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Roar under new head coach Robbie Fowler



Brisbane Roar's A-League glory days could be here again, Irish recruit Roy O'Donovan believes.

O'Donovan is one of 10 new faces enjoying their first week of the pre-season at Roar under new head coach Robbie Fowler.

The Liverpool legend has undertaken a complete overhaul of Roar's playing squad following a dismal 2018/19 campaign, where the three-time A-League champions won just four matches and shipped 71 goals.

Fowler's arrival has breathed new life into the club but questions remain given it is the ex-England international's first full-time head coaching role.

O'Donovan arrives at Roar following two seasons each at Central Coast Mariners and Newcastle Jets.

"It's a club that seems to have things together," the 33-year-old striker said.

"Definitely infrastructure is very good. They have their own training base which is a big start. They're ahead of the game in that regard.

"Big fanbase, big stadium.

"Guys have come back in good shape.

They're smiling, they're happy and they've got a point to prove which is very important when it's a season that Brisbane Roar need to show everybody what they're all about."

Securing the Irishman was a key recruitment for Fowler, who has built his squad on a mixture of Australian, British and Irish talent.

A Republic of Ireland youth international, O'Donovan played 17 English Premier League matches for Sunderland and was lured to Australia by the Mariners in 2015.

He scored 19 goals in two seasons at Gosford before scoring 20 goals across two seasons at the Jets - a period that included the 2018 A-League Grand Final loss to Melbourne Victory.

"He's a good player ... all the lads love him as well," Fowler said. "He's been here for two minutes and it's as though he's been here for two or three years.

"He's a proven player in the A-League, he's a proven goalscorer. When I was aware he was available, I wanted him. He's the type of player who can better any team."

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NSW MEN'S

NPL NSW Men's					
Updated 1st July 2019					
Club	Played	U18's	U20's	1st	Total
Blacktown City FC	51	44	74	120	238
Wollongong Wolves FC	51	15	38	156	209
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	49	10	50	136	196
Rockdale City Suns FC	51	24	56	92	172
Sutherland Sharks FC	51	20	56	88	164
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	51	37	38	80	155
Manly United FC	51	20	42	92	154
Sydney Olympic FC	51	9	50	92	151
Sydney United 58 FC	49	29	18	104	151
Sydney FC	51	33	60	56	149
Marconi Stallions FC	51	18	46	80	144
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	51	26	26	40	98



Club Championship Ranking

Football NSW will use the following process when ranking the Clubs within each Competition:

NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's and Men's State League – senior club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system;

Grade	Points Multiplier
1st Grade	Premiership Points X 4
U20	Premiership Points X 2
U18	Premiership Points X 1



Ultra Football Round 17 Team of the Week is in folks and it seems Wollongong Wolves Football Club's Lachlan Scott has hit his straps in a big way with a big performance earning him a spot in the side. Sutherland Sharks FC's big win on Sunday saw Jerry Skotadis and Pat O'Shea bag spots while Blacktown City FC's duo of Joe Gibbs and Dakota Askew pulled in the numbers to also take a place in the lineup. APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC had a big weekend with three players winning spots with the likes of Chris Payne, Franco Parisi and Ivan Necevski earning their stripes while Sydney Olympic FC's Nikola Kuleski, Marconi Stallions FC defender Nathan Millgate and Sydney United 58 FC's Adrian Vlastelica grabbed headlines for notable performances. Well done to all! μαζί με Dakota Askew, Lachlan Scott, Jerry Skotadis, Nathan Millgate, Ivan Necevski, Joe Gibbs, Franco Parisi, Chris Payne, Adrian Vlastelica και Nicola Kuki Kuleski.