

## A-League 6nd Round Results

Sydney FC - Melbourne Victory 2-1  
Brisbane Roar - Melbourne City 4-3  
Western United - Newcastle Jets 0-1  
Central Coast Mariners - Adelaide United 1-3

## A-League Round 7

22.11. WS Wanderers - Melbourne City  
23.11. Wellington Phoenix - Brisbane Roar  
23.11. Adelaide United - Melbourne Victory  
23.11. Perth Glory - Sydney FC  
24.11. Central Coast Mariners - Western United

Sydney FC have scored a 2-1 win over A-League rivals Melbourne Victory at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, coming back from a 1-0 deficit.



Victory captain Ola Toivonen scored the opener as his side collapsed to a 2-1 loss in the Big Blue.



## Sydney FC - Melbourne Victory 2-1 (0-1)



Two goals in seven minutes have given Sydney FC a 2-1 win over A-League rivals Melbourne Victory.

**Former Melbourne** Victory champion Kosta Barbarouses has helped Sydney FC to a 2-1 win over their A-League rivals.

**The Sydney** star scored the winning goal in Sunday evening's tense encounter at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium and made good on his pre-game promise not to celebrate.

**With the** match tied at 1-1, Barbarouses scored against his old club in the 68th minute after Rhyan Grant's shot bounced off the crossbar in heavy traffic.

**The 16,116-strong** Sydney crowd went wild, but Barbarouses was stoic as he made good on his word not to react if he scored against his former team.

**«It was** an important game for him; all strikers want to score goals. He got off the mark two weeks ago and we want him to continue scoring», said coach Steve Corica.

**«It's a** big game, a lot of pressure for him obviously playing his old club, and we're just pleased that he scored again, and a vital goal at that.»

**The assist** from Grant was just as important in his 200th match for the club.

**For Victory**, it was a hostile welcome to the scene of last season's 6-1 loss in the finals to their Sydney counterparts.

**And in** case they had forgotten the dismal result, an enormous banner graced the northern end of the ground as a reminder, reading «one fateful night in Sydney...» along with illustrations of each of Sydney's six goals from the match.

**International duty** and injury robbed Victory of at least seven starting players, making the visitors an understrength but dangerous opponent. **«There wasn't** pressure because of (the finals result). There was more pressure because of the players they had out and, if we took the game lightly, we could have had a long afternoon», Corica said.

**«The boys** did extremely well - they worked extremely hard. We pressed a lot higher in the second half. We didn't give them opportunities to play with the ball and we got our rewards from constant pressure.»

**Prolific Victory** striker Ola Toivonen opened the scoring in the 45th minute with his fourth goal of the season.

**However, Sydney** responded with two goals in seven minutes - the first from Adam Le Fondre in the 61st minute, followed soon after by the winning Barbarouses goal.

**Victory have** won just one of six games this season, while Sydney are second on the ladder with a game in hand.

**Victory next** play Adelaide United at Coopers Stadium, while Sydney FC travel to Perth to face the Glory.

## Mark Rudan.. «It could actually work in our favour as well,»

Western United were brought crashing back to earth with an upset loss to Newcastle but coach Mark Rudan says the defeat can be used as an opportunity.

**Western United** coach Mark Rudan says Saturday's shock loss to Newcastle can be a wake-up call for the A-League newcomers.

**United were** favourites against the Jets but were stunned by a first-half goal and were unable to claw back the deficit, losing 1-0 and spurning the chance to put pressure on table-toppers Melbourne City.

**«Everybody thought** that we were just going to walk over this team and that certainly wasn't the case», Rudan said.

**«And we** made mention of that throughout the week, it was a good challenge for them to see - probably the first time this year we were expected to win quite easily, according to everybody, and we weren't there.

**«So it's** a good lesson learned not to listen to the noise outside - we certainly don't listen to it - we understand who we are and where

we're at and we've got a long way to go for us to be that team we want to be.»

**Rudan again** lamented his team's slow starts, with Newcastle dominating the opening half.

**«The biggest** learning curve for us is that we seem to get into gear once we concede a goal and that's disappointing», he said.

**«So this** time I didn't mention anything during the week about the slow starts but we certainly need to start like we're down 1-0 by the sounds of things.

**«How we** recreate that I'm not too sure but the mentality has to be better.»

**Rudan said** the poor starts were «just not good enough» and flagged the potential for changes - with Panagiotis Kone (hamstring) poised to return.

**«You've got** enough experienced

heads in that team to understand what it means and normally with the experienced players and the good players you only have to say things once», he said.

**«But clearly** over the past few weeks it's not happening so we'll see what the answer might be throughout the week but ... every player needs to be on their toes and if we make changes we make changes.»

**Rudan praised** the character and «mental fortitude» of full-back Josh Risdon who returned from Socceroos duty in Jordan on Saturday morning but started and played the full game.

**United will** back up the loss against the Mariners in Gosford next Sunday and Rudan said his side could benefit their first trip out of Victoria since round one.

**«It could** actually work in our favour as well», Rudan said.

## A-League 6nd Round Table

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1	Melbourne City	6	4	1	1	13:9	13
2	Sydney FC	5	4	0	1	11:6	12
3	WS Wanderers	5	3	1	1	6:4	10
4	Western United	6	3	1	2	8:7	10
5	Adelaide United	5	3	0	2	9:7	9
6	Perth Glory	5	1	3	1	6:6	6
7	Brisbane Roar	5	1	2	2	5:6	5
8	Melbourne Victory	6	1	2	3	6:8	5
9	Newcastle Jets	5	1	2	2	5:8	5
10	Central Coast Mariners	5	1	1	3	6:10	4
11	Wellington Phoenix	5	0	1	4	5:9	1