

A-League 5nd Round Results
 Adelaide United - Brisbane Roar 1-0
 Melbourne Victory - Wellington Phoenix 1-1
 Western United - WS Wanderers 2-1
 Newcastle Jets - Perth Glory 1-1
 Melbourne City - Central Coast Mariners 3-1

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Kwabena Appiah-Kubi scored on his first start for the club as Western United overcame Western Sydney Wanderers in Geelong. But there was more VAR drama.



Panagiotis Kone went off injured early in the match

Western United beat Western Sydney Wanderers 2-1



Kwabena Appiah-Kubi celebrates scoring for Western United against Western Sydney Wanderers

Western United have continued their fine start to the A-League season, ending Western Sydney Wanderers' undefeated run with a 2-1 comeback victory in front of 4,588 fans at GMHBA Stadium.

After Mitchell Duke opened the scoring for the Wanderers, United hit back through Andrew Durante and Kwabena Appiah-Kubi to jump into second on the table on goal difference, but had their first home win soured by an injury to marquee Panagiotis Kone.

For the first time all season, United fielded a different starting line-up, with Besart Berisha rested and Appiah-Kubi making his first start, while the Wanderers handed a debut to German recruit Nicolai Muller.

Western United hadn't won in their first two games at home and their third attempt got off to a less-than auspicious start, with the visitors taking the lead less than six minutes in.

Muller found Daniel Georgievski who cut inside, had one attempted pass blocked but persevered and slid the ball to Duke.

The Wanderers skipper sent a first-time strike past Filip Kurto, with the ball nestling in the opposite bottom corner of the net.

But their joy was short-lived. On 13 minutes, Alessandro Diamanti looped a corner to the back post, with defender Durante rising highest, leaping over Georgievski to head home.

United's first half recovery was soured by Kone's injury.

The Greek international sat down on the turf and was immediately replaced by defender Aaron Calver in the 22nd minute, with centre-back Connor Chapman shifted into midfield.

In the 48th minute, United appealed for a goal when Scott McDonald met Diamanti's cross, with his header saved by Daniel Lopar.

There was a lengthy VAR review to determine whether the ball had crossed the line - McDonald had immediately appealed for a goal - but after reviewing the footage, referee Alex King upheld his original decision.

United quickly responded to their disappointment, snatching the lead ten minutes later.

Diamanti turned near the corner of the 18-yard box and powered the ball to the feet of Appiah-Kubi, who took a touch around Patrick Ziegler and caressed a low shot past Lopar for the winner.

Mark Rudan.. "it's a good message to everybody"

Western United coach Mark Rudan has praised his squad's depth and competitiveness after an impressive 2-1 win over Western Sydney Wanderers.



Besart Berisha was rested, replaced by Kwabena Appiah-Kubi, while Panagiotis Kone was withdrawn after 22 minutes with a hamstring injury - forcing Connor Chapman into midfield with Aaron Calver playing in defence.

Rudan praised his side's ability to «find solutions» when their depth was tested.

«We talk about making sure there's competition for places all the time and that's one thing and the second thing is when that issue (injury) presents itself that we are able to find solutions,» Rudan said.

Berisha was rested after starting United's first four games, including facing former club Melbourne Victory, but will return to face Newcastle next Saturday.

«He was spent last week. Not just physically but emotionally,» Rudan said.

«Never discard the emotional side of things because that can have a sometimes more of an impact than a physical one.

«It wasn't an easy one for him because he wants to play all the time but you've got to be pretty strong and straight with players and we have got an experienced side that we really look after.»

Rudan also paid tribute to the attitude of Appiah-Kubi, who scored the winning goal.

«He's come in on a short-term contract and he has worked extremely hard,» he said.

«Fantastic attitude and he does a lot of extras, always asks for them after every session and he got his due rewards.

«It's a good message to everybody else out there that if you continue to work on your game that you can get rewarded for it and he ends up

scoring the winner and thoroughly deserved that moment because he has had a pretty tough time.»

The United coach highlighted former Wanderers captain Brendan Hamill - who came off the bench - as an example of how his team was benefiting from a competitive squad.

«The attitude of all the players irrespective of who they are its really pleasing for us - the young kids as well who are working extremely hard to try and force their way into the squad,» Rudan said.

«Some players are even missing the squad, but they turn up to work with a great attitude and they understand it's a tough team to get into and the first eleven understand they have to perform week in week out otherwise they run the risk of not playing the week after.»

A-League 5nd Round Table

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1	Melbourne City	5	4	1	0	10:5	13
2	Western United	5	3	1	1	8:6	10
3	WS Wanderers	5	3	1	1	6:4	10
4	Sydney FC	4	3	0	1	9:5	9
5	Adelaide United	4	2	0	2	6:6	6
6	Perth Glory	5	1	3	1	6:6	6
7	Melbourne Victory	5	1	2	2	5:6	5
8	Central Coast Mariners	4	1	1	2	5:7	4
9	Brisbane Roar	4	0	2	2	1:3	2
10	Newcastle Jets	4	0	2	2	4:8	2
11	Wellington Phoenix	5	0	1	4	5:9	1