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# ERICA HALLOWAY

WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS WESTFIELD W-LEAGUE CAPTAIN

GOOD EVENING AND welcome to tonight's double header at Bankwest Stadium. I have been at the Wanderers for five years, I've been co-captain for some of those and this year there is something really special about the group that has come together. We've had some great signings, we have incredible facilities and of course, we have the new Bankwest Stadium. We have so much to look forward to this season and hopefully, I can be the first captain to lead us to the Finals Series. This year like the Hyundai A-League team, we've got no excuses. We have some great up and coming kids who are eager to play in the professional league and some fantastic internationals who have had a lot of hype around them. Some of the internationals are coming off the back of a Championship win the National Women's Soccer League and we hope that they can carry that through here. Then there are the older girls who have not played at the Wanderers before but have been around for a while in the Westfield W-League. They have loads of experiences and are real leaders both on and off the field. It is not about just one person leading because we have a few leaders in the group. Tonight, we come together as a club at Bankwest Stadium for a celebration of football, with us girls kicking off before the boys and it's a great opportunity for everyone to come together and watch some entertaining football. It's also the first time the Westfield W-League will be played at the state-of-the-art stadium and I can't wait for us to get on the pitch and show you what we've got against Newcastle Jets. **Come on you Wanderers!**



# MATCH PREVIEW

DOUBLE HEADER FOOTBALL is back tonight when we host Newcastle Jets in the Westfield W-League and Melbourne City in the Hyundai A-League at Bankwest Stadium.

Fresh off their last gasp 2-1 win over Adelaide United, the Wander Women will be buoyed by the inclusion of star internationals Lynn Williams and Denise O'Sullivan for their Red & Black debuts.

Dean Heffernan's side showed great resilience to come from a goal down to grab all three points in the season opener at Marconi Stadium last Thursday night with US international Kristen Hamilton and Young Matilda Kyra Cooney-Cross grabbing the goals.

Using her blistering pace and skill, Hamilton turned in a five-star performance and her upcoming combination with North Carolina Courage teammates Williams and O'Sullivan will set the Westfield W-League on fire.

Their opponents, Newcastle Jets, did well to earn a 1-1 draw with the highly fancied

Melbourne City last Sunday, coming from behind after City had taken the lead on 22 minutes.

Meanwhile, the Hyundai A-League side will be looking to continue their solid start to the season in one of the games of the round.

Having tasted defeat for the first time in five games this season in a 2-1 loss away to Western United on November 9, the Red & Black will be aiming to quickly get back to winning ways.

City's 4-3 defeat to Brisbane Roar means the gap between the first placed Victorians and third placed Wanderers is just three points. A win would elevate the Wanderers to the top of the table again.

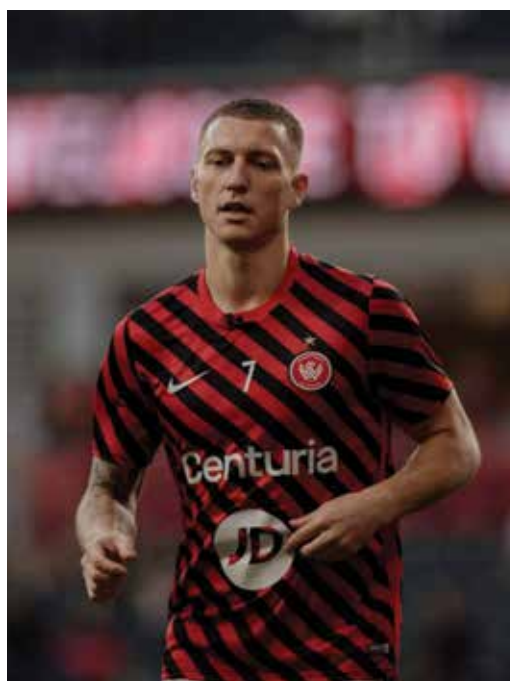
The week's break should prove both a blessing and a bit of a headache for head coach Markus Babbel.

It will have allowed a number of injured players that extra bit of time to get over their injuries, which means the likes of Bruce Kamau, Tarek Elrich, Nick Sullivan and Matt Jurman will likely be ready to make their return to the squad.

With almost a full squad to choose from, it will also mean Babbel could have a few selection headaches to contend with for one of the biggest games of the season.

The Wanderers will go into the game full of confidence knowing they have the advantage of playing at Wanderland, where they are unbeaten in three games so far this season.

Interestingly, games between the two sides have produced plenty of goals over the years - 68 all up for an average of a little over three goals a game, so get ready for an exciting night back at Wanderland. **W**



(Top to bottom) Erica Halloway leads the line during warm-ups; Mitchell Duke does the same

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# FIELD REPORTER

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TONIGHT MARKS A very special night for our football club with both our Hyundai A-League and Westfield W-League team playing on the pitch of Bankwest Stadium tonight.

It was great feeling to snatch the three points of Adelaide United last week in our season opener.

The match marked the first time we have ever won Round 1 in the club's Westfield W-League history.

It was a solid performance by the girls who had a very tough pre-season, so it made the win feel even sweeter.

Tonight, we'll be bolstered by the arrivals of Lynn Williams from the US and Denise O'Sullivan from the Republic of Ireland.

Both girls have incredible resumés and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can add to our squad this season.

Tonight we're taking on Newcastle Jets in the first half of the double header and they've had as many changes as us this season.

Newcastle boss Craig Deans has assembled an impressive roster of local talent to mount an assault for the Finals Series.

The Jets in the opening round of the competition took a point from City for the first time in their history after an epic 1-1 draw.

Former Jet Emily van Egmond opened the scoring with a blistering first-time strike in the 22nd minute, but Newcastle equalised through Teigan Collister's superb half-volley strike midway through the second half.

However, a mix of great goalkeeping and misfortune (as shots hit the woodwork) meant each team had to settle for a point - something that we have kept an eye on at training this week.

The double header tonight is a great opportunity to watch both our teams on the one night in the one location.

So get behind our Westfield W-League team as they open tonight's night filled with football. **W**

# ON THIS DAY



ON THIS DAY in 2014, the Wanderers Hyundai A-League team drew 1-1 with Newcastle Jets in front of a 14,136 crowd at the old Pirtek Stadium. A Tomi Juric goal in the 12th minute was cancelled out by Newcastle Marcos Flores in what was the 7th round of the season. **W**

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# MIGHTY McGOWAN

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE DYLAN MCGOWAN WAS IN THE WANDERERS CENTRE OF DEFENCE

HAVING FINALLY RETURNED back to the Hyundai A-league with the Wanderers this season, there's no doubt that Dylan McGowan has picked up right where he has left off.

The Para Hills junior kicked off his professional career at Scottish Premiership side Heart of Midlothian where he made 64 appearances before loan spells at East Fifa and Gold Coast United.

McGowan was only 16 year's old when he made the move overseas to the Scottish Premiership, a competition he says has shaped him into the player and man he is today. And, arguably, it was one of the hardest moments of his life.

"I left home at 16 and moved across the other side of the world," said McGowan.

"You get left in tax and private health offices trying to work out what you are doing and it makes you grow up fast.

"It was hard being away from home so I'd look forward to getting a FaceTime call every Sunday.

"I grew up not only in life terms but football wise in that first 16-18 months while I was in Scotland."

The sacrifices away from family and friends in a unknown land paid off with McGowan making several starts and appearances for the Scottish side.

But on top of those sacrifices and emotional pressures, McGowan also had to learn quickly on how to play in his new position as a central defender.

It was a position he didn't start playing in until he was 16.



## “Lucas Neill and Craig Moore were fantastic as I got to start playing centre back.”

“As I was younger, I was never a centre-back until I was 16 but got moved back as I got older,” explained McGowan.

“I loved watching strikers and my Dad was a massive Celtic fan so I always liked Henrik Larsson and Mark Viduka.

“Lucas Neill and Craig Moore were fantastic and as I got to start playing centre-back they were at their peak for Australia and I tried to learn off them.”

McGowan first returned to the Hyundai A-League with his local side Adelaide United in 2014 where he featured in 82 games and scored seven goals.

The defender was critical in helping the club win both the Hyundai A-League Championship and FFA Cup during his three seasons at there.

Earning another stint overseas after his time at Adelaide United, McGowan then played for clubs such as Pacos de Ferrera, Gangwon and Vendyssel before returning to the domestic competition with the Red & Black.

McGowan, since his arrival at the club in June this year, has been a calming force in the Wanderers backline and has ensured that the Red & Black have their strongest ever start to a season.

*(Previous page) McGowan leads the line  
(Left to Right) McGowan celebrates Derby win;  
McGowan on the ball.*



Experienced and determined, McGowan has his eyes on winning some silverware during his time with the Wanderers.

"I have been quite fortunate to play in a lot of leagues and with a lot of good teams," explained McGowan.

"Now it's a case that I'd like my medal cabinet to be quite full by the time I finish.

"That is one of the reasons I came to the Wanderers, to add to that."

A leader both on and off the field, and a role model to the next generation of players coming through the Wanderers Academy, McGowan was also named vice-captain of the

Hyundai A-League side this season.

"For me, my role hasn't changed. I've always tried to bring my personality to games and to training. I try to help the players where I can," said McGowan.


"I am relatively vocal on the field, to which a lot of people either love or hate, but for me, my role doesn't change.

"We have got these fantastic facilities which have been built, the stadium, the training grounds and it is now time for the boys within the change room to start living up to the tag we have as one of the biggest clubs in the league.

"For Mitch (captain Mitchell Duke) and I, it is about bringing the boys together and making sure we have really good team spirit and that we fight for each other and the fans out on the field."

And fight for each other they have.

A vocal and confident voice at the back, McGowan has driven and pushed the Wanderers to three points and their undefeated run at home.

With only five games under his belt, there's no doubt that the best is yet to come for McGowan. And that's something we're very excited to see. 

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SUCCESSFUL PASSES	
1	0
GOALS	
66.7%	0%
SHOOTING ACCURACY	
61.1%	47.8%
PASSING ACCURACY	



**1**  
GAMES PLAYED  
THIS SEASON

**CASSIDY DAVIS**  
#6 MIDFIELDER

**5**  
GAMES PLAYED  
THIS SEASON



**DYLAN MCGOWAN**  
#4 DEFENDER

269	184
SUCCESSFUL PASSES	
2	2
BLOCKS	
9	6
INTERCEPTIONS	
2	1
FOULS WON	
90.6%	82.1%
PASSING ACCURACY	



**5**  
GAMES PLAYED  
THIS SEASON

**HARRISON DELBRIDGE**  
#4 DEFENDER

# PRE-SEASON PAYING OFF FOR COONEY-CROSS

## THE WANDERERS NEW SUPER SUB

A BALLARAT CITY junior, Cooney-Cross is no stranger to the Westfield W-League scene having burst into the domestic competition at the start of the 2017/18 season when she signed with Melbourne Victory as a 16 year old.

In her debut season at the club, the creative midfielder featured in all 12 matches and scored two brilliant goals.

Part of last season's Westfield W-League Premiers Plate winning squad, Cooney-Cross has been a regular selection in the Young Matildas squad and was recently away with new teammates Courtney Nevin and Susan Phonsongkham at the AFC U-19 Women's Championship.

Upon her return, Cooney-Cross made an immediate impact and ensured that the Wanderers take all three points in their historic Round 1 win against Adelaide United at Marconi Stadium.



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Her set-piece was a strike forged after hour-upon-hour on the training field perfecting her craft, although she admitted she was not exactly aiming for a shot on goal.

"I didn't really want to take it but Ella Mastrantonio asked me to, I just kicked it and it went in," said Cooney-Cross.

"I don't know what I was thinking but I have been practicing them every day in training."

Cooney-Cross only linked up with the Red & Black a couple of days before the season opener and says the transition from Blue to Red & Black has been very easy.

"The girls have welcomed me very quickly and I only had two sessions with them (before

the season opener)," explained Cooney-Cross.

"They made me feel very comfortable on the field. I've never felt so comfortable especially coming on straight away.

"Thursday night against Adelaide was a very good game and we fought until the very end.

"I think we have a good group, good staff, good players and we are getting on really well.

"The girls have worked hard in pre-season and we have a good chance this year."

The Wanderers will be pushing hard this season for a lucrative place in the Finals Series, one which they have never qualified for in the Westfield W-League. **W**



(Left to right) Cooney-Cross scores on her debut; Cooney-Cross celebrates with Mastrantonio.

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6	PERTH GLORY	5	1	3	1	6
7	BRISBANE ROAR	5	1	2	2	5
8	MELBOURNE VICTORY	6	1	2	3	5
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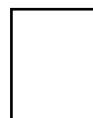


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# THE CORNER POST

How GOOD is having the Westfield W-League back!

We headed to Marconi Stadium to support the girls in their season opener against Adelaide United.

And what a night it was! US superstar Kristen Hamilton got on the scoresheet while young gun Kyra Cooney-Cross sealed the deal in the final minutes of the match.

It was a fantastic performance by the team and we can't wait to see what else they have in store for the rest of the Westfield W-League season.

What's even better is that tonight we get to watch both



our Wanderers boys and girls play on the grand stage of Bankwest Stadium.

We love double headers and it always turns into a great day out where we can support both our favourite teams.

If you see us around at tonight's match make sure you say hello and get a photo! 📸



## JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Name the two Wanderers who scored in the Westfield W-League season opener last week?

2. Which Wanderer was recently named in the Socceroos squad?

3. Name the Wanderers Westfield W-League goalkeeper?

4. How many double headers do the Wanderers have this season?



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# W-LEAGUE REVOLUTION

## THE WANDERERS HAVE MADE THEIR INTENTIONS CLEAR FOR THE W-LEAGUE SEASON

IT'S BEEN A season in the making but it looks clear already that the Wanderers are serious contenders for a place in the Finals Series this Westfield W-League season.

A long-range free kick from new recruit Kyra Cooney-Cross helped the Wanderers secure a last gasp 2-1 win over Adelaide United in the opening round of the season at Marconi Stadium.

Coming on for her debut for the club as a substitute early in the second half, the Young Matilda fired in a long-range effort on 92 minutes that eluded everyone in the box before sneaking into the bottom right-hand corner of the net.

In what was an entertaining game, the Wanderers had to come from a goal down after falling behind to a Mary Fowler penalty in the 37th minute.

However, Dean Heffernan's side showed plenty of resilience to level up just before half time through US international Kristen Hamilton.

Hamilton was on the spot at the far post to head home a superb cross from the right from Alix Roberts.

Hamilton showed some outstanding touches during the game, exciting the fans with her skill and exceptional speed.

Her compatriot and teammate Abby Smith was also in great form, producing four stunning saves.

Despite missing two key signings in Lynn Williams (USA) and Denise O'Sullivan (Republic of Ireland), the Red & Black produced some quality football at times against an Adelaide side that gave them a hard-fought contest for the entire 90 minutes.

Wanderers head coach Heffernan named a strong starting line-up, including American trio Smith in goals, Sam Staab in the heart of the defence and Hamilton upfront at the point of the attack.

The Wanderers started the game strongly, dominating the first 20 minutes with some slick football.

They should have been rewarded just six minutes into the game when Cortnee Vine found herself on the end of a superb cross. Her header hit the base of the left post and the ball fell to Erica Halloway but her effort was cleared off the line.

The Red & Black then peppered the visitor's goal with a series of long range efforts but to no avail.

United provided a scare on 16 minutes when Isobel Hodgson broke down the right flank, surged into the box and fired off a solid shot that was well saved by keeper Abby Smith.

Smith was again called into action in the 27th minute, coming off her line and getting down low to deny Fowler from point-blank range.

But, Smith could do nothing to prevent United going ahead on 37 minutes with Fowler converting from the spot after she had been fouled in the area.

However, Western Sydney refused to be rattled and found themselves on level terms just a minute before half time following some great work down the left side by Roberts.

Roberts took the ball to the byline before sending an outstanding cross to the far post where Hamilton made no mistake, nodding home from close range.

The Wanderers had the better of the second half as they searched desperately for a winner, but had to wait until Cooney-Cross's 92nd minute effort.

The solid and gritty result marked the beginning of the Heffernan era, with the Wander Woman playing a passionate and lethal style of football.

With sights set on making the Westfield W-League Finals Series for the first time in the club's history, there is true belief now that Heffernan could be the first coach to take the Red & Black there. **W**



(This page) Celebrating the historic Wanderers first round win

# KAMAU BOUNCES BACK

THE FORMER CITY MAN IS SET TO MAKE HIS RETURN  
FROM INJURY TONIGHT

IT'S BEEN A tough and frustrating period for Bruce Kamau but the talented attacker-come-defender is ready to make up for lost time against Melbourne City at Bankwest Stadium tonight.

One of a host of impressive performers during the seemingly never ending pre-season, Kamau was unfortunately struck down with a groin injury with the start of the Hyundai A-League season agonisingly in sight.

It saw him spend almost two months on the sidelines as he worked tirelessly to get

back to peak fitness as the Wanderers got off to a terrific start, going unbeaten in their opening four games.

The 24-year-old is expected to be included in the match day squad for the game against his former club and he can't wait to get back on the field.

"I am back training and, fitness wise, I am back up there," Kamau said. "Last week's bye has helped even more and given me that extra bit of time to make sure everything is OK.

"I am fully fit and available."

In the little over 12 months he has been at the Wanderers since joining from City last season, Kamau has shown his versatility and ability to adapt his game.

He was originally signed as an attacker, but head coach Markus Babbel saw something in him that suggested he could be useful playing in a deeper role.

Kamau ended up playing as a right back in several games last season and it appears to have become a more permanent move this season after he

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(Left to Right) Kamau celebrating the Derby with Baccus;  
Kamau playing against City

produced some quality displays during the pre-season.

He really developed his game and was very comfortable getting up and down the right flank using his speed and skill, while his crossing provided plenty of opportunities for the strikers.


While he admits he still prefers to play further up the field as a winger, Kamau is happy to do whatever is needed for the benefit of the team.

"I have been moved around because we have a few different systems, but I am happy

to do whatever the coach needs me to do," he added.

Kamau expects the third-placed Red & Black to bounce back from their first loss of the season to Western United two weeks ago against a City side that is top of the table.

"City are a good side and have some excellent players like (Jamie) Maclaren," he said. "It is definitely going to be a great game.

"But, we will focus on ourselves. If we do what we need to do we will get the right result." 



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## KRISTEN HAMILTON RECAPS HER FIRST GOAL FOR THE RED & BLACK

IN ROUND 1 we were obviously down a goal towards the end of the half and we started to press forward a little bit.

I saw Robbo (Alix Roberts) making a great run down the right-hand side and having only played with her for a week, I knew that she was going to get on the end of it and get a good cross on it.

So I just tried to get myself into the box and ended up on the end of it, scoring my first goal for the Red & Black.

The Wanderers are a really blue-collar, hard working team and that's what I embody as well as a player and what I try to embody.

The move to Australia with the Wanderers has been easy.


Everyone's been great, they have been super welcoming and everyone just wants to work for each other.

It's a really great club.

I'm excited to be part of it and we go the result in Round 1 against Adelaide United so we're on the way up.

We're expecting to have another gritty performance against Newcastle Jets tonight.

We're going to work hard for each other. We can score goals, we can defend well and we can make a game exciting.

So now I'm looking forward to us getting better in every game that we play together and hopefully we can make the Finals this season for the very first time in the club's history. 



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# SCHOOLS CUP A HUGE SUCCESS... AGAIN

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St Mary's Primary (George's Hall) student Jack Maka best summed up the seventh edition of the Wanderers Schools Cup that was completed last week with over 30 schools from Sydney's western region competing.

With a large group of the Wanderers Hyundai A-League squad looking on at various times - and thoroughly enjoying the spectacles - the kids showed what they were made of in the knock-out tournament

This year's event saw a record amount of teams and players compete, highlighting the Wanderers ongoing commitment to the general community.

The aim of the tournament is to encourage football participation and physical activity in a safe and welcoming football environment.

The Schools Cup caters for both primary and secondary schools and allows for teachers to bring students to an exciting football-filled gala day.

Schools can provide mixed, girls or boys teams to compete and regional winners receive an invitation to the Finals series in Term 4 at Blacktown.


Bonnyrigg Heights primary school teacher Paige Anlezark, who coached their girls team, praised the concept and the organisation.

"We played in it last year and it seems to run very well," said Anlezark.

"It's a good challenge for the girls to play different schools from the area."

"It's a fantastic experience all round."

Once the afternoon wrapped up, Mamre Anglican School won the Primary boys tournament while St Bernadette took out the girls.

High schools will get their turn to win the Wanderers Schools Cup on 26 November. 


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