

2-1 Defeat to Students a Bitter Pill to Swallow

Tuggeranong United remains rooted to the foot of the ACT Premier League soccer table after losing 2-1 to third-placed ANU at North Oval on Sunday.

For Tuggeranong, it was another case of being punished for not taking its chances, with the visitors once again dominating significant chunks of play without applying scoreboard pressure.

Tuggeranong started the game in a positive fashion and got on top of ANU early. The side's domination was soon rewarded with a goal to Mark Shields, who tapped in a deflected shot from Daniel Beaumont.

The visitors could have netted a couple more but the ANU keeper kept Tuggeranong out.

In the closing stages of the first half ANU stepped up a gear. Just before half-time, an unfortunate defensive error saw ANU equalise with a header at the back post from a long free-kick.

Tuggeranong came out with all guns blazing in the second half, playing much of the game in its opponents' territory. But despite creating numerous chances, the away side could not find that elusive goal, hitting the post and being denied by the keeper on at least three occasions.

Then, in a tough pill to swallow, ANU scored from long distance to take a 2-1 lead, which it managed to hold on to.

"In the end it was it was a cruel loss as we dominated large portions of the game and played very well, but we came away empty handed," Tuggeranong coach Darren Viskovich said.

"This week we have the bye and then we are back in action against O'Connor Knights on June 6. Hopefully we can make a fresh start in a fortnight and get the three points we deserve."