



2020 WPL FIRST GRADE MATCH PREVIEWS

ROUND 3

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East Gosford Rams v Southern & Ettalong United

This weekend, the Rams will travel to Hylton Moore Oval to take on Southern & Ettalong United in what will be an important game for both sides, as each are looking for a win in order to claim a spot in the top four early on in the competition. East Gosford showed significant improvement in their last match against Kariong United after 4 goals deemed them victorious over the Cougars. They've made significant leg way in just one week and will present as tough competition against Southern, who similarly put up a good fight against the staunch Kanwal Rovers last weekend, only to miss out on a few opportunities to close the goal margin between their opponents.

Killarney District v Woongarra Wildcats

Killarney will be coming into round two after a draw against Toukley and will face the Wildcats who are hoping to build on their performance after back-to-back losses have seen them to the lower ends of the ladder. Both teams have to develop their game strategy and this week's fixture will offer a good opportunity for Killarney and Woongarra to prove themselves as worthy competitors in the 2020 league. Killarney have developed their endurance as have Woongarra which was shown in their ability to direct a goal against the fierce Terrigal squad last weekend. This game will likely be close and could easily tip either way.

Kanwal Warnervale Rovers v Toukley Gorokan FC

Kanwal are proving to be final series contenders, especially after an impressive victory over Southern who were, nevertheless, a skilful opposition. Kanwal have a knack for hard-hitting kicks and smooth passages that enable them to net serial goals, match after match. Toukley have a tough competition ahead of them this weekend, however, this could be a good opportunity for them to hone their style of play, tighten their defence and present as capable challengers.

Umina United v Kariong United

Umina in fourth place will take on Kariong in last place at their home ground this weekend in what will be a pivotal game for each team. Kariong will be looking to develop their technique and goal execution to bring them up the ladder, while Umina will be aiming to defend their fourth place standing that many other teams are seeking to rob from them as the shortened season leaves little time to waste.

Terrigal United v Gosford City FC

This will likely be a highly thrilling game with each team sitting very closely together at the top end of the ladder and undoubtedly vying for the number one spot in the league. Gosford have proven their stamina and finely-honed command of the game with premier titles to show, while Terrigal have demonstrated that they are fast starters and collectively display good initiative with the ball. Both of these teams mean business and will expectedly put on a good show at Terrigal's own Duffy's Oval.

This weekend's fixtures are as follows:

Sunday 19/07

East Gosford Rams v Southern & Ettalong United – 2.30pm at Hylton Moore Oval

Killarney District v Woongarra Wildcats – 2.30pm at Edsaac North Field

Kanwal Warnervale Rovers v Toukley Gorokan FC – 2.30pm at Wadalba Sports Centre

Umina United v Kariong United – 2.30pm at Umina Oval

Terrigal United v Gosford City FC – 2.45pm at Duffy's Oval