



V-LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 10 REVIEW

Wednesday the 25th of November
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Round Ten– Missing Men

Doncaster FC 3 vs.3 North Melbourne FC 6:30pm

The night began with the 6:30 game of the year, juggernaut North Melbourne FC missing talisman Fernando De Moraes against battling cellar dwellers Doncaster FC. Only two weeks prior North Melbourne arrived half an hour early, warming up with purpose, discussing tactics & the like before going out and destroying Melbourne University. This week was quite the opposite, with players taking to the court 2 minutes before kick off, with Barrientos running late.

Doncaster took the lead after peppering the North Melbourne goal with several opportunities. They were fired up for this clash in their fire orange LEGEA kits. Jim Drossos was solid in the middle of the court & Con Makris was outstanding in goal. Doncaster did well to keep North at bay and took their opportunities at vital stages. Kui & Colby struggled for North, Milton Sakkos (NMFC) was frustrated for long spells and it worked against his side. Doncaster get off the bottom with a point, North Melbourne are going to miss Futsal superstar De Moraes dearly.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Nectar Karalis

Goal Scorers:

Doncaster FC: Bill Ginikos 2, Zaya Younan 1

North Melbourne FC: Johnathan Barrientos 2, Colby Waterfield 1

FC Essendon 5 vs.3 FC Prahran 7:15pm

The Souvlaki Hut FOz Cup replay saw Champions Essendon take on an indifferent Prahran missing goal poacher Haider Noor. Haider had been instrumental in Prahran's high tempo attacking Futsal. Alexander Stevanovic (FCE) had his troops raring to go, this was a must win in their quest to survive relegation playoffs. The ancient 3-1 system that served them so well last season has hampered them this season, and Alexander reverted to a more disciplined 2-2 system with tall timbers Igor & Ivan providing support from the back.

It worked a treat and Essendon ran away to a 4-0 lead. Prahran tried to work their way back into the game, talisman Maxim Avram was adventurous, pulling the trigger on several occasions, firing wide or being stopped by Essendon's goliath in goal Subic. Lubomir Erakovic (FCE) played another fantastic game, contributing two goals and always providing a passing option. Essendon looked the hungrier of the sides and held on to win, ensuring their was no comeback for Prahran this time.

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

FC Essendon: Lubomir Erakovic 2, Alexander Stevanovic 2, Vljako Bosniac 1

FC Prahran: Clint Mogai 1, Sanjin Lazetic 1, Maxim Avram 1

Albert Park FC 5 vs.7 Metropolitan 8:00pm

After last weeks incidents Albert Park took to the field hoping to right the wrongs of last week, minus suspended Ned Torbica & Dino Redzepovic. Ignjat Filipovic (APFC) had just come back after a week on the sidelines, Ahmed Azzam (APFC) was running late and it was a torrid time to be playing a resurgent Metropolitan side, which are gelling nicely, playing beautiful Futsal & starting to get results they deserve. Metropolitan can thank consistency on the court for some terrific team goals. They've only had to make a few goal keeper adjustments this season and have had the same seven training & playing four times a week!

The game had a tennis-like feel to it with heads turning left-to-right until Ignat Filipovic (APFC) opened the scoring after good pressure won the ball. Moussi Elor equalized after some good work from a corner minutes later and it was game on! Elor had hit a rich vein of goal scoring form of late, and he scored again after Victor Mesquita (MFC) pinched the ball of Ignat. Alia (APFC) equalized from a clever side ball and the tit for tat continued. Barbosa (MFC) hit a freekick low and hard to the back post and Polatti finished coolly before returning the favour and setting up Barbosa (MFC). Metro ran out deserved winners, and it's a case of back to the drawing board for Albert Park.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

Albert Park FC: Alija Redzepovic 3, Ignjat Filipovic 1, Zoran Matic 1

Metropolitan FC: Moussi Elor 2, Marcus Barbosa 2, Brenno Polatti 1, Victor Mesquita 1

FC Carlton 5 vs. 4 Fitzroy FC 8:45pm

The night's real blockbuster came at 8:45pm with steamrollers Fitzroy up against a stubborn FC Carlton who had survived their roughest V-League spell sitting healthily in 4th position. FC Carlton had Savva Pattikis back from suspension & he was instrumental in the opening goal battling for possession before Hamid Hassanikhoo dribbled the length of the court slotting past a helpless Flo Deffner. The presence of pivotal central defender Manny Karas missing was again felt by all.

FC Carlton looked lively, bubbly and really up for this one. They were texting, facebook messaging and calling every fan they knew to get down for this one and they had a large healthy supporter group pushing them through. It was evident they had the desire & passion to beat a Fitzroy side who have lost the 'invincible' aura they had earlier in the season with Talisman James Blackburn's goal scoring form drying up. FC Carlton steam rolled Fitzroy early and this will need to be prevented in future games, FC Carlton were frighteningly still without two super duper brothers Rob & Hooman Shekari. If Albert Park is the dark horse of the competition, FC Carlton is the most underrated side in the competition, and they shouldn't be after finishing second last year.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Nectar Karalis

Goal Scorers:

FC Carlton: Shayan Alinejad 3, Hamid Hassanikhoo 1, Mohammed Alghorabi 1

Fitzroy FC: James Blackburn 2, Dimitri Vihoulkas 1, Leonardo Correa 1

Ashburton 7 vs.2 Melbourne University 9:30pm

Paul Vidic's green army Ashburton took on the struggling Melbourne University side that can't buy a point at the minute. Ashburton luckily took the lead through Anthony Ramzy, after a deflection of Jamie Truong sat the ball up nicely, but Melbourne University hit back with sensational Duke Duva sliding and toe poking a rifle into the pigeon hole. Irzad (AFC) gift wrapped the weak pass straight into the path of the Melbourne Uni lynchpin that had no hesitation putting the shot away.

Both sides were surprised to go in at 1-1, Melbourne Uni counting there lucky stars, Ashburton a side of fallen stars. Ashburton went for the jugular from a corner, Duke countered, spotted Wardan off his line, shot directly at the keeper who saved awkwardly unable to handle the ball outside the 'D'. Duke

scored his second from the resulting corner, Dixon & Hussein blocking the middle as instructed, but Ramzy was slow to mark the 3rd runner resulting in a goal.

Ashburton then had a side ball, Hussein received, ran around the D, lost the ball, pressured Duke into giving it back and then slotted viciously with his left foot & Ashburton took it from there pounding another 5 goals past a helpless Melbourne University.

With the transfer window opening next week it will be interesting to see the ins and outs for both sides. Ashburton still in the mid table mixer, Melbourne University are doomed to relegation.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Nectar Karalis

Goal Scorers:

Ashburton: Anthony Ramzy 2, Diego Assaeda 1, Irzad Spijodic 1, Michael Dixon 1, Adam Hussein 1

Melbourne Uni: Duke Duva 2

Pascoe Vale FC 15 vs. 2 Geelong FC 10:15pm

The last match of the night saw title contenders Pascoe Vale against V-League battlers Geelong. The cats need to be commended for trying new warm ups, cool down, coaches, cattle & set pieces but it just isn't happening for the committed cats. It is for Pascoe Vale though, who have gone on from strength to strength, and perhaps grew even stronger with injured Adrian D'Ortenzio encouraging and coaching from the sidelines. A quick look at the goal scorers reveals that this side shares it around; Marko Kuna was sensational with 4, Tomo Grigic a rock at the back and a sharp shooter at the front with 3, Simon with 3 & Simsek with 3, who has grown into his role in the team.

Ryan Calder (FCG) gives it 100% week in week out for Geelong and is a real threat; he got on the score sheet this week alongside Adrian Bond. Geelong play well in brief spells, and need to find a style, perhaps a defensive one, that suits them best, with 4 players central in their defensive half playing on the counter and getting behind the ball quicker than they have been. Geelong also need to nick points of fellow relegation battlers and mid table sides in poor form if they are to survive the relegation battles, or worse, immediate relegation.

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

Pascoe Vale FC: Marko Kuna 4, Tomo Grigic 3, Simon Lamanda 3, Ernie Simsek 3, Ravel Tavares 1, Juan Sastre 1

Geelong FC: Adrian Bond 1, Ryan Calder 1

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