



## Sydney United 2:3 Olympic

Sydney Olympic has climbed to the top of the NSW Premier League ladder after a hard fought 3-2 victory against Sydney United at Edensor Park on Sunday.

In a brutal blow to the home side's chances, Emmanuel Giannaros left his mark on the game with a stunning goal, less than 4' minutes into the contest.

Giannaros was given too much space and time down the right flank and made United pay with a powerful 30-metre drive that gave an outstretched Vedran Janjetovic no chance of stopping it.

Just as it appeared the match was beginning to settle after a frenetic opening 10' minutes, United were welcomed back into the game with a penalty.

A well-timed Petar Markovic through ball put Glavas through on goal, but an untoward tackle from behind by Richard Luskic forced the referee to point to the spot.

In the 35th minute a pin point pass by Triantis brought Janjetovic off his line, but Mileski had enough pace to get a foot to it and poke it into the back of the net to give the visitors a 2-1 lead heading into the break.



Early in the second-half it was all United, and the home side capitalised on their dominance through Luka Glavas in the 54' minute.

Glavas latched on to a lovely ball over the top of the Olympic defence from Mitchell Thompson, making no mistake with his left foot shot across the front of Henderson and into the bottom right hand corner.

United should have made it 3-2 moments later when Glavas put a ball across Henderson towards an unmarked Barkhousir in the six-yard box. But the Reds' no.9 failed to make solid contact and missed the target from close-range, squandering a golden opportunity to take the lead.

Just as it looked like the round eight epic would be heading for a draw, there was another twist in the tale when Mileski



was brought down in the box by Shane Lyons.

An injured Phil Makrys stepped up and made no mistake, sending Janjetovic the wrong way to bring up a 3-2 advantage in the 82' minute.

Sydney United coach Jean-Paul De Marigny, who admitted he was pleased with the effort from his side for the majority of the match, said fundamental errors hurt his side's hopes of victory:

"There were a couple of crucial errors there that cost us a little bit," he said.

"We fought back well and we had a great chance to really kick-off the game but we didn't take it.

#### Match Stats

Sydney United 2 (Luka Glavas 13', 54')

Sydney Olympic 3 (Emmanuel Giannaros 4', Robert Mileski 35', Phil Makrys 82')

Sunday May 15th, 2011

Sydney United Sports Centre, Edensor Park

Referee: Kris Griffiths-Jones

Assistant Referees: Steven Nguyen and Christian Mehl

Fourth Official: Jamie Gavin

Crowd: 800 Approx.

Sydney United: 1.Vedran Janjetovic; 19.Mitchell Thompson (15.Ufuk Talay 71'), 5.Damon Collina (6.Milan Bosnar 80'), 21.Mark Rudan, 4.Michael Cindric, 23.Ivo Bosnar, 10.Steve Hayes (8.Shane Lyons, 45'), 29.Ante Tomic, 14.Petar Markovic, 9.Elsid Barkhousir, 11.Luka Glavas

Substitutes Not Used: 18.Daniel Rezo, 20.Keresimir Valdum

Yellow Cards: Ivo Bosnar 40', Vedran Janjetovic 72', Shane Lyons 77'

Red Cards: Nil

Sydney Olympic: 1.Paul Henderson; 2.Emmanuel Giannaros, 6.Alex Smith, 5.Richard Luksic, 8.Chris Triantis, 7.Phil Makrys, 11.Robert Mileski (23.Takayumi Omi 88'), 19.David Gullo (14.William Angel 65'), 18.Jerry Kalouris, 16.Peter Triantis, 3.Brett Studman

Substitutes Not Used: 12.Bill Tsanidis, 21.Nenad Vekic, 9.Hussein Akil,

Yellow Cards: Richard Luksic 12', Phil Makrys 23', Jerry Kalouris 49'

-By Michael Chammas

