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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 8 (12/13 MAY)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

BERKELEY VALE	3	KANWAL	1
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	5	TOUKLEY	1
GOSFORD CITY	2	KINCUMBER	1
TERRIGAL	5	UMINA	4
AVOCA	3	EAST GOSFORD	1
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	5	THE ENTRANCE	0

SUMMARY

- After the upsets over the previous weekend the results in Round 8 of the Battlewin Premier League have been much more predictable with each of the top four teams winning. While both Killarney District and Berkeley Vale bounced back from their losses the big news remains the performance of Southern & Ettalong United whose emphatic win over Toukley took them to 19 points, just one behind their 18-match total last season.
- Umina's helter-skelter season has continued, this time with nine goals scored in their 5-4 loss to Terrigal taking the tally from their eight matches to date to 53, 22 for and 31 against.
- The big event next round will be the inaugural awarding of the Ash Grant Memorial to the winner of the BPL match between Killarney District and Terrigal at EDSACC North on Saturday night. Named in honour of the former Terrigal coach and one of the most respected members of the Central Coast football community the trophy will be contested on an annual basis between the two clubs with the venue alternating between EDSACC North and Duffys Road.
- A third of the way through the Division One competition Woongarra are already looking odds-on to win promotion to next season's BPL competition for the first time since the club entered the senior competition in 2010. They've won all six matches to date and sit eight points ahead of third place, effectively nine given their 41-4 for-and-against margin.

BERKELEY VALE 3 KANWAL 1

- Saturday night matches are always popular in the early stages of each season but they quickly lose their appeal when the temperatures start to drop as they did at Plum Park 1 for this match which had been transferred due to lighting issues at Mingara Sports field. Just a fortnight after we were all complaining about the heat this was the first taste of what lies ahead for the next three months.

- Berkeley Vale took the lead in the 16th minute through Nick Taylor. Four minutes later Michael Tawyer looked set to score for the sixth straight match only to be brought down in the Kanwal penalty box. Unfortunately for him senior player Paul McGinley pulled rank and converted from the resultant dot shot to double the Wombat's lead. As they done all season Kanwal fought back hard, and despite losing player/coach Brad Porter to a leg injury midway through the half, were rewarded when Ryan Walker's eighth goal of the season in the 38th minute made it 2-1. Then right on half-time Tawyer was again tackled inside the box and, before he could get to his feet and grab the ball, McGinley was placing it on the spot. Again he beat the Bulls 'keeper. The Wombats have the best defence in the League and although Kanwal stretched it on a number of occasions during what proved to be a scoreless second half.
- Berkeley Vale now meet last-placed Toukley next Sunday at Harry Moore Oval while Kanwal are also be on the road against Kincumber at Frost Reserve.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 5 TOUKLEY 1

- Since Southern's return to the Premier League in 2015 they've been plagued by inconsistent performances which have seen them eventually finish in the lower half of the competition table each time. A typical example came last year when they followed their upset win over Killarney District with three straight losses a point that was stressed to the team prior to kick-off.
- As they've done in most of their matches Toukley took the match to their opponents and would have led midway through the opening half but for a penalty save by Southern's goalkeeper, Luke Carnevale, who kept up his perfect record, this being his third save from as many shots. The match swung Southern's way with James Caban scoring twice, the first five minutes before the break and the second 10 minutes after. Younger brother Josh, then effectively settled the result with his first goal of the season much to his relief as he had been the only one of the three Cabans not to have scored, the youngest, Jacob, having done so in the Anzac Day match against Umina. Matt Mitchell and James Steer finished off the scoring for the Lions although Jai Kelly did get a late consolation goal.

GOSFORD CITY 2 KINCUMBER 1

- An important match for both teams sitting as they were in the bottom third of the ladder. After losses in each of their first four matches. In a tight, evenly contested match Gosford City's were able to record their third win from their last four matches and move up to a season-high eighth place while the loss left Kincumber in second-last spot.
- The Dragons led early through (depending on who you listen to) either an own goal or a fourth goal in his last three games to Ryan Hoare. Kincumber equalised in the 55th minute and were kept in the match by a series of excellent saves from their outstanding young goalkeeper Ryan Saunders although he was finally beaten with what proved to be the match-winner from Matt Hall inside the closing five minutes of the match.
- Gosford will be looking to pick up further points over the remaining three matches of the first round with two of them against teams below them in the table starting with next Sunday's clash with The Entrance at Pat Morley Oval. Kincumber will also be away, against Kanwal at Wadalba Sports Centre.

TERRIGAL 5 UMINA 4

- Here we go again, yet another goal feast involving Umina, this time with a total of nine goals scored although unfortunately for Umina going down by a one-goal margin for the

third time. Most of the damage was done in two five-minute periods; the first in the 6th and 11th minutes when Zac Allan and Anthony Pace scored; the second in the crucial minutes either side of half-time, this time through Jet Cabarrus and a second to Pace. In between Umina had equalised at 2-all within a similar time frame through Ryan Frame and Sam Workman-Brown. Daniel Tuddenham looked to have settled the result with his 65th minute goal extending Terrigal's lead to 5-2 however the visitors, using the strong wind to their advantage, hit back strongly with Hayden Mole scoring in the 74th minute and Sean Conduit in the 89th ensuring a frantic finish with Umina in all out attack through the four minutes of added time but in the end narrowly missing out on what would have been a vital point.

- It will be a big occasion next Saturday night at Umina Oval with the team playing at home for just the third time this season and, more importantly, doing it under lights for the first time since the formation of the Umina United club back in 1980. With a large crowd expected they'll be hoping to record their first win since the opening round, especially as their opponents, East Gosford, are now coached by former Umina dual premiership-winning coach, Chris Powell.
- There's likely to be an even bigger crowd, also on Saturday night, at EDSACC North where Terrigal will take on Killarney District for the inaugural Ash Grant Memorial award.

AVOCA 3 EAST GOSFORD 1

- Another crucial contest between two teams in the congested top half of the table and one that went down to the wire in wet and windy conditions at Erina High School. Avoca took the lead in the 28th through Mitch Harrison with East Gosford equalising through a 30-metre speculator that caught the wind and floated over the Avoca goalkeeper and into the net.
- The score remained tied until the last minute when 16-year-old Roan Brown became the youngest BPL goal scorer, certainly for this season and probably for quite a few more, before Stuart Adams weaved his way through the tiring Rams defence to score the clinching goal.
- Next week's clash between Avoca and Southern-Ettalong wouldn't have attracted much attention in previous seasons but such has been the improvement of the two teams, now sitting in fourth and second positions respectively and with just one loss each, that it looms as the Match of the Round. With four teams playing on Saturday night (including East Gosford who play under lights at Umina Oval) there should be a decent crowd at Erina High.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 5 THE ENTRANCE 0

- After a difficult couple of weeks that included their FFA Cup trip to Bomaderry and a loss to SEU the Terriers were back to their best in what turned out to be an unusually one-sided local derby. Having said that the match remained close with only Andy Klijn's goal midway through the first half separating the teams at the break. The young Entrance team then dropped off the pace in the second half with Tim Knight, back from injury, on target for his first hat-trick since 2016 and seeing him join Klijn on eight goals and in a six-way share of the lead in the Golden Boot race. Matt Hall scored the other second half goal.
- Next Saturday night's Ash Grant Memorial match (see above) should be a cracker with both teams coming off wins and both scoring five goals. The Entrance will be home at Pat Morley against the improving Gosford City team.

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KILLARNEY DISTRICT	8	7	0	1	29	10	15	21
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	8	6	1	1	23	7	16	19
BERKELEY VALE	8	6	0	2	20	6	14	18
AVOCA	8	5	2	1	19	10	9	17
TERRIGAL	8	4	2	2	23	16	7	14
EAST GOSFORD	8	4	1	3	15	13	2	13
KANWAL	8	4	0	4	16	19	-3	12
GOSFORD CITY	8	3	0	5	14	17	-3	9
UMINA	8	1	2	5	22	31	-9	5
KINCUMBER	8	1	2	5	11	23	-12	5
THE ENTRANCE	8	1	2	5	12	29	-17	5
TOUKLEY	8	0	0	8	10	33	-23	0

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8	James Caban (SEU), Keith Gumbs (SEU), Andy Klijn (Killarney District), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Josh Schumann (Umina), Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
7	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Matt Kenny (The Entrance)
6	Rob Walton (East Gosford)
5	Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale)
4	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Ben Green (Avoca), Will Haines (Toukley), Ryan Hoare (Gosford City), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal)
3	Alex Burrell (Berkeley Vale), Jett Cabarrus (Terrigal), Reece Caira (Gosford City), Jeff Hall (Gosford City), Mitch Harrison (Erina), Jai Kelly (Toukley), John Whelpdale (Killarney District)

ROUND 9 FIXTURES

SATURDAY 19 MAY			
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	TERRIGAL	EDSACC North
UMINA	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Umina Oval

SUNDAY 20 MAY			
TOUKLEY	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Harry Moore Oval
AVOCA	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Erina High School
THE ENTRANCE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Pat Morley Oval
KANWAL	vs	KINCUMBER	Wadalba Sports Centre