





ROUND 23 REVIEW NPL3 NSW MEN'S

We review all the action from the around the grounds following the conclusion of round 23 of the 2019 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW competition.

Bankstown United enjoyed a 2-0 triumph away to Dunbar Rovers at Hensley Athletic Field on Saturday afternoon; Western NSW Mariners and Sydney University could not be split as they drew 1-1 in arctic conditions at Proctor Park; A late goal snatched all three points away from Hawkesbury as they drew 1-1 at home to Gladesville Ryde Magic; Granville Rage went down 2-1 to Dulwich Hill at Garside Park on Saturday night; Camden Tigers were 4-2 winners over Inter Lions in their battle out at Ron Dine Stadium; Bankstown City condemned Parramatta to a 5-4 defeat in their fixture at Jensen Park on Sunday night. Arlington Oval was this week's venue for the match of the round as two heavyweights went head to head in a heated contest on Saturday night.

STANMORE HAWKS FC - SD RAIDERS FC 2-0

League leaders, Stanmore Hawks returned to the winner's circle on Saturday night when they posted a 2-0 victory over SD Raiders at Arlington Oval.

Last week's defeat to Gladesville appeared to spur the Hawks on, with the home side quick out of the gates in this contest.

Stanmore left back Angus Chance was one of the main causes behind the hosts' stellar display, with the pacey defender bombing forward and tormenting the Raiders defence every time he had the ball at his feet.

The opening third of the encounter saw the home side register most of the possession with Alberto Perea Henche and Conor Quilligan taking control of the midfield and distributing the ball well up the field.

Jovan Blagojevic thought he had broken the deadlock on the 30th minute mark when his header struck the top left-hand corner of the post after he connected with Peter Yannopoulos' cross from the right wing.

Six minutes later and it was Raiders who thought they may have been gifted the opener after a defensive mix up saw striker Anthony Proia beat the keeper with his effort before centre half Oliver Stickland intervened with a last-ditch goal line clearance.

The breakthrough did eventually arrive on 39 minutes from the penalty spot with Blagojevic stepping up to score his 23rd goal of the campaign after Jonah Caragher was brought down by Raiders' Matias Toro Suazo.

The hosts maintained the pressure after the restart and carved out a fantastic opportunity in the 56th minute which ended with a strike from Caragher after top class build up play from Quilligan and Blagojevic.

Hawks continued to create chances as the half wore and found themselves 2-0 up on 62 minutes from the everreliable corner routine from Perea Henche who swung the ball into the box before Quilligan nodded home.

Hawks stayed resolute in defence as they held onto their two-goal advantage while Chance continued to be a nuisance for the visitors with his darting runs down the left channel.

With eight minutes left to play, Chance was at it again when he provided a cut back for Vic Koutsoufis whose shot sailed just wide of the left post.

The win and subsequent three points sees Stanmore climb to 53 points as they retain their position at the top of the table, whilst the loss means that Raiders league standing remains unchanged as they retain 3rd spot with 48 points.

Match Stats

National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's

Round 23

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Arlington Oval

STANMORE HAWKS FC 2 (Blagojevic 39', Quilligan 62') SD RAIDERS FC 0

STANMORE HAWKS FC; 1.N.Carosi(gk), 2.T.Wohlfiel, 3.O.Stickland, 6.A.Perea Henche,

7.P.Yannopoulos(23.A.Kumburlu 67'), 8.N.Niski, 9.J.Blagojevic, 10.J.Caragher(14.V.Koutsoufis 75'), 11.C.Quilligan, 12.S.Awad(4.C.Bottalico 87'), 16.A.Chance.

Substitutions Not Used - 19.F.Worrall, 31.D.Vaccaro.

HAWKESBURY CITY FC - GLADESVILLE RYDE MAGIC 1-1

A last gasp goal from Gladesville Ryde Magic ensured that they took a share of the spoils from their fixture against Hawkesbury City at David Bertenshaw Field on Saturday night

Brad Gibson got his name on the score sheet for the third week running as he opened the scoring for the Hawks in the first half.

A second yellow card to Magic's Aaron Khan midway through the second half should have spelt the end for any sort of comeback from the visitors.

However, Hawkesbury were made to pay the ultimate price for their wastefulness in front goal as Gladesville popped up with a 93rd minute equaliser.

Zoran Kolundzic delivered the sucker punch to the home side after his hopeful cross evaded everyone and nestled into the back corner of the goal.

The draw has no great bearing on the league standings as both the Hawks and Magic remain in 10th and 4th position respectively.



Football NSW would like to congratulate Thomas James from the Wollongong Wolves Football Club, who yesterday secured the 2019 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's top goal scorer

- 1. Thomas James Wollongong Wolves Football Club
- 2. Chris Payne APIA Leichhardt Tigers
- 3. Alex Sanchez Sydney Olympic FC...

