



Unity Bank Women's League: Round 14 Review

Summary:

Round fourteen of the Unity Bank Women's League saw Gosford City spring one of the biggest upsets of the season, defeating competition leaders Kanwal 5-0 thanks, in part, to a hat-trick from Julia Hogan. The loss saw Kanwal relinquish the competition lead as Southern and Ettalong United picked up three points in their match to take top spot. Elsewhere, a second hat-trick of the season to Jordyn Toms-Wedge helped Kincumber to a big win over Kariong United, East Gosford kept their slim finals hopes alive with a win over Woongarra, whilst Terrigal United's finals hopes took a blow after a loss to Umina United.

Round 14 Results:

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

Gosford City FC 5 vs 0 Kanwal FC:

Goals: Julia Hogan x3 (GOS), Jessica Dominello (GOS), Brittini Nicol (GOS).

In the only top-four clash in the Unity Bank Women's League round 14 fixture list, Gosford City faced the table topping Kanwal Warnervale Bulls at Gavenlock Oval. After Kanwal secured an entertaining 3-2 win the last time the sides met, Gosford were looking to turn the tables on them as they continued to fight hard to hold onto a finals position with Terrigal United hot on their heels.

In a blistering opening 20-minute period, Gosford City put three goals past the competition leaders as they flew out of the blocks, wrapping up the match well before half-time. The dragons went on to score another two goals within the remaining 70 minutes to record an astounding 5-0 victory in a performance that will have put the rest of the league on notice. A hat-trick to Julia Hogan was compounded by goals to Jessica Dominello and Brittini Nicol, with the latter taking the outright lead on the Unity Bank Women's League scoring charts with her 16th of the campaign.

Despite the loss, Kanwal manager Ben Raychaudhuri remained positive, adding: 'From a Kanwal point of view, this is a game we just have to forget. We have had a fantastic season so far, this is just one little stain on that season. I look forward to seeing how we bounce back next week'. They'll have the opportunity to do so when they travel to Hylton Moore Oval to face the East Gosford Rams on Sunday afternoon, whilst Gosford City travel to Harry

Moore Oval where they'll look to back up this performance with another victory against Toukley, also on Sunday afternoon.

Woongarrah FC 1 vs 2 East Gosford FC:

Goals: Emma Hurley (WGA), Kim Meyer (EGO), Kelly Hogan (EGO).

Desperate to keep their finals hopes alive, the East Gosford Rams travelled to Hamlyn Terrace to face Woongarrah on Sunday afternoon knowing they needed a win to keep in touching distance of the top four. In considerably windy conditions the Rams made a great start to the match, shifting the ball from the kick-off down the left-hand side of the field before Naomi Abbott picked out Kim Meyer with a great cross, of which Meyer tucked away confidently to give her side an early lead.

Despite the early goal East Gosford continued to create scoring opportunities, with Meyer again going closest after she struck the cross bar following a cross-come-shot that was ultimately cleared by the Woongarrah defenders. The Wildcats posed a continuous threat with their pace up-front, particularly that of top-scorer Emma Hurley, but it was the Rams who were to again go closest to the matches second goal, with Kelly Hogan letting fly with a strike that rattled the woodwork on the cusp of half-time.

Intent on avoiding a repeat of the early stages of the first half, the Wildcats emerged as the more likely team to find a goal in the opening exchanges of the second half, with a number of efforts drawing saves from East Gosford 'keeper Ashleigh Meyer. Unable to find an equalising goal, the Wildcats were made to pay as Rams top-scorer Kelly Hogan doubled her sides lead after 70 minutes, beating two defenders and firing past Rochelle Davis in the Woongarrah goal. The Wildcats were to find a late goal to give them some hope of rescuing a point from the fixture after Emma Hurley scored with a phenomenal strike from outside of the penalty area, however East Gosford held on to record a second 2-1 victory over their opponents this season.

Rams coach Matt Tranmer was delighted after his side kept their finals hopes alive, adding: 'We needed the win today to keep our top four hopes alive. We had a game-plan and a change of formation and the girls executed it amazingly well. We created lots of chances with a dominant passing game and a determination to win the ball and move quickly. Very proud of our squad today, a hard place to come to Woongarrah and take points away so very happy'. The Rams host Kanwal next weekend in what shapes as a tough game, whilst Woongarrah host third placed Umina at Hamlyn Terrace.

Kariong United FC 0 vs 5 Kincumber Roos FC:

Goals: Jordyn Toms-Wedge x3 (KIN), Emily Smith (KIN), Lauren Tindale (KIN).

Tenth placed Kariong United hosted ninth placed Kincumber as they looked to pick up their first point of the season whilst the visitors looked to snap a run of six successive losses. After emerging from their last meeting with a 3-1 win, Kincumber went in search of a similar result, finding plenty of success on Sunday afternoon.

Jordyn Toms-Wedge scored her second hat-trick of the season, following on from her earlier feat against East Gosford in round seven. Both Emily Smith and Lauren Tindale added goals to see the 'Roos run out 5-0 winners on the day, with Smith's goal her sixth of the season, behind only Toms-Wedge with seven in the Kincumber side.

Kincumber will look to back up Sundays goal-scoring form when they host Terrigal United at Frost Reserve this weekend. Kariong, meanwhile, face another tough task as they tackle competition leaders Southern and Ettalong United at Kariong Oval.

Terrigal United FC 0 vs 2 Umina United SC:

Goals: Hayley Fulwood (UMI), Amanda Dingle (UMI).

Though a designated home game for Terrigal United, they travelled to Umina Oval for their round 14 fixture with Umina United looking for a win that would keep them well and truly in the race for a finals position as the end of the season nears. Just one point adrift of fourth place coming into the match, Terrigal began well as they looked for an early goal within the opening 10 minutes of the match, putting the Umina side under significant pressure. The third placed Eagles, however, dealt with the pressure well, ensuring they remained defensively disciplined.

After overcoming the early pressure, the hosts began to grow into the game. After an extremely productive season to date, striker Kate Styles found herself heavily marked throughout, forcing her to drift into wider areas to pick up the ball. This movement opened up plenty of space in the middle of the pitch, space that Umina utilised well to take the lead through Hayley Fulwood. Minutes later the hosts doubled their lead as Amanda Dingle scored from a corner to all but wrap up the points for Umina.

Despite being two goals down, Terrigal continued to apply themselves and could count themselves unlucky not to find a goal or two late on in the contest. The 2-0 win ensures Umina remain in third position on the Unity Bank WL table, whilst the loss sees Terrigal drop four points behind Gosford City in fourth with four matches left to play. Terrigal face Kincumber this weekend at Frost Reserve whilst Umina make the long trip north to face Woongarra at Hamlyn Terrace.

Southern & Ettalong United FC 2 vs 0 Toukley FC:

Goals: Tahlor Thackray (SEU), Elaine Delaney (SEU).

Unbeaten in their last eleven matches, Southern and Ettalong United looked to continue their quest for the outright lead on the Unity Bank Women's League table when they hosted Toukley at James Browne Oval. The visitors entered the match on the back of a 1-0 midweek win over Kincumber but found themselves under the pump early on in this fixture as Southern created a number of goal-scoring opportunities, however at times lacked the finesse to finish these chances off.

Buoyed by their mid-week win, Toukley began to grow into the game as they tried to match it with the joint competition leaders, however the concession of a penalty after a handball

in the penalty area in the 34th minute provided a substantial blow, with Tahlor Thackray converting from the spot to give Southern the lead.

Southern came out for the second period intent on adding to their 1-0 lead, dominating possession and manufacturing a number of goal scoring opportunities, however similarly to the first period, they were struggling to find the back of the net. That changed in the 72nd minute when a throw-in deep in Toukley's half saw a ball squared to Elaine Delaney around the penalty spot who finished powerfully into the roof of the net to seal the win for the Lions, a win that saw them take control of the Unity Bank WL table after Kanwal's shock loss.

Southern and Ettalong United travel to Kariong next weekend to take on the last placed Cougars, whilst Toukley host in-form Gosford City at Harry Moore Oval.

Round Fifteen Fixtures:

Sun 28/7 2:30pm	Kariong United FC	Southern and Ettalong United FC	Kariong Oval
Sun 28/7 2:30pm	Toukley FC	Gosford City FC	Harry Moore Oval
Sun 28/7 2:30pm	Woongarra FC	Umina United SC	Hamlyn Terrace
Sun 28/7 3:00pm	Kincumber Roos FC	Terrigal United FC	Frost Reserve
Sun 28/7 3:00pm	East Gosford FC	Kanwal FC	Hylton Moore Oval

Unity Bank Women's League First Grade Ladder:



CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL

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	Club	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	↑ Southern & Ett FC	14	10	3	1	+25	33
2	↓ Kanwal Rovers FC	14	9	3	2	+19	30
3	- Umina United SC	14	9	1	4	+19	28
4	- Gosford City FC	14	9	0	5	+22	27
5	- Terrigal United FC	14	7	2	5	+8	23
6	- East Gosford FC	14	6	2	6	0	20
7	- Toukley FC	14	3	6	5	0	15
8	↑ Kincumber Roos FC	14	4	1	9	-1	13
9	↓ Woongarah FC	14	3	2	9	-7	11
10	- Kariong United FC	14	0	0	14	-85	0




Golden Boot Standings:

Goals	Player
16	Brittni Nicol (GOS).
15	Hayley Green (KAN).
14	Kelly Hogan (EGO), Tahlor Thackray (SEU).
12	Kate Styles (UMI).
11	Hayley Ballard (KAN).
10	Kate Cheyne (TER).
9	Amber Mangan (UMI), Emma Hurley (WGA).
8	Jessica Dominello (GOS).
7	Michelle Brett (GOS), Jordyn Toms-Wedge (KIN).
6	Kayla Vanderfield (TER), Emily Smith (KIN).
5	Brooke Samuel (TOU), Lily Williams (TOU), Kim Meyer (EGO), Hayley Fulwood (UMI).