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2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 18 (27 AUGUST)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

TOUKLEY	0	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	0
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	3	EAST GOSFORD	2
GOSFORD CITY	7	KINCUMBER	1
AVOCA	1	BERKELEY VALE	0
THE ENTRANCE	3	TERRIGAL	2

SUMMARY

- The 2017 Battlewin Mens Premier League competition moves into the finals series next weekend following the final round of matches. After much switching of places throughout the second half of the competition Gosford City has grabbed the vital second spot ahead of Berkeley Vale and will now play league champions Killarney District in next Sunday afternoon's major semi-final at Pluim Park 1 from 4pm.
- In what was the real hard luck story of the season Avoca, despite beating Berkeley Vale, have missed out on fourth place on goal difference to The Entrance. Avoca's recovery from a terrible start to the season has been remarkable. After the sixth round they had lost four and drawn one match, scoring just two goals in six matches. In the remaining 12 matches they were beaten just once, by Killarney District, had three draws and eight wins, including five straight between rounds 14 and 18, the only team to do this all season. Unfortunately that early season goal drought proved to be their eventual downfall but the club has taken a major step forward from their previous seasons in Premier League and with their combination of youth and experience should be a major force in 2018.
- In Division One Kanwal has taken out the league championship after overhauling Umina in the final round. Wyoming and Woongarra filled third and fourth places respectively although between now and next Saturday Wyoming will be playing their most important match of the season when they meet last-placed BPL team Kincumber in the first-ever promotion/relegation match at Pluim Park on Wednesday night.

TOUKLEY 0 KILLARNEY DISTRICT 0

- Their second scoreless draw in their last three matches will be a cause for concern for the Terriers although a number of players were rested to prepare for the upcoming finals series matches and the chance to take out a second-successive premiership.
- After their success in 2016 when they reached the semi-finals in their first season following promotion from Division One, this season has been a disappointment for Toukley finishing in seventh place just ahead of Southern-Ettalong on goal difference. The club has moved

quickly though and recently announced the appointment of the experienced Greg Ko'Cass to the first grade coaching role for next season.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 3 EAST GOSFORD 2

- A consolation win for Southern-Ettalong in an even tussle against East Gosford that saw them avoid the psychological stigma of finishing second last and, in any other season, being relegated. The Lions have one of the youngest rosters in the BPL and have suffered from the inconsistency that often entails but will be looking to build from there in future seasons.
- Despite dropping to sixth place after a very promising start to the season there were plenty of positives for East Gosford including have both lower grades playing in the finals series, Reserve Grade finishing in second place and Third Grade fourth. They also had the prestige of Rob Walton taking out the 2017 Battlewin Golden Boot award for the most goals in the season.
- The match itself fluctuated with James Wain giving East the lead in the 30th minute for a 1-0 lead. The Lions hit back early in the second half through Theo Forsberg and evergreen Keith Gumbs before Walton's 20th goal of the season – including at least one in each of the Rams past seven matches – leveled the score. The clincher came from 17-year-old Lucas Moran with a long cross/shot from distance.

AVOCA 1 BERKELEY VALE 0

- A crucial match for both teams with Berkeley Vale needing to win and hold off Gosford to retain second place and Avoca battling The Entrance for the last semi-final spot. With reports coming through showing the Sea Eagles has scored three early goals the Sharks task grew increasingly unlikely as the match remained scoreless until Stuart Adams' match-winner dashed the Wombats hopes.
- These two clubs have easily been the biggest improvers of the season with the Sharks moving up into uncharted territory in the top half of the competition with 12 more points than their previous best. Berkeley Vale's improvement from 8th in 2016, the only time in the past nine seasons that they'd missed out on the finals, was much more predictable and they'll be desperate to take out that elusive first-ever Premier League premiership.

GOSFORD CITY 7 KINCUMBER 1

- An expected result with Gosford needing the win to try and regain second place and Kincumber preparing for the big play-off against Wyoming on Wednesday night to ensure their survival in BPL. The Dragons had the match under control with a 4-0 half-time lead but struggled to pick up the extra goals they may have needed in case of a draw between Berkeley Vale and Avoca. They did eventually get the required six-goal margin but in the meantime the Sharks win meant the equation no longer mattered. Adam Woodbine's second hat-trick of the season moved him into clear-fourth in the Golden Boot race with 14 goals while Ian McAndrew (pen.), Andrew Morris, Oscar Torres and Warren McAndrew also scored. The Roos goal was scored by Kevin Robertson.

THE ENTRANCE 3 TERRIGAL 0

- Three goals within the first quarter of the match from The Entrance was enough to settle both the top four and bottom two positions. The latter spot didn't have the same ramifications as in previous seasons but was still a major disappointment for a Terrigal team that missed out on the 2016 finals by the narrowest of margins. A double to the ever-

dangerous Matt Kenny took his tally to an impressive 12 in a season where he missed a number of matches. Zac Anastas scored the decisive third goal.

- Although they'll have to win the premiership via the back door, the Sea Eagles go into the play-offs with an impressive record over the past decade of three grand final wins from three appearances in contrast to those of Berkeley Vale (none from 5, Gosford none from 2 and even Killarney (one win and one loss). They have a very settled side with plenty of big-match players and joint coaches with winning records, Andrew Ollier (2005) and Matt Page (2014 and 2015).

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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	18	11	4	2	43	19	24	40
GOSFORD CITY	18	10	3	5	40	28	12	33
BERKELEY VALE	18	10	2	6	32	23	9	32
THE ENTRANCE	18	9	4	5	49	31	18	31
AVOCA	18	9	4	5	27	22	5	31
EAST GOSFORD	18	6	5	7	34	28	6	23
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	18	6	2	10	33	41	8	20
TOUKLEY	18	5	5	8	25	28	-3	20
TERRIGAL	18	4	4	10	30	38	-8	16
KINCUMBER	18	1	3	14	17	70	-53	6

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DING GOAL SCORERS (FINAL)

20	Rob Walton (East Gosford)
16	James Caban (SEU), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District)
14	Josh Swadling (The Entrance)
13	Adam Woodbine (Gosford City)
12	Jai Kelly (Toukley)
10	Matt Kenny (The Entrance)
9	Jett Cabarrus (Terrigal), Jared McNee (Gosford City), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale)
7	Shaun Izzard (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District)
6	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), John Whelpdale (Killarney District)
5	Jamieson Flynn (Berkeley Vale), Alex Govorcin (Toukley), Alex Osborne (Kincumber), Matt Page (The Entrance), Oscar Torres (Gosford City)

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PREMIER GRADE SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER			
PREMIER LEAGUE MINOR SEMI-FINAL			
BERKELEY VALE	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Pluim Park 1 (7pm)
DIVISION ONE MINOR SEMI-FINAL			
WYOMING	vs	WOONGARRAH	Pluim Park 3 (5pm)
SEAFM WOMENS LEAGUE MINOR SEMI-FINAL			
WOONGARRAH	vs	KILLARNEY	Pluim Park 3 (1pm)
WOMENS DIVISION ONE MINOR SEMI FINAL			
AVOCA	vs	KARIONG	Pluim Park 2 (4:30pm)

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER			
PREMIER LEAGUE MAJOR SEMI-FINAL			
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Pluim Park 1 (4pm)
DIVISION ONE MAJOR SEMI-FINAL			
KANWAL	vs	UMINA	Pluim Park 3 (5pm)
SEAFM WOMENS LEAGUE MAJOR SEMI-FINAL			
UMINA	vs	GOSFORD	Pluim park 3 (1pm)
WOMENS DIVISION ONE MAJOR SEMI FINAL			
KINCUMBER	vs	KANWAL	Pluim Park 2 (2:30pm)

OTHER COMPETITIONS

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

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

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
KARIONG	3	WOY WOY	1
KINCUMBER	2	KANWAL	1
AVOCA	8	DOYALSON	1