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→ ROUND 14 REVIEW NPL 3 NSW MEN'S



The 2019 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW competition turned the corner for the run home over the weekend, with the return fixtures from the season's opening round taking effect. There were seemingly plenty of gaps available given it rained goals - 34 in fact across the 7 matches at an average of just shy of 5 goals per game. Dunbar Rovers recorded a routine 3-0 win over Parramatta FC at Hensley Athletic Field on Saturday afternoon; SD Raiders returned to Sydney from Orange with all three points in the bag after comprehensively beating the Western NSW Mariners 7-2 at Sir Jack Brabham Park; Hawkesbury City and Granville Rage shared the points in a dour 1-1 struggle at David Bertenshaw Field on Saturday evening; Bankstown United returned to fifth place on the ladder with a slim 1-0 success over Camden Tigers at Jensen Park; Gladesville Ryde Magic were clinical in front of goal as they ran out 5-2 winners away to Sydney University; whilst Stanmore Hawks picked up a valuable three points in a 2-0 win over Inter Lions in the late game on Sunday night. FNSW ventured out to Arlington Oval for this week's Match of

the Round between Dulwich Hill and Bankstown City Lions.

Sydney University – Gladesville Ryde Magic 2-5

Gladesville Ryde Magic completed the double over Sydney University in spectacular fashion, backing up their 3-2 opening day win by putting five past the hosts in a 5-2 triumph at Sydney University Football Ground on Saturday night.

The visitors struck first in this encounter, Magic captain, Chris Gaitatzis, finding the mark with a sweetly struck volley. But it didn't take long for the 'students' to find an equalizer, Panayoti Gotsis bundling in a pinpoint corner from last week's hatrick hero, Michael Loupis.

Gladesville Ryde Magic restored the lead on the stroke of half time after Gaitatzis grabbed his second of the match, a lead they held until the break.

The visitors then put their foot well and truly on the pedal as they powered past Sydney University, racing to a 4-1 lead as Christos Tomaras and Chris Triantis got their names on the scoresheet.

Sydney University reduced

the deficit to 4-2 thanks to James Tsokos' effort, however, Magic's Charbel Haddad was on hand to score his side's fifth of the night to ensure that the visitors enjoyed a stress-free end to the match.

The loss sees Sydney University remain on 15 points but drop to 11th spot on the competition ladder, whilst Gladesville Ryde Magic are up to 28 points in 3rd position.

Inter Lions – Stanmore Hawks 0-2

The 'inner west derby' took to the road in the late game on Sunday night, with Stanmore Hawks defeating Inter Lions 2-0 at Valentine Sports Park No.3.

Stanmore did the damage early in the first stanza, with goals from Conor Quilligan and Jovan Blagojevic in the opening quarter of an hour, and held on to that lead for the remainder of the match. **Given the** loss, Inter Lions remain on 23 points, dropping to 6th spot in the process, whilst Stanmore Hawks remain in second spot, moving to 31 points, just two points from the summit, being Bankstown City Lions on 33 points.



Ultra Football Round 14 Team of the Week clicks into gear as there were a number of standouts from what was a huge weekend of long weekend football.

Marconi Stallions FC's big win saw Mitchell Mallia and Zac Cairncross gain the plaudits while the Rockdale City Suns Football Club - Ilinden also had two inclusions in Jordan Figon and Aleks Canak. Sutherland Sharks FC skipper Marc Warren showed once again that he is having a great season with the Shire side while APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC's Chris Payne also showed his quality as did Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC's Fabricio Fernandez.

Roar in for Aussie midfielder



Melbourne-born Mells spent five years in the UK in the youth academies of Chelsea and Southampton.

He joined the Reds in 2015 and was part of the side that won the A-League double in 2015/2016.

The 22-year-old, who has represented both Australia and Greece at youth level, departed Adelaide in 2017 and later linked up with Eredivise outfit Fortuna Sittard last year on a one-season deal.

But Mells has now departed the Dutch club without making a first-team appearance and is a free agent.

The central midfielder has played three times for the Joeys and three games for the Young Socceroos.

Fowler is in the middle of a major squad overhaul at the Roar after being appointed in April.

Skipper Matt McKay has retired while imports Henrique and Thomas Kristensen, along with Socceroos Luke De Vere and Brett Holman, have all departed.

Eric Bouteac, Eli Babalj, Joe Caletti, Charles Lokoli-Ngoy, Alex Lopez, Tobias Mikkelsen, Stefan Nigro and Ruon Tongyik have all also left the club.