

Premium Sporting Products

2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 17 (19/20 AUGUST)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

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| KILLARNEY DISTRICT | 4 | SOUTHERN-ETTALONG | 0 |
| AVOCA | 4 | TOUKLEY | 1 |
| GOSFORD CITY | 1 | TERRIGAL | 1 |
| BERKELEY VALE | 6 | KINCUMBER | 1 |
| EAST GOSFORD | 2 | THE ENTRANCE | 2 |

SUMMARY

- With just one round remaining in the 2017 Battlewin Premier League competition the final composition of the four finalists is yet to be decided with two of the top four teams held to draws by opponents in the bottom half of the table and Avoca chalking up their fourth straight win to move into equal fourth place.
- The battle for the vital second place between Berkeley Vale and Gosford City which has been going on for most of the season took another turn with the Wombats back in front by two points after a comfortable win over Kincumber and City held to a draw by Terrigal. However the positions could easily be reversed next Sunday with Gosford playing a Kincumber team whose focus will be firmly on their relegation play-off match the following Wednesday. Berkeley Vale certainly won't have that luxury, up against the high-flying Avoca team.
- In Division One the league championship remains in the balance with Umina two points ahead of Kanwal. One position that has been settled is the crucial third place spot, which this season comes with the opportunity to win promotion to Premier League. A crucial win over Woongarra means that Wyoming will now take on Kincumber in the first-ever promotion/relegation play-off on Wednesday week at Pluim Park. In a promoter's dream the final round will feature competition leaders Umina up against fourth-placed Woongarra at Hamlyn Terrace on Saturday night followed by Kanwal (2nd) and Wyoming (3rd) just down the road at Wadalba on Sunday afternoon.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 4 SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 0

- Although they had sewn up the league championship the previous week Killarney District did have some unfinished business in this match with Southern-Ettalong being one of only two teams to have beaten the Terriers this season. With two of the Golden Boot contenders on the field there was added interest especially when Killarney's Daniel Rodger scored early to join James Caban on 16 goals. The game remained relatively even until the 51st minute when Matt Hall scored and was effectively settled when brother Ethan found the net in the 76th minute. A late goal from Todd Leach wrapped up a 4-0 win for the league champs.
- Neither team will have matches of any significance in next week's final round although Killarney will be making sure that there's no repeat of the incident that saw two players

from each side sent off and get significant suspensions in their first round match against Toukley. If Killarney do win that match Southern can move up to seventh place with a win over East Gosford at Hylton Moore Park.

EAST GOSFORD 2 THE ENTRANCE 2

- Although they've gradually slid down the table in the second half of the season it's been a pretty good return to Premier League for the Rams in 2017. They were in the top four for a long time and, importantly for coming seasons, have both lower grades currently in premiership contention. Three losses in a row, all by the odd goal against the three top teams, ended any hope of playing in the finals series but they showed with this draw against fourth-placed The Entrance that they will be a force against next season.
- The Rams took the lead in the 30th minute with Rob Walton scoring for the sixth straight match and looking odds-on to win the 2017 Battlewin Golden Boot trophy with a three-goal lead over the field. East's lead only lasted a couple of minutes with Matt Kenny equalising. It was a similar situation in the second half Dave McKellar restoring the lead for the Rams in the 58th minute and Zac Anastas levelling ten minutes later.
- A second successive draw has The Entrance's semi finals place in some doubt with Avoca now joining them in fourth place on 28 points. The Sea Eagles do have a plus-11 better goal difference so will only need to beat Toukley next Sunday to move on into the play-offs. The Rams will be at home against Southern before both teams start dressing up for Mad Monday.

AVOCA 4 TOUKLEY 1

- Win or lose next week 2017 has been an outstanding year for the young Avoca Sharks team. After a number of seasons struggling to keep out of the relegation zone they've now established themselves as potential premiership contenders. After a shaky start that saw them lose four of their first six matches, and score just two goals, they've made a remarkable turnaround and have been beaten just once in their last 11 matches, and that was against the league champions. Unfortunately that early goal drought has come back to bite them and their goal difference of just +4 could cost them a semi-finals place if the finish level with The Entrance.
- By contrast Toukley have struggled for consistency throughout the season and failed to match their outstanding feats of 2016. Avoca had control of the match from the 27th minute, when Mitch Harrison, gave Avoca the lead. Liam Collins then doubled the lead in the 57th minute which would have made his father and Avoca team manager, Ray very proud – just a pity Collins senior's last known location was Prague! The Gunners did hit back six minutes later through Alex Govorcin but goals to Shaun Izzard and Jake Elder settled the result.
- The equation for the Sharks is relatively simple. They need to get more points from their match against second-placed Berkeley Vale than The Entrance do against Terrigal. If the two teams get the same number of points then Avoca will miss out on goal difference. Toukley take on Killarney.

GOSFORD CITY 1 TERRIGAL 1

- Gosford is another team that has been unpredictable during the second half of the season with two wins, four losses and this draw from their last seven matches. Despite this they're still a serious chance of taking second place with a win virtually assured from their final

match at home against Kincumber and Berkeley Vale facing a serious challenge to hold out Avoca.

- Terrigal went into the match determined to avoid 'virtual-relegation' (finishing second last would normally have led to demotion) and despite the loss of the Wilkinson twins, Lachlan and Connor, they put up an excellent effort against their higher-ranked opponents. Jack Ragen gave them the lead when he ran onto a perfect through ball from Jett Cabarrus to score just before the half-time break. The Dragons rallied strongly in the second period and a great run from Adam Woodbine saw Jared McNee equalise on the hour mark however a series of excellent saves from Terrigal 'keeper Aaron Zakovin allowed his team to hang on for a valuable point.

BERKELEY VALE 6 KINCUMBER 1

- As was the case with Killarney, the Wombats had a point to prove after going down 3-0 to Kincumber in their first round match at Plum Park in what was the biggest upset of the season. With goal difference looming as a factor in the battle for second place they would have been looking for a greater margin than the eventual +5 but as it was Terrigal did the Wombats a huge favour by pinching two points from Gosford.
- Berkeley Vale's goals were spread evenly between the two halves with Troy Mumford scoring two from the penalty spot and a screamer from general. Alex Burrell, Jamieson Flynn and Jayden Mounsey were the other scorers while Alex Osborne had a consolation goal late in the match.
- Both teams have big matches ahead. Berkeley Vale will be looking to stop Avoca's unbeaten run while Kincumber's focus will be on their big play-off match against Wyoming on Wednesday August 30th for the final place in next season's BPL.

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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 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 43 | 19 | 24 | 39 |
| BERKELEY VALE | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 32 | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| GOSFORD CITY | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 33 | 27 | 6 | 30 |
| THE ENTRANCE | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 46 | 31 | 15 | 28 |
| AVOCA | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 26 | 22 | 4 | 28 |
| EAST GOSFORD | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 32 | 25 | 7 | 23 |
| TOUKLEY | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 28 | -3 | 19 |
| SOUTHERN-ETTALONG | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 39 | -9 | 17 |
| TERRIGAL | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 35 | -6 | 16 |
| KINCUMBER | 17 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 63 | -47 | 6 |

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LEADING GOAL SCORERS

| | |
|----|---|
| 19 | Rob Walton (East Gosford) |
| 16 | James Caban (SEU), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District) |
| 14 | Josh Swadling (The Entrance) |

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| 12 | Jai Kelly (Toukley) |
| 10 | Adam Woodbine (Gosford City) |
| 9 | Jett Cabarrus (Terrigal), Jared McNee (Gosford City), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale) |
| 8 | Matt Kenny (The Entrance) |
| 7 | Shaun Izzard (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District) |
| 6 | Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), John Whelpdale (Killarney District) |
| 5 | Stuart Adams (Avoca), Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Jamieson Flynn (Berkeley Vale), Alex Govorcin (Toukley), Alex Osborne (Kincumber), Matt Page (The Entrance) |

UPCOMING BPL MATCHES

| SUNDAY 27 AUGUST | | | |
|------------------|----|--------------------|----------------------|
| BERKELEY VALE | vs | AVOCA | Mingara Sports Field |
| TERRIGAL | vs | THE ENTRANCE | Duffys Road Oval |
| GOSFORD CITY | vs | KINCUMBER | Gavenlock Oval |
| EAST GOSFORD | vs | SOUTHERN-ETTALONG | Hylton Moore Oval |
| TOUKLEY | vs | KILLARNEY DISTRICT | Harry Moore Oval |

OTHER COMPETITIONS

| MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|---|
| DOYALSON | 4 | WYONG | 1 |
| BUDGEWOI | 7 | GWANDALAN | 0 |
| WOY WOY | 1 | OURIMBAH | 0 |
| UMINA | 8 | TUGGERAH | 0 |
| WYOMING | 3 | WOONGARRAH | 0 |
| KANWAL | 4 | KARIONG | 2 |

| SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| THE ENTRANCE | 5 | TERRIGAL | 2 |
| WOONGARRAH | 3 | KILLARNEY DISTRICT | 0 |
| GOSFORD CITY | 4 | UMINA | 3 |

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