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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 3 (7/8 APRIL)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- There were goals galore (29 in total) in a hot and humid Round 3 of the Battlewin Premier League. A big Saturday night win sees Killarney District remain two points clear of the only other unbeaten team, Avoca, with a logjam of four clubs sitting a point back. Surprisingly three teams that have been semi-finalists within the past two seasons, Gosford, Toukley and The Entrance have yet to secure a point although City do have a deferred match in hand.
- Three BPL clubs remain in the FFA Cup, four local clubs if you include Central Coast United which is comprised largely of former BPL players. Berkeley Vale and CCU are already through to Round 5 with Killarney and Terrigal playing away matches against Sydney club opponents this Wednesday night.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 6 TOUKLEY 2

- With its semi-amphitheatre layout and excellent lighting the EDSACC North field is proving to be a popular venue for Saturday night BPL matches and around 400 spectators were there for the opening match of the Third Round with Killarney District hosting Toukley-Gorokan. Unlike the corresponding encounter last season which saw two players from each side sent off after an ugly melee this time around the game was fast-paced and played in the true spirit of the game.
- After a scoreless first 20 minutes the match burst into life with six goals coming in the next 18 minutes. Andy Klijn and Tim Knight were on target in the 19th and 23rd minutes respectively to give Killarney the lead before a defensive lapse saw Toukley pull a goal back through the speedy Jai Kelly. Two headed goals in five minutes by Daniel Rodger extended the Terriers lead but once again, just a minute, later Kelly again broke from halfway to score and keep the match alive.
- Despite trailing 4-2 at the break Toukley stayed in touch until goals by Blake Silvers in the 77th minute and a second to Knight four minutes later wrapped up a comfortable win for the competition favourites.

- Killarney will now travel down to Sydney on Wednesday night for their Round 4 FFA Cup match against Epping Eastwood FC on the synthetic surface at Valentine Park. Kick-off is at 7.30pm. Next Sunday sees them head south again to try and extend their perfect start to the season against Umina United at Col Gooley Field. The Gunners meet Terrigal at Duffys Road.

BERKELEY VALE 4 UMINA 0

- After a disrupted start to the season caused by injuries and unavailability Berkeley Vale have struck form with two outstanding performances in five days scoring 10 unanswered goals in the process. In what was one of the club's best results in years they thrashed NPL 3 club the Bathurst-based Western Mariners 6-0 at Mingara on Wednesday night before a dominant 4-0 win over Umina at the same venue.
- The game was affected by a combination of the heavy Mingara field and high temperatures but, despite their workload, the Wombats were in control for most of the match minutes. Back from suspension Alex Burrell gave his team the lead in the 23rd minute with what was the only goal in the first half. Michael Tawyer's first ever BPL goal doubled the lead in the 65th minutes with Paul McGinley effectively settling the result five minutes later. Burrell then finished the scoring with a second goal seven minutes from full-time.
- Berkeley Vale take on the struggling Entrance team next Sunday at Pat Morley Oval while Umina's task doesn't get any easier, at home against Killarney District.

AVOCA 4 KINCUMBER 0

- After three rounds Avoca have shown that their outstanding form in the second half of the 2017 BPL competition was no fluke. With two wins and a draw in 2018 they now sit in clear second place, the only unbeaten team apart from Killarney District. Indeed their only loss in their last 15 matches came against the Terriers in Round 13 last season. Only an inferior goal difference prevented the Sharks from reaching the BPL play-offs for the first time. In the first six rounds of 2017 they scored just three goals – in the first three matches this season they already have nine.
- The 2017 BPL POTY Stuart Adams continued his excellent form with goals in the 20th and 55th minutes while former Wyoming and Gosford City player Ben Green scored his first goal for his new club in the 65th minute followed by his second just 10 minutes later.
- The Sharks will be looking to extend their winning their unbeaten run when they have their first home game against struggling Gosford City at Erina High School. Kincumber, who had started the season in such promising style will be making the trip over the Rip Bridge to take on the in-form Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 2 TERRIGAL 0

- After being plagued with inconsistency in the past few seasons Southern-Ettalong look to have turned the corner with two wins and the narrowest of losses to Berkeley Vale in their first three matches. The biggest improvement has been at the back with just three goals conceded in as many matches after finishing the 2017 BPL season with the second worst defensive record. Their other problem last season, oddly enough, was a very poor home record which they also reversed with their first match at James Browne Oval.
- Despite being on top for much of the first half Southern were unable to score with both goals, scored by Keith Gumbs and Theo Forsberg, coming in a 22-minute period midway

through the second term. A late penalty save by Luke Carnevale allowed the Lions to keep a clean sheet for just the third occasion since the start of the 2017 season.

- With their Round 2 match deferred because of the funeral of former coach Ash Grant this was Terrigal's first match in three weeks and despite the loss the young side showed enough to suggest that they should be very competitive this season.
- By contrast Terrigal now have four games inside the next fortnight starting with an FFA Cup against Sans Souci FC on Wednesday night at Peakhurst Park (8pm kick-off). Next up is a home match against Toukley at Duffys Oval on Sunday, followed by the deferred Round 2 match against Gosford City at Pluim Park on Wednesday week and then another home game against The Entrance on Sunday week.

KANWAL 4 GOSFORD CITY 2

- Back-to-back wins over two of last season's finalists have given Kanwal a great platform on which to build their first season back in the top division since 2013. While both The Entrance and Gosford City have been weakened by the loss of players to Central Coast United they have been two of the most successful clubs over the past five years.
- The Bulls struck early with skipper Ryan Walker slotting home a cross from right winger Jason Cozens in the 14th minute. The same player then found Brad McLean in the crucial last minutes of the first half to give the visitors a 2-0 lead at the break. A second goal to Walker 15 minutes into the second half, this one from a cross by left fullback Paul Holz, effectively sealed the win although Gosford hit back twice through second-half substitute Jeff Hall, although a third goal to Walker between them ensured that the result was never in real doubt.
- Both teams are away next Sunday with Gosford City up against the in-form Avoca at Erina High School and Kanwal taking on East Gosford just down the road at Hylton Moore Park . City then back up the following Wednesday for the deferred Round 2 match against Terrigal.

EAST GOSFORD 4 THE ENTRANCE 1

- Another frustrating loss for The Entrance as they try to re-group after their numerous off-season player losses. They couldn't capitalise on a number of first half scoring opportunities before going behind through an own goal just before the break. The Rams then took control in the second period with two set-piece goals within ten minutes midway through the half, both from the ever-reliable Rob Walton, the first a free kick the second a penalty. Stephen Harper added a fourth ten minutes before full-time with the Reddies grabbing a late consolation goal.
- Both teams are at home next Sunday with East Gosford playing Kanwal at Hylton Moore Park and The Entrance up against one of their traditional derby opponents Berkeley Vale at Pat Morley Oval.

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KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9
AVOCA	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	3	2	0	1	9	3	6	6
BERKELEY VALE	3	2	0	1	6	2	4	6
KANWAL	3	2	0	1	9	7	2	6
EAST GOSFORD	3	2	0	1	6	6	-1	6
KINCUMBER	3	1	1	1	7	8	-1	4
UMINA	3	1	1	1	7	10	-3	4
TERRIGAL	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
GOSFORD	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
TOUKLEY	3	0	0	3	5	13	-8	0
THE ENTRANCE	3	0	0	3	4	13	-9	0

DING GOAL SCORERS (FINAL)

5	Ryan Walker (Kanwal), Keith Gumbs (SEU)
4	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District)
3	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Josh Schumann (Umina), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
2	Alex Burrell (Berkeley Vale), James Caban (SEU), Ben Green (Avoca), Will Haines (Toukley), Jeff Hall (Gosford City), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Andy Klijn (Killarney District)

ROUND 4 FIXTURES

SUNDAY 15 APRIL			
UMINA	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Umina Oval
TERRIGAL	vs	TOUKLEY	Duffys Oval
KINCUMBER	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Frost Reserve
AVOCA	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Erina High School
EAST GOSFORD	vs	KANWAL	Hylton Moore Park
THE ENTRANCE	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Pat Morley Oval