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WESTERN NSW MARINERS GLADESVILLE RYDE MAGIC 2-3

Western NSW Mariners pushed top of the table Gladesville Ryde Magic until the final whistle with the visitors recording a close fought 3-2 win in Lithgow Saturday afternoon.



Gladesville Ryde Magic opened the scoring in the eight minute with Chris Triantis as his headed effort found the back of the net following a well worked corner routine.

The visitors soon doubled their lead with Rosario Occhipinti, the veteran striker capitalised from another corner kick routine to give his side some breathing space in the contest.

The hosts closed out the first half well and were unlucky not to get on the score sheet with the Magic defence ensuring that the score stayed at 2-0 heading into the break.

Christos Tomaras converted a penalty shortly after the break to extend the visitors lead to 3-0.

However, the hosts were gifted an opportunity to turn the game around when Magic scored an unfortunate own goal.

Following a heated exchange in the 58th minute, Magic were reduced to 10 men however the Mariners failed to take advantage and they too had one of their own given his marching orders only minutes later.

The home side continued to



frustrate the opposition and they claimed their second goal of the encounter to make it 3-2 and ensure a nervy finish for Magic as they looked to hold on to all three points.

A late chance from Western Mariners almost saw them record their first points of the season however it was the away side who ended up on top when the final whistle blew.

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Round 3 Results

Sydney Utd - Wollongong Wolves 2:2
Rockdale City Suns - Hakoah Sydney 0:3
Sydney Olympic - Blacktown City 3:3
Manly Utd - Druitt Town Rangers 2:2
Sydney FC U21 - Marconi Stallions 0:2
Sutherland Sharks - APIA Tigers 1:2

Next Games Round 4

30.03.2019
Marconi Stallions - Manly United
Sydney FC Youth - Wollongong Wolves
31.03.2019
Blacktown City - Sutherland Sharks
Rockdale City Suns - Mt Druitt Rangers
Hakoah Sydney - Sydney Olympic
Sydney United - APIA Tigers

Round 3 Table

	Team	MP	W	D	L	G	Pts
1	Wollongong Wolves	3	2	1	0	7:3	7
2	Hakoah Sydney	3	2	0	1	5:2	6
3	APIA Tigers	3	2	0	1	3:4	6
4	Sydney Utd	3	1	2	0	3:2	5
5	Blacktown City	3	1	1	1	4:4	4
6	Sydney FC U21	3	1	1	1	3:4	4
7	Rockdale City Suns	3	1	1	1	2:4	4
8	Marconi Stallions	3	1	0	2	3:3	3
9	Sutherland Sharks	3	1	0	2	2:3	3
10	Manly Utd	3	0	2	1	4:5	2
11	Sydney Olympic	2	0	1	1	3:4	1
12	Druitt Town Rangers	2	0	1	1	2:3	1