

Late Lapse Costs Tuggeranong Dearly

Tuggeranong United blew an opportunity to grab another three vital points on Sunday, conceding a late goal and having to settle for a hard-fought 2-2 draw with Canberra City at O'Connor Enclosed Oval.

On a boggy pitch, Tuggeranong got off to the worst possible start, with a lapse in concentration in defence allowing an unmarked City striker to volley home from close range within the first two minutes.

Tuggeranong fought back, though, and were soon level when Cale Padrotta slotted home a penalty after a City defender handled the ball in the box.

The visitors doubled their advantage soon after half-time, with Cale Padrotta converting from the penalty spot once again to put Tuggeranong in a winning position.

But in a cruel blow, another defensive error allowed City's Pat Ross-McGee to latch on to a loose ball from outside the 18-yard box and his well-placed shot found the back of the net.

Coach Darren Viskovich was once again pleased with his side's endeavour but disappointed at the result.

"Overall, all the lads played well but two defensive lapses and some wayward shooting were our Achilles' heel," he said.

Tuggeranong faces Queanbeyan at Riverside Stadium next weekend.