

# Loss hard to bare for Bees

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IT was a gut-wrenching feeling in Werribee City rooms after Saturday's 1-0 loss to league leaders Pascoe Vale in Football Federation Victoria's north-west division 2 men's league.

The Bees had the opportunity to win a promotion to division 1 and the championship with a victory, but failed to capitalise on opportunities in the first half.

A goal from Pascoe Vale's Daniel Genovesi at the 88th minute sunk the Bees in what was an emotionally-charged victory for the league leaders.

Coach Gianfranco Impellizzeri expressed his disappointment, but looked at the positives of the result.

"I was very proud of the guys to go all the way and never give up," he said.

"We tried to win this game on our home ground and we failed.

"There's always one winner and one loser.

"I actually said to the boys that I would treat this game as a win because at the end of the day if you look at the season, it was pretty successful, finishing second behind a club that's never lost a game this year."

The Banner understands a restructure of the FFV during the off-season could still give the Bees a chance to advance to division 1, despite the result which will see them finish in second spot.

Impellizzeri said he was unsure whether the league would promote the determined Bees.

"It's something that I can't answer because the federation has been working on rescheduling all the leagues.

"So I don't know if this game is going to impact on the structure of the league."

Impellizzeri said he would like to stay at Werribee City for another season and keep his players.

"I'd like to say thanks to all the sponsors and all the supporters that came on Saturday and throughout the season," he said.

The Bees travel to take on the Thomastown Devils at Epping Soccer Stadium in the final game of the season.

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