

## Premium Sporting Products

### 2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 9 (26/27 MAY)

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#### FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

#### SUMMARY

- Another fascinating and evenly-contested round of football in the 2018 Battlewin Premier League with competition favourites Killarney District, dropping points for just the second time this season and Berkeley Vale closing the gap between the two teams to one point, setting the scene for the most anticipated match of the season at Mingara Sports Field next Sunday afternoon.
- There's now a four-point buffer between second and third with both of the League's big improvers, Southern-Ettalong and Avoca going down. The big news at the lower end of the table was Toukley's first win of the season as they downed fellow strugglers Umina.
- CCF has announced details of annual North v South match to be held at Pluim Park on the Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend, the 11th of June. The two teams will again be coached by the BPL's most experienced mentors in Chris Ackerley (North) and Dale Eggleton (South). The North team will comprise players from Berkeley Vale, Kanwal, Killarney District, Terrigal, The Entrance and Toukley; and the South team from Avoca, East Gosford, Gosford City, Kincumber, Southern-Ettalong and Umina. The teams will be announced next Friday and posted on the CCF Facebook page and Website. Also for the first time there will be Womens North v South match (see this week's SWL report for details).

#### **KANWAL 3 KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3**

- Kanwal have become just the second team this season to take points off Killarney District after coming from 3-1 behind to snatch a let 3-all draw against the defending dual title holders in their Saturday night match at Wadalba. That result looked unlikely 20 minutes in with the Terriers already 2-0 up thanks to goals from Tim Knight and Matt Hall, the latter a brilliant bicycle kick which unfortunately proved to be his last touch of the match as he succumbed to an ongoing injury.
- With Killarney gaining momentum Kanwal's Bailey Chaplain scored a crucial goal just three minutes later, the 18-year-old's second in successive matches, that brought his team back into the match. The Terriers continued to play the superior football but struggled to break

through the tight Bulls defence until Sam Kirk scored from a corner in the 61st minute to restore Killarney's two-goal margin. Only a series of fine saves by Kanwal goalkeeper, Caleb Douglas, prevented Killarney from scoring what would have been the clinching goal before two dramatic counter-attacking moves saw Kanwal score, firstly through Danny Rotondo in the 71st minute, and then Brad McLean in the 81st to snatch a morale-boosting draw for the Bulls as they continued their impressed return to the top division.

- The draw was a timely reminder to Killarney that there are no easy matches in the 2018 BPL competition especially so as they now put top spot on the line in next Sunday's match of the season against Berkeley Vale at Mingara Sports Field. The result will have boosted Kanwal's confidence and they'll travel to the peninsula with a win over Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval needed to get them back within touch of the top five.

### **EAST GOSFORD 2 KINCUMBER 0**

- Although they're back near the bottom of the ladder after a good start to the season Kincumber are much more competitive than they were last season and they were in contention throughout this match. As it was two goals in a two-minute period around the hour-mark, both scored by East Gosford's Stephen Harper, proved to be all that separated the two teams. A feature of the match was the performances of the two goalkeepers, Kincumber's Tom Jenkin and East's Beyhan Irmako, who most observers rate as the best in the League and likely to share the duties for the South team in the upcoming BPL representative match. Jenkin made two outstanding saves to keep the Roos in the match while Irmako left the field early in the second half with possible concussion.
- East Gosford can expect another tough match when they host Terrigal next Sunday. Both sides go in as winners with East sitting in equal fourth place just two points ahead of Terrigal. Kincumber will be back at Frost Reserve against Umina with both sides desperate to add a further three points to the meagre five that they currently each have.

### **BERKELEY VALE 2 AVOCA 1**

- A close, high-quality match as expected from two of the most consistent teams in the League and sitting in second and third places of the ladder. Avoca went in without one key player in James Monie, who was injured and then lost another, player-coach Shane Knight, inside the first 15 minutes. By that time they were already down 2-0 with a goal within the first two minutes to the most consistent scorer in the competition, Michael Tawyer (he's scored in six of the past seven matches), followed by another by Adam Smith. The Wombats looked like running away with the match but missed a number of opportunities to extend the lead in a dominant first half.
- Just as Tawyer's goal at the start of the game had set the scene for Berkeley Vale's dominance so did a goal in the first minute after the break by Ben Green lead to an excellent second half performance by Avoca. While they were unable to capitalise and eventually were beaten for just the third time in their past 22 matches (and the first by a team other than Killarney) there was enough to show that they should be serious title contenders.
- Berkeley Vale's win and Killarney's draw against Kanwal means that the Wombats now sit just one point adrift of the defending league champions/premiers. In their two meetings last season the Wombats won the first 2-0 at EDSACC and Killarney the second 1-0 at Mingara. There's no reason to expect anything other than a close match next Sunday at Mingara.

- On paper Avoca have a much easier draw with their next three matches against the teams currently sitting in 9th (The Entrance); 10th (Umina); and last (Toukley) positions.

### **GOSFORD CITY 2 SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 1**

- Gosford have bounced back from their previous week's loss to The Entrance with an impressive win over fourth-placed Southern-Ettalong and doing so without having player-coach Reece Caira either on the field or the sideline. Well led by Matt Hall, now back to his best after a long injury lay-off, the Dragons were on top for much of the match taking a well-deserved the lead in the 54th minute through Luke Sanders. The goal sparked SEU into action and they equalised through Jimmy Caban 12 minutes later before Gosford rallied and their pressure eventually was rewarded with the winner from Jared McNee six minutes from full-time.
- The win means that after losing each of their first four matches Gosford have subsequently picked up 12 points from a possible 18 in the last six rounds. Putting that into perspective only Berkeley Vale (15 points) and Killarney District (13) have more. (Amazingly every team between Avoca in 3rd place and Kanwal in 7th have 10 points from their six matches – all from three wins, two losses and a draw). Their next opponents are Toukley at Gavenlock Oval, with the Gunners sure to be confident coming off their breakthrough win over Umina.
- After their excellent start to the season Southern have hit a bit of a flat spot with back-to-back losses for the first time. They're still in fourth place but will be very aware that Kanwal are snapping at their heels and confident after their draw against Killarney.

### **TERRIGAL 3 THE ENTRANCE 2**

- Terrigal are back on track after their loss to Killarney the previous round to get back in touch with the top five with a come from behind win in their derby match against The Entrance at Pat Morley Oval. With the loss of a number of key players to CCU The Entrance have called in a number of talented youngsters to plug the gaps and it was one of them, 17-year-old Christian Chahine who gave them the lead with his first-ever BPL goal in the 15th minute. Terrigal struck back with Daniel Bird equalizing ten minutes later and then Ben Flackus giving them the lead just before the break.
- The Entrance's chances were dealt a blow when Dale Hall was sent-off for a dangerous tackle midway through the second half. Erik Requime then extended Terrigal's lead to 3-1 before a 30-metre drive from Zac Anastas deflected down from the crossbar to revive the Reddies hopes and ensuring a tense last 10 minutes.
- Terrigal will be looking to leap-frog East Gosford and possibly move into the top five when they meet at Hylton Moore Oval next week. The Entrance will also have a tough match against a confident Avoca outfit at Erina High School.

### **TOUKLEY 3 UMINA 0**

- It's been a long time coming but after nine straight losses the Toukley-Gorokan Gunners have finally broken through for their first win of the season in this battle between the League's northernmost and southernmost clubs. Not to mention a coaching mate-vs-mate encounter between Steve Frame and Greg Ko'Cass.
- Umina missed a golden chance to take the lead in the 10th minute when a shot from Josh Schumann rebounded off the post. Jai Kelly made no mistake midway through the first half to put Toukley in front. It was the fourth time this season that the Gunners had led in their matches – needless to say in the previous three they'd been overtaken and beaten. This

time around they made no such mistake with Brett Cowley doubling the lead in the 70th minute and Will Haynes making it 3-0 deep into time added on. The final margin probably didn't indicate the balance of what was mostly an even contest.

- Both teams play away from home against rivals in the bottom half of the table with Toukley meeting Gosford at Gavenlock Oval and Umina up against Kincumber at Frost Reserve.

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|                    | <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 | 10       | 8        | 1        | 1        | 35        | 14        | 21        | 25         |
| BERKELEY VALE      | 10       | 8        | 0        | 2        | 25        | 8         | 18        | 24         |
| AVOCA              | 10       | 6        | 2        | 2        | 23        | 12        | 11        | 20         |
| SOUTHERN-ETTALONG  | 10       | 6        | 1        | 3        | 24        | 12        | 12        | 19         |
| EAST GOSFORD       | 10       | 6        | 1        | 3        | 20        | 15        | 5         | 19         |
| KANWAL             | 10       | 5        | 1        | 4        | 23        | 25        | -2        | 16         |
| TERRIGAL           | 10       | 5        | 2        | 3        | 27        | 21        | 6         | 17         |
| GOSFORD CITY       | 10       | 4        | 0        | 6        | 16        | 20        | -4        | 12         |
| THE ENTRANCE       | 10       | 2        | 2        | 6        | 16        | 32        | -16       | 8          |
| UMINA              | 10       | 1        | 2        | 7        | 24        | 37        | -13       | 5          |
| KINCUMBER          | 10       | 1        | 2        | 7        | 14        | 29        | -15       | 5          |
| TOUKLEY            | 10       | 1        | 0        | 9        | 14        | 36        | -22       | 3          |

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

## LIES, DAMN LIES AND STATISTICS ...

### #1 CLEAN SHEETS TO ROUND 10

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 4 | Berkeley Vale & Southern-Ettalong         |
| 3 | Killarney District, Avoca & East Gosford  |
| 2 | none                                      |
| 1 | Kanwal, The Entrance & Toukley            |
| 0 | Terrigal, Gosford City, Umina & Kincumber |

### #2 BROTHERS IN ARMS

- The match between Southern-Ettalong and Gosford featured a set of three brothers from each team with James, Josh and Jacob Caban from SEU lining up against Jeff, Matt and Zac Hall for Gosford. Is this a first? Now all we need is for Killarney's three Halls to take on the Gosford trio when they play in three week's time.

### ROUND 11 FIXTURES

| SUNDAY 3 JUNE     |    |                    |                      |
|-------------------|----|--------------------|----------------------|
| AVOCA             | vs | THE ENTRANCE       | Erina High School    |
| BERKELEY VALE     | vs | KILLARNEY DISTRICT | Mingara Sports Field |
| EAST GOSFORD      | vs | TERRIGAL           | Hylton Moore Oval    |
| SOUTHERN-ETTALONG | vs | KANWAL             | James Browne Oval    |
| KINCUMBER         | vs | UMINA              | Frost Reserve        |
| GOSFORD CITY      | vs | TOUKLEY            | Gavenlock Oval       |

## DIVISION ONE

### FIRST GRADE SCORES

|            |   |           |   |
|------------|---|-----------|---|
| BUDGEWOI   | 8 | TUGGERAH  | 1 |
| WYOMING    | 4 | WYONG     | 1 |
| OURIMBAH   | 3 | WOY WOY   | 3 |
| WOONGARRAH | 7 | DOYALSON  | 0 |
| KARIONG    | 3 | GWANDALAN | 0 |

### COMPETITION TABLE

|            | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| WOONGARRAH | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 6  | 38 | 24  |
| BUDGEWOI   | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 14 | 18 | 16  |
| WOY WOY    | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 11 | 16 | 14  |
| WYOMING    | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 17 | 12 | 13  |
| WYONG      | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 19 | 5  | 12  |
| KARIONG    | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 21 | 5  | 11  |
| OURIMBAH   | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 19 | 4  | 11  |

|           |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |   |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---|
| GWANDALAN | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 25 | -12 | 9 |
| DOYALSON  | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8  | 35 | -27 | 4 |
| TUGGERAH  | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5  | 71 | -59 | 1 |