

# HURSTVILLE CITY MINOTAURS CROWNED OVER 45'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Steve Karavataakis turned back the clock with a special double to hand the Hurstville City Minotaurs a 2-1 win over St Michaels Lane Cove and seal the over 45 men Champion of Champions title.

In an end to end match, Karavataakis stepped up to score two fantastic goals within six minutes of magic to give coach and former Charles Valentine Medal winner Peter Sarakakis yet another trophy. **The match** started physically with both sides eager to stamp their authority early. Hurstville City Minotaurs had the opening chance of the match with Spiro Hantzis getting around his defender before his 20-yard shot forced Peter Gunning into a save after 10 minutes. Karavataakis was next to break the St Michael's defence as he got onto the end of a bouncing through ball only to half volley the ball wide. Gunning was called into action with Harry Christodoulou laying the ball off to Nick Plataniotis whose shot rocketed into the chest of the keeper. Lane Cove consolidated and started coming back into the match with Robert Colville forcing a save out of John Chatzis in the 20th minute. Colville was hungry to open the scoring for his side and won the ball well on the left a minute later before squaring the ball into the box to a free attacker who could only find the safe hands of Chatzis again. The end to end action continued into the second stanza as both sides put their bodies on the line in the hope of breaking the deadlock. Lane Cove almost

did just that in the 48th minute as a Mate Peric free kick floated towards to Declan McEvoy. Luckily for Hurstville, Chatzis was off his line quickly to save off McEvoy's toe poke. Hurstville would take the lead in the 67th minute through a beautiful play. After winning the ball in his own half, Tom Pontidas ran at the Lane Cove defence before finding Karavataakis out wide. The striker turned the ball onto his left foot before sending an exquisite curler into the top left hand corner to give his side the 1-0 lead. Karavataakis was at it again six minutes later, this time being put through on goal and blasted through Gunning to seal the title. Mate Peric would score a consolation goal in the dying moments of the game. But it Hurstville's day as they prevailed 2-1. **Match Stats..** Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 (Karavataakis 67', 73') St Michael's Lane Cove 1 (Peric 80') **Hurstville City** Minotaurs: 1. John Chatzis, 4. Peter Papoythis, 5. Gennadi Spivak, 6. John Cosentino, 8. Spiro Hantzis, 9. Steve Karavataakis, 10. Tom Pontidas, 11. Louie Dounis, 12. George Ganiatsis, 13. Nick Plataniotis, 16. Harry Christodoulou, 17. Leonidas Lykorentzos, 19. David Barrett, 20. Sam Xenakis, 21. Peter Xenos



ΟΜΑΔΕΣ	ΑΓ.	Ν.	Ι.	Η.	ΓΚΟΛ	ΒΑΘΜ.
1 Ουέλιγγκτον ΦίνιΞ	1	1	0	0	2:1	3
2 Μέλμπουρν Σιτι	1	1	0	0	2:1	3
3 Αδελαΐδα Γιουνάπεντ	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
4 Σέντραλ Κόστ Μάρινερς	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
5 Περθ Γκλόρι	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
6 Μπρισμπέιν Ρόαρ	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
7 Σίδνεϊ	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
8 Σίδνεϊ Ουόντερερς	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
9 Νιουκάστλ Τζετς	1	0	0	1	1:2	0
10 Μέλμπουρν Βίκτορι	1	0	0	1	1:2	0

## Rudan's dream start as Phoenix open with win over Jets

**Mark Rudan** has made a winning start to his Hyundai A-League career with Wellington Phoenix after his side saw off Newcastle Jets 2-1 at Westpac Stadium on Sunday afternoon. In a match where both sides created a few excellent scoring chances, it was an own goal by Jets defender Daniel Georgievski on 32 minutes and a late Roy Krishna strike that proved the difference, despite Dimitri Petratos' stoppage-time goal for the Jets. **The impressive** Sarpreet Singh swung a free-kick which Steven Taylor headed back across goal, with Georgievski's attempted

clearance skimming off his head and past the gloves of Glen Moss into the net to give the home side the lead. **The goal** came in a first-half where the Jets had the better chances, with Jair, Dimitri Petratos and Matthew Ridenton all going close before the Phoenix opener. **But under** Rudan, Wellington already look to have more of a steely resolve and absorbed the pressure before taking their chance. **And they** thought they had a second just after the hour mark when Singh bundled the ball over from close range after David Williams' initial shot pin-balled around the

area. The goal was initially given only for it to be ruled out with the intervention of the VAR for a handball by Singh in the build-up. **But the** VAR went Phoenix's way three minutes from time when Jets substitute Kaine Sheppard was adjudged to have hauled down Mitch Nichols in the box, with the referee awarding a penalty. **Krishna's initial** attempt was saved but the Fijian stayed alive to sweep home the rebound to get Wellington's 2018/19 Season off to a perfect start, despite Petratos scoring in the final minute of stoppage-time to make the scoreline a little closer.

