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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 4 (15 APRIL)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

KILLARNEY DISTRICT	4	UMINA	3
EAST GOSFORD	3	KANWAL	0
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	2	KINCUMBER	0
BERKELEY VALE	4	THE ENTRANCE	0
AVOCA	2	GOSFORD CITY	0
TERRIGAL	8	TOUKLEY	1

SUMMARY

- After the heat and humidity of the previous week the temperatures dropped for Round 4 of the Battlewin Premier League to be replaced by strong gusty winds. While five the top six teams all had wins the big news came from Duffys Oval where Terrigal United unveiled their new "Ash's Corner" in tribute to their revered former coach and then proceeded to celebrate on the field with an 8-1 win over Toukley, the club's biggest ever Premier League win in their 14 seasons in the top grade. In what is almost certainly another first, seven different players scored the eight goals.



- At the lower end of the table three teams that contested the finals series in 2016 (Gosford City, The Entrance and Toukley) all sit without a point. Gosford's position is only slightly less serious in that they still have a game in hand with their Round 2 match against Terrigal to be played at Plum Park on Wednesday night. And of course with the new 12-club BPL structure there are still 18 matches remaining.
- Killarney District and Terrigal both won their Wednesday night FFA Cup Round 4 matches with the Terriers thrashing Epping-Eastwood 8-1 at Valentine Park and Terrigal defeating Sans Souci 3-2 at Peakhurst Park after the lights went out in the 77th minute. The match was eventually awarded to Terrigal the match having passed the 60th minute. The wins

mean that Killarney and Terrigal join Berkeley Vale and Central Coast in the fifth round of the Cup to be played on Wednesday 2nd May with the draw to be made late this week.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 4 UMINA 3

- A narrow escape for the defending premiers who went into the match with their two main strikers, Tim Knight and Daniel Rodger, both unavailable and also coming off their mid-week FFA Cup match in Sydney. Despite the strong winds both teams played quality entertaining football throughout. Umina dominated early missing a number of clear scoring opportunities and then paid the price with John Whelpdale giving Killarney the lead from a typically precise free-kick followed by a goal to defender Bryce Fielder to give the visitors a 2-0 lead at the break.
- An own-goal early in the second half sparked a Umina revival with Benji Gossen equalizing in the 55th minute. The Terriers then regained the lead in the 70th minute from another Whelpdale free-kick before Umina again levelled the score with a penalty from Josh Schumann but conceded what proved to be the deciding goal by Killarney's Andy Klijn.
- Umina will take plenty of confidence out of an impressive performance against the competition favourites. They don't play next weekend instead taking on Southern-Ettalong in their traditional Anzac Day match at James Browne Oval. Killarney get the opportunity to extend their lead while Avoca can overtake them when the top two teams meet next Sunday at EDSACC North.

BERKELEY VALE 4 THE ENTRANCE 0

- Back-to-back 4-0 wins and a third straight clean sheet have Berkeley Vale sitting just off the pace in equal third place while The Entrance had their fourth successive loss and sit equal last with a minus-13 goal difference. With three key players now at Central Coast United the Reddies are fielding a very young side as they attempt to rebuild and, despite the heavy loss, there are some promising signs.
- The match was evenly contested for the first 20 minutes when Troy Mumford broke the deadlock. From there onwards the Wombats were in control with Michael Tawyer doubling the lead in the 36th minute. Defender Alex Burrell's fourth goal of the season came in the 62nd minute with Adam Smith wrapping up the win with 15 minutes to play.
- Berkeley Vale return to Mingara next Sunday against a competitive Kincumber team while The Entrance will be looking for their first points when the travel to Harry Moore Oval to play Toukley.

AVOCA 2 GOSFORD CITY 0

- A fairly uninspiring match all round not helped by the strong winds and uneven Erina High School pitch at Erina High School field. Avoca went into the match without their key midfielder James Monie and struggled to control the match against an enthusiastic Gosford team. The game was in the balance throughout although Gosford were reduced to 10 men when second-half substitute, Jeff Hall, was sent off five minutes from full-time. The only goals came in the dying seconds of each half with a powerful volley from Ben Green just before the half-time and a first ever Premier League goal in injury time to 18-year-old substitute Myers Hanger.
- Avoca's biggest test comes next Sunday when they take on Killarney District at EDSACC North. The Sharks haven't been beaten since their Round 13 2-0 loss to the Terriers, indeed they've won eight of their past nine matches.

- The next fortnight could well define Gosford's season with their deferred Round 2 match against a very confident Terrigal on Wednesday night at Pluim Park to be followed by two other in-form opponents in East Gosford (at Hylton Moore Park) and Berkeley Vale (at Gavenlock Oval).

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 2 KINCUMBER 0

- Although beaten for the second match in a row last season's wooden spooners Kincumber have indicated a new competitive spirit pushing Southern throughout the 90 minutes. The young and enthusiastic side just lacked confidence in attack. Both of Southern's goals came in a 15-minute period midway through the second half with Keith Gumbs regaining the sole lead in the Golden Boot race with his sixth of the season and James Caban his third.
- SEU Coach Dale Eggleton's push for more consistency and tighter defence is starting to sink in with the club's first back-to-back wins since Rounds 10 and 11 of the 2016 season and their first consecutive clean sheets since Round 14 and 15 of 2015, and even then they were both 0-0 draws.
- Southern now have 10 days to prepare for their traditional Anzac Day match against neighbours Umina at James Browne Oval, always one of the best matches each season. Kincumber face a stern test against the in-form Berkeley Vale at Mingara next Sunday.

EAST GOSFORD 3 KANWAL 0

- A match that was marred by a series of injuries the most serious of which saw the match held up in the tenth minute for 37 minutes with ambulance treatment required for a knee injury to Kanwal's Paul Holz. Between the resumption and half-time East Gosford lost three players and so used up all three substitutes. Most of the action also took part during that period with Rob Walton giving the Rams the lead in the 20th minute. At the other end East goalkeeper Beyhan Irmako made two great saves, the second from the penalty spot before David McKellar doubled the lead in the 35th minute. Games can be decided on small margins and so it was when Kanwal goalie Aaron Hammond made a great save but could only parry it down for Zac Nielsen to tap home what proved to be the final goal.
- Kanwal fought back hard in the second half, which began around 4.20 pm, and were unlucky not to score from the series on corner kicks one of which rebounded off the crossbar. Again both 'keepers were outstanding making a number of important saves.
- Both teams' next opponents will be backing from Wednesday night's deferred match at Pluim Park with East Gosford playing Gosford at Hylton Moore Park while Kanwal will be looking to bring Terrigal back down to earth when they meet at Duffys Oval.

TERRIGAL 8 TOUKLEY 1

- It's been a terrible fortnight off the field for the Terrigal club following the sudden death of former coach Ash Grant but there can be no doubt that he's inspired the team on the field with two outstanding performances in five days. First up there was the 3-2 win over Sans Souci in the FFA Cup and then this stunning 8-1 victory, the highest MPL first grade score and biggest winning margin in the club's history.
- There were no signs of what was to come during an even first half with Terrigal taking a 2-1 lead into the break with goals to Dan Tuddenham and Mitch Allen offset by one by Toukley's Will Haines. Tuddenham scored again in the second half along with Dan Dickenson, Erik

Requelme, Chris Altuneg, Anthony Pace and Ben Flakus, three of them coming within the last 10 minutes of the match.

- Terrigal will be looking to take this momentum into Wednesday night's deferred Round 2 match against Gosford at Plum Park before returning home next Sunday against Kanwal. In contrast Toukley will want to bounce back against The Entrance at Harry Moore Oval with at least one guaranteed of their first points of the season.

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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	4	4	0	0	15	5	10	12
AVOCA	4	3	1	0	11	4	7	10
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	4	3	0	1	11	3	8	9
BERKELEY VALE	4	3	0	1	10	2	8	9
EAST GOSFORD	4	3	0	1	9	6	3	9
KANWAL	4	2	0	2	9	10	-1	6
KINCUMBER	4	1	1	2	7	10	-2	4
UMINA	4	1	1	2	10	14	-4	4
TERRIGAL	3	1	1	1	10	5	5	4
GOSFORD	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
TOUKLEY	4	0	0	4	6	21	-15	0
THE ENTRANCE	4	0	0	4	4	17	-13	0

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6	Keith Gumbs (SEU)
5	Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
4	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Josh Schumann (Umina), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
3	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Alex Burrell (Berkeley Vale), James Caban (SEU), Ben Green (Avoca), Will Haines (Toukley), Andy Klijn (Killarney District), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal)

ROUND 4 FIXTURES

SUNDAY 22 APRIL			
EAST GOSFORD	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Hylton Moore Park
BERKELEY VALE	vs	KINCUMBER	Mingara Sports Field
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	AVOCA	EDSACC North
TOUKLEY	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Harry Moore Oval
TERRIGAL	vs	KANWAL	Duffys Oval

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL			
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	UMINA	James Browne Oval