

A-League 3rd Round Results
 Western United - Melbourne City 1-2
 Wellington Phoenix - Perth Glory 1-2
 WS Wanderers - Sydney FC 1-0
 Newcastle Jets - Adelaide United 1-2
 Brisbane Roar - Melbourne Victory 0-1

A-League Round 4
 01.11. Sydney FC - Newcastle Jets
 02.11. WS Wanderers - Brisbane Roar
 02.11. Melbourne Victory - Western United
 03.11. Melbourne City - Wellington Phoenix
 03.11. Perth Glory - Central Coast Mariners



Swiss veterans Daniel Lopar and Pirmin Schwegler are making their presence felt as part of a rejuvenated Western Sydney side leading the A-League

Western Sydney Wanderers – Sydney FC 1-0

Two experienced Swiss imports playing in key positions have shored up a previously leaky Western Sydney defence and helped the improved Wanderers lead the A-League after three rounds.

Goalkeeper Daniel Lopar pulled off a number of important saves in the 1-0 home win over Sydney on Saturday.

Swiss international Pirmin Schwegler, also had a prodigious game in a defensive midfield role.

«**We have** a goalkeeper who is saving us in many situations and also we have a top No.6 Pirmin in front of them,» Wanderers coach Markus Babel said.

Schwegler won 14 caps and went to the 2010 World Cup, though he didn't play a game in that tournament.

«**He (Schwegler)** is very important to us. He's a tactical genius,» Lopar said.

Schwegler felt the Wanderers' mindset was a key factor in the game against Sydney, who had most of the possession and chances.

«**They are** so strong but we had a good mentality and sometimes mentality beats quality,» Schwegler said.

Last season Wanderers routinely gifted opposing sides goals with dreadful errors, conceding an average of two a game and frequently dropped points by surrendering a lead late in matches.

But the new-look defence consisting of off season recruits Lopar, Dylan McGowan and Matt Jurman, and 18-year-old Daniel Wilmering, who made one appearance off the bench last season, have tightened things up considerably.

Classy German centre back Patrick Ziegler is finally available again after a long term injury.

Schwegler has developed a healthy respect for the A-League in a short space of time.

«**It's so** tough and so competitive and you have to be 100 per cent, if you are not you have no chance,» Schwegler said.

While Lopar performed heroically on Saturday, he was beaten on one occasion by a Kosta Barbarouses header, but the VAR backed the referee's call the ball didn't fully cross the line.

«**I was** pretty sure but not 100 per

GOOD HEADACHES LOOM FOR WANDERERS COACH

Western Sydney coach Markus Babel has lavished praise on the controversial VAR system after his side went top of the A-League with a home win over Sydney.

Western Sydney coach Markus Babel says his A-League pacesetters have got a lot of improvement left and he's looking forward to some challenging selection headaches.

Babel lavished praise on match officials and the controversial VAR System after two crucial calls went the Wanderers way in Saturday's 1-0 home win over arch-rivals Sydney FC.

Wanderers went outright top after a compelling Sydney derby at a heaving Bankwest Stadium.

Both clubs had won their first two games, but Saturday's result was Western Sydney's first victory in their last seven league games against the Sky Blues and just their second in their last 17.

Sydney created almost all the

Sky Blues coach Steve Corica disagreed with VAR calls ruling a header from Sydney's Kosta Barbarouses didn't fully cross the line and that Keanu Baccus hadn't handballed in his own penalty area.

German Babel was equally adamant the rulings were right. «**At the** moment the referees and the VAR are doing a fantastic job, every decision is right,» Babel said.

«**I hope** they can also keep this level because it's fantastic.»

Babel was confident his side weren't in danger of suffering a letdown at home to Brisbane next Saturday after pulling off a dramatic, drought-breaking derby win.

«**It would** surprise me, I know my team now because we can learn a lot from this game and the boys know that it wasn't an outstanding performance,» Babel said.

«**We were** fighting fantastic but (with) only fighting (it) will be

difficult to stay up in the table. «**We also** have to bring skill so on the pitch. We can do it.

«**We have** so much to improve, we have a long way in front of us but with this mentality with his attitude we're on the right way.»

With defender Patrick Ziegler named on the bench after a long injury layoff and his German compatriot Nicolai Muller only arriving in the country on Friday, Babel now has the depth to consider changes to his starting side.

«**It's a** challenge, there, this is what we want, last year wasn't a challenge,» Babel said.

«**It was** nearly clear who was playing because the rest was not good enough.

«**Now it's** different, I have good headaches because not only these two guys (Muller and Ziegler), we have also young ones coming through who want to play and bring everything in training.»

CORICA: WE T DOMINATED T GAME

Sydney coach Steve Corica enjoyed aspects of the first A-League derby at Bankwest Stadium, bar the result.

Corica had soothing rather than words for his side.

A goal to Wanderers captain Mitchell settled a game that Sydney dominated left observers scratching their head how the Sky Blues came away point

Corica emphasised that his post-address would centre on the quality side's overall effort.



A-League 3rd Round Table

AM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
Ωνεϊ Ουόντερερς	3	3	0	0	5:2	9
έλμπουρν Σίτι	3	2	1	0	4:2	7
Ωνεϊ	3	2	0	1	5:4	6
ερθ Γκλόρι	3	1	2	0	4:3	5
ουέστερν Γιουνάιτεντ	3	1	1	1	3:3	4
έλμπουρν Βικτορι	3	1	1	1	2:2	4
δελαΐδα Γιουνάιτεντ	3	1	0	2	5:6	3
ντραλ Κόστ Μάρινερς	2	0	1	1	2:3	1
ουκάστλ Τζετς	2	0	1	1	2:3	1
πρισμπέν Ρόαρ	2	0	1	1	1:2	1
έλιπγκτον Φίνιξ	3	0	0	3	2:5	0