



Women's Premier League Round 3 Review

Summary:

Round Three of the Womens Premier League is in the books, producing some interesting results across the board. Previously winless Woongarra broke through for their first victory of the new campaign, whilst leaders Kanwal were held to a share of the points by Toukley. Umina United put seven goals past luckless Karing United, whilst Southern and Ettalong United produced the upset of the round, dispatching high-flying East Gosford 3-0 thanks to a brace from Tahlor Thackray. Finally, Gosford City produced an emphatic performance as they put seven goals past Terrigal United, with Brittini Nicol netting a hat-trick as she took her seasons tally to six, second on the Golden Boot standings.

Round Three Results:

Kincumber Roos FC	1	2	Woongarra FC
Kanwal FC	1	1	Toukley FC
Umina United SC	7	0	Karing United FC
East Gosford FC	0	3	Southern & Ettalong United FC
Terrigal United FC	2	7	Gosford City FC

Kincumber Roos FC 1 vs 2 Woongarra FC:

Goals: Sophie Piltz (KIN), Nyah Small (WGA), Angela Cabarrus (WGA).

Frost Reserve played host to a WPL matchup between Kincumber and Woongarra, two sides languishing in the bottom three of the Womens Premier League after the opening two weeks of the competition. Both sides were looking to pick up their first victories of the new campaign, with Woongarra yet to accrue a point, whilst Kincumber picked up a solitary point from their draw with Toukley last time out. In a match that Kincumber coach John Manners described as 'pretty evenly matched' it was Woongarra who managed to claim the three points, breaking through for their first victory of the season. Both Nyah Small and Angela Cabarrus managed their first goals of the season, canceling out a goal to Kincumbers' Sophie Piltz to see the Wildcats climb into eighth place on the WPL ladder.

Kanwal FC 1 vs 1 Toukley FC:

Goals: Hayley Green (KAN), Brooke Samuel (TOU).

Kanwal headed into last weekend's match with Toukley looking to maintain their 100% start to the new season with a third win on the trot, whilst Toukley were searching for their first victory of the new campaign after two draws to start the year. It was Kanwal who managed to strike the first blow in this match, as Hayley Green netted her 4th goal of the season with a well taken finish to give the Bulls a 1-0 half time lead. In what was a very even match,

Toukley continued to push for an equaliser in the second half, before Brooke Samuel found herself free bearing down on goal, making no mistake with the finish to draw the sides level. Both sides had chances to win the match, however neither could produce a goal that would win the match, with the game ending one apiece. The result sees Kanwal's perfect record come to an end after three matches, however both sides remain as the only undefeated sides in the WPL after three weeks.

Umina United SC 7 vs 0 Kariong United FC:

Goals: Abbie Dickson x2 (UMI), Kate Styles x2 (UMI), Hayley Fulwood x2 (UMI), Sabrina Zappavigna (UMI).

Umina United produced a dominant performance to see them climb into second place on the WPL ladder after dispatching Kariong United 7-0 at Umina Oval on Sunday afternoon. In a performance that was sure to please coach Steven Donaldson, the Eagles shared the goals throughout the team, with four players getting on the scoresheet. Abbie Dickson, Kate Styles, and Hayley Fulwood each managed a brace, with Sabrina Zappavigna chiming in with a goal to complete the rout. The 2 goals each to Kate Styles and Hayley Fulwood see them into equal 5th place on the golden boot standings, taking their tally to 3 goals in as many matches. Coach Steven Donaldson heaped praise on up and coming 15-year-old Hayley Fulwood, as he highlighted her 3 goals have come from just two substitute appearances so far this season.

On the match overall, Donaldson commented: '(We) dominated the large part of the game, but credit to the Kariong squad who didn't stop the whole 90 minutes'. The win will provide the Umina side with a great deal of confidence as they head into this weekend's tough match with Southern and Ettalong United, whilst Kariong remain rooted to the bottom of the table, as they head to Terrigal where they look to pick up their first points of the season.

East Gosford FC 0 vs 3 Southern & Ettalong United FC:

Goals: Tahlor Thackray x2 (SEU), Alana Currie (SEU).

Top of the table East Gosford welcomed 6th placed Southern and Ettalong United on Sunday afternoon as they looked to continue their unbeaten start to the season. Amassing 13 goals in their opening two matches, the Rams were in red-hot form heading into the match, with striker Kelly Hogan netting 8 goals in the process. However, it was Southern who began the brightest of the two sides, creating a few goal scoring opportunities early. Mid-way through the first half Southern found the breakthrough, as Alana Currie latched onto a perfectly weighted through ball to open the scoring with her first of the season. The sides entered the sheds at 1-0, with Southern and Ettalong United certainly having the better opportunities and would be disappointed to not have bagged a few more goals in the first half.

The second half started much like the first, as Southern put the East Gosford side under significant pressure early, and they managed to double their lead 10 minutes into the second period, as Tahlor Thackray finished well past East Gosford keeper Jess Dobis. Thackray then added her second of the match (4th of the season) from a free kick about 25

meters from goal, as Southern raced into a 3-0 lead. The Rams put Southern under significant pressure over the remaining 10 minutes of the match but couldn't find the breakthrough as Southern held on for a big win, leaving them one point from the top of the table.

Terrigal United FC 2 vs 7 Gosford City FC:

Goals: Kate Cheyne x2 (TER), Brittini Nicol x3 (GOS), Michelle Brett x2 (GOS), Jessica Dominello x2 (GOS).

Terrigal United faced off with Gosford City in what shaped as the match of the round from the WPL Round Three fixtures. Both sides were only separated by a point heading into the fixture with Terrigal sitting in third place and Gosford City in fourth. Gosford City started the brighter of the two sides as they ran Terrigal around in the opening minutes but were unable to find the breakthrough, and Terrigal made them pay as they opened the scoring through striker Kate Cheyne with a point-blank finish. Cheyne then doubled Terrigal's lead as she volleyed home an impressive effort from a tight angle, her 4th of the season, to give Terrigal a 2-0 lead. This seemed to spark the Gosford side into life as they came roaring back into the contest scoring three quick goals to see them into half time with a 3-2 lead.

Shortly after half-time Terrigal were reduced to 10 after a red card, and Gosford City took full advantage as they netted another four second half goals to see the match finish 7-2. A hat-trick to Brittini Nicol (6 goals for the season), and a brace to both Michelle Brett (5 for the season) and last season's golden boot winner Jess Dominello saw the defending premiers put down an early season marker with an impressive attacking display. Gosford City face Kincumber this weekend, whilst Terrigal United travel to last placed Kariong United.

Round Four Fixtures:

Sun 5/5 2:30pm	Gosford City FC	Kincumber Roos FC	Gavenlock Oval 1
Sun 5/5 2:30pm	Toukley FC	East Gosford FC	Harry Moore Oval 1
Sun 5/5 2:30pm	Woongarra FC	Kanwal FC	Hamlyn Terrace 1
Sun 5/5 2:30pm	Kariong United FC	Terrigal United FC	Kariong Oval 1
Sun 5/5 2:30pm	Southern & Ettalong United FC	Umina United SC	James Browne Oval 2

WPL First Grade Ladder

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Kanwal	3	2	1	0	10	3	+7	7
2	Umina	3	2	0	1	11	4	+7	6
3	Gosford City	3	2	0	1	14	8	+6	6
4	East Gosford	3	2	0	1	13	7	+6	6
5	Southern	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
6	Terrigal	3	1	1	1	6	9	-3	4
7	Toukley	3	0	3	0	5	5	0	3
8	Woongarra	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
9	Kincumber	3	0	1	2	3	6	-3	1
10	Kariong	3	0	0	3	1	20	-19	0

WPL Top Goal Scorers:

Goals	Player
8	Kelly Hogan (EGO).
6	Brittni Nicol (GOS).
5	Michelle Brett (GOS).
4	Hayley Green (KAN), Tahlor Thackray (SEU), Kate Cheyne (TER).
3	Michelle Bertucci (KAN), Kate Styles (UMI), Hayley Fulwood (UMI).
2	Brooke Samuel (TOU), Abbie Dickson (UMI), Sabrina Zappavigna (UMI), Jessica Dominello (GOS).
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), Megan Tully (KIN), Elly Bibby (TER), Emma Power (TER), Abbey Muspratt (GOS), Danielle Harris (UMI), Sophie Piltz (KIN), Nyah Small (WGA), Angela Cabarrus (WGA), Alana Currie (SEU).