

**A-League 7nd Round Results**

Perth Glory - Sydney FC 1 : 3  
 Adelaide United - Melbourne Victory 3 : 1  
 Wellington Phoenix - Brisbane Roar 2 : 1  
 WS Wanderers - Melbourne City 2 : 3

**A-League Round 8**

29.11. Melbourne Victory - Perth Glory  
 30.11. Brisbane Roar - Central Coast Mariners  
 30.11. Newcastle Jets - WS Wanderers  
 01.12. Western United - Sydney FC  
 01.12. Adelaide United - Wellington Phoenix

**Central Coast Mariners held a team goal-less for the first time since February, 2018, on Saturday, downing Western United to climb into the A-League top six.**

**Central Coast Mariners end clean sheet hoodoo with 1-0 A-League win over Western United**



Giancarlo Gallifuoco celebrates his matchwinning goal for Central Coast.

**Goalkeeper Mark** Birighitti produced several crucial saves for Central Coast, who kept their first clean sheet in 39 A-League matches to beat Western United 1-0 in Gosford.

**United created** most of the chances, especially in Sunday evening's first half, but were off target or denied by Birighitti.

**The sole** goal came in the 49th minute when a shot from Giancarlo Gallifuoco deflected off United defender Aaron Calver.

**United had** two penalty shouts for handball in the second half, but neither was given.

**It is** the first time the Mariners have kept a side goalless since round 21 in February 2018.

**The new** franchise suffered back-to-back losses for the first time and their first away defeat.

**The Mariners'** second win of the season lifts them from last to sixth, one spot and three points behind United.

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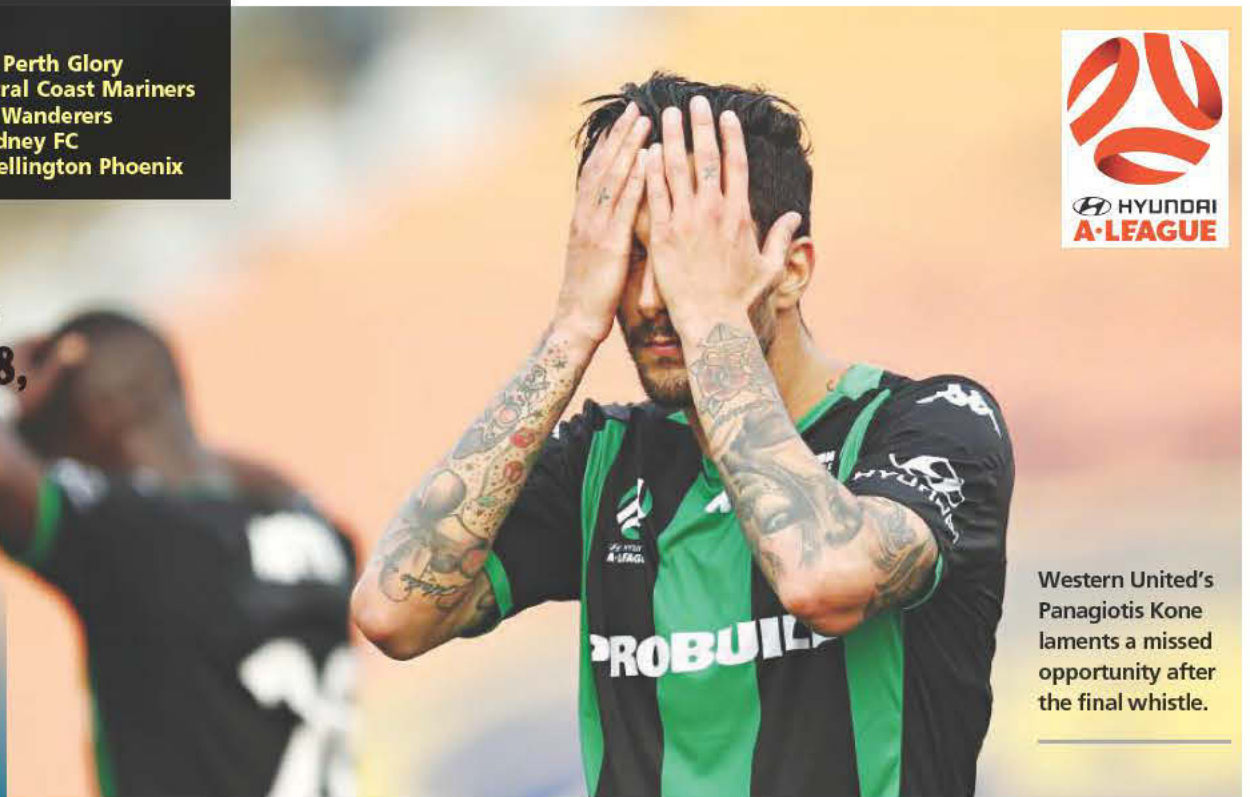
**Central Coast** started brightly with Tommy Oar putting an audacious chip just over the bar.

**From that** point, United created the best first-half chances, with the visitors' star imports all having attempts.

**Alessandro Diamanti** had a free-kick saved by Birighitti and fired another fierce shot just wide, while Panagiotis Kone blazed over from close range and Ziggy Gordon cleared an Andrew Durante header off the line.

**United had** further chances after halftime, with Besart Berisha missing one from close range and having another effort saved brilliantly before being replaced just after the hour.

**Sam Silvera** shot straight at Filip Kurto and Jack Clisby almost doubled the Mariners' lead, but his long-range attempt was tipped away superbly by Kurto. Birighitti preserved the lead by saving an 80th-minute effort from substitute Max Burgess and Diamanti fired another attempt wide.



Western United's Panagiotis Kone laments a missed opportunity after the final whistle.

**Riley McGree puts Olyroos tinder drama behind him with matchwinning display against Melbourne Victory**

Riley McGree ended a week in the spotlight due to the Olyroos sex scandal on the best possible note, scoring a brace as Adelaide United dispatched Melbourne Victory in an emphatic display.



Michael Maria celebrates his maiden goal for Adelaide United.

**It was** billed as the return of an inspirational leader and a chance for a new boy to haunt his former employer.

**Instead, Riley** McGree stole the show at the end of a week to forget for the young gun, as James Troisi's Adelaide United emphatically saw off Marco Kurz's Melbourne Victory.

**McGree slammed** home the opener midway through the first

half of Saturday night's high-octane clash of bitter rivals at a boisterous Hindmarsh Stadium.

**The SA-born** playmaker then sealed the 3-1 triumph with a stunning solo strike, following Ola Toivonen's equaliser and Michael Maria's maiden United goal.

**It came** just four days after McGree was handed an international ban for engaging in unprofessional conduct while on

national under-23 duty earlier this year.

**His five-star** display also ensured an unhappy homecoming for ex-United coach Kurz and sweet success for former Victory midfielder Troisi.

**The eye-catching** result and performance propelled Adelaide to third, in Dutchman Gertjan Verbeek's debut season at the helm.

**A-League 7nd Round Table**

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1	Melbourne City	7	5	1	1	16:11	16
2	Sydney FC	6	5	0	1	14:7	15
3	Adelaide United	6	4	0	2	12:8	12
4	WS Wanderers	6	3	1	2	8:7	10
5	Western United	7	3	1	3	8:8	10
6	Central Coast Mariners	6	2	1	3	7:10	7
7	Perth Glory	6	1	3	2	7:9	6
8	Brisbane Roar	6	1	2	3	6:8	5
9	Newcastle Jets	5	1	2	2	5:8	5
10	Melbourne Victory	7	1	2	4	7:11	5
11	Wellington Phoenix	6	1	1	4	7:10	4