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→ ROUND 21 REVIEW -NPL 3 NSW MEN'S

Surprise defeats for Inter Lions and Bankstown United has left the door ajar for the teams below them as the race for finals football well and truly heats up as we take in all the action from round 21 of the National Premier Leagues 3 NSW competition.



Hawkesbury City were on the wrong end of a 5-1 score line against SD Raiders at David Bertenshaw Field; Granville Rage produced one of the shock results of the season as they came from behind to secure all three points against Bankstown United with a 2-1 win at Garside Park on Saturday night; Parramatta FC fell to a 2-1 defeat against Gladesville Ryde Magic at Melita Stadium; Dunbar Rovers put on a spectacle as they smashed Western NSW Mariners 7-0 under lights at Hensley Athletic Field; Camden Tigers were handed their heaviest defeat at home this season as Stanmore Hawks overpowered them by four goals to nil at Ron Dine Stadium while Bankstown City had the edge over Sydney University, winning 1-0

at Jensen Park on Sunday night.

FNSW was in the stands at Arlington Oval to watch two inner west outfits battle it out as Dulwich Hill faced off against Inter Lions on Saturday night.

Parramatta FC – Gladesville Ryde Magic 1-2

Gladesville Ryde Magic's three match losing streak came to an end at Melita Stadium as they enjoyed a 2-1 triumph over Parramatta FC on Saturday night.

The first of the three goals arrived on eight minutes after Magic were awarded a penalty which was calmly converted.

The visitors lead lasted just over five minutes after the inform Sheldon Tweedie

buried the ball into the back of the net on the 14th minute mark.

Tweedie was in the right place at the right time as he was picked out by Victor Anyimba's cross.

He had his first attempt parried by the Magic goalkeeper before he slotted away the rebound into the back of the net.

The scores were locked at 1-1 for the most of the second half and it was not until the 73rd minute that the visitors were able to pop up with the decider.

The loss keeps Parramatta FC in 12th position on 18 points, whilst the three points means that Magic retain 4th position as they climb to 40 points.

The subsequent win increases the daylight between them and 5th and 6th placed Inter Lions and Bankstown United after both sides were suffered defeats this round.

Camden Tigers FC – Stanmore Hawks FC 0-4

Stanmore Hawks made light work of Camden Tigers at Ron Dine Stadium as they raced to a 4-0 victory on what was a chilly Saturday night.

The Tigers almost exemplary record at home was given a crushing blow by the league leaders, with the men from the inner west too hot to handle as they made it six back to back wins.

A Jovan Blagojevic double gave the Hawks a 2-0 lead heading into the break before goals from Vic Koutsoufis and Conor Quilligan rounded off the scoring in the second half.

The win and subsequent three points sees Stanmore Hawks clock over on to the 50-point mark as they continue their reign at the top of table, whilst the defeat sees Camden drop to 9th position with 27 points.

Milligan named Southend captain



Socceroos midfielder Mark Milligan has been given the captaincy of Southend United in his first season at the club.

The midfielder, who turns 34 in August, will take the armband for the 2019/20 season in the English League One.

Milligan most recently played last season for Hibernian in the Scottish Premiership and captained the Socceroos at the 2019 AFC Asian Cup.

"I'm very pleased and it's a nice responsibility," Milligan told Southend United.

"It's not something we've spoken about a great deal but it's something that I will take very seriously.

"I've been fortunate enough to be captain of a number of teams that I've been at and hopefully my experiences over my footballing journey can help here."

As well as captaining Australia, Milligan has worn the armband at Melbourne Victory in the A-League and for Baniyas in the UAE.



Round 20 Ultra Football Team of the Week is in and with only a handful of rounds remaining, the race is heating up for who will earn their spot in the Team of the Year. Round 20 saw no Wollongong Wolves Football Club players appear, a shock to most, Blacktown City FC proved too strong as the likes of **Adam Berry** and **Grant Lynch** put in quality performances to earn themselves a spot in the side. Marconi Stallions FC fought gallantly and continued their run into the finals thanks a great defensive effort from **Nathan Millgate** with keeper **Nenad Vekic** producing the goods underneath the posts. Rockdale City Suns Football Club - Ilinden kept their finals hopes alive with a victory at Manly with **Mickey Neill** and **Nikola Taneski** putting in strong performances. Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC FC duo of **Fabricio Fernandes** and **Toufic Alameddine** also shone in their win at Seymour while APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC's **Corey Biczko**, Sydney United 58 FC **Patrick Antelmi** and Sydney FC **Ben Koop** were stars for their clubs in round 20 respectively.