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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 9 (19/20 MAY)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- There was no change at the top of the 2018 Battlewin Premier League table although Killarney District were able to extend their margin back up to three points. There was a fair bit shuffling however below them with Berkeley Vale moving back up to second place in place of Southern-Ettalong who dropped two places to fourth. Avoca moved up to a season-high third. East Gosford climbed into the top five at the expense of Terrigal who's loss to Killarney also saw them overtaken by Kanwal.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3 TERRIGAL 1

- Another Saturday night match and another big crowd at EDSACC, this time for the inaugural Ash Grant Memorial match in tribute to the popular Central Coast player and coach who died so tragically last month. The match will be played each season between the two clubs alternating between home grounds.
- Terrigal took the match right up to the premiers for most of the first half and eventually broke through for a deserved lead in the 44th minute from a free kick that was parried by Killarney goalkeeper Declan Drake for Daniel Bird to follow up and score. Then just two minutes later and deep into added time the Terriers struck what proved to be a major psychological blow with Cameron Donovan equalising with the last touch of the half. Despite a rapidly deteriorating voice – or perhaps because of it? – Killarney coach Chris Ackerley was able to re-motivate his team and the game swung noticeably their way for most of the second half. A brilliant drive from the edge of the penalty box by Daniel Moffat gave them the lead for the first time 10 minutes into the half before Andy Klijn sealed the win with a similarly sensational strike in the 75th minute. But for some poor finishing late in the match the margin would have been even greater, although that wouldn't have reflected the overall pattern of the game and another promising performance by the young Terrigal side.
- Next up Killarney District travel to Wadalba for what will be their fifth BPL night match of the season against Kanwal. Terrigal also travel north for their derby against an Entrance team looking for their third match of the season.

EAST GOSFORD 3 UMINA 2

- The first Premier League match under lights at Umina Oval since the formation of the competition back in 1982 attracted a large crowd. It was a bittersweet occasion for East Gosford coach Chris Powell returning for the first time against his former club, one which he'd led to two Premier League grand final wins (2008 and 2011) as well as a third (2006) as assistant coach. He asked his team for an early goal to quell the home crowd and got it in the 8th minute through Rob Walton. Ten minutes later Jarryd Beckman leveled the score before Dave McKellar put the Rams back in front in the 30th minute.
- The match highlight for Umina (apart from the high lights ... sorry) was the outstanding performance of 18-year-old debutant Aaron Walters who capped a Man of the Match effort with a brilliant solo goal in the 55th minute to again even the scoreline. Unfortunately for the Eagles it wasn't enough to keep out East Gosford who continued to dominate with Neil Woodcock scoring what proved to be the winner midway through the second half.

BERKELEY VALE 3 TOUKLEY 1

- Toukley's frustrating season continues with their ninth straight loss. As has been in case in many of their matches they put in a wholehearted effort and were well in the contest right up until the hour mark when Berkeley Vale finally broke through with a goal to Josh Menzies. From there the result was never really in doubt and a second goal to Menzies in the 72nd minute doubled the lead with Michael Tawyer then sealing the result 10 minutes from full-time with his sixth goal in the past seven matches. Jai Kelly pulled a goal back for the Gunners in the 86th minute.
- The next three weeks should give an indication of how serious the Berkeley Vale title challenge will be this season as they come up against each of the three teams around them in the current top four. First up is a trip to Erina High School against a very confident Avoca team followed by the much-anticipated encounter with competition favourites Killarney District at Mingara and then, at the same venue, another tough match against the season's big improvers Southern-Ettalong.
- Likewise Toukley's next three matches are against teams close to them in the table, although in their case in the bottom third, so they'll be desperate to grab their first points when they play Umina away next Sunday followed by Gosford, also away, and then home against Kincumber.

AVOCA 3 SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 0

- For the past three seasons Avoca and Southern-Ettalong have, for the most part, sat in the No-Mans Land of the BPL competition occasionally pushing towards the top four but more often than not battling to ensure that they avoid relegation. Not so in 2018 with them going into this deserved Match of the Round both sitting in the top five and having been beaten just once each in their previous eight matches.
- It was yet another excellent performance by this impressive Avoca outfit that in just over a year, in 21 matches, are unbeaten against all BPL clubs with the exception of Killarney District. To score three times against SEU who have the second-best defence in the League, while at the same time keeping a clean sheet, marks them as serious title contenders.
- A third-minute goal by Stuart Adams set the scene for what was otherwise an even first half with limited scoring opportunities for either side. After the break the match opened up with

both sides hitting the posts but, although the Sharks gradually took control, the result remained in the balance. Then, not long after a Keith Gumbs shot struck the Avoca crossbar, a powerful drive by James Monie in the 80th minute effectively settled the result with Adams then putting it beyond doubt with an unstoppable shot in the closing minutes.

- Avoca will again be playing the unofficial Match of the Round next Sunday when they look to take over second spot from Berkeley Vale at Erina High. Southern return home to James Browne Oval against Gosford City.

THE ENTRANCE 2 GOSFORD CITY 0

- A vital match between two of the recent BPL high-fliers who are now struggling in the bottom third of the competition. Both clubs were beaten in their first four matches of the season but are now showing signs of pushing up the ladder with Gosford having won three of their previous four matches and The Entrance, although badly beaten the previous week by Killarney, being unbeaten their three prior games.
- As expected it was a tight and evenly-contested match with both teams missing a number of scoring chances and good goalkeeping at each end of the field. The breakthrough came midway through the first half when The Entrance's new signing Massi Mobin scored in his first starting top grade appearance for the club. Unfortunately for Mobin and his team he then went from hero to zero when he was sent off five minutes later for a dangerous tackle. Despite playing for the remaining hour with just 10 men the Reddies knuckled down and were rewarded when Zac Anastas was tackled inside the Gosford penalty box and Matt Kenny converted the resultant penalty for what proved to be the winner.
- The Entrance face their second derby match in three weeks this time against their southern neighbours Terrigal at Pat Morley Oval. Gosford also face a tough match when they take on Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval.

KANWAL 4 KINCUMBER 3

- The highest scoring match of the round with Kincumber scoring bookend goals, the first in the second minute of the match and the third in the second-last minute. After trailing Kanwal equalised through with Ryan Walker on target from a Danny Rotondo cross. Early in the second half Retondo was again in action with a corner that Ryan Oehm headed home for a 2-1 lead for the Bulls. The same two players then combined again just one minute later leaving Walker to tap-in for his second goal of the match – and his 10th of the season. Kincumber fought back hard and reduced the margin to a single goal in the 67th minute only for Kanwal's Bailey Chaplain to make it 4-2 in the 74th minute but then endure a tense final few minutes as the Roos scored their third.
- Kanwal will host competition favourites Killarney District in their second Saturday night game of the season at Wadalba. Kincumber will also be at home against East Gosford at Frost Reserve on Sunday.

	<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	9	8	0	1	32	11	21	24
BERKELEY VALE	9	7	0	2	23	7	16	21
AVOCA	9	6	2	1	22	10	12	20
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	9	6	1	2	23	10	13	19
EAST GOSFORD	9	5	1	3	18	15	3	16
KANWAL	9	5	0	4	20	22	-2	15
TERRIGAL	9	4	2	3	24	19	5	14
GOSFORD CITY	9	3	0	6	14	19	-5	9
THE ENTRANCE	9	2	2	5	14	29	-15	8
UMINA	9	1	2	6	24	34	-10	5
KINCUMBER	9	1	2	6	14	27	-13	5
TOUKLEY	9	0	0	9	11	36	-25	0

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

ROUND 9 FIXTURES

SATURDAY 26 MAY

KANWAL	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Wadalba Sports Centre
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SUNDAY 27 MAY

UMINA	vs	TOUKLEY	Umina Oval
KINCUMBER	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Frost Reserve
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	GOSFORD CITY	James Browne Oval
AVOCA	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Erina High School
THE ENTRANCE	vs	TERRIGAL	Pat Morley Oval

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOY WOY	7	TUGGERAH	0
WYOMING	5	GWANDALAN	1
BUDGEWOI	5	KARIONG	1
OURIMBAH	4	DOYALSON	1
WOONGARRAH	3	WYONG	2

COMPETITION 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>
WOONGARRAH	7	7	0	0	44	6	38	21
WOY WOY	7	4	1	2	24	8	16	13
BUDGEWOI	7	4	1	2	24	13	11	13
WYONG	7	4	0	3	23	15	8	12
WYOMING	7	3	1	3	25	16	9	10
OURIMBAH	7	3	1	3	20	16	4	10
GWANDALAN	7	3	0	4	13	22	-9	9
KARIONG	7	2	2	3	23	21	2	8
DOYALSON	7	1	1	5	8	28	-20	4
TUGGERAH	7	0	1	6	4	63	-59	1