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# Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series Fixtures Confirmed

The Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series will kick-off with Melbourne Victory hosting the Wellington Phoenix at AAMI Park on Friday 3 May in the the Hyundai A-League 2019 Elimination Final, whilst Adelaide United will take on Melbourne City FC on Sunday 5 May at Coopers Stadium in the Hyundai A-League 2019 Elimination Final 2.



**Week two** of the Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series will see Perth Glory host the Hyundai A-League 2019 Semi Final 1 against the lowest ranked winner from the Elimination Finals on Friday 10 May at HBF Park and Sydney FC will face the highest ranked winners from the Elimination Finals in the Hyundai A-League 2019 Semi Final 2 which will be played on Sunday 12 May at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

**Club members** will have priority purchasing periods for each match before tickets go on-sale to the General Public (see below for details).

**All Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series** matches will be broadcast live on FOX SPORTS, 10 Bold, Sky Sport NZ and MyFootball Live App, Live Fast and Data Free for Telstra mobile customers.

## Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series (Week One) – Elimination Finals

### Hyundai A-League 2019 Elimination Final 1

**Date:** Friday, 3 May 2019  
**Fixture:** Melbourne Victory (3) v Wellington Phoenix (6)  
**Venue:** AAMI Park, Melbourne  
**Kick-off Time:** 7.50pm (AEST)

### Hyundai A-League 2019 Elimination Final 2

**Date:** Sunday, 5 May 2019  
**Fixture:** Adelaide United (4) v Melbourne City FC (5)  
**Venue:** Coopers Stadium, Adelaide  
**Kick-off Time:** 6.30pm (ACST) (7.00pm AEST)

## Hyundai A-League 2019 Finals Series (Week Two)

### Hyundai A-League 2019 Semi-Final 1

**Date:** Friday, 10 May 2019  
**Fixture:** Perth Glory (1) v Lowest Ranked Elimination Final Winner  
**Venue:** HBF Park, Perth  
**Kick-off Time:** 6.30pm (AWST) (8:30pm AEST)

### Hyundai A-League 2019 Semi-Final 2

**Date:** Sunday 12 May 2019  
**Fixture:** Sydney FC (2) v Highest Ranked Elimination Final Winner  
**Venue:** Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah  
**Kick-off Time:** 7:00pm (AEST)



## Retiring Bridge says 'bring back the grit'

**Retiring Western** Sydney Wanderers star Mark Bridge had some parting words of wisdom for the club after it fell to a 1-0 loss in its last home game of the regular season.

**Bridge came** onto the pitch just before the hour to a rousing reception at ANZ Stadium but there was no fairytale ending for the AFC Champions League winner.

**A sublime** header from Ola Toivonen secured Melbourne Victory the three points and condemned Wanderers to their 15th defeat of the season.

**For Markus** Babel's men it meant no finals football for the second straight year and Bridge warned the new home ground at Parramatta was not enough to turn their fortunes around.

**Flanked by** his wife and two boys (and another on the way) the 33-year-old told Fox Sports it was time "to get back to what the identity of the club is – hardworking grit".

**"I think** we've lost that at the moment.

**"Look it** might be different after a full season with Markus' own players but we need to find our own identity quick because a new stadium, new training facilities, isn't going to be the fix."

## A LEAGUE Results 27 ROUND

Perth Glory - Wellington Phoenix 5-0  
 WS Wanderers - Melbourne Victory 0-1  
 Newcastle Jets - Sydney FC 2-0  
 Melbourne City - Central Coast Mariners 5-0  
 Brisbane Roar - Adelaide United 3-5



## A - LEAGUE Table 27 Round

|    | Team                   | GP | Pts | W  | D | L  | GF | GA | +/- |
|----|------------------------|----|-----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 1  | Perth Glory            | 27 | 60  | 18 | 6 | 3  | 56 | 23 | 33  |
| 2  | Sydney FC              | 27 | 52  | 16 | 4 | 7  | 43 | 29 | 14  |
| 3  | Melbourne Victory      | 27 | 50  | 15 | 5 | 7  | 50 | 32 | 18  |
| 4  | Adelaide United        | 27 | 44  | 12 | 8 | 7  | 37 | 32 | 5   |
| 5  | Melbourne City         | 27 | 40  | 11 | 7 | 9  | 39 | 32 | 7   |
| 6  | Wellington Phoenix     | 27 | 40  | 11 | 7 | 9  | 46 | 43 | 3   |
| 7  | Newcastle Jets         | 27 | 35  | 10 | 5 | 12 | 40 | 36 | 4   |
| 8  | WS Wanderers           | 27 | 24  | 6  | 6 | 15 | 42 | 54 | -12 |
| 9  | Brisbane Roar          | 27 | 18  | 4  | 6 | 17 | 38 | 71 | -33 |
| 10 | Central Coast Mariners | 27 | 13  | 3  | 4 | 20 | 31 | 70 | -39 |