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→ ‘We’re still alive’: Corica positive after Shanghai thriller

Sydney FC coach Steve Corica says his side's entertaining 2-2 draw in Shanghai ensures the A-League outfit live to fight another day in their AFC Asian Champions League Group H.

The A-League high-flyers drew 2-2 against Shanghai SIPG last night to take them to three points in their group after four games.

And with a draw between top side Ulsan and Kawasaki, Sydney FC remains in the mix in their group.

Corica believes a draw and a win in their final two group games could be enough to sneak into the all-important second spot and qualify for the Round of 16.

‘We still want to qualify for the champions league. The other game was 2-2 so the group

is still alive,” Corica said post-match. **Sydney FC** drew 2-2 in Shanghai last night to keep their ACL dreams alive

Sydney FC remains bottom of the group with three points, Kawasaki is on four behind SIPG on five and leaders Ulsan with eight points.

‘We have two games to go and in every game, we’ve had opportunities to win the game.

‘We go to Ulsan next with a strong squad to go and win the game.”

Corica's men play Ulsan away on May 7 and host Kawasaki on May 21.

Fans will hope Shanghai and Sydney FC meet more often after 10 goals in their two entertaining group games.

They drew 3-3 in Sydney earlier this month.

Sydney FC will be back in NSW for their final league game of the season away to Newcastle



Jets this Saturday. **A-League Finals** Football kicks off in for Corica's side.



ROUND 8 PREVIEW NPL 3 NSW MEN'S

How times flies! With round eight around the corner, we examine all the fixtures ahead of a weekend which is likely to bring some unexpected twists and turns. Round eight kicks off under lights on Saturday night with five fixtures kicking off at 7pm with the two remaining ties set to take place on Sunday.

Stanmore Hawks FC welcome Camden Tigers FC to Arlington Oval on Saturday night with the match set to kick off at 7pm.

Undefeated and with a game in hand over the league leaders, Hawks are the form team of the competition.

Riding high after grinding out their win against rivals Dulwich Hill, they will be looking to extend their undefeated run this weekend as they face Camden who are currently second from bottom on the table.

Injuries have blighted the Tigers start to the 2019 campaign while last round's loss to a ten-man Hawkesbury side would not have helped their confidence as they prepare to do battle with Stanmore.

League leaders Gladesville Ryde Magic will look to return to winning ways when they host Parramatta FC at Christie Park No.2 this Saturday night.

Magic's undefeated record in the league came undone last weekend when they were put to the sword by Bankstown City.

The hosts will be hoping that was a one-off performance and will no doubt be pleased to face Saturday's opponents who have so far underwhelmed this season.

Currently sitting in 12th place on the league table, Parramatta's woes over the last couple of years show no signs of respite as they continue to struggle to pick up results in a competition which many thought they would excel in at the beginning of the season.

A LEAGUE Results 26 ROUND

Wellington Phoenix - Melbourne City 3-2
Central Coast Mariners - WS Wanderers 3-1
Brisbane Roar - Newcastle Jets 1-6
Adelaide United - Melbourne Victory 1-0
Sydney FC - Perth Glory 1-0



A - LEAGUE Table 26 Round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Perth Glory	26	57	17	6	3	51	23	28
2	Sydney FC	26	52	16	4	6	43	27	16
3	Melbourne Victory	26	47	14	5	7	49	32	17
4	Adelaide United	26	41	11	8	7	32	29	3
5	Wellington Phoenix	26	40	11	7	8	46	38	8
6	Melbourne City	26	37	10	7	9	34	32	2
7	Newcastle Jets	26	32	9	5	12	38	36	2
8	WS Wanderers	26	24	6	6	14	42	53	-11
9	Brisbane Roar	26	18	4	6	16	35	66	-31
10	Central Coast Mariners	26	13	3	4	19	31	65	-34

Next Round 27 Round

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	Kick-Off (AEST)
Thursday, 25 April 2019	Brisbane Roar FC	Adelaide United FC	Suncorp Stadium	2:00PM
Friday, 26 April 2019	Melbourne City FC	Central Coast Mariners	AAMI Park	7:50PM
Saturday, 27 April 2019	Newcastle Jets	Sydney FC	McDonald Jones Stadium	5:35PM
Saturday, 27 April 2019	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	Melbourne Victory FC	ANZ Stadium	7:50PM
Sunday, 28 April 2019	Perth Glory FC	Wellington Phoenix FC	nib Stadium	7:00PM