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## HOW TO WATCH HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE THIS WEEKEND

THE HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE IS GOING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS BUT YOU CAN STILL WATCH EVERY MINUTE, EVERY GOAL AND EVERY THRILLING MOMENT.

Earlier this week, Football Federation Australia (FFA) advised that upcoming rounds of Hyundai A-League will be played behind closed doors.

But you need not miss a single kick of action. Here's all the ways you can watch.

**ROUND 23:** 

**Fixtures** 

**Central Coast** Mariners v Melbourne City

Friday, 20 March 2020 Kick-off: 5.30pm AEDT Venue: Central Coast Stadium **Broadcast: FOX** Sports 505

Stream: MyFootball Live App, Kayo Sports

**Brisbane Roar** v Newcastle Jets

Friday, 20 March 2020

Kick-off: 6.30pm local, 7.30pm AEDT

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium, Gold Coast

**Broadcast: FOX Sports 505** 

Stream: MyFootball Live App, Kavo Sports Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC

Saturday, 21 March 2020 Kick off: 7.30pm AEDT Venue: Bankwest Stadium

**Broadcast: FOX Sports 505** 

Stream: MyFootball Live App, Kayo Sports Newcastle Jets v Melbourne City

Monday, 23 March 2020 Kick-off: 7.30pm AEDT

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium **Broadcast: FOX Sports 505** 

Stream: MyFootball Live App, Kayo Sports Perth Glory v Western United FC

Monday, 23 March 2020

Kick off: 6.30pm local, 9.30pm AEDT

Venue: HBF Park

**Broadcast: FOX Sports 505** 

Stream: MyFootball Live App, Kayo Sports

Bye: Adelaide United

NOTE: Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix, Melbourne Victory v Brisbane Roar postponed

Live stream (overseas audience only)

You can stream every Hyundai A-League match live on the My Football YouTube channel.

**Here are** the eligible countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Germany,

Hong Kong SAR China, Indonesia, Italy, Laos, Macau SAR China, Macedonia (FYROM), Malaysia, Montenegro, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom, United States.

## Radio

ABC Radio has changed the way it broadcasts Hyundai A-league games. ABC NewsRadio will no longer broadcast matches, however you can hear some football across the season on Local Radio & the ABC Listen App.

Select matches will be broadcast in WA, SA & NSW, with the schedule determined week to week.

## **PERTH GLORY V WESTERN UNITED FC: MATCH PREVIEW**

GOALKEEPER LIAM REDDY WILL BECOME JUST THE FOURTH PLAYER TO REACH THE 300-GAME MARK IN THE HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE WHEN PERTH GLORY HOST WESTERN UNITED FC ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Reddy, who is the first gloveman to reach the magical 300 mark. may be 38 but is showing no signs of slowing down and has kept a league-high seven clean sheets in 2019/20.

The last of those came in last weekend's goalless draw against Sydney FC, which has seen Glory's winless run extend to four matches and dropping Tony Popovic's side to fifth on the ladder. While it's far from panic stations for last season's Premiers, it's a poor run they will want to arrest well before the Finals Series. Meanwhile, United head west in a buoyant mood having scored 11 goals in their last two matches - big wins over Central Coast

And there's no reason why the goals won't continue to flow in this one, with an average of 5.2 goals per game in Glory's last five matches at HBF Park.

Mariners and Adelaide United - to surge into the top six.

This match will now be played on Monday, 23 March, kick-off time: 6.30pm local, 9.30pm AEDT.

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## PHOENIX HEADING TO SYDNEY TO **CONTINUE HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE FINALS SERIES PUSH**

WELLINGTON PHOENIX WILL BE ABLE TO TRAIN DURING THEIR SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD AFTER THE CLUB CONFIRMED THEY WILL TRAVEL TO SYDNEY ON WEDNESDAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THE HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE 2019/20 SEASON.

Phoenix officials delayed plans to travel to Australia on Tuesday over concerns they would not be able to train during their mandatory 14-day isolation.

But after extensive consultation with the FFA and state-based health officials in Australia, Phoenix were cleared to be able to train during the selfisolation period.

**Every member** of Wellington Phoenix's playing and coaching staff will now travel to Sydney on Wednesday and enter their isolation period, before resuming their campaign next month.

**FFA have** confirmed the remainder of the regular season will go ahead, but with all matches to be played behind closed doors in Australia, meaning Phoenix will not return to New Zealand until after the end of the campaign, unless the situation changes.

"The decision to travel to Sydney in an attempt to complete this season, was made as a club," Phoenix General Manager David Dome said.

"We have discussed this amongst ourselves, consulted with health professionals and government bodies in Australia and New Zealand and taken all possible precautions to ensure those travelling are given the best protection possible.

"We are also conscious that the situation is constantly evolving and it may all change again tomorrow, but we are making this decision with the best information we have available at this time.

"As things have continued to evolve rapidly over the past few days, all options have been investigated and it became apparent that suspension of the Hyundai A-League was never an option."

**Dome revealed** all players and staff were given the option of not travelling if they felt unsafe.

"The club also recognises the impact that this will have on players and football operations' families," he said.

"A number of support measures are being put in place to assist them during this time."

Phoenix are currently on course for their bestever finish in the Hyundai A-League, currently sitting in third spot, four points ahead of fourthplace Brisbane Roar.

Phoenix's vest-ever finish in the Hyundai A-League was fourth back in the 2014/15 Season. **Ufuk Talay's** side could push for a top-two berth, just one point behind second-place Melbourne City ad with a game in hand.