



be much of the same with Adelaide walking off the pitch going through the what ifs.

**GAME 4
WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS FC VS PERTH
GLORY**

Coming off the biggest surprise of the season with Western Sydney losing their first game of the year and in quite a fashion at that. A 4-0 scoreline might have been predicted but definitely with the Wanderers on the winning end.

Perth Glory got last week off with a bye, but the week before they were able to capture just their second point of the season in a 2-2 tie with Adelaide. Remarkably, those two goals are a third of the goals Perth has scored all season.

This game will be looked at as how can the Wanderers bounce back from last week and will they take out all of their frustration on Perth.

**KEY MATCHUP
WANDERERS OFFENCE VS PERTH GLORY
DEFENCE**

This may look like an obvious and almost easy answer to this game, but the Wanderers were just shutout for the first time all year. They are one of if not the best offence in the league with 16 goals on the year. To think a team would go without losing a game in the W-League would be difficult to believe, but to think the Wanderers would lose their first game so badly was a shock.

An offence that has Kristen Hamilton and Kyra Cooney-Cross who have scored 11 goals just between the two of them is tough to stop.

Then on the flip side Perth is tied for the second most goals conceded with 13. Perth has had zero shutouts and limited offence of their own. If Western Sydney puts up a lot of goals, Perth cannot expect to hang with them. They have to limit the Wanderers to one to two goals maximum if they want to try and earn at least a tie.

**SCORE PREDICTION
4-0 WESTERN SYDNEY**

The Wanderers are going to repay their last week's beating to Perth. Western Sydney does not want to look like a team on the decline and they need to keep their goal differential above Sydney FC and close to Melbourne City.

This will be a revenge game where Perth happens to be the team standing in the way.

NEW FFA CHIEF BACKS SECOND-TIER COMP

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Newly appointed Football Federation Australian CEO James Johnson has targeted three priorities and can't see any reason why there shouldn't be a second-tier competition below the A-League.

Johnson has outlined his vision and list of priorities, which include unbundling the A-league from FFA, the joint Australia-New Zealand bid for the 2023 Women's World Cup and reviewing the different domestic competitions.

"We don't have a second-tier competition, but these discussions are happening and I don't see any reason why we cannot have a second-tier competition," Johnson said on Wednesday.

"But what does a second-tier competition look like in a sporting framework like Australia? That's a question that we're going to have to answer.

"We have to have a discussion with our stakeholders, our state federations and the players with the PFA.

"Really try and understand what type of league is ultimately not only going to provide opportunities for the players and the coaches and referees, but also what kind of league is going to be complementary to the NPL, the state federations to the A-League and the professional players themselves.

"I'd like to look at the FFA Cup, also the NPL, and how we grow these products."

Johnson was reluctant to nominate an ideal number of clubs in the A-League and second-tier competition, saying it depended on competition format and available resources.

While football was struggling to attract fans and sponsors, Johnson described the challenge of tackling several complex issues as "fun" and was upbeat about its future.

"I think we've got a lot to be optimistic about with the participation numbers that we have and the opportunities

that exist domestically and globally, with the potential to possibly host the Women's World Cup," Johnson said.

"I'm going to get out to our commercial partners and listen to what their concerns are. I'll also be communicating our vision as a sport as we develop it together with the board.

"I certainly think investing in football is a great opportunity."

Asked about his priorities, Johnson said "We need to set the organisation (FFA) up internally for transformational change, from an organisation that is local to one that is able to act local but also think and act globally.

"The other two points are the unbundling of the A-League. The quicker we can get the governance model where it's a win-win relationship, I think the better for us, for the whole football community and the A-League.

"I think the third priority is the Women's World Cup because that decision is in June and time is working against us."

The joint Australia-New Zealand bid is up against competition from Brazil, Colombia and Japan.

Australian football has traditionally been beset by competing interests and Johnson wants to see FFA become a unifying force, bringing together different stakeholders.

He said other issues included looking at whether registration costs were too high and the possibility of incentivising clubs to develop players.

