

National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's Round Nineteen

The National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's competition never fails to produce its share of surprises, upsets, goals and controversies, with Round Nineteen delivering on all fronts over the weekend.

League leaders, Stanmore Hawks, shook off a first half stalemate to smash Western NSW Mariners 6-1 in Bathurst; Hawkesbury City and Bankstown United shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw at David Bertenshaw Field; Inter Lions came from one down at half time to overcome Sydney University 3-1 at FNSW headquarters; Dulwich Hill came unstuck at Arlington Oval, losing 1-3 to Parramatta FC; Camden Tigers demolished Gladesville Ryde Magic 6-2 at Ron Dine Stadium on the back of a Mitchell McLintock hatrick.

The match between Bankstown City Lions and SD Raiders was postponed and will be played at a later date yet to be confirmed by FNSW.

FNSW ventured out to a windy Hensley Athletic Field on Saturday afternoon to watch Dunbar Rovers do battle with Granville Rage.

#Western NSW Mariners - Stanmore Hawks 1-6

Stanmore Hawks retained their position at the summit of the NSW NPL 3 Men's ladder with a comprehensive 6-1 away win over the Western NSW Mariners.



The Hawks wanted to make certain that their trip to Proctor Park in Bathurst was worthwhile, but they didn't have it all their way in the first half, with the bottom placed side holding the leaders in a 1-1 stalemate at the break.

But Stanmore went about dismantling the Mariners once they returned from the sheds at half time, scoring five goals without reply to grab all three points on offer.

Jovan Blagojevic and Peter Yannopoulos were the key protagonists, netting two goals each, whilst the other strikes came from Conor Quiligan and Oliver Stickland.

The loss keeps the Mariners rooted to bottom place on 6 points, whilst Stanmore Hawks extend their lead at the top, moving to 44 points, five ahead of second place.

#Camden Tigers - Gladesville Ryde Magic 6-2

Camden Tigers returned to their home fortress with a bang on Saturday night, destroying Gladesville Ryde Magic 6-2 at Ron Dine Stadium.

Mitchell McLintock opened the scoring for the Tigers in the 15th minute, but youngster, Peter Voukidis, equalised for Magic just 5 minutes later.

McLintock snuck Camden back in to the lead in the 32nd minute, whilst Voukidis then had the misfortune of putting through his own net in the 37th, handing Camden a 3-1 half time lead.

Camden then came out all guns blazing, striking three goals across a blistering 8 minute spell around the hour mark that effectively ended the match as a contest.

Mitchell McLintock nabbed his hatrick from the penalty spot in the 59th minute, before Bailey Simpson (60th) and Dean Mugridge (67th) pushed Camden in to an insurmountable position.

A late 80th minute goal from Aaron Khan was scant consolation for the visitors, who remain in 3rd position on the ladder on 37 points, now just 3 points ahead of three teams directly below them.

The win and subsequent three points moves Camden Tigers on to 24 points, the same as Dulwich Hill and Hawkesbury City, but the Tigers are now 9th on goal differential.

Manchester United - Perth Glory 2-0

Paul Pogba and Marcus Rashford combined for a moment of magic to help Manchester United post a 2-0 win over Perth Glory in front of 50,206 fans at Optus Stadium.

A second-string United starting XI was unable to score a goal in the first half of Saturday night's pre-season friendly, but the introduction of 11 new players after the break gave the visitors some added spark.

With the likes of Rashford, Pogba, Marcos Rojo, and Juan Mata running rampant, it seemed only a matter of time before Glory's defence was broken.

And it was Rashford and Pogba who made sure it happened in the 60th minute.

Pogba, who is eager to leave United, unleashed a neat back heel to find Rashford in the box.

Rashford turned blindly and nailed a neat strike to send the crowd into raptures.

United added a second in the 85th minute when James Garner picked off a loose ball before firing from outside the box.

«**Yeah we're happy,**» Manchester United coach Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said.

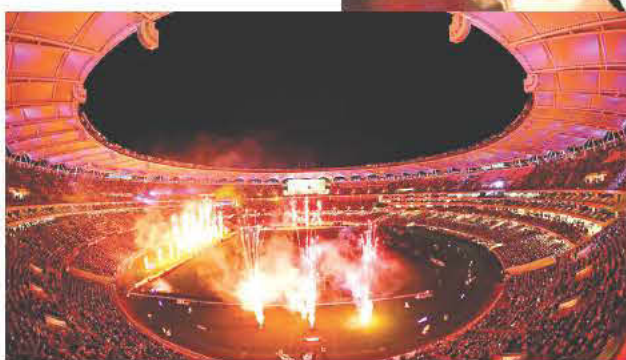
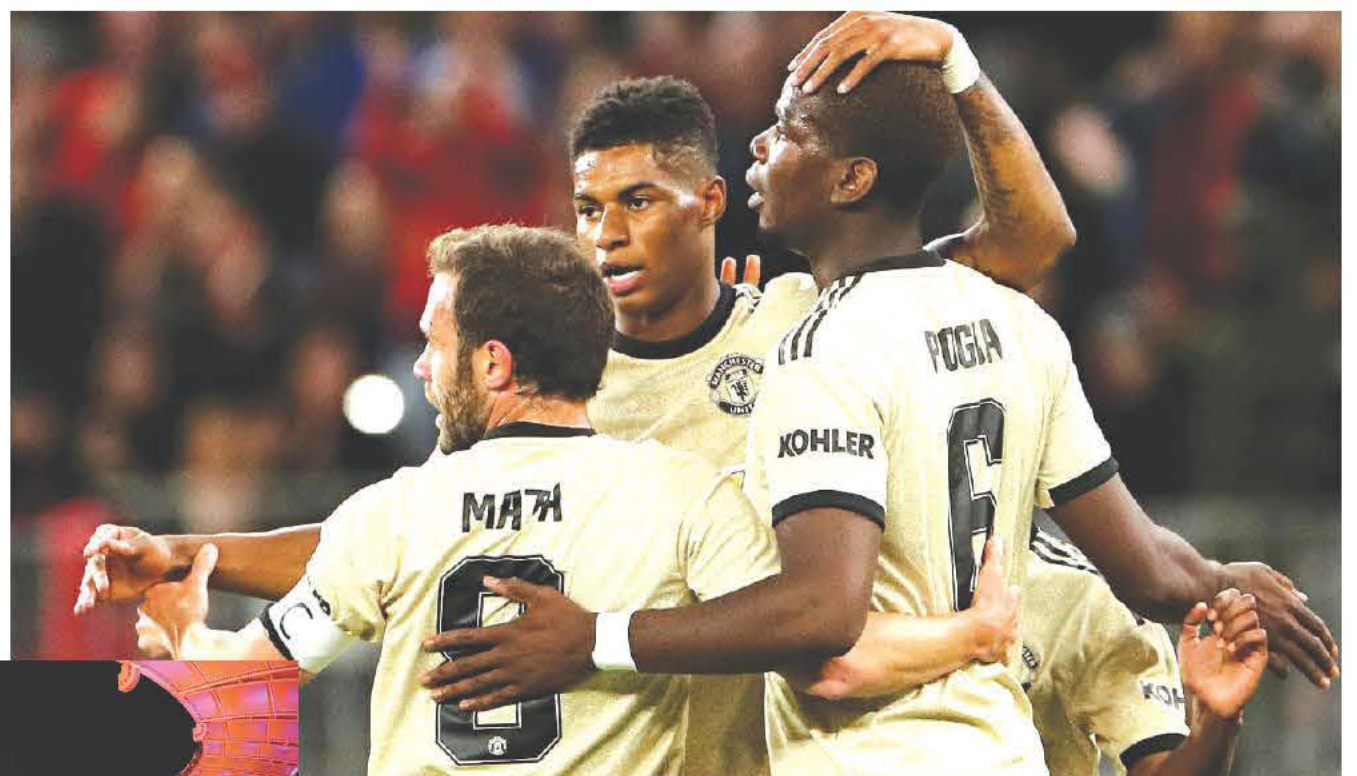
«**It was** all about continuing the good work they've done, fitness work, getting 45 minutes into most of them and work and run and try a couple of things.»

Chances were few and far between for Glory.

Former Melbourne City striker Bruno Fornaroli made a promising debut for Glory, doing a series of nice things despite a lack of supply.

Glory entered the match missing key players Diego Castro, Matthew Spiranovic, Andy Keogh, Alex Grant, Dino Djulbic, and Chris Ikonomidis.

The player crisis forced coach Tony Popovic to recruit in



some of the club's youth team players, and it was a special moment in the 76th minute when he was able to introduce his two sons - 17-year-old Kristian and 15-year-old Gabriel.

Another 15-year-old, Joshua Rawlins, came on for the dying moments of the match.

«**I'm extremely** proud of the players,» Popovic said.

«**You can** see the quality Manchester United have. To see (our team) fight so hard - defensively they were excellent.»

Manchester United dominated the opening half, with the lightning pace of new recruit Daniel James worrying Perth. **Glory midfielder** Neil Kilkenny and Joel Chianese dished

out hard tackles on James, but it was Shane Lowry's crunching bump on the mop-haired Tahith Chong that was the biggest of the lot.

Perth weathered the storm in the first half, but the introduction of United's stars after the break proved too much for Glory to handle.

Interestingly, striker Romelu Lukaku wasn't featured in United's 24-man squad for the game.

The official word from the club was that Lukaku was rested because of a niggle.

But with Lukaku having expressed his interest in leaving United to play in Serie A, his absence against Glory will raise further questions about his future.

United will be back in action on Wednesday night when they take on arch rivals Leeds United.