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## Round 7 Review – NPL 3 NSW Men's

We experienced plenty of drama at both ends of the table in the latest installment of the National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's competition.

**Gladesville Ryde** Magic weakened their grip on first place following their slip up against Bankstown City while every side is off the mark in the league after Western NSW Mariners secured their first points of the season with a vital victory in Bathurst.

**Dunbar Rovers** secured a come from behind 3-2 win against Sydney University at Hensley Athletic Field; Western NSW Mariners defeated Granville Rage 1-0 at Proctor Park; Hawkesbury City triumphed 4-1 at home to Camden Tigers; SD Raiders registered a 3-1 victory away to Parramatta FC; Inter Lions were on the wrong end of a 1-0 score line in their fixture with Bankstown United at Valentine Sports Park No.2 while Bankstown City brought Gladesville Ryde Magic crashing back down to reality with a resounding 4-1 victory at Jensen Park.

**A cracking** tie took place at Arlington Oval on Saturday night as Stanmore Hawks and Dulwich Hill went head to head in the 'Arlington' derby with Football NSW in the stands to see how the action unfolded.



## Stanmore Hawks FC 2 Dulwich Hill FC 1

**Stanmore Hawks claimed the bragging rights in their derby against Dulwich Hill with a 2-1 victory in an end to end affair at Arlington Oval on Saturday night.**

**Both sides** came firing out of the blocks from the first challenge with adrenaline levels at sky for all the players on the pitch.

**Like most** derby matches, it took some time for both sides to muster up an opportunity with neither side able to find their rhythm in the opening ten minutes.

**Dulwich Hill's** first opportunity fell the way of Laureano Gomez Castro with the striker's shot whistling past Stanmore's goal after he was picked out by Russell Farrell's cross.

**Stanmore's Vic** Koutsoufis came close with his shot after the visitor's failed to clear their lines from a Hawks corner.

**It was** Dully who drew first blood in this contest when Aaron Pessego's cross from the top left corner of the 18-yard box looped over Hawks' keeper Nick Carosi into the top right-hand corner of the goal after an unfortunate deflection from Stanmore defender Harry Brown.

**Despite going** behind, the hosts continued to press, and they carved out a great opportunity from Alberto Perea Henche's free kick with the Spaniard's cross falling to captain Jovan Blagojevic whose headed effort forced Dully keeper Luke Turnbull into action.

**Dulwich Hill** closed out the first half with their 1-0 lead intact, but it was not long into the second half when Peter Yannopoulos struck to restore parity for the Hawks.

**The lethal** number 7 scored his sixth goal of the season with a jaw dropping volley from the right-hand side of the 18-yard box in the 46th minute.

**The Hawks** enjoyed the better of the second half proceedings and thought they were in front just before the hour mark after Yannopolous pounced on Turnbull's fumble after the shot stopper failed to keep hold of Blagojevic's ball into the box.

**Stanmore completed** the turn around in the 64th minute with captain Blagojevic thumping the ball into the back of the net after he was played in by Conor Quilligan's reverse pass on the edge of the 18-yard box.

**Only five** minutes after the hosts had gained the lead it appeared as though Dully had found the equaliser however Pessego's tap in was deemed offside and the visitors search for the equaliser continued.

**Harry Brown** put himself back into the good books in the 78th minute as he put his body on the line when he blocked Jayme Canhada Alves' bullet of a shot.

**A frantic** ending to the contest saw opportunities fall the way of both teams with Dully's Canhada Alves once again on hand when his lobbed strike was tipped onto the crossbar by Carosi's outstretched fingertips.

**Stanmore were** able to close out the game and record their

fourth win of the campaign which sees them leapfrog their opponents into second on the league table in the process.

### Match Stats

**National Premier** Leagues 3 NSW Men's  
**Round Seven**

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

**STANMORE HAWKS** FC 2 (Yannopoulos 46', Blagojevic 64')

**DULWICH HILL** FC 1 (Brown o.g. 26')

**STANMORE HAWKS** FC; 1.N.Carosi, 2.T.Wohlfel, 4.C.Bottalico, 5.H.Brown, 6.A.Perea Henche, 7.P.Yannopoulos(23.A.Kumburlu 82'), 8.N.Niski, 9.J.Blagojevic, 11.C.Quilligan, 14.V.Koutsoufis(12.S.Awad 60'), 29.R.Lo Russo(17.A.Caragher 82').

**Substitutions Not Used** – 15.J.Seib, 20.H.Timms.

**Yellow Cards** – 29.R.Lo Russo 30', 6.A.Perea Henche 80'.

**DULWICH HILL** FC; 1.L.Turnbull, 2.N.Sansom, 3.R.Farrell, 4.P.Crevani(31.D.Krkovski 63'), 5.N.Dimitropoulos, 6.A.Pessego, 13.S.Burke(21.A.Gornall 77'), 16.C.Desa, 19.L.Gomez Castro(11.J.Canhada Alves 63'), 20.N.Stanojevic, 23.H.Browell.

**Substitutions Not Used** – 25.D.Larmour, 28.P.Chin.

**Yellow Cards** – 19.L.Gomez Castro 39', 5.N.Dimitropoulos 72', 3.R.Farrell 85', 16.C.Desa 90+1'.

## Bankstown City FC – Gladesville Ryde Magic 4-1

**Bankstown City handed Gladesville Ryde Magic their first defeat of the season with a convincing 4-1 win at Jensen Park on Saturday night.**

**Magic were** the first to score in this encounter with Zoran Kolundzic's long range strike deflecting into Bankstown's goal in the opening minutes.

**The Lions** fought their way back into the contest through ace marksman Nikola Todoroski, the Lions captain cutting in from the left and finishing it into the top right-hand corner.

**The home** side took the lead minutes later with Marko Filipovic finding the back of the net following a cut back from Todoroski.

**A missed** penalty from the visitors in the latter stages of the first half saw the Lions enter the break with their 2-1 lead still intact.

**Stefan Dubocanin** scored his side's third of the night with a scrappy finish from inside the box while Hezio Silva Neto put the game to bed after he capitalised on another cut back and assist from Man of the Match Todoroski.