



V-LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 9 REVIEW

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Round Nine– In all sorts

Pascoe Vale FC 6 vs. 5 Metropolitan FC 6:30pm

The thermostat read 33° at the Victoria Street Stadium and the frothers (V-League fans frothing at the mouth) were ready for action. The first match of the night was an absolute corker. Pascoe Vale, buzzing after finally beating Fitzroy with Metropolitan improving weekly, and it was they who started the better. It took 12 minutes for Eren Ozdemir (MFC) to find some space, teammate Brenno finding him with a beautifully dinked lob and Eren's deflected half volley sailed high over a scrambling Laskaris.

Captain Mus Alor (MFC) wasn't to be outdone, he scored a left foot screamer from the byline that left Pascoe Vale and Greg Laskaris in all sorts. Pascoe Vale proved their scintillating recent form was more than a knee jerk bouncing back instantly to 2-2 through Kuna & Simsek. The game was a tussle in the second half and Pascoe Vale held on to win all 3 points and maintain 3rd on the ladder. Metropolitan deserved a share of the points, and that's been the story of their season so far.

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

Pascoe Vale FC: Simon Lamanda 2, Marco Kuna 2, Tomislav Grgic 1, Ernie Simsek 1

Metropolitan FC: Eren Ozdemir 3, Moussi Eloor 2

Doncaster FC 7 vs. 2 Melbourne University FC 7:15pm

The next small clash saw relegation cellar dwellers Doncaster FC win their first golden 3 points of the season against fellow relegation ridden Melbourne University. Initially a tight and scrappy affair, Doncaster finally got the rewards their solid Futsal deserved. They knocked the ball around with purpose and caught a defensively poor Melbourne University on the counter attack three times. Bill Giannikos was in fine form scoring a hatrick and sealing the deal for the orange outfit.

Melbourne University had talisman Duke Duva score yet again, his performances have even been brought to Paul Vidic's (the Victorian Mens State Team coach) attention. Duke may find himself in greener pastures come next year, but Melbourne uni may not and will need to train harder & recruit better to stand any chance of survival.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

Doncaster FC: Bill Giannikos 3, Jim Drossos 1, Jason Kounnas 1, Ari Vlahos 1, Zaya Younan 1

Melbourne University: Duke Duva 1, Mike Sharples 1

FC Carlton 7 vs. 2 FC Essendon 8:00pm

The second corker of the night saw FC Carlton who was still without two first team regulars (S. Pattikis & R. Shekari) against the champions who have had a rough run of late. Manager Alexander Stevanovic (FCE) even conceded that a top 8 finish would be all Essendon have to play for this season after seeing 8 rounds of horror performances. They didn't start this game that well either as Shayan Alinejad & Hamid Hassanikhoo got the 8 ball rolling.

Essendon rarely get comprehensively beaten, but all credit goes to FC Carlton who have battled over the past few weeks without 6-7 first team regulars. They have shown amazing depth, courage and skill and after this games result find themselves in 4th position on the V-League ladder. More of the same for FC Carlton, and with Hooman Shekari back finding the net, watchout Fitzroy next week!

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Ricardo Arajuo

Goal Scorers:

FC Carlton: Shayan Alinejad 2, Hamid Hassanikhoo 2, Hooman Shekari 1, Iman Arjomand 1, Bill Nalpantidis 1

FC Essendon: Vljako Bosniac 1, Ivan Stevanovic 1

North Melbourne FC 10 vs. 1 FC Geelong 8:45pm

Futsal juggernaut North Melbourne FC destroyed newcomers FC Geelong 10-1 this week, after putting 15 past Melbourne University the previous week. Fernando De Moraes was as cool as you like with 4 goals and 3 assists. Kui Mu was on the score sheet again and a handful for D'Antino (FCG) and co who couldn't keep a lid on the team running hot atop of the ladder and officially this season favourite.

FC Geelong did well and kept North to 3 goals at half time. But as the lads from Geelong fatigued Billy Mihelakis pounced dancing around two defenders and slotting home at the near post to Milton (NMFC Coach) & Garry's (NMFC Manager) disbelief! Colby Waterfield got on the score sheet again, with a solid performance at the back. Fernando is away again at will be interesting to see how North play without him. FC Geelong are in all sorts and need to maintain some composure, rhythm and consistency to avoid relegation.

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

North Melbourne FC: Fernando De Moraes 4, Kui Mu 2, Bill Mihelakis 2, Johnathan Barrientos 1, Colby Waterfield 1

FC Geelong: Adrian Bond 1

Albert Park FC 6 vs. 8 Fitzroy FC 9:30pm

The dark horse Albert Park FC took on a wounded and demoralized Fitzroy, who had lost the previous week to Pascoe Vale FC. Albert Park started well; promising interplay between Dino & Alia Redzepovic led to a nice backpost finish 1-0 Albert Park. Fitzroy stalwart goalkeeper Flo Deffner was uncompromising with his defenders who were in two minds. He could do nothing with the second shot, a shot from distance ricocheting off Alia into the back of the net. 2-0 down and Fitzroy were not so invincible, and the mercurial one again finding limited space and only scoring once.

It was James of the Sibley variety, the General who sparked Fitzroy to life alongside dynamo Dimitri and helped get Fitzroy on the scoresheet. Ricardo & Peter did a terrific job refereeing such a high tempo game. Albert Park had the game by the scruff of the neck until a brain explosion from Goal Keeper Ned Torbica, who lashed out at his own team mate Dino, Lee Bowyer style. The incident may have huge ramifications for Albert Park, Fitzroy wont care. The incident left Albert Park with Zoran Matic in goal and Fitzroy turned the screw, kicked on and won the game. Last weeks misery far behind them Fitzroy looked the goods even with a misfiring James Blackburn. Albert Park are in all sorts.

Referees: Ricardo Arajuo & Peter Kyriopolous

Goal Scorers:

Albert Park FC: Alia Redzepovic 4, Minja Savic 1, Ahmed Azzam 1

Fitzroy FC: James Sibley 3, Dimitri Vithoulkas 2, James Blackburn 1, Michael Schmidhuber 1

FC Prahran 10 vs. 9 Ashburton FC 10:15pm

Paul Vidic's night shifters, Ashburton FC kicking off at 10:40pm regularly, played cup winners Prahran in the rounds last game, and it was definitely a case of saving the best till last. Not the Ashburton was saving anything, they were without a registered goal keeper with Anthony Wardan injured (Back – 5 weeks) and Anthony Cianflone (away). It was up to defender Boris Masic to stand in between the sticks for the green machine and he did well early. Maxim Avram (FCP) did well early; he scored a screamer from the sideline right into the pigeon hole.

The game was a goal fest and both sides stole the lead from each other before FC Prahran broke away in the dying stages with two goals, an easy finish and a clever header by Haider Noor who kicked 7 for the cup winners. Vic Mens coach Paul Vidic had plenty to fathom after the nights action, not only his side going down 10-9, but some real terrific performances from individuals in all 12 V-League sides. The Vic men's team get together and train this Sunday, with grinning winners and bitter losers. Ashburton FC are in all sorts.

Referees: Nectar Karalis & Peter Kyriopoulos

Goal Scorers:

FC Prahran: Haider Noor 7, Maxim Avram 2, Ben Armstrong 1

Ashburton FC: Anthony Ramzy 4, Igor Arsovski 3, Michael Dixon 1, Junior Melo 1

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