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SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC - WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC 0-2

Wollongong proved they are serious contenders for silverware this season, continuing their undefeated start to the season with a 2-0 win over reigning Champions Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sportsground on Sunday evening.

The visitors extended their lead at the top of the ladder, capitalising on their chances to take all three points thanks to goals from Lachlan Scott and Darcy Madden.

Wollongong's defensive prowess was crucial to their victory as they kept out the home side who continued their attacking pressure until the last moments of the game.

Paul Henderson was called into action in just the fifth minute, making an impressive effort to tip a shot from Wollongong over the crossbar.

Olympic were quick to mark their involvement in the game, stringing together a succession of chances that were muffled by Wollongong's robust defensive line.

The first goal of the game came in the 33rd minute, with the visitors capitalising on a counter-attack opportunity.

Harry Callahan made a threatening run at Olympic's defence before playing the ball to Lachlan Scott near the penalty spot who fired his shot out of Henderson's reach and into the netting.

Olympic looked to retaliate just moments later, manoeuvring their way through the box with Jack Stewart letting off a shot that went breathtakingly close before rebounding off

the woodwork.

Wollongong used their physical defensive style to deny an equaliser for the home side in the early stages of the second half.

The visitors came for seconds in the 87th minute, with Madden extending the lead to two.

Madden received the ball in prime position from

Thomas James, who managed to keep in a ball that went astonishingly close to crossing the boundary line.

Olympic continued to mount pressure on the Wolves, winning four consecutive corners in a matter of minutes as the game came to a close.

Wollongong goalkeeper Justin Pasfield said he was pleased with his side's effort.

"The way we performed there, I think people are going to recognise who we are now," he said.

"This is a tough place to come.

"Not many teams will come here and pick up points, they're a good team Sydney Olympic, they don't win competitions for nothing.

"We did well but we're not going to get too far ahead of ourselves



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Round 5 Results

- Sydney Olympic - Wollongong Wolves 0-2
- APIA Tigers - Rockdale City Suns 4-0
- Manly United - Blacktown City 1-0
- Mt Druitt Rangers - Sydney FC Youth 2-4
- Sutherland Sharks - Sydney United 2-3
- Marconi Stallions - Hakoah Sydney 3-1

Next Games Round 6

- 13.04.2019
- Sutherland Sharks - Manly United
- Sydney FC Youth - Blacktown City
- 14.04.2019
- Wollongong Wolves - Mt Druitt Rangers
- Rockdale City Suns - Sydney Olympic
- Hakoah Sydney - APIA Tigers
- Marconi Stallions - Sydney United

Round 4 Table

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Wollongong Wolves	5	13	4	1	0	13	6	7
2	APIA Tigers	5	12	4	0	1	10	5	5
3	Manly United	5	8	2	2	1	7	6	1
4	Sydney United	5	8	2	2	1	7	7	0
5	Sydney Olympic	5	7	2	1	2	10	8	2
6	Sydney FC Youth	5	7	2	1	2	10	10	0
7	Blacktown City	5	7	2	1	2	5	5	0
8	Marconi Stallions	5	6	2	0	3	7	6	1
9	Hakoah Sydney	5	6	2	0	3	6	6	0
10	Mt Druitt Rangers	5	4	1	1	3	8	13	-5
11	Rockdale City Suns	5	4	1	1	3	2	10	-8
12	Sutherland Sharks	5	3	1	0	4	4	7	-3

"We've got a big game on Wednesday night in the FFA Cup but we go in to WIN Stadium full of confidence and hoping for a big crowd."

Abbas Saad explained that his side was looking forward to

"They were very good, we were just second best today," he explained.

"We made our opportunities, but you've got to take your opportunities.

"We just couldn't find the back of the net.

"We've just got to do better in the next game."

Match Stats

Sydney Olympic FC 0

Wollongong Wolves FC 2 (Lachlan Scott 33', Darcy Madden 87')

Saturday 7th April, 2019

Belmore Sportsground

Referee:

Pavicevic 65'), 11. Jinya An, 14. Alex Sanchez, 17. Jack Stewart (6. Nikola Kuleski 54'), 24. Hagi Gligor, 33. Nikolas Tsattlios

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Ezequiel Consoni, 23. Troy Danaskos

Yellow Cards: Harris Gaitatzis 33', Mitchell Stamatellis 55'

Red Cards: Nil

Wollongong Wolves FC: 1. Justin Pasfield, 2. Taylor McDonald, 4. Nikola Djordjevic, 6. Benjamin Tosi, 9. Thomas James (13. Stefan Dimoski 90'), 11. Takeru Okada, 14. Harry Callahan (23. Jordan Nikolovski 85'), 15. Nick Littler, 16. Guy Knight, 17. James Stojcevski, 24. Lachlan Scott (19. Darcy Madden 79')

Substitutes Not Used: 7. Christopher Price, 12. Luke Kaines,

Yellow Cards: Guy Knight 5

Red Cards: Nil

3 - Harry Callahan

2 - Thomas James

1 - Paul Henderson