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FOOTBALL NSW ANNOUNCES LANDMARK LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE FOR NPL NSW

In a major boost for football fans, Football NSW today announced a landmark broadcast schedule for National Premier Leagues (NPL) competitions in NSW.

As part of a three-year production arrangement, NPL NSW fans will see an astonishing 445 matches broadcast, live and free across various platforms in 2019. This will include all NPL NSW Men's top tier matches, all NPL NSW Women's and all NPL NSW Men's U20 matches. A "match of the round" from the NPL 2 NSW Men's competition will also be shown. Football NSW's centrepiece matches including both the NPL NSW Men's and Women's Finals Series as well as the historic Waratah Cup Final will also be broadcast live for fans. Fans will also be able to watch highlights and games on-demand via Football NSW's NPL social media channels. In addition to the live coverage, participating clubs, coaches and referees will also have access to vision both live and

on-demand throughout the year for ongoing development and analysis. Football NSW CEO Stuart Hodge was thrilled to announce the plans. "This is fantastic news for football and our fans," Hodge said. "Over the past two seasons, we have seen the impact and growth of our live streamed matches and we are delighted to be able to further extend on that success in 2019" "The broadcast of 445 NPL NSW live matches will be a game-changer for the sporting and commercial profile of the NPL competitions and our clubs." "Football NSW has continued to enhance our streaming capabilities over the past couple of years. Further growth in this area will harness the growing interest in the NPL competitions." "Never before has football viewing been more accessible. I'm excited that our top-tier competitions will be available to a

LIVE STREAMS ARE HERE!

- Every **NPL NSW Men's** game live
- Every **NPL NSW Women's** game live
- 1 x **NPL 2 NSW Men's Match of the Round**
- Every **NPL NSW U20's** game live
- Waratah Cup Final**
- Highlights of all games**

worldwide audience." The live broadcast will commence with the Match of the Round in the opening NPL 2 NSW Men's competition round as Blacktown

Spartans take on Bonnyrigg White Eagles on Saturday 2nd of March while all 6 NPL NSW Men's top tier and 20s matches will be streamed live on the 10th of March.

PETRATOS: 'I JUST KEEP SHOOTING'



The only A-League match Victory have ever won in Geelong was a 4-2 performance against Newcastle, but despite some of the league's finest interplay, the striking was little more than tepid for the Big V. While **catenaccio-esque** defending and a scrambling Johnny Koutroubmis opener decided the match, it was up to Petratos to justify the match ticket - the midfielder scoring one of this season's truly sensational strikes to round out the result. «I had two more shots before that, they just missed, but I had to keep going and keep shooting and, yeah, just join in,» a rather understated, and a little exhausted Petratos explained. «It was a tough game, I think Victory played well, we attacked as a team, defended as a team. We showed as much as we can and really, just believed in ourselves. «The goals will come, I get a lot of chances - we've been through the rough patches and I think we've grown for them.»

While their win moves the Jets within two points of Wellington Phoenix in sixth place and seals the Novocastrians first win in nearly four years within Victoria, it spells a growing trend for Victory. Not only is this their first time failing to score at home in 26 matches, it's also their fifth consecutive match copping the first goal. Injuries aside - and Ola Toivonen's absence hurts their side deeply - it's not the run of form of a Championship contender. «We're getting punished, we played really well but we're slipping back into it. We need to take our chances,» Kosta Barbarouses said. «We've dealt with injuries really well and we don't use excuses but we need to put pressure on Perth (Glory) and Sydney (FC), and the fact that we've slipped further behind just isn't good enough. «It's one of those days - I missed a few, Kenny (Athiu) missed a few....it's just one of those days.»

A LEAGUE Results 21 ROUND

Melbourne City-Perth Glory 2-2
Melbourne Victory-Newcastle Jets 0-2
Sydney FC-Adelaide United 2-0
WS Wanderers-Perth Glory 1-1



A - LEAGUE Table 20 Round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Perth Glory	21	48	14	6	1	45	20	25
2	Sydney FC	21	42	13	3	5	36	22	14
3	Melbourne Victory	21	38	11	5	5	42	27	15
4	Adelaide United	21	31	8	7	6	27	26	1
5	Melbourne City	21	30	8	6	7	26	25	1
6	Wellington Phoenix	20	28	7	7	6	26	27	-1
7	Newcastle Jets	21	26	7	5	9	26	25	1
8	WS Wanderers	20	17	4	5	11	30	42	-12
9	Brisbane Roar	20	15	3	6	11	28	46	-18
10	Central Coast Mariners	20	7	1	4	15	22	48	-26

A-League 22 Round

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	Kick-Off (AEDT)
Friday, 15 March 2019	Melbourne Victory FC	Brisbane Roar FC	Marvel Stadium	7:50PM
Saturday, 16 March 2019	Newcastle Jets	Central Coast Mariners	McDonald Jones Stadium	5:35PM
Saturday, 16 March 2019	Sydney FC	Melbourne City FC	Sydney Cricket Ground	7:50PM
Sunday, 17 March 2019	Wellington Phoenix	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	Westpac Stadium	5:00PM
Sunday, 17 March 2019	Adelaide United	Perth Glory	Coopers Stadium	7:00PM