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2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 5 (6/7 MAY)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

TOUKLEY	0	BERKELEY VALE	0
THE ENTRANCE	5	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	3
GOSFORD CITY	3	AVOCA	0
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3	EAST GOSFORD	2
KINCUMBER	1	TERRIGAL	1

SUMMARY

- A fifth straight win for Killarney District keeps them clear leaders after Round 5 of the Battlewin Premier League Four but with the previous three-team log jam in equal second place now broken up with Gosford in clear second place, Berkeley Vale third and East Gosford fourth. An early split looks like it might be opening up on the competition table with the bottom four clubs, Avoca, Southern-Ettalong, Kincumber and Terrigal having won just two matches between them in the five rounds to date.
- All clubs are now out of the FFA Cup with Southern-Ettalong the last to go, beaten 3-0 after a gutsy performance against NPL1 club Parramatta FC on Wednesday night.
- The second-tier Division One competition is beginning to take shape, in this case with a clear top-six, bottom-six split opening up after seven of the 22 rounds have been played. Just four points separate the top six teams who lost just one match each while the bottom six have been beaten a total of 32 times. The surprise packets have been Kariong and Woongarra who finished in sixth and last positions in 2016 and are now sitting in first and fifth place respectively while the two relegated clubs Wyoming and Umina, although steadily building momentum are in fourth and sixth places.

TOUKLEY vs BERKELEY VALE

- Another Saturday night match to open the round, this time at Harry Moore Oval between last season's over-achievers, Toukley, and one of the three under-achievers, Berkeley Vale. As the score, or lack thereof, indicates it was a real arm-wrestle throughout on the small, poorly-lit field with the Wombats on top for much of the match but thwarted regularly by the Gunners goalkeeper, and man of the match, Jake Purches, and the crossbar.
- The single point means that Berkeley Vale drop to clear third place behind Gosford City ahead of next Sunday's big derby against Killarney District at EDSACC while Toukley continue to struggle for consistency with two wins and two draws to go with their only loss this season, against Gosford, and with all five matches separated by a maximum of one goal. They stay will be at home again to host a Southern-Ettalong team desperate for points after their frustrating start to the season.

GOSFORD CITY vs AVOCA

- As has been the case in a couple of earlier matches this season the fate of this match was largely decided with an early send-off. On this occasion it was Avoca who were put under the pump after just 15 minutes when their new signing James Monie was dismissed for a second card offence. The send-off came on top of an early goal to City's Oscar Torres but despite this dual setback, and being without their inspirational leader, Shane Knight, the young Sharks put in a courageous effort holding out until the last quarter of an hour of the match when goals to Jarred McNee and Adam Woodbine finally settled the match.
- Avoca meet Terrigal in the battle of the beaches although it will be around 11 km from the surf at Erina High School. Gosford City will have the unprecedented luxury of a third straight home game in their derby against East Gosford at Gavenlock Oval.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG vs THE ENTRANCE

- This was Southern's third match in seven days after their gutsy 3-0 loss to Parramatta FC at Melita Stadium the previous Wednesday night and without a couple of key senior players in Matt Mitchell and Clint Stafford. The match was played in front of a large and enthusiastic 'Old Boys Reunion' crowd at James Browne Oval but unfortunately The Entrance turned party-poopers, effectively deciding the result with half-time lead of 5-1. Remarkably, all five goals, two to Matt Kenny and one each to Zac Anastas, Josh Ryan and Josh Swadling, came from set plays – two from corners, two from free kicks and one from a throw in.
- Coach Dale Eggleton's half-time plea to "win the second half" paid dividends and the young Lions did that with James Caban following up his first half goal with two more late in the match for a respectable 5-3 scoreline.
- The Entrance will be looking for their first back-to-back wins of the season when they host struggling Kincumber at Pat Morley Oval. Southern will take on the Toukley Gunners at Harry Moore Oval.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT vs EAST GOSFORD

- The Terriers maintained their perfect start to the season with a 3-2 win over the equal second-placed East Gosford Rams at EDSACC North. A sixth-minute free-kick goal by John Whelpdale gave Killarney the perfect start before Daniel Rodger doubled the lead in the 20th minute and had our team of statisticians searching for anyone else who had scored goals in each of the first five matches of any season ***. To their credit East Gosford fought back strongly with Rob Walton converting from the penalty spot in the 35th minute, taking his record to having scored in four of the first five matches. Whelpdale restored his team's two-goal buffer midway through the second half with his fourth goal of the season before a second goal by Walton ensured a nervous last 10 minutes for Killarney.
- Possibly their biggest test of the season for Killarney will come next week when they take on traditional rivals, Berkeley Vale, at EDSACC next Sunday. East Gosford will be looking to cement their top four place against Gosford City at Gavenlock Oval
- *** Accurate individual goal scoring records only go back five years but it hasn't been done previously. Both Ben Runge, then at The Entrance, and Toukley's Jai Kelly scored in each of the first four matches of the 2016 season. The overall record for the most goals in successive matches anytime during a season is held by Berkeley Vale's Brenton Olzomer with six matches, in the 2014 season. Gosford's Matt Hall (in 2016), Keith Gumbs (SEU) and Sam Feaver (Berkeley Vale in 2014) have all scored in five straight matches.

KINCUMBER vs TERRIGAL

- Although it's still far too early to be talking relegation these two neighboring clubs will need to get cracking if they're to move above the bottom to places that they went into the match occupying. So the shared point from this 1-1 draw didn't help either team.
- Kincumber came closest to scoring early however the breakthrough came at the other end of the field with Terrigal's Zac Allan being brought down just inside the Roos' penalty box allowing Ryan Pearce to give the visitors a vital lead from the resultant penalty. The positions were reversed in the 30th minute when Kincumber were awarded a dot shot in similar circumstances, except that in this case Lewis Young was given a straight red card for the tackle. The subsequent penalty was converted by Alex Osborn to square the score which remained at 1-1 for the remainder of the match.
- Next Sunday will see Kincumber travel to Pat Morley Oval to play The Entrance with Terrigal taking on Avoca at Erina High School.

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POINTS TABLE

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>PTS</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	5	5	0	0	18	5	13	15
GOSFORD CITY	5	4	0	1	13	9	4	12
BERKELEY VALE	5	3	1	1	8	6	2	10
EAST GOSFORD	5	3	0	2	10	6	4	9
TOUKLEY	5	2	2	1	9	8	1	8
THE ENTRANCE	5	2	1	2	12	10	2	7
AVOCA	5	1	1	3	2	9	-7	4
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	5	1	0	4	10	14	-4	3
KINCUMBER	5	0	2	3	4	12	-8	2
TERRIGAL	5	0	1	4	8	15	-7	1

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LEADING GOAL SCORER

9	Daniel Rodger (Killarney District)
7	Rob Walton (East Gosford)
6	James Caban (SEU)
5	John Whelpdale (Killarney District)
4	Jai Kelly (Toukley)
3	Jameson Flynn (Berkeley Vale), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Ian McAndrew (Gosford City), Jarred McNee (Gosford City),

UPCOMING BPL MATCHES

SUNDAY 14 MAY			
GOSFORD CITY	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Gavenlock Oval
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	BERKELEY VALE	EDSACC North
AVOCA	vs	TERRIGAL	Erina High School
TOUKLEY	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Harry Moore Oval
THE ENTRANCE	vs	KINCUMBER	Pat Morley Oval

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OTHER COMPETITIONS

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
WYONG	2	BUDGEWOI	1
WOONGARRAH	7	WOY WOY	7
KANWAL	4	TUGGERAH	1
UMINA	6	DOYALSON	1
WYOMING	6	GWANDALAN	1
OURIMBAH	3	KARIONG	0

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS			
UMINA	3	TERRIGAL	1
GOSFORD CITY	4	WOONGARRAH	2
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	2	THE ENTRANCE	0

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
AVOCA	3	DOYALSON	1
KINCUMBER	4	KANWAL	2
KARIONG	4	WOY WOY	0