



Women's Premier League Round 4 Review

Summary:

Round Four of the Women's Premier League produced a relatively low scoring set of matches when compared to previous weeks, with Terrigal United the only side to manage more than one goal, as their eight proved more than enough to dispatch Kariong United, with Kayla Vanderfield claiming four of them. Elsewhere, Kincumber secured their first win of the campaign, whilst Southern and Ettalong United shot to the top of the table after overcoming rivals Umina. Toukley and East Gosford couldn't be split after 90 minutes, the fourth draw in a row for the Gunners, whilst Woongarra and Kanwal played out an entertaining 1-1 draw in the second derby of the round.

Round Four Results:

Gosford City FC	0	1	Kincumber Roos FC
Toukley FC	0	0	East Gosford FC
Woongarra FC	1	1	Kanwal FC
Kariong United FC	0	8	Terrigal United FC
Southern & Ettalong United FC	1	0	Umina United SC

Gosford City FC 0 vs 1 Kincumber Roos FC:

Goals: Sophie Piltz (KIN).

Gosford City welcomed winless Kincumber to Gavenlock Oval as they looked to build on their back to back victories and secure first place on the Women's Premier League ladder. Gosford City are the equal highest scorers so far this campaign with 14, whilst Kincumber have only managed four. However, form seemed to go out the window in this encounter as Kincumber managed to break through for their first victory of the campaign, courtesy of a Sophie Piltz free kick from the edge of the penalty area, her second goal of the season.

Gosford City pushed hard for an equaliser throughout the second half but were unable to breach a Kincumber defensive line that were singled out for praise from Roos coach John Manners who added: 'The girls put in a massive effort today, our back line played strong all day'. Gosford City will look to get back on track on Sunday afternoon when they travel to second placed Kanwal, whilst Kincumber face bottom placed Kariong United.

Toukley FC 0 vs 0 East Gosford FC:

Goals: -

Toukley and East Gosford squared off at a wet Harry Moore Oval with the Gunners looking to secure their first victory of the campaign, whilst East Gosford looked to bounce back following a disappointing defeat in Round Three. In what was a tough match, both sides enjoyed dominant periods throughout, however struggled to find the quality required in

front of goal to secure the breakthrough. The game was played at a physical and frantic pace, with both sides enjoying plenty of opportunities to find the back of the net, however the match was to end goalless as both sides were left to rue a plethora of missed chances.

It was the status quo for Toukley, extending their unbeaten run to four matches, however also extending their winless run to four matches after four draws to start the new campaign, whilst East Gosford's point sees them rise into third place on the WPL ladder. Toukley face top of the table Southern and Ettalong United this weekend at Harry Moore Oval whilst East Gosford return home to Hylton Moore to face Woongarra.

Woongarra FC 1 vs 1 Kanwal FC:

Goals: Emma Hurley (WGA), Hayley Ballard (KAN).

Woongarra and Kanwal faced off at Hamlyn Terrace on Sunday afternoon as Woongarra went in search of back to back wins, whilst Kanwal headed into the match yet to taste defeat, keen to see that run extended to four matches. Woongarra were to open the scoring through Emma Hurley after she found herself free in behind the Bulls defense, finishing well to give the Wildcats the lead.

Kanwal fought hard to get back into the match and for long stretches it looked as if Woongarra may be able to hold them out, however the breakthrough came as Hayley Ballard found the equalizer for Kanwal from the best part of 25 yards. The Bulls continued to push hard for a winner however it wasn't to be as the 'Cats held on for a crucial point, whilst Kanwal's unbeaten run continued although they may see the match as two points dropped rather than one gained.

Woongarra face a tough trip to face East Gosford on Sunday afternoon, whilst Kanwal face Gosford City at Wadalba Sports Complex.

Kariong United FC 0 vs 8 Terrigal United FC:

Goals: Kayla Vanderfield x4 (TER), Indiana Moyes (TER), Kate Cheyne (TER), Tiegan Kavanagh (TER), Karen Doutty (TER).

Terrigal United headed to Kariong Oval to face a Kariong United side rooted to the bottom of the WPL table and in desperate need of a win to get their season up and running. The Terrigal side were also coming off the back of a big defeat at the hands of Gosford City in their Round Three clash and were looking for a positive response from the 4th Round fixture. It was Kariong who started the brighter of the two sides in the opening exchanges, getting the ball forward well and looking threatening on the counter attack. However, they could not convert this early dominance into goals as Terrigal found a reprieve in the 32nd minute through Kayla Vanderfield, who finished smartly after finding herself one-on one with Kariong keeper Anne-Marie Horne.

In an incredible shift in momentum, Terrigal wrestled the ascendancy from Kariong and began firing in the goals, with Indiana Moyes doubling the lead before Vanderfield netted another three goals to take her tally to four for the match. Kate Cheyne and Tiegan Kavanagh added goals before captain Karen Doutty finished off the scoring with her first for

the season to see the score balloon out to 8-0. To Kariong's credit they continued to push hard throughout the final minutes of the second half and could consider themselves unlucky to not have managed a goal or two from the match.

Southern & Ettalong United FC 1 vs 0 Umina United SC:

Goals: Tahlor Thackray (SEU).

James Browne Oval hosted Southern and Ettalong United and Umina United on Sunday afternoon, with both sides heading into the fixture with six points apiece on the competition table. It was the first local derby of the season for these two sides, with a mixture of nerves and excitement sure to be coursing through the veins of the players from both sides, with the opportunity to cement a position in the top two on hand for the victor. In what was a high-quality game of football both sides started well, trading chances throughout the opening 20 minutes. Umina appeared to be gaining the upper hand as the first half wore on, however some great work from the Southern and Ettalong defensive unit, as well as goal-keeper Bec Arnfield saw the Lions limit Umina's attacking threat, leading to the sides entering the sheds locked at 0-0.

Southern were to net the only goal of the game in the 60th minute as Lions top scorer Tahlor Thackray netted her 5th of the campaign, collecting a sublime through ball before beating one defender and placing the ball in the top left-hand corner of the net. The Lions managed to hold on for the derby win, one that ultimately sends them to the top of the Women's Premier League after Kanwal dropped points in their Round Four Fixture.

Southern and Ettalong coach Craig Thackray added: 'It was a very physical, fast paced game with a lot of excitement. Nerve racking but very entertaining'.

Umina's coach Steven Donaldson was disappointed that his side couldn't find the net in the match, commenting: 'To walk away with zero points, and more surprisingly no goals from that game is heart breaking. Just one of those days in front of goal. Absolute cracker of a goal from Southern though'.

Umina welcome Terrigal United to Umina Oval for their Round Five fixture, whilst Southern and Ettalong United face the long trip to Harry Moore oval to face Toukley.

Round Five Fixtures:

Sun 12/5 2:30pm	Toukley FC	Southern & Ettalong United FC	Harry Moore Oval
Sun 12/5 2:30pm	Umina United SC	Terrigal United FC	Umina Oval
Sun 12/5 2:30pm	Kincumber Roos FC	Kariong United FC	Frost Reserve
Sun 12/5 2:30pm	East Gosford FC	Woongarra FC	Hylton Moore Oval
Sun 12/5 2:30pm	Kanwal FC	Gosford City FC	Wadalba Sports Complex

WPL First Grade Ladder

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Southern	4	3	0	1	7	5	+2	9
2	Kanwal	4	2	2	0	11	4	+7	8
3	East Gosford	4	2	1	1	13	7	+6	7
4	Terrigal	4	2	1	1	14	9	+5	7
5	Umina	4	2	0	2	11	5	+6	6
6	Gosford City	4	2	0	2	14	9	+5	6
7	Toukley	4	0	4	0	5	5	0	4
8	Kincumber	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
9	Woongarra	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
10	Kariong	4	0	0	4	1	28	-27	0

WPL Top Goal Scorers:

Goals	Player
8	Kelly Hogan (EGO).
6	Brittini Nicol (GOS).
5	Michelle Brett (GOS), Kate Cheyne (TER), Tahlor Thackray (SEU).
4	Hayley Green (KAN), Kayla Vanderfield (TER).
3	Michelle Bertucci (KAN), Kate Styles (UMI), Hayley Fulwood (UMI).
2	Brooke Samuel (TOU), Abbie Dickson (UMI), Sabrina Zappavigna (UMI), Jessica Dominello (GOS), Sophie Piltz (KIN), Hayley Ballard (KAN).
1	Larissa Bundy (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), Nyah Small (WGA), Angela Cabarrus (WGA), Alana Currie (SEU), Emily Smith (KIN), Emma Hurley (WGA), Indiana Moyes (TER), Tiegan Kavanagh (TER), Karen Doutty (TER).