



Goals, goals, goals! We were treated to a highlight reel of spectacular efforts from around the grounds in the latest round of the National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's competition.



Round 6 Review – NPL 3 NSW Men's

A whopping 29 goals were scored across the seven matches over the course of the weekend with Stanmore Hawks, Bankstown City and Inter Lions having recorded the standout results in round six.

Dulwich Hill registered a hard earned 1-0 victory against Parramatta FC at Melita Stadium; Western NSW Mariners endured a 6-1 thrashing at the hands of Stanmore Hawks at Arlington Oval; Granville Rage and Dunbar Rovers played out a 1-1 draw at Garside Park; Bankstown United were on the wrong end of a 2-1 score line when they

faced Hawkesbury City at Jensen Park; Sydney University fell to a shock 5-2 defeat against Inter Lions at Sydney University Football Ground and the wheels kept on turning for Gladesville Ryde Magic as they overcame Camden Tigers 2-1 at Christie Park in the lone match on Sunday.

This week's match of the round took place at Ernie Smith Reserve as Football NSW oversaw the fixture between SD Raiders and Bankstown City Lions on Saturday night.

Gladesville Ryde Magic – Camden Tigers FC 2-1

Gladesville Ryde Magic's winning streak continued with a routine 2-1 win over Camden Tigers on Sunday afternoon at Christie Park. **Camden opened** the scoring in this encounter with a headed effort before Magic found the equaliser from a corner kick with Lachlan Harte heading home for the hosts. **With the** scores locked at 1-1 in the second half it was Magic who were able to pop up with the all-important winner with yet another headed goal from a corner, this time it was Aaron Khan who was on hand to secure all three points for the league leaders.

Stanmore Hawks FC – Western NSW Mariners 6-1

Stanmore Hawks put Western NSW Mariners to the sword as they ran out 6-1 winners at Arlington Oval on Saturday night.

A lackluster contest in the first half, it was not until the second half that we were able to see either team hit the back of the net.

Two Hawks players registered hat tricks in the second half of the encounter with Sam Awad and Peter Yannopoulos grabbing three each while Ryan Campbell scored the Mariners' sole goal in this fixture.

Official: Mark Rudan to exit Wellington Phoenix

It's been the worst kept secret in A-League football for months, but today Wellington Phoenix confirmed coach Mark Rudan will quit the club at the end of the season.

Rudan has been linked with the new A-League side Western United since it was confirmed the Melbourne side would join the competition next season.

And he has repeatedly spoken of his homesickness at being apart from his family in Sydney while working in New Zealand.

He admitted in February: "When you're away from your wife and your loved ones, and from your family and friends, it's never easy.

"If I had thought it was going to be this hard, I probably wouldn't have taken it on."

Rudan has overseen a mostly turnaround around in Phoenix's fortunes this year, bringing out career-best performances in many of his squad.

The club currently sits fifth in the league, with 10 wins this season, and just one point behind Adelaide United with two games left to play before the finals.

Confirming his exit this morning, Rudan said that making the decision to leave was an extremely difficult one.

"This has been one of the most difficult decisions I've had to make in my career," he said. "I came here wanting a project I could sink my teeth into and really make a difference to our sport.

"I've said it before, this football club is special. There are wonderful people here that make this club what it is. The people of Wellington and New Zealand have truly embraced me. I thank all the supporters, corporate partners and the entire football club on having such great belief in me.

"The staff and facilities here in Wellington include some of the best medical, strength and conditioning professionals in the A-League.

"I believe the Academy is the most successful in the entire A-League, given all the players who have come through go onto bigger things - and what's even more exciting is the possibility of expansion with a new development in Upper Hutt.

"But as I've made mention previously, family is up most of importance to me. I am a husband

and a father first and a football coach second. **"The past** few weeks I have worked closely with the club trying to find a solution but ultimately it was something that could not be resolved.

"The reasoning behind making the announcement now is to put a stop to all the speculation out there and to completely focus on finals football.

"My team, coaching staff along with the entire football club are 100% committed on making the finals. We want to bring back finals football to Wellington.

"This football club gave me my first opportunity as Head Coach in the A-League and for that I will always be grateful."

Wellington Phoenix Chairman Rob Morrison acknowledged the contribution Rudan has made to the football club.

"Mark has made a significant contribution to the club and it's important for everyone at the club that we continue the progression he started this year," said Morrison.

"The board were strongly of the opinion that we wanted a coach who would overhaul the culture within the team - we wanted players who would fight for the club, the city, the

country, our partners and our loyal fans right to the end.

"One of the club's values is 'the crest on the front is more important than the name on the back. Mark has driven that philosophy through this team.

"Together we have tried very hard to find a solution that would enable him to stay, but considering all factors, it hasn't been possible, so Mark's decision is one as a club we respect.

"But we move on and will begin the process of the recruitment of a new coach for next season.

"As a club we have worked extraordinarily hard to put in place the building blocks that will mean this club is consistently challenging for finals places.

"Mark has built on that, as we fully expect the next head coach to do so as well.

"I would like to thank Mark for everything he has done in his tenure, and on behalf of the club, supporters and partners wish him all the very best for the future."

Rudan's final home game of the regular season is on Easter Sunday, April 21 when Wellington Phoenix face Melbourne City at Westpac Stadium.