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COACH'S CORNER

We enter Round 5 of the Westfield W-League with a fresh and positive perspective.

It's been nice to have the time to get back into the swing of things and rest players we needed to rest following a busy start to the season.

Fortunately, we only spent three days in self quarantine after flying home from our Round 3 clash in Brisbane and I was really impressed with the way the playing group responded to the prospect of 14 days in isolation. Their work ethic was great and they made sure to keep connected as a team.

In the days that followed, we have been able to focus on our home clash against Perth Glory.

Perth had a hard time in the pre-season with the state's COVID-19 restrictions but have now had two tough games, in hot conditions, against the in-form Adelaide side.

I anticipate Perth will make it hard for us and we need to be prepared, with players such as Caitlin Doeglas and Hana Lowry, who can punish us if we're not good defensively.

We're determined to keep our winning record at Viking Park and with the surround sound of the fans acting as our 12th player, they'll be entering tough territory.



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FOOTBALL COMES FIRST FOR JESSIKA NASH



Jessika Nash has burst onto the scene this Westfield W-League season, making a huge impact in defence from her very first match.

Following her debut in Canberra United's opening round clash against Adelaide United, the 16-year-old has been named in the starting lineup for every match since.

"I never expected it but getting that privilege from Vicki, and knowing that she backs me is incredible and hopefully I will get to continue that all season," she said.

Speaking highly of the rising star, Canberra United coach Vicki Linton says the Junior Matilda is part of the 2020/21 squad on merit.

"Nash has come in with a professional mentality. I think that's who she is but also the experience she's already had," she said.

"I think she's doing really well, she has some experience playing for the junior national team and captaining that team, so she has some really good qualities about her.

"She jumped in and she's learning every game. She really analyses things, works on things and you can just see from game to game, she's just improving," Linton said.

Alongside her is support from the more experienced players in captain Kendall Fletcher and former Matilda Michelle Heyman, who have often spoken Nash's ability.

"Michelle definitely guided me through my debut and the following games. She's definitely taken me under her wing and I've learnt a lot already from her.



“It’s amazing for players like Michelle and Kendall to really guide me through this experience, and I think they have done an excellent job so far making my job really easy.

“It’s been incredible having those girls beside me,” she said.

At 16, Nash isn’t your typical teenager and certainly didn’t spend her summer school holidays the typical way. But when asked, she wouldn’t have it any other way.

“My friends go to the beach, but I would much rather be here, this is what I love to do.”

And it wasn’t just football and the beach that Nash had to choose between; the daughter of former New South Wales Blue cricketer John Nash, Jessika is also a huge threat on the cricket pitch.

“It was because my dad loved cricket, he played for Australia A team. He sort of tried to persuade me towards cricket but I fell in love with the game of football.



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CLASSIC CLASH



Canberra United 2 – 1 Perth Glory

Viking Park

Sunday 7 December 2014

An outrageous goal from Ashleigh Sykes secured Canberra United a place in the semi-finals of the Westfield W-League as Canberra inflicted a second defeat of the season on the champions seeing off Perth Glory 2-1 at Viking Park in Erindale.

Perth rested lively winger Caitlin Foord who, on three yellow cards for the season, was in danger of missing the semi-final should she receive another caution but they still possessed the deadly combination of Samantha Kerr and Kathryn Gill. And it was the pace of Kerr that caused the home team some nervous moments early on.

Chances were few and far between however with neither goalkeeper unduly troubled in the first quarter as Canberra marshalled the threat of Glory's 22-goal strikeforce whilst Canberra's frontrunners, Michelle Heyman and Stephanie Ochs, found space at a premium in behind the Westfield W-League's meanest defence.

It took close to 35 minutes for the first shot in anger as the midfield dominated. Lori Lindsey, in potentially her final home match of her distinguished career, was the player to chance her arm from range, her fizzing effort flashing over the crossbar with Mackenzie Arnold in the Perth goal a concerned onlooker.

The Glory threatened to break the stalemate just before the interval as Gill looked to pounce on a misguided pass across the face of her own goal by Sally Rojahn but Ellie Brush was alive to the danger and cleared with a superb sliding tackle to nick the ball away just as Gill appeared poised to strike. Shortly after Kerr broke onto a huge hook



forward from Collette McCallum but, under pressure, dragged her shot wide and the teams entered half-time all-square.

Perth was forced into a change just before the interval when Arnold was caught in the head by Heyman's trailing boot meaning substitute 'keeper Gabrielle Dal Busco was called into action. Canberra also lost a player to injury minutes into the second half as Brush left the fray after rolling her ankle in first-half stoppage time, replaced by Julia De Angelis.

With Kendall Fletcher moving into the back four the table-toppers took advantage of United's reshuffle and took the lead seven minutes into the second half. Gill created it with a defence splitting through ball that gave Kerr a glimpse of goal, and that was all that the in-form striker needed to side-foot a composed finish past Chantel Jones and stun the home crowd.

Needing an equaliser to keep their season alive Canberra laid siege to the Perth goal with Nicole Begg and Fletcher both going close with deflected efforts. Finally though in the 68th minute, Canberra had their breakthrough. A diagonal pass was nodded down by Caitlin Munoz and Heyman smashed a half-volley past Dal Busco from close range as the roof threatened to come off the stand at Viking Park such was the roar of relief from the home support.

Heyman almost bagged a second with fourteen minutes to play as she cut inside her marker and sent a fierce shot at goal only for Dal Busco to prove her worth, diving to her left to palm the ball away from danger. Gill then went close for Perth with a downward header that drifted just wide following a corner as the tension ratcheted up. Just as it appeared as if the match would end in a draw United struck as Sykes seized the moment and lashed home a contender for goal of the season, an unstoppable volley, breathtaking in its execution and a fitting way to settle an absorbing contest.



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4. Kendall FLETCHER (c)
5. Lauren KEIR
6. Bianca GALIC
7. Rachael GOLDSTEIN
8. Laura HUGHES
9. Demi KOULIZAKIS
10. Grace MAHER
12. Hayley TAYLOR-YOUNG
13. Paige SATCHELL
14. Jessie RASSCHAERT
15. Jessika NASH
18. Izzy FOLETTA
19. Nicki FLANNERY
20. Sasha GROVE
23. Michelle HEYMAN
29. Chantel JONES (gk)

1. Lily ALFELD (GK)
2. Sarah CARROLL
4. Natasha RIGBY (C)
5. Deborah-Anne DE LA HARPE
6. Tijan MCKENNA
7. Elizabeth ANTON
8. Hana LOWRY
9. Malia STEINMETZ
10. Alexia MORENO
11. Patricia CHARALAMBOUS
12. Sarah MORGAN
13. Jamie-Lee GALE
14. Caitlin DOEGLAS
15. Abbey GREEN
16. Isabella WALLHEAD
17. Marianna TABAIN
20. Rebecca BENNETT (GK)
23. Katarina JUKIC

MEET LIAM O'DONNELL



We wouldn't be able to do what we do without our volunteers. From venue setup to scanning tickets, they provide invaluable assistance at Canberra United home games.

This week, hear from usher extraordinaire, Liam O'Donnell. A football fan for more than a decade, Liam and his family moved from Sydney to Canberra when he was four years old. From there, his love for Canberra United grew, attending matches when and where he could, before becoming directly involved in match day activity and even getting his parents involved.

WE KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN A FAN OF FOOTBALL FOR 12 YEARS BUT WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?

I started playing football in 2010, the year of the World Cup. I currently play in the Canberra United All Abilities Academy.

WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING?

I started volunteering with Canberra United W-League games at the start of the 2018/19 season.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORY FROM VOLUNTEERING?

I was a ball kid for the last home game at Viking Park and I really liked that. Usually I am an usher, so I help members find their seats.



YOUR FAMILY IS NOW INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING! HOW DID THAT START?

Mum started in the 2019/20 season as she likes watching football and the club needed more people. Dad started volunteering a year later in the 2020/21 season.

WHAT DO YOU ALL LOVE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

It's great because you get to meet new people and watch live sport. It's also a good feeling to help make the games even more enjoyable for the fans.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CANBERRA UNITED COMMUNITY?

It's a very friendly community and I enjoy working with the staff and interacting with like-minded fans.

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MATCH PREVIEW

One draw, two wins, three days quarantine and now more than two weeks between matches. It's been a busy start to the Westfield W-League season for Canberra United.

Their most recent clash saw them share the points on the road against Brisbane Roar, thanks to some brave goalkeeping from Sally James and an incredible long range shot from Grace Maher late in the game.

Top of the table is up for grabs heading into the Round 5 matchup against Perth Glory, with Canberra having slipped into second place following the Round 4 bye, now two points behind Sydney FC.

This will be the first time Glory has played a team other than Adelaide United in the 2020/21 season and they will be eager to get some points on the board. Their most recent match saw them go down 2-1 to the Lady Reds at home. Behind by one, Caitlin Doeglas scored her first goal in the Westfield W-League giving the Perth contingent some hope, however it didn't take long before Adelaide hit back with a well-placed header from Emma Condon in the 74th minute.

This will not be the first time that Perth Glory have travelled to Viking Park to take on Canberra United. In a memorable matchup between the two in 2014, goalkeeper Chantel Jones had made the switch from Perth to Canberra and a spot in the finals was on the line heading into the last game of the season.

Canberra needed an equaliser to keep their season alive, and in the 68th minute, Canberra had a breakthrough. A diagonal pass was nodded down by Caitlin Munoz and Michelle Heyman smashed a half-volley past Dal Busco from close range as the roof threatened to come off the stand at Viking Park such was the roar of relief from the home support.

And now, with Jones rejoining the Canberra United squad ahead of the match this Sunday, old feelings may creep to the surface when two sides clash meet again at Viking Park from 4:05pm.



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