



Women's Premier League Round 2 Review

Summary:

Round Two of the Women's Premier League was played out over the weekend, with some stunning results headlining the action. Kanwal backed up their big win in the opening round with another big result over Southern & Ettalong United, Gosford City bounced back from their derby loss with a confidence boosting win in last season's grand final rematch, whilst an incredible 5 goal haul from East Gosford's Kelly Hogan saw the Rams continue their dream start to the season. Elsewhere, Terrigal managed a victory over Woongarra whilst Toukley and Kincumber took a share of the points.

Round Two Results:

Southern & Ettalong United FC	2	5	Kanwal FC
Kariong United FC	1	9	East Gosford FC
Toukley FC	2	2	Kincumber Roos FC
Woongarra FC	0	2	Terrigal United FC
Gosford City FC	4	2	Umina United SC

Southern & Ettalong United FC 2 vs 5 Kanwal FC:

Goals: Tahlor Thackray x2 (SEU), Hayley Green x2 (KAN), Michelle Bertucci (KAN), Hayley Ballard (KAN), Own Goal.

This game was played by two teams with contrasting styles, Kanwal with slow build up, possession-based football, and Southern who played quickly on the counter attack. It was Kanwal who opened the scoring from a free kick that Hayley Green collected and finished with her right foot. The Bulls then doubled their lead when Green scored her 2nd, this time rounding the keeper after latching onto a stray back pass. Southern fought tooth and nail to get back into the match which they did through a drilled effort from Tahlor Thackray meaning the sides went into the sheds at 2-1.

The 2nd half was one of missed chances at both ends until Kanwal received a slice of luck as Southern scored an own goal. Michelle Bertucci then made it 4-1 with a calm finish before SEU's Thackray scored her 2nd to bring the score back to 4-2. The scoring was rounded off by Hayley Ballard after a scramble in the penalty area. The match ended 5-2 indicating a routine victory for Kanwal but it was by no means routine. This was a hard-fought encounter and a great game for the spectators.

Southern and Ettalong United coach Craig Thackray commented: 'Unfortunately, the team hampered by injuries, started to lose a little composure and our game became patchy at best. To the girl's credit, we didn't give up and kept trying, just wasn't our day today'.

Kariong United FC 1 vs 9 East Gosford FC:

Goals: Clare Ashby (KAR), Kelly Hogan x5 (EGO), Sheri Moody (EGO), Sophie Holliday (EGO), Michelle Perks (EGO), Ella Girling (EGO).

East Gosford continued their great start to the season on Sunday afternoon as they dispatched Kariong United with ease, on the back of an incredible performance from Kelly Hogan. After a Hat-trick in the derby last weekend, Hogan backed up that performance with a five-goal haul against the Cougars, a remarkable effort. It was evident early on that there was only ever going to be one result in this match, with the Rams dominating the early proceedings, racing out to a 5-goal lead by half time. Goals to Sheri Moody, Sophie Holliday, Michelle Perks, and Ella Girling rounded out the scoring. Kariong did manage to pull a goal back through Clare Ashby late on in the match, but it was nothing more than academic as the Rams went on to record the biggest victory of the season so far.

Rams coach Ken Donnelly was ecstatic with the victory, adding: 'We ran riot. Dominated possession and rattled Kariong early. Kariong kept going credit to them and pulled one back late'.

Toukley FC 2 vs 2 Kincumber Roos FC:

Goals: Hannah Vincent (TOU), Brooke Samuel (TOU), Megan Tully (KIN), Unconfirmed (KIN).

Fresh off the back of a 2-2 draw with Terrigal on the opening weekend, Toukley headed into their round two clash looking to pick up their first victory of the season. Their opponents, Kincumber, were coming into the match after a 2-0 loss to last season's grand-finalists Umina United. In a clash that featured four goals the sides couldn't be separated as Hannah Vincent and Brooke Samuel found the net for the Gunners, whilst Megan Tully netted for Kincumber with the second goal unconfirmed.

Woongarrah FC 0 vs 2 Terrigal United FC:

Goals: Elly Bibby (TER), Kate Cheyne (TER).

From the kick-off it was obvious that this was going to be an evenly contested match. Woongarrah defended with a very disciplined high-line that was well protected by skilful defensive minded midfielders. Terrigal maintained good possession of the ball, but Woongarrah stood firm and looked dangerous on the counter attack however neither side could find the breakthrough as the teams went to the sheds locked at 0-0. The second half saw Terrigal enjoy more of the ball and begin to ask some serious questions of the Woongarrah back-line. Terrigal maintained their patience and continued to press forward. They were rewarded in the 69th minute when Elly Bibby poked home from 6 yards to take the lead. Terrigal continued to shift the ball forward quickly as they tried to get the all-important second goal. A knee injury to Jessie Andrews saw a tactical re-shuffle which didn't slow down their forward momentum. They then doubled their lead after good work down the right flank. Kate Cheyne pounced on the only mistake the keeper made all match to make it 2-0. Terrigal held firm in the closing few minutes to register an important win and an invaluable 3 points.

Gosford City 4 vs 2 Umina United:

Goals: Michelle Brett x2 (GOS), Brittini Nicol (GOS), Abbey Muspratt (GOS), Hayley Fulwood (UMI), Danielle Harris (UMI).

Coming off last weekend's nail-biting loss to city rivals East Gosford, Gosford City headed into a repeat of last year's Grand Final desperate to claim their first win of the season. They faced a Umina United side who secured victory in the opening round with a 2-0 win over Kincumber. After two goals last week, Gosford City's Brittini Nicol again managed to get amongst the goals scoring one, with a goal to Abbey Muspratt and a brace to Michelle Brett rounding off the goals for the Dragons side. Four goals ultimately proved enough, as Umina United could only breach Gosford City's defence twice thanks to goals from Hayley Fulwood and Danielle Harris.

Umina United coach Steven Donaldson commented: 'Tough contest but Gosford too good over the 90. Were tactically too good. Props to the opposing coach for the way they set up'.

Round Three Fixtures:

Sun 28/4 2:30pm	Kincumber Roos FC	Woongarra FC	Frost Reserve 1
Sun 28/4 2:30pm	Kanwal FC	Toukley FC	Wadalba Sports Complex 1
Sun 28/4 2:30pm	Umina United SC	Kariong United FC	Umina Oval 2
Sun 28/4 3:00pm	East Gosford FC	Southern & Ettalong United FC	Hylton Moore Oval 2
Sun 28/4 3:00pm	Terrigal United FC	Gosford City FC	Duffy's Oval 1

WPL First Grade Ladder

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	East-Gosford	2	2	0	0	13	4	+9	6
2	Kanwal	2	2	0	0	9	2	+7	6
3	Terrigal	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	4
4	Gosford City	2	1	0	1	7	6	+1	3
5	Umina	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
6	Southern	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
7	Toukley	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
8	Kincumber	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
9	Woongarra	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
10	Kariong	2	0	0	2	1	13	-12	0

WPL Top Goal Scorers:

Goals	Player
8	Kelly Hogan (EGO).
3	Hayley Green (KAN), Michelle Bertucci (KAN), Michelle Brett (GOS), Brittini Nicol (GOS).
2	Tahlor Thackray (SEU), Kate Cheyne (TER).
1	Larissa Bundy (KAN), Hayley Ballard (KAN), Clare Ashby (KAR), Kim Meyer (EGO), Sheri Moody (EGO), Sophie Holliday (EGO), Michelle Perks (EGO), Ella Girling (EGO), Hannah Vincent (TOU), Erica Laverty (TOU), Gemma Clegg (TOU), Brooke Samuel (TOU), Megan Tully (KIN), Elly Bibby (TER), Emma Power (TER), Abbey Muspratt (GOS), Hayley Fulwood (UMI), Kate Styles (UMI), Sabrina Zappavigna (UMI), Danielle Harris (UMI).