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GLORY EDGES OUT ADELAIDE FOR FIRST WIN

Perth Glory Women's first home match of the season has been a memorable one, defeating Adelaide United 2-1 at nib Stadium in their National Breast Cancer Foundation fundraiser.

The match began with plenty of drama, with Adelaide's Racheal Quigley silencing the home crowd with her stunning overhead strike in just the second minute before a goalmouth scramble saw defender Erika Elze equalise in the sixth minute.

Carys Hawkins missed her first Perth Glory game in Westfield W-League history as coach Jamie Harnwell made several changes to the team that lost 3-2 against Canberra United last weekend.

The introduction of Young Matildas star Elze was a welcome one as the starlet pushed forward at every opportunity and was defensively sound to cancel out any Adelaide threats once the early dust had settled.

After grabbing the equaliser, Perth looked to control possession and star signing Emma Kete nearly gave the Glory the lead after hitting Shannon May's inch-perfect cross first time, but her effort was just wide of the target.

Marianna Tabain was lively down on the flanks and her teasing cross was almost met by Katie Holtham, but the Lady Reds were able to clear as the home side continued to press for another goal.

That lead finally did come after the lively Kete's deflected cross found Katarina Jukic, who took a touch and slotted past Adelaide goalkeeper Kristi Harvey to send the home fans into raptures.

Early in the second stanza saw the combination of Jukic and Kete continue to trouble the United defence and if it wasn't for the quick reaction of Harvey, the Glory could have been 3-1 up as Kete was through on goal.

Mackenzie Arnold was again outstanding between the sticks for Perth, having little to do all match, but when she did she was full of confidence to cut out any danger.

There was four minutes of time added on in the second half, and despite both teams looking to add to their totals, the score stayed at 2-1 with Perth grabbing a deserved victory in front of their home fans.

Kete was named the Westfield Player of the Match and she was thrilled with the team's first win of the season.

"It's a really good feeling and I'm glad the girls have got the win," said Kete.

“They’ve (the team) been working really hard for it so it’s good to be rewarded for it.

“I actually got cramped as I came out of the tunnel for the second half, but I’m getting there (match fitness).”

Perth Glory will now enjoy next weekend off before taking on reigning champions Brisbane Roar at Inglewood’s 6PR Stadium on November 19 with kickoff at 4pm.

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Perth Glory 2 (Erika ELZE 6’, Katarina JUKIC 37’)

Adelaide United 1 (Racheal QUIGLEY 2’)

Kickoff: 12pm

nib Stadium, Perth

Perth Glory: 1. Mackenzie ARNOLD (gk), 4. Erika ELZE, 5. Shannon MAY (10. Jaymee GIBBONS 69’), 6. Katarina JUKIC (7. Sadie LAWRENCE 77’), 8. Tanya OXTOBY (c), 9. Katie HOLTHAM, 11. Ella MASTRANTONIO, 12. Danielle CALAUTTI, 13. Elisa D’OVIDIO, 17. Marianna TABAIN, 18. Emma KETE (15 Lara FILOCAMO 86’)

Substitutes not used: 20. Kristy TESCHINSKY (gk)

Yellow cards: Danielle CALAUTTI 50’, Elisa D’OVIDIO 53’, Katie HOLTHAM 75’

Adelaide United: 20. Kristi HARVEY (gk), 2. Ruth WALLACE, 3. Anna GREEN, 5. Abby ERCEG (c), 7. Racheal QUIGLEY, 8. Leanne SLATER (12. Greta FRENCH-KENNEDY 74’), 9. Marijana RAJICIC, 11. Ashleigh GUNNING (4. Daniela DI BARTOLO 63’), 14. Donna COCKAYNE, 18. Georgia MACRI (13. Vanessa REED 82’), 19. Nenita BURGESS

Substitutes not used: 1. Sian MCLAREN (gk)

Yellow cards: Ashleigh GUNNING 31’, Ruth WALLACE 60’, Racheal QUIGLEY 82’

