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A-League 10nd Round Results
 Newcastle Jets - Melbourne City 0-4
 Perth Glory - WS Wanderers 2-0
 Sydney FC - Central Coast Mariners 1-0
 Melbourne Victory - Wellington Phoenix 0-0
 Brisbane Roar - Western United 0-2

A-League Round 11
 20.12. WS Wanderers - Western United
 21.12. Wellington Phoenix - Sydney FC
 21.12. Melbourne City - Melbourne Victory
 21.12. Perth Glory - Newcastle Jets
 22.12. Central Coast Mariners - Adelaide United

Melbourne City has opened a 10-point gap over rival Melbourne Victory and sounded a pre-Christmas derby warning with a relentless 4-0 drubbing of Newcastle Jets.



Jamie Maclaren (right) set a record with his 10th goal of the season.

Melbourne City sends pre-derby warning with rampant 4-0 demolition of Newcastle Jets

A week after being ambushed by Glory, Melbourne City winger Adrian Luna bagged a brace to engineer a comprehensive win. **Lethal striker** Jamie Maclaren and Javier Cabrera also found the net in a one-sided affair. **It was** another historic night for Maclaren, who became the fastest player in league history to the ten-goal mark after scoring in his seventh game for the club. **The road** victory ensured City consolidate second spot, five points behind Sydney FC and three clear of Western United. **In contrast**, Newcastle faces a week of soul-searching following one of its worst efforts of the season that has left the Jets languishing in ninth spot. Mombaerts said it was the perfect response to their defeat last week. **"When we** win 4-0 in an away game, it's a good response, yes. And also, they attitude of our player was perfect," Mombaerts said. **"We play** very aggressive with the ball and without the ball. But more with the ball. **"Aggressive means** we try to break all the time, so that was very good." **City looked** like a team on a mission from the kick-off on Sunday evening and got the perfect start when Cabrera took advantage of a flat-footed Jets defence. **The Uruguayan** split their central defenders with a precision through ball for Luna, who simply helped it past an advancing Glen Moss in the third minute.

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Newcastle slowly warmed back into the contest only to concede from a recycled corner, with Luna nodding home a teasing Josh Brillante cross. **The set** piece for City came moments after most of the Jets were caught straddling the sidelines sipping water during a stoppage. **Their opposition** meanwhile had a thirst for more goals, catching the Newcastle backline napping just minutes after the halftime break. **A quick** free kick from Denis Genreau hit an unmarked Cabrera, who waltzed into the box and thumped a rocket past Moss at his near post. **Maclaren completed** the beat down when he tapped in a Cabrera cross soon after. **The only** positive for the hosts was the performance of star Dimi Petratos, who drew two saves from City's new goalkeeper Thomas Glover. **The No. 10** was the only real threat for a defence that claimed just their second clean sheet of the season and first since round one. **But it** wasn't enough to prevent part of the 8133 crowd at McDonald Jones Stadium from booing their team from the field at full-time.

Melbourne Victory captain Ola Toivonen concedes top-two finish beyond struggling side

Melbourne Victory have revised their season goals, with captain Ola Toivonen conceding a top two spot is out of reach as they prepare to face rampant Melbourne City in Saturday's high stakes pre-Christmas derby.

German Tim Hoogland is pushing to return for the derby, while Victory coach Marco Kurz was less confident of fellow defender Tommy Deng's prospects.

Second-placed City's 4-0 mauling of Newcastle Jets, setup by an Adrian Luna brace with in-form Jamie Maclaren also scoring, has opened up a significant 10-point gap on the A-League ladder from Victory, which is just two points above bottom place.

Toivonen admitted that they had to be realistic after a tough period.



Ola Toivonen battles with Wellington Phoenix defender Luke De Vere during Saturday's 0-0 stalemate.

Match Centres		SYD	FINAL	CCM
	1	Stats	0	
	0	Stats	2	
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	0	Stats	4	

A-League 10nd Round Table

TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1 Sydney FC	9	8	0	1	22:8	24
2 Melbourne City	9	6	1	2	20:14	19
3 Western United	10	5	1	4	13:11	16
4 Adelaide United	8	5	0	3	15:11	15
5 Perth Glory	9	3	3	3	12:10	12
6 Wellington Phoenix	9	3	2	4	11:12	11
7 WS Wanderers	9	3	1	5	9:13	10
8 Melbourne Victory	10	2	3	5	9:14	9
9 Brisbane Roar	9	2	2	5	9:15	8
10 Newcastle Jets	8	2	2	4	8:14	8
11 Central Coast Mariners	8	2	1	5	7:13	7