



Women's Premier League Round 10 Review

Summary:

Six goals to Kanwal's Hayley Green played an instrumental role in firing her side back to the summit of the Women's Premier League table, capitalising on Southern and Ettalong United's draw to Woongarra on Saturday night. Elsewhere, Terrigal continued to put pressure on the top four, Gosford City secured a big win over their rivals East Gosford, and Umina edged closer to the top two with a hard-fought win over Kincumber.

Round Ten Results:

Woongarra FC	0	0	Southern & Ettalong United FC
Toukley FC	2	3	Terrigal United FC
Gosford City FC	3	0	East Gosford FC
Kariong United FC	0	9	Kanwal FC
Kincumber Roos FC	1	2	Umina United SC

Woongarra FC 0 vs 0 Southern and Ettalong United FC:

Goals: nil

Saturday night football returned to Hamlyn Terrace over the weekend as Woongarra welcomed the table topping Southern and Ettalong United side on what was a cold Saturday night on the northern end of the Central Coast. After taking control of top spot last weekend, Southern were looking to strengthen their grip on the position, and they started the match in similar fashion. The Lion's put the Woongarra side under plenty of early pressure, with their snappy passing fashioning a number of chances throughout the first half, however the opening goal continued to elude them.

The second period saw Southern again dominate the ball as they continually looked the more likely to open the scoring, however significant credit must be paid to the Woongarra side who defended excellently throughout to thwart a number of goal scoring opportunities. Goalkeeper Rochelle Davis was particularly impressive as she often single-handedly kept her side in the match at stages throughout the second half. The 'Cats managed to hang on for what was a valuable point for the side, as they try to stay in touch with the sides above them. For Southern, they will view this match as a missed opportunity as they relinquished the lead back to rivals Kanwal ahead of next weekend's huge match between the two sides at Wadalba Sports Complex.

Although disappointed with the outcome, Southern coach Craig Thackray remained positive: 'I strongly believe we were deserved of the three points and were unfortunate to only come away with the draw, and although feelings were a bit low, have nothing but total praise for our squad as they are growing stronger together week by week'. Next week's clash between Kanwal and Southern at Wadalba should be a cracking match, whilst Woongarra travel to Duffy's oval to face the in-form Terrigal United.

Toukley FC 2 vs 3 Terrigal United FC:

Goals: Lily Williams x2 (TOU), Kate Cheyne x2 (TER), Grace O'Hara (TER).

Terrigal United headed north to Harry Moore Oval on Sunday afternoon as they looked to pick up another three points in the hope of breaking into a finals position. Toukley headed into the match unbeaten in three matches as they also looked to close the gap between themselves and the top four. Terrigal started the match on the front foot as their quick ball movement posed problems to the Toukley side and they found the opening goal of the match through top scorer Kate Cheyne early on, finishing powerfully for her eighth goal of the season. After conceding the early goal Toukley began to grow into the match, dominating much of the first half but struggling to find the back of the net, and they were ultimately made to pay as Chloe Smith tee'd up Grace O'Hara to double the lead for Terrigal against the run of play on the stroke of half time.

Toukley came out from the break seemingly unphased by the concession of the second goal as they dominated the ball in the early stages of the second half. This time, however, they found the breakthrough after Lily Williams scored after a free-kick was delivered to the back post, bringing the score back to 2-1. The Gunners put plenty of pressure on the Terrigal side as they went in search of an equalising goal and if it was not for Terrigal keeper Phoebe Rudd, they may well have found one, with the 'keeper forced into a number of smart saves. These saves proved crucial as Terrigal went down the other end and extended their lead to 3-1 after a Casey O'Hara cross found Kate Cheyne who scored with the aid of a deflection to all but seal the points for her side. To their credit, the Toukley side never dropped their heads as they continued to push for an avenue back into the match, with Lily Williams scoring what proved only a consolation goal in the 85th minute as Terrigal ran out 3-2 winners, remaining just one point outside the top four.

Terrigal return home this weekend for a match against Woongarra at Duffy's Oval whilst Toukley head to Frost Reserve for their round eleven clash with Kincumber.

Gosford City FC 3 vs 0 East Gosford FC:

Goals: Grace Bryant (GOS), Brittni Nicol (GOS), Jess Dominello (GOS).

Gosford City welcomed rivals the East Gosford Rams to Gavenlock Oval on Sunday afternoon as they looked to overturn their disappointing 4-3 defeat in the same fixture from the opening day of the season. The Dragons entered the match in 4th position, one-point shy of third placed Umina, whilst East Gosford had slipped to sixth in recent weeks, just two shy of the Dragons in fourth.

A big 10-0 victory over Kariong United last weekend looked to have given the Gosford City girls a boost as they started Sundays match at a high intensity, limiting East Gosford's potent attacking threat before finding the opening goal from Grace Bryant, courtesy of a clever backheel from top-scorer Brittni Nicol. After finding the opening goal the Dragons never looked back, with Nicol finding the net herself before Jessica Dominello rounded off the scoring to see Gosford City come away with a crucial victory.

The win sees the Dragons retain their place in the WPL's top four, but crucially, they've now cut the gap between themselves and first place to just five points with eight matches left to play. Manager Pete Edwards was wrapped with his side's performance, adding: 'We played some really great attacking football, with the girls starting to really click and work for each other'. Gosford City could take another big leap towards the top of the table next weekend when they head to third placed Umina, whilst East Gosford will look to bounce back when they host bottom placed Kariong United at Hylton Moore.

Kariong United FC 0 vs 9 Kanwal FC:

Goals: Hayley Green x6 (KAN), Hayley Ballard (KAN), Larissa Bundy (KAN), Molly Couch (KAN).

After giving up the lead in the Women's Premier League last weekend at Terrigal, Kanwal looked to bounce back as they travelled to Kariong Oval for their round Ten fixture with the Cougars. The Bulls won the reverse fixture 4-0 in the opening week and were looking to produce a similar performance, but Kariong started the weekends match brightly, making things difficult for the visitors. The first 25 minutes of this contest were extremely even, with the luckless Kariong side really pushing one of the benchmark sides in the competition, however, once Hayley Green grabbed the opener on 25 minutes Kanwal began to gain the upper hand. Green's opening goal was a wonderful effort, bending her shot past Kariong 'keeper Anne-Marie Horne from the edge of the penalty area to place her side in control of the match. Only minutes after her opening goal, Hayley Green added a second after being played through on goal by team-mate Larissa Bundy, before Bundy turned from provider to scorer to grab Kanwal's third of the match, all in quick succession. Hayley Ballard then chipped in with a goal of her own near half-time to see Kanwal race out to a 4-0 lead at the break.

Kanwal returned from half-time knowing that a few more goals would see them return to the summit of the WPL on goal difference, with rivals Southern playing out a 0-0 draw the night before. Picking up right where they left off, Molly Crouch scored an early second half

goal for the Bulls, before Hayley Green struck again, completing her hat-trick to see the score quickly swell to 6-0 in favour of the visitors. Kariong, to their credit, continued to battle and once again took the game to Kanwal for a 15-minute period, one in which they could be considered unlucky not to have been rewarded with a goal. Unfortunately for them a goal wasn't to come as the Bulls stepped up the intensity once again as they finished the game strongly. In a remarkable turn of events, top scorer Hayley Green would go on to add another three goals to her already impressive hat-trick to finish the match with six goals, knocking off East Gosford's Kelly Hogan who managed five earlier in the season, as well as taking a two goal lead in the WPL Golden Boot standings with just eight matches left to play.

The emphatic 9-0 scoreline was enough to see Kanwal return to the summit of the Women's Premier League, however manager Ben Raychaudhuri singled out the opposition for praise in what has proven a tough season so far: 'Despite the scoreline, full credit must go to Kariong. They are a young side with plenty of injuries that have been belted a few times now, but they never give up and are a credit to their coaches and club. Well done Kariong.' Kariong head to Hylton Moore on Sunday afternoon as they continue searching for their first points of the campaign, whilst Kanwal face a huge match at home to joint leaders Southern and Ettalong United, also on Sunday afternoon.

Kincumber Roos FC 1 vs 2 Umina United SC:

Goals: Megan Tully (KIN), Tarni Black (UMI), Kate Styles (UMI).

Third placed Umina travelled to Frost Reserve to face eighth placed Kincumber on Sunday afternoon knowing that a win would see them close the gap between themselves and the top two after Southern's scoreless draw the night before. The Eagles were victorious over East Gosford in the previous weeks fixture, whilst Kincumber suffered defeat to Southern and Ettalong United.

Kincumber started the match brighter than their eighth position on the table would entail as they matched Umina from the outset for the entirety of the first half. After a sluggish start to the match, Umina worked their way into the game with both sides producing a first half of high-quality football, without being able to find the net. Disappointed after failing to find the net in the first half, Umina emerged for the second half full of energy as they dominated the early stages, resulting in the opening goal to Tarni Black with a wonderful finish from distance. Umina then doubled their lead only minutes later after top-scorer Kate Styles curled in her seventh goal of the season from a free kick to give her side a 2-0 lead. Kincumber threw everything they had at Umina throughout the second half as they looked to rescue a result, and they found a goal in the 85th minute thanks to Megan Tully, however it was too little too late as the Roos slumped to their 6th defeat of the season.

The win keeps Umina well in the hunt for a top two spot come finals time, currently sitting just four points off the lead in third place. Meanwhile, time is running out for Kincumber who currently sit in eighth place, eight points outside the final's positions with as many games to play. The Eagles face a tough match with Gosford City this weekend, whilst Kincumber are at home again, welcoming Toukley to Frost Reserve.

Round Eleven Fixtures:

Sun 23/6 2:30pm	Kanwal FC	Southern & Ettalong United FC	Wadalba Sports Complex
Sun 23/6 2:30pm	Umina United SC	Gosford City FC	Umina Oval
Sun 23/6 2:30pm	Terrigal United FC	Woongarra FC	Duffy's Oval
Sun 23/6 3:00pm	East Gosford FC	Kariong United FC	Hylton Moore Oval
Sun 23/6 3:00pm	Kincumber Roos FC	Toukley FC	Frost Reserve

WPL First Grade Ladder



CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL
Womens Premier League

	Club	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	↑ Kanwal Rovers FC	10	7	2	1	+20	23
2	↓ Southern & Ett FC	10	7	2	1	+17	23
3	- Umina United SC	10	6	1	3	+13	19
4	- Gosford City FC	10	6	0	4	+17	18
5	- Terrigal United FC	10	5	2	3	+4	17
6	- East Gosford FC	10	4	1	5	-2	13
7	- Toukley FC	10	2	5	3	+3	11
8	- Kincumber Roos FC	10	3	1	6	-2	10
9	- Woongarra FC	10	2	2	6	-5	8
10	- Kariong United FC	10	0	0	10	-65	0



WPL Top Goal Scorers:

Goals	Player
14	Hayley Green (KAN).
12	Tahlor Thackray (SEU), Brittini Nicol (GOS).
9	Kelly Hogan (EGO), Kate Cheyne (TER), Hayley Ballard (KAN).
7	Michelle Brett (GOS), Kate Styles (UMI).
6	Kayla Vanderfield (TER), Jessica Dominello (GOS).
5	Brooke Samuel (TOU), Emma Hurley (WGA), Lily Williams (TOU).
4	Jordyn Toms-Wedge (KIN), Hayley Fulwood (UMI), Sophie Piltz (KIN), Emily Smith (KIN), Kim Meyer (EGO), Amber Mangan (UMI).
3	Michelle Bertucci (KAN), Abbie Dickson (UMI), Elaine Delaney (SEU), Sophie Holliday (EGO), Ella Girling (EGO), Indiana Moyes (TER), Gemma Clegg (TOU), Emma Woodger (SEU), Jennifer Reeves (KAN), Grace Bryant (GOS).
2	Sabrina Zappavigna (UMI), Erica Laverty (TOU), Tatum Ansiewicz (SEU), Emily Trengrove (KAR), Charlotte Steed (SEU), Tiegan Kavanagh (TER), Chloe Smith (TER), Courtney Garland (GOS), Abbey Muspratt (GOS), Larissa Bundy (KAN), Megan Tully (KIN).
1	Clare Ashby (KAR), Sheri Moody (EGO), Michelle Perks (EGO), Hannah Vincent (TOU), Elly Bibby (TER), Emma Power (TER), Danielle Harris (UMI), Nyah Small (WGA), Angela Cabarrus (WGA), Alana Currie (SEU), Karen Doutty (TER), Jennifer Tatum (KAN), Marley Harrison (TOU), Sally Oman (UMI), Casey O'Hara (TER), Shannon Arnfield (SEU), Danielle Helou (WGA), Georgi Rudd (GOS), Erin Blanchfield (TOU), Natalie Waddell (SEU), Jasmin Wing (KAN), Amy Sutas (KAR), Tarra Southern (WGA), Aimee Cogger (TOU), Julia Hogan (GOS), Alison Howell (UMI), Grace O'Hara (TER), Molly Couch (KAN), Tarni Black (UMI).