

Rockdale City Suns v Sydney United 58 2-3

United 58 cling on against fast finishing 10-man Suns to record first points of the season Chris Payne netted the winner for Sydney United 58 in a five-goal thriller at Ilinden Sports Centre to give his side their first points in the 2018 NPL season in a match that had everything. The visitors took the lead through Patrick Antelmi only to trail through goals from Jordan Figon and Alec Urosevski before equalising in first-half stoppage time when Yianni Pertakis found the net. Payne then thundered home the winner midway through the second period for United 58 to record their first win of the season under new coach Jason Culina. It was a typical Suns v United match with half-chances created at both ends before Antelmi found the opener. His neat one-two with skipper Panni Nikas unlocked the Suns' defence for him to fire home against Ante Covic with his right foot. It was a precision move perfectly executed. Rockdale were not to be outdone and when the visitors squandered another opening with the ball rebounding off the post straight into the arms of Covic, Figon was allowed to use his pace to get in behind the United 58 defence, brushing off a defender, and planting a thunderous shot beyond Thomas Manos between the sticks. United's scorer Antelmi needed to be replaced on the half-hour by Naim Rahimi and whilst they readjusted the found themselves behind. Figon was involved yet again when squaring the ball inside the box for Alex Urosevski to finally put away to give Rockdale the lead. The drama wasn't to end their in a very entertaining opening period as parity was restored with an absolute stunner via Pertakis as he lashed the ball home almost with the last kick of the half. Mathew Sim was next to show for the visitors but his effort in the 58' minute was deflected out for a corner after spinning in the box to fire goalward. But it wasn't long before United regained the lead when Payne netted on the hour to restore the visitor's lead as the rain teemed down. Alemeddine nearly redressed the balance when turning in the box to unleash a left-footer that Manos did well to hold on to in the conditions as Rockdale chased the game. He was unlucky again 4' minutes later, this time with his right foot, that Manos beat away. It got worse for the Suns when substitute Alex Canak, on the pitch for barely 7' minutes, was shown a straight Red Card for an off-the-ball incident involving Adrian Vlastelica that

was well spotted by the Assistant Referee on the near touchline. Sim should have capped off the win and ensured the points in the final minute after doing the hard work inside the box but seeing his effort trickle wide of the upright. A relieved Sydney United 58 coach, Jason Culina stated after the match: "This was far from our best performance and I felt we actually played better in our first two match's and had nothing to show for it." "Football is a funny game and you think when you play well you should win but to be honest this was our worst performance so far and we pick up the points. "We were sloppy and we know this is not our normal standard and we are a lot better than this but all credit to the boys as heads could have dropped when we went behind but they dug in there and pulled it back before the break. "With Rockdale chasing the game we should have perhaps scored another but they came back at us hard and that always seems to happen when you go down to 10-men but they are a good ball playing side and we've got our first points on the board for the season so we'll move on from here." Paul Reid cut a forlorn figure at the final whistle before adding: "You play against a good team and they punish you for momentary lapses in concentration and they are a good team. "Everyone knows they are a good footballing team and at this level they will punish you even though we scored two good goals ourselves. "When we sit down to think about this match it's the lapses that have cost us at least a point if not all three and we need to be switched on for the full 90+ minutes and today we were not and we've paid the price. We've got to be better than that. "To be a successful footballer you need to be switched on from start to finish, there are no lull periods during the game. And when you don't concentrate you get punished. It's a lesson our guys need to learn quickly."

Rockdale City Suns: 2 (Figon 25', Urosevski 34') - Sydney United 58: 3 (Antelmi 20', Pertakis 45+2', Payne 60')

Referee: Michael Weiner
Assistants: Janush Adabjou & Kearney Robinson

4th Official: Craig Fisher
Rockdale City Suns: 1.Ante Covic, 2.Daniel Petkovski, 3. Steven Hesketh, 4.Trent McClenehan, 6.Blake Riccutio (8.Alex Canak 76), 7.Alec Urosevski, 10.Harris Gaitatzis, 12.Idriss El Hafiane, 14.Brayden Sorge, 17.Toufic Alamaddine (9.Antonio Bai 71'), 23.Jordan Figon (21.Michael Neill 71)



Subs not used: 19.Patrick Savor, 22.Nicholas Sorras

Yellow Cards: Ricuitto 65' Red Cards: Canak 82'

Sydney United 58: 21.Thomas Manos, 4.Adrian Vlastelica, 5.Anthony Tomelic, 6.

Christopher Payne (20.Petar Markovic 89'), 8.Mathew Sim, 9.Patrick Antelmi (7.Naim Rahimi 31'), 11.Yianni Pertakis, 12.Shannon Cole, 15.Tomoki Menda (3.Jordan Roberts 58'), 18.Glen Trifiro, 23.Panni Nikas

Subs not used: 1.John Hall, 17. Sam Perre

Yellow Cards: Chris Payne 65', Cole 73'

Man of the Match... 3 – McLenahan (RCS) 2 – Payne (SU58) 1 – Figon (RCS)

Τελευταία αποτελέσματα

Αγωνιστική ημέρα: 3			
25.03. 09:00	Ρόκντεϊλ Σίτι Σανς	Σίδνεϊ Γιουν.	2 : 3
25.03. 07:00	Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	Μάνλι Γιουνάιτεντ	2 : 1
24.03. 10:00	Μπλακτάουν Σίτι	Μπόνιριγκ Ουάιτ Ηγκλς	4 : 0
24.03. 10:00	Χακόα Σίδνεϊ	Σάδερλαντ Σαρκς	2 : 2
24.03. 08:45	Σίδνεϊ U21	Ουόλονγκονγκ Γουλβς	1 : 2
Αγωνιστική ημέρα: 2			
18.03. 10:00	Μπόνιριγκ Ουάιτ Ηγκλς	Μαρκόνι Στάλιονς	1 : 1
18.03. 09:00	ΑΠΙΑ Τάιγκερς	Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	2 : 0
18.03. 08:30	Χακόα Σίδνεϊ	Μάνλι Γιουνάιτεντ	3 : 0
18.03. 06:00	Ουόλονγκονγκ Γουλβς	Ρόκντεϊλ Σίτι Σανς	1 : 0
17.03. 10:30	Σίδνεϊ Γιουν.	Μπλακτάουν Σίτι	0 : 1
17.03. 09:30	Σάδερλαντ Σαρκς	Σίδνεϊ U21	2 : 1

Η επόμενη αγωνιστική

Αγωνιστική ημέρα: 4		
30.03. 08:00	Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	Χακόα Σίδνεϊ
30.03. 08:15	ΑΠΙΑ Τάιγκερς	Μπλακτάουν Σίτι
31.03. 10:30	Σάδερλαντ Σαρκς	Ουόλονγκονγκ Γουλβς
31.03. 11:00	Μαρκόνι Στάλιονς	Μάνλι Γιουνάιτεντ
31.03. 11:00	Μπόνιριγκ Ουάιτ Ηγκλς	Ρόκντεϊλ Σίτι Σανς
31.03. 11:30	Σίδνεϊ Γιουν.	Σίδνεϊ U21

	ΟΜΑΔΕΣ	ΑΓ.	Ν.	Ι.	Η.	ΔΙΑΦ.	ΒΑΘΜ.
1	Μπλακτάουν Σίτι	3	2	1	0	5:0	7
2	Ουόλονγκονγκ Γουλβς	3	2	1	0	3:1	7
3	ΑΠΙΑ Τάιγκερς	2	2	0	0	4:1	6
4	Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	3	2	0	1	4:4	6
5	Χακόα Σίδνεϊ	3	1	1	1	6:5	4
6	Μαρκόνι Στάλιονς	2	1	1	0	2:1	4
7	Σάδερλαντ Σαρκς	3	1	1	1	4:4	4
8	Σίδνεϊ U21	3	1	0	2	5:5	3
9	Σίδνεϊ Γιουν.	3	1	0	2	3:4	3
10	Ρόκντεϊλ Σίτι Σανς	3	1	0	2	3:4	3
11	Μπόνιριγκ Ουάιτ Ηγκλς	3	0	1	2	2:7	1
12	Μάνλι Γιουνάιτεντ	3	0	0	3	2:7	0