released), Ali Abbas (Sydney FC), Jeremy Brockie (Wellington Phoenix), Labinot Haliti (released), Kasey Wehrman

(released), Byun Sung-Hwan (released), Mario Simic (released), Matthew Nash (released), Chris Payne (released), Francis Jeffers (released)

Perth Glory

In: Adrian Zahra (Melbourne Heart), Michael Thwaite (Gold Coast United), Scott Jamieson (Sydney FC), Chris Harold (Gold Coast United), Nick Ward (Wellington Phoenix), Brandon O'Neill (NYL), Ndumba Makeche (NYL)

Out: Josh Mitchell (Perth Glory), Adam Taggart (Newcastle Jets), Scott Neville (Newcastle Jets), Adrezinho (released), Todd Howarth, Josh Mitchell, Chris Coyne, Victor Sikora (retired)

Sydney FC

In: Adam Griffiths (Hangzhou, Chinese Super League), Fabio Alves Macedo (Melbourne Victory), Ali Abbas (Newcastle Jets), Mitch Mallia (Sydney FC Youth),

Daniel Petkovski (Sydney FC), Haji Gligor (Sydney FC Youth), Vedran Janjetovic

Out: Mark Bridge (released), Michael Beauchamp (released), Bruno Cazarine (released), Shannon Cole (released), Jamie Coyne (released), Scott Jamieson (Perth Glory), Karol Kisel (Slavia Prague, Czech Republic), Juho Makela (HJK, Finland), Liam Reddy (released)

Wellington Phoenix

In: Jeremy Brockie (Newcastle Jets), Glen Moss (Gold Coast), Benjamin Totori

Out: Nick Ward (Perth Glory), Daniel (released), Tony Warner (released), Tim Brown (retired)

Western Sydney Wanderers

In: Tarek Elrich (Newcastle Jets), Aaron Mooy (St Mirron, Scotland), Kwabena Appiah-Kubi (Central Coast Mariners) Former Sydney FC trio Michael Beauchamp, Mark Bridge and Shannon Cole