



2020 CENTRAL COAST UNITY BANK WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ROUND 1 – 5th JULY

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

Kanwal Warnervale Rovers FC	4	Kariong United FC	1
Southern & Ettalong United FC	2	Woongarra Wildcats FC	1
Umina United SC	4	Killarney District SC	0
East Gosford FC	0	Gosford City FC	5
Terrigal United FC	5	Toukley Gorokan FC	0

SUMMARY

After a long and unintentional halt, the Central Coast Unity Bank Women's League was back in full swing on Sunday afternoon with an impressive display of talent coupled with incredible goal execution, communicating just how exciting the Round 1 weekend was for Women's Football on The Coast.

Coming off a highly successful 2019 campaign, Gosford City FC are the league favourites and their 5-nil win over the strong side, East Gosford demonstrates their ability as a competitive team. Southern & Ettalong United FC are also a team to watch out for in the 2020 Competition as clear dominance over matches in the previous season helped them secure a spot in the 2019 Grand Final.

The 2019 Season saw the relegation of Kincumber Roos, replaced by an energetic team in Killarney District SC. The newest additions to the 2019 Women's League have some tough competition and the intensity will only increase as the season wears on.

Kanwal Warnervale Rovers FC v Kariong United FC: 4-1

Kanwal were the obvious dominators of the match with their controlled exchanges. Kariong started well and were rewarded for their efforts after an impressive goal from the edge of the box, into the top corner to put the team ahead of the home side. The goal fuelled Kanwal to apply even more pressure, allowing them to equalise when Hayley Green rapidly took to an opening, tapping in a goal off the back of a brilliant save from the Kariong goalkeeper. Kanwal adds to their streak with a beautiful ball that spikes just over the top of the Kariong keeper and then another goal from Green that perfectly mirrors her first one earlier on in the game, immediately after an incredible one-on-one save from Kariong's goalkeeper.

The second half barely started before Kanwal's Jennifer Reeves netted another goal for Kanwal after a series of impressive passes and displays of good teamwork. Kariong were awarded a penalty towards the end of the game that was saved by Kanwal's keeper off the boot of Kariong's Haylie Eyres.

Southern & Ettalong United FC v Woongarra Wildcats FC: 2-1

Southern did well to claim victory on their home turf over the mighty side, Woongarra, in the first round, winning a corner just shy of half time. Both teams were initially slow to the start, but were then able to create some opportunities as the game unfolded, each scoring goals against each other as Woongarra caught Southern with a counter attack, sending their striker forward to produce an equalising goal. Southern continued to focus on pressing forward while Woongarra's keeper continually responded with quality saves. The home team came out on top in the last 5 minutes of the match when Steed scored to tip the game in Southern's favour. Southern displayed an intensity in the final quarter of the game, especially when it came to defence which enabled them to clear out any shots that came their way and skilfully defend their goal.

Umina United SC v Killarney District SC: 4-0

Killarney District erred on the defensive while Umina were dominating in the first half, despite their endeavours remaining unrealised. Both teams presented as forces to be reckoned with coming back from the second half with Killarney turning up the pressure and sneaking in to claim the first touch on a number of occasions. However, after 5 minutes into the second half, Umina found comfort in their first goal against the energetic side, which increased confidence and paved the way for more goal-scoring. They followed through with another 3 goals that seamlessly found the net throughout the second half and as the poise of Killarney District waned, they conceded more goals.

East Gosford FC v Gosford City FC: 0-5

The reigning champions, Gosford City had a tight grip on the entire game and managed to catch opponents, East Gosford, off-guard on multiple occasions. Gosford City demanded possession of the game which, in turn, enabled them to pocket some incredible goals against their opponents. East Gosford's high energy was met with a stunning calm and composure from Gosford City allowing them to move along swiftly with the ball and deliver fluid, clean passes which inevitably lead to an impressive series of goals that were either scored or helped by the skill of Jessica Dominelo.

Terrigal United FC v Toukley Gorokan FC: 5-0

Terrigal have shown that they mean business coming into the 2020 Season from their remarkable performance over the weekend. Despite a knockout final result, Toukley also presented a very skilled squad against their notoriously tough opponents, helping to produce a very competitive and amusing game from both fronts. The game was particularly smooth and fast-paced with even play and possession fleshing out both halves. The two, talented teams made exceptional goalscoring endeavours, though Terrigal's execution displayed greater accuracy, qualifying them to cleverly bypass Toukley's defence to meet the net on five occasions while remaining stoutly protective of their own goals.