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NPL Finals Series Semi-Finals

## Wollongong Wolves - Canberra Olympic 5-1

NPL NSW Men's Premiers Wollongong Wolves have qualified for NPL Finals Series Semi-Finals after easily accounting for Capital Football Premiers Canberra Olympic 5-1 at a windy Albert Butler Park on Saturday.

Although Canberra started the brighter of the two it was the Wolves who hit the lead in the 36th minute via a clever striker from Lachlan Scott. Their lead doubled three minutes from the break with NPL NSW Men's Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner Thomas James slotting from the spot. The Wolves smelt more blood as James Stojcevski added a third in the 49th minute before big defender Nick Littler put the game beyond reach in the 54th minute with a well taken goal. Olympic did pull one back thanks to Nik Popovich but Stefan Dimoski made sure the hosts would be the last ones to score bagging one with two minutes left to send Luke Wilkshire's men to the semi-final of the NPL Finals Series where they'll face Perth SC next weekend.

### Results NPL Finals Series Semi-Finals

- # Heidelberg United - Perth SC 2-3 (0-1,1-1)
- # QLD Lions - Campbelltown City 2-1 (0-0)
- # Maitland FC - Devonport City 3-2 (2-1)
- # Wollongong Canberra Olympic 5-1 (2-0)
- # QLD Lions - Campbelltown City 2-1 (0-0)



## 'I was surprised they let Millisy go'

**Jamie Maclaren** believes Hibernian manager Paul Heckingbottom will live to regret letting Mark Milligan leave the club.

**Hibs decided** to get rid of Milligan in the off-season after not taking up the option of a second year.

**The Socceroo** skipper impressed in Edinburgh in 2018/2019, making 31 appearances.

**Maclaren was** a teammate of Milligan's at Hibs and was shocked by the decision.

«I was very surprised Hibs let a player of Millisy's quality go,» he told The Edinburgh Evening News. «Sometime players want to go, but Millisy wanted to stay.

«Looking at the Hibs squad, the injuries they've had and the replacements they've got, I think Paul Heckingbottom will be scratching his head thinking, 'Actually, I wish we still had Mark.'

«He was great for him last season - he played every game.

«Millisy's experienced enough to deal with it but from somebody who was close to Millisy, he loved it at Hibs and was devastated to leave. It's a sad situation.»

## List of Award winners for 2019



### #Fair Play Award

- State League Men's - Nepean FC
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - Gladesville Ryde Magic
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - UNSW FC
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - Western Sydney Wanderers

### #Club Championship

- State League Men's - Central Coast United
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - SD Raiders
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - APIA Leichhardt Tigers
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - North Shore Mariners

### #Referee of the Year

- NPL 2 NSW Women's - Emma Kocbek
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - Tim Danaskos

### #U20s/Reserve Grade Golden Boot

- State League Men's U20s - Alexander Nicolosi (Fraser Park)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's U20 - Edward Young (Gladesville Ryde Magic)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's Reserve Grade - Marissa Papoulidis (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)
- NPL 2 NSW Men's U20's - Reuben Awaritefe (St George City FC)

### #U20s/Reserve Grade Player of the Year

- State League Men's U20's - Jakob Brownlow (Central Coast United)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's U20's - Mathew Barkho (SD Raiders)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's Reserve Grade - Nicole Adam (UNSW FC) & Nicole Ossio (Marconi Stallions)
- NPL 2 NSW Men's U20's - Reuben Awaritefe (St George City FC)

### #Golden Boot

- State League Men's - Nima Beik (UNSW FC)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - Nikola Todoroski (Bankstown City FC)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - Ashleigh Palombi (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - Mohamed Adam (Western Sydney Wanderers)

### #Goalkeeper of the Year

- State League Men's - Mario Farias (Prospect United)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - Nick Carosi (Stanmore Hawks)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - Eri Arikawa (Gladesville Ravens)
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - Ryan Wood (North Shore Mariners)

### #Coach of the Year

- State League Men's - Stuart Davies (Central Coast United)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - Ben Rollison (Stanmore Hawks)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - John O'Shea (Sutherland Shire FA)
- NPL 2 NSW Men's - Patrick Zwaanswijk (Hills United)

### #Player of the Year

- State League Men's - Daniel McFarlane (Central Coast United)
- NPL 3 NSW Men's - Jovan Blagojevic (Stanmore Hawks)
- NPL 2 NSW Women's - Ashleigh Palombi (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)