



SYDNEY OLYMPIC - SYDNEY UNITED 58 2-1

Sydney Olympic have kept their finals hopes after a stunning 2-1 victory over Sydney United 58 at Belmore Sportsground on Sunday evening. A goal to Tariq Maia in the 26th minute had Sydney United 58 with the advantage after the first stanza, but a 10-minute block early into the second half saw the pace of the game change drastically. A goal to Olympic substitute Jack Stewart and a well-taken penalty from Olympic skipper Jason Madonis saw the home side work their way back into the game.



Sydney Olympic have kept their finals hopes after a stunning 2-1 victory over Sydney United 58 at Belmore Sportsground on Sunday evening.

Despite a massive amount of pressure from the visitors, Olympic remained resolute in defence to hold on to the lead to take a hard-fought three points from the game. It was a crucial three points for the reigning Premiers and Champions, but their finals football hopes will now depend on a loss from Sydney United 58 next weekend, as well as a win against Sydney FC. Both teams threatened in the opening stages of the match, creating an abundance of goal-scoring opportunities, but were neither were able to make their mark on the game.

A robust defensive line for the visitors stifled Olympic's chances while they built momentum before opening scoring in the 26th minute. Olympic's defence came to a halt after assuming the offside flag would be raised on Maia's run, but as the linesman kept his hand by his side, Maia continued his run without hesitation and sent his strike out of Henderson's reach.

The home side seemed to regroup at the half-time break, while a substitution sparked some positivity on the field. Stewart came on in the 52nd minute in place of Billy Patramanis and scored just moments later in his first play of the game. Henderson planted his goal-kick just outside the 18-yard box and Radovan Pavicevic sent a header through to Stewart. Stewart then made his run, cutting in before sending a strike past Thomas Manos and into the netting to get Olympic on the scoreboard.

Olympic was awarded a penalty in the 57th minute, after Adrian Vlastelica brought down Pavicevic inside the area. Madonis stepped up to the spot and sent Manos the wrong way to take the lead for the home side. Neither team stopped fighting until the final whistle, but Olympic managed to maintain their one-goal advantage to finish the game 2-1.

Olympic coach Abbas Saad was very pleased with his team's fight to come back from a one-goal deficit.

"I thought we played some good football," he explained.

"The belief from the boys and the positivity in our play just kept us going.

"We knew if we could get one goal back, we could go on and win.

"It was fully deserved, and we showed a lot of fight."

Sydney United 58 coach Miro Vlastelica was disappointed a penalty was the deciding factor of the game.

"It's always tough losing on a call that could have gone either way," he explained.

"I thought, considering we played two hours mid-week, they were probably struggling to keep up with us, so credit to my boys.

"We're confident, next week we've just got to work hard and prepare for Manly."

Match Stats

Sydney Olympic FC 2 (Jack Stewart 52', Jason Madonis 57' (pen))

Sydney United 58 1 (Tariq Maia 26')

Belmore Sportsground

Referee: S. Lucas

Assistant Referees: K. Robinson & J. Park

Fourth Official: J. Crawford

Sydney Olympic FC: 1. Paul Henderson, 3. Riley Woodcock,

6. Nikola Kuleski, 8. Jason Madonis, 9. Radovan Pavicevic, 10. Harris Gaitatzis (2. Thomas Whiteside 61'), 11. Jinya An, 12. Zachary Mackenzie, 14. Alejandro Sanchez, 26. Billy Patramanis (17. Jack Stewart 52'), 33. Nikolas Tsattalios (44. Peter Kekeris 77')

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Ezequiel Consoni, 25. Dimi Petratos

Yellow Cards: Nil

Red Cards: Nil

Sydney United 58: 21. Thomas Manos 4. Adrian Vlastelica, 5. Anthony Tomelic, 8. Matthew Sim (18. Glen Trifiro 63'), 9. Patrick Antlemi, 12. Liam Rose, 14. Tomislav Uskok, 15. Tariq Maia, 19. Joshua Macdonald (13. Michael Ruhs 41'), 20. Cristian Gonzalez (17. Matthew Bilic 58'), 22. Gianni Fragogiannis

Substitutes Not Used: 1. Daniel Sadaka, 11. Gianni Perkatis

Yellow Cards: Anthony Tomelic 29', Adrian Vlastelica 66'

Red Cards: Nil

NPL NSW 2019 MEN'S 1

Results 21 Round

Sydney Olympic - Sydney United 2-1

Manly United - APIA Tigers 0-1

Marconi Stallions - Blacktown City 2-0

Mt Druitt Rangers - Hakoah Sydney 4-0

Sydney FC Youth - Sutherland Sharks 0-4

Rockdale City Suns - Wollongong Wolves 1-2

Next Games Round 22

11.08.2019

Hakoah Sydney - Blacktown City

Mt Druitt Rangers - APIA Tigers

Rockdale City Suns - Sutherland Sharks

Sydney FC Youth - Sydney Olympic

Sydney United - Manly United

Wollongong Wolves - Marconi Stallions

Premier League NSW 1 Table 21 round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Wollongong Wolves	21	48	15	3	3	51	17	34
2	APIA Tigers	21	42	12	6	3	41	26	15
3	Blacktown City	21	37	11	4	6	30	23	7
4	Marconi Stallions	21	32	10	2	9	42	29	13
5	Sydney United	21	30	8	6	7	28	31	-3
6	Sydney Olympic	21	29	8	5	8	32	32	0
7	Mt Druitt Rangers	21	27	7	6	8	41	45	-4
8	Manly United	21	26	7	5	9	24	31	-7
9	Rockdale City Suns	21	26	8	2	11	26	39	-13
10	Sutherland Sharks	21	25	6	7	8	31	31	0
11	Sydney FC Youth	21	21	6	3	12	32	49	-17
12	Hakoah Sydney	21	10	3	1	17	11	36	-25