



Women's Premier League Round 11 Review

Summary:

Round Eleven of the Women's Premier League saw just three of the weekends five matches finalised as torrential rain played havoc across the Central Coast on Sunday afternoon. Nevertheless, there was still plenty of top draw football on display. First placed Kanwal and second placed Southern and Ettalong United played out a pulsating draw, whilst a hat-trick to Kate Styles saw third placed Umina secure a big win over fourth placed Gosford City. In the third match of the weekend, a four-goal haul from East Gosford's Kelly Hogan helped the Rams to their fifth win of the season, albeit controversially.

Round Eleven Results:

Kanwal FC	2	2	Southern & Ettalong United FC
Umina United SC	5	3	Gosford City FC
East Gosford FC	4	0	Kariong United FC
Terrigal United FC	Match Abandoned		Woongarra FC
Kincumber Roos FC	Match Abandoned		Toukley FC

Kanwal FC 2 vs 2 Southern and Ettalong United FC:

Goals: Hayley Green (KAN), Hayley Ballard (KAN), Alana Currie x2 (SEU).

First played second in the Women's Premier League on Sunday afternoon with Kanwal welcoming Southern and Ettalong United to Wadalba Sports Complex. After suffering their first defeat of the season two weeks ago to Terrigal United, Kanwal were looking to return to the form that has seen them occupy top spot on the WPL ladder for a majority of the season, whilst Southern knew a win could see them re-take the competitions outright lead. Sunday afternoons torrential downpour set the scene for what was a chaotic opening to the match, with both sides struggling to keep control of the ball on a waterlogged pitch, leading to a number of chances for both sides to open the scoring within the early stages of the match.

Kanwal were to strike the first blow, however, with top scorer Hayley Green continuing her impressive run of form to net her 15th of the season as she latched onto a loose ball in the penalty area to give her side the lead after just 15 minutes. Southern, not to be outdone, equalised shortly after through Alana Currie, with her shot catching out Bulls keeper Kim Burke at the near post to restore parity.

With the game poised delicately at 1-1, the sides returned from the sheds for the second half as the cold and wet weather set in. The start of the second period was much the same as was observed in the first, with both sides competing well but struggling to produce the quality needed to find the net in the atrocious conditions. However after conceding first, Southern managed to take the lead for the first time in the match as Alana Currie scored from close range for her second of the afternoon (third of the season) after 60 minutes. Both sides continued to trade significant chances as the second half wore on, but Kanwal were the side to capitalise, with Hayley Ballard heading in from a free-kick with just 10 minutes to play. Unfortunately for Southern, they not only gave up a goal but also gave up a player with Elaine Delaney receiving her second yellow card for her involvement in the foul that lead to Kanwal's equaliser.

The match was to finish 2-2, a fair result on the balance and one that doesn't harm either side as they continue their share of the competition lead for another week at least. Next up for Kanwal is the short trip to Harry Moore Oval to face Toukley, whilst Southern return home to face East Gosford at James Browne Oval.

Umina United SC 5 vs 3 Gosford City FC:

Goals: Kate Styles x3 (UMI), Amber Mangan x2 (UMI), Brittini Nicol (GOS), Grace Bryant (GOS), Abbey Muspratt (GOS).

In what was a big weekend for the Women's Premier League competition, third and fourth place also faced off at Umina Oval with Umina United welcoming Gosford City. The last time these two sides met produced a six-goal thriller in round two, with Gosford City securing the three competition points with a 4-2 win. Unbeaten in three, Umina have slowly closed the gap between themselves and the top two, sitting just four points behind the leaders heading into the weekend. Sundays match was to take a similar path to the initial clash between the two sides, with Umina finding the lead on three separate occasions only to be pegged back by a confident Gosford City side. Ultimately, Umina found two late goals to ensure that they emerged victorious from the match, running out 5-3 winners and closing the gap to the top two sides to just two points in the process.

Top scorer Kate Styles found the net three times, completing her hat-trick and taking her to ten for the season, whilst Amber Mangan also chipped in with two goals as Umina managed at least five goals in a match for the second time this campaign. For Gosford City, Brittini Nicol kept up her goal scoring form as she moved into equal second position after managing her 13th of the season, with both Grace Bryant and Abbey Muspratt also finding the net for the Dragons.

Umina coach Steve Donaldson added: 'An important win in an important game. Credit to Gosford who were able to bring the game back on level terms three times. The game was end-to-end which favoured Kate Styles who was unplayable over the whole 90 minutes'. Gosford City coach Pete Edwards added: 'Really good standard of football played from the two teams in pretty awful weather and conditions'. Umina head to last placed Kariong United next weekend whilst Gosford City face another tough test, welcoming fifth placed Terrigal United to Gavenlock Oval.

East Gosford FC 4 vs 0 Kariong United FC:

Goals: Kelly Hogan x4 (EGO).

Hylton Moore hosted East Gosford and Kariong United on Sunday afternoon with the sixth placed Rams looking to snap out of a bad run of form that had seen them lose back to back matches heading into the weekend. Kariong on the other hand were still in search of their first points of the season after suffering a heavy 9-0 defeat to competition leaders Kanwal last weekend. The Rams started this match with intent, creating a number of scoring opportunities throughout the first half, with striker Kelly Hogan taking full advantage as she bagged four first half goals to take her season total to 13, two shy of Kanwal's Hayley Green on 15. Four goals in one half of football is an impressive feat, especially given the state of the pitch due to the horrendous weather that rolled across the Central Coast on Sunday afternoon, with the goals sending the Rams to the half-time break in the ascendancy, leading 4-0.

Ultimately, there was to be no more action in this fixture with the Kariong side not returning to the field in the second period. This resulted in the referee signalling the completion of the match due to forfeit, with East Gosford picking up the three points thanks to Hogan's four first half goals. Rams coach Ken Donnelly added: 'We turned our focus onto creating chances in the attacking third after failing to fire in the previous two weeks. We also brought in a few positional changes and it really paid off for us. Kariong unfortunately didn't field a team in the second half but we will take the positives of a solid three points'.

The Rams travel south to face competition leaders Southern and Ettalong United at James Browne Oval, whilst Kariong return home to face an in-form Umina United side who look intent on securing a top-two finish this season.

The fixtures between **Terrigal United FC / Woongarra FC** and **Kincumber Roos FC / Toukley FC** were abandoned during play due to the inclement weather conditions. These matches will be re-played at a future date, of which will be communicated to clubs over the coming days.

Round Twelve Fixtures:

Sun 30/6 2:30pm	Toukley FC	Kanwal FC	Harry Moore Oval
Sun 30/6 2:30pm	Woongarra FC	Kincumber Roos FC	Hamlyn Terrace
Sun 30/6 2:30pm	Gosford City FC	Terrigal United FC	Gavenlock Oval
Sun 30/6 3:00pm	Southern & Ettalong United FC	East Gosford FC	James Browne Oval
Sun 30/6 3:00pm	Kariong United FC	Umina United SC	Kariong Oval

WPL First Grade Ladder



CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL

Womens Premier League

Club	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 - Kanwal Rovers FC	11	7	3	1	+20	24
2 - Southern & Ett FC	11	7	3	1	+17	24
3 - Umina United SC	11	7	1	3	+15	22
4 - Gosford City FC	11	6	0	5	+15	18
5 - Terrigal United FC	10	5	2	3	+4	17
6 - East Gosford FC	11	5	1	5	+2	16
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	11	0	0	11	-69	0



WPL Top Goal Scorers:

Goals	Player
15	Hayley Green (KAN).
13	Brittini Nicol (GOS), Kelly Hogan (EGO).
12	Tahlor Thackray (SEU).
10	Hayley Ballard (KAN), Kate Styles (UMI).
9	Kate Cheyne (TER).
7	Michelle Brett (GOS).
6	Kayla Vanderfield (TER), Jessica Dominello (GOS), Amber Mangan (UMI).
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), Grace Bryant (GOS).