



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 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.

BETTING AND MATCH-FIXING

Football NSW would like to remind you about your obligations in relation to betting on football matches and match-fixing.

FFA and Football NSW acknowledge that gambling on sport is a common activity for many Australian adults which, when undertaken responsibly, may be enjoyable. **However, the** FFA National Code of Conduct and the FIFA Code of Ethics impose obligations and restrictions on Players and Officials in relation to betting and match-fixing, including that you must not bet on any football matches, anywhere in the world (including, for example, the A-League and the English Premier League).

KURTO: IT DOESN'T MATTER IF RUDAN LEAVES

Filip Kurto has laughed off claims that both he and his coach may be set to leave Wellington Phoenix at the end of the season.

The former Wisla Krakow youth and Polish U21 goalkeeper had a spotted and largely underwhelming career in the Dutch lower divisions before joining Wellington, but has proven to be one of the signings of the season. **As one** of Rudan's first imports, it's possible Kurto may have an uncertain future at the club if the Australian coach leaves, as rumoured, to join Western United.



Kurto may even join Rudan at the 2019/20 A-League entrants, but if the Pole has his sights set on Melbourne, he isn't letting on.

"**The level** of the A-League and of Wellington is really good, it's really cold, it's what I like and it's what I expected," he said. "On my off days I walk, I chill - it's nice."

"**We don't** think about losing Mark, we're focusing on Saturday's game and only Saturday's game - we need to focus on what we're bringing into each game and to ensure we come back to a good winning way."

In 18 appearances this season Kurto has made a whopping 75 saves - nine more than the A-League's next best, Lawrence Thomas. His save percentage of 75% is also equal highest with Glen Moss.

The Pole's fantastic form has been pivotal to a Nix side that, while offering excellent attacking football, have required the experience of Kurto and fellow newcomer, centreback Steven Taylor.

But despite Kurto's broken English and hesitancy in front of the media, Wellington have clearly marshalled the 27-year-old well in the art of the cliché.

"**Of course** when the team plays well, when you play well, feelings always grow - that's not wrong... (but) it doesn't matter (if he leaves)," he said.

"**We're going** there for the three points, this is our target, it doesn't matter that (next opponents) Central Coast Mariners are last, it's going to be tough."

"**We all** try hard to achieve as a team, we're going well and this is the most important thing."

"**We don't** want to look behind at Newcastle because if we gain points then it doesn't matter what happens behind us. Our target is top four, this is what we believe in."

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