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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 11 (3 JUNE)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- We've been saying for some time that the 2018 Battlewin Premier League looks like being one of the closest in many years and now we have the statistics to prove it with four draws and two single-goal margins from the six Round 11 matches. And for a touch of symmetry the draws were 1-all, 2-all 3-all and 4-all.
- But for an injury time goal to Killarney District's Andy Klijn there would have been five draws with the Terriers snatching what could be a vital three points against a nine-man Berkeley Vale to extend their competition lead to four points.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 1 BERKELEY VALE 0

- Killarney received an early boost to their chances with overnight rain forcing the closure of Mingara Athletic Field and the transfer of the match to the neutral venue of Field 3 at Plum Park. It was a tight game throughout and was well competed between the two fierce rivals. In the 54th minute, Pat Dalton received his marching orders for a 2nd yellow which left the Wombats down to 10 men. Killarney couldn't capitalize on that but we're handed another lifeline when Damien Lobb was also sent from the field for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity. But still, the scoreboard remained unmoved until the 91st minute and Andy Klijn stepped up to put the Terriers in the lead and it proved to be enough. 3 points headed the way of Killarney and a 4 point buffer at the top of the ladder gives Killarney some breathing space for now.
- No game next week for the BPL thanks to the Public Holiday. 8 of the players involved in this game will be playing in the North vs South game on Monday afternoon. The following week, Killarney host East Gosford who were held at home to Terrigal this week. Berkeley will host Southern Ettalong at Mingara in another top of the table clash with Southern wanting to distance themselves from East Gosford and Avoca to solidify that 3rd place spot.

GOSFORD CITY 3 TOUKLEY 3

- Both teams form of recent has brought a new found confidence in both sides and both recorded surprising results last week with Gosford winning away at Southern Ettalong and Toukley recording their first win of the season over Umina. Both sides were looking to continue that fine form and ended sharing the spoils in a goal soaked game. Gosford took the lead in the 21st minute from Luke Sanders but Brett Cowling evened the game in the 27th minute. Remaining 1-1 at half time, it was Toukley who started the half better and they made that count with Jai Kelly putting the Gunners ahead in the 52nd minute but their lead was short lived as Gosford stalwart Stephen Gibbs equalized in the 57th minute. Gosford took the lead once again with Jeff Hall bagging one in the 70th minute only for Jonathon Olivares to steal the 3 points from Gosford and score the final goal of the game in the 80th minute to ensure that the points were shared. Gosford were without Matt Hall and Reece Cairra so this will feel like a point gained rather than 2 points lost despite the late goal from Olivares.
- Next up for Gosford is the visit of Terrigal to Gavenlock Oval and Terrigal will be looking to keep up with the Finals pack whilst Gosford will be looking to climb further from the bottom half of the ladder. Toukley will host Kincumber and will see this as a great opportunity to lift themselves from the bottom of the ladder. Kincumber were held to a 2-2 draw from fellow strugglers Umina.

KINCUMBER 2 UMINA 2

- A true 6 pointer today, with both sides in the wrong half of the ladder looking for 3 points to push them away from trouble but the points were shared today and the draw leaves them both 5 points from The Entrance in 9th place. Umina were the first to take the lead in the 21st minute with Aaron Walters and it remained 1-0 to the visitors going into the half time break. Kincumber responded well in the 2nd half though, equalizing in the 47th minute with Alex Osborn getting on the scoresheet once again. They then took the lead in the 68th minute through Jamie Burchell but Umina managed to snatch the game from the Roos with the last kick off the game from Josh Schumann in the 92nd minute to leave both sides struggling at the bottom of the ladder.
- Kincumber will travel to Toukley on 15th June and will look to use them to platform into the safety zone and away from the bottom of the ladder but Toukley are improving as we reach the halfway point of the season. Umina play host to Avoca who'll be looking to bounce back from their defeat to The Entrance. A tough ask, but this late goal today will give Umina hope that they can pull a result from the depths when needed.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 4 KANWAL 4

- Southern Ettalong were reeling from their shock loss to Gosford last week and were looking to get back on track with the visit of Kanwal. Kanwal were feeling confident following their 3-3 draw with Killarney last week and were looking for a similar performance today against 4th placed Southern Ettalong. The game started well for the Bulls as Danny Rotondo's shot rebounded off a Southern player into the direction of Brad McLean who gladly put the ball in the back of the net. Keith Gumbs is never too far away from the action and he was the equalizer here after a poor clearance from the Kanwal defence and from 8 metres out, Southern were back in the game in the 34th minute. It was Keith again who put the Peninsula side ahead with a lovely chip over the keeper in the 36th minute. Fans didn't have to wait long for another and Southern were 3-1 up in the 39th minute following Matt Mitchell's goal. James Steer gave us another goal and made it 4-1 to Southern in the 40th minute but Kanwal were not prepared to roll over and give Southern the game. Just before half time in the 44th minute, Danny Rotondo was in the thick of it again as he crossed the

ball into the back post, only for Brad McLean to knock it back over to the other post where Ryan Walker was waiting and Walker didn't miss his opportunity, 4-2.

- Kanwal came out into the 2nd half, happy to have reduced the deficit just before Half Time and they worked hard to get themselves back in the game. In the 70th minute, the game was turned on his head with Steer receiving his marching orders and this was just what Kanwal need to get back into the game and in the 75th minute, Brad McLean struck from 35 metres out into the top corner of the Southern Ettalong goal and made it 4-3. The chase was on and Kanwal were looking for another chance to bring this game to an epic conclusion. They got that chance in the 93rd minute and following a goal mouth scramble, Ryan Oehm bagged the final goal of the game and made the game 4-4. 2 weeks in a row where Kanwal have come from behind and to come back from 3 goals in today's game shows the resolve the Kanwal side.
- Next up for Southern Ettalong is the visit to Berkeley Vale and they'll be looking to bounce back from this performance to keep up with the leaders of the pack. Kanwal travel to The Entrance who will be buzzing following their 3-2 win over Finals contenders Avoca

THE ENTRANCE 3 AVOCA 2

- The Entrance hosted Avoca at Pat Morley and were looking to avenge their defeat to Terrigal last week against an Avoca side who were edged out by Berkeley Vale at Mingara. The Entrance have struggled for form this year and Avoca have been fairly consistent in their charge for Finals football. It was The Entrance who started brightly though and they almost scored in the 1st minute but Brendan Avis ensured they wouldn't grab an early goal. In the 10th minute however, Avis was unable to stop The Entrance taking the lead with Matt Kenny scoring from 6 yards out. The Entrance went 2-0 up with Zac Anastas bagging a goal but Avoca switched on at this point and in the 35th minute, Mitch Harrison was dragged down in the box and the referee awarded a penalty. Harrison made no mistake and Avoca were back in the game. Just before the half time break, Jake Elder connected with a free kick and it eventually made it's way into the back of the net following a goal mouth scramble to even the score going into Half Time.
- Once again, The Entrance started the half brightly in the 2nd period and continued to dominate the first 15 minutes but were unable to make any use of it. Avoca then heaped the pressure on the home side but they were also unable to change the scoreline. Playing on the counter attack, Corey Atkinson used his pace well, made his way past the Avoca defence and beat Brendan Avis in the 85th minute to give The Entrance 3 valuable points.
- Next up for The Entrance is the visit of Kanwal who will be looking to turn their epic draws into epic wins but The Entrance will not give that away and will be looking to add to their win tally themselves. Avoca travel to Umina and they'll be looking to consolidate their finals spot following this defeat. Umina will be looking to distance themselves from Kincumber and Toukley but Avoca could prove too much for them.

EAST GOSFORD 1 TERRIGAL 1

- East Gosford and Terrigal both went into this game on the back of home victories and were both looking to push up places in the ladder to reach those Finals Spots. East Gosford were the victors last week over Kincumber with Stephen Harper grabbing both goals last week but it was James Lawrence who bagged the goal this week for the Rams following a goal mouth scramble. Daniel Tuddenham was on hand for Terrigal though and his goal ensured that both teams shared the points this week. It could have all been very different and Terrigal could have been coming home with the 3 points with a chance in the last minute but it

wasn't to be and a draw was probably a fair result for both teams and they'll be happy to keep adding to the points tally.

- Next up for East Gosford is the visit to Killarney District who are flying high at the minute but East Gosford will not give them the 3 points at all. Terrigal come up against a rejuvenated Gosford who will be looking to build on their recent good form.

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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	11	9	1	1	36	14	22	28
BERKELEY VALE	11	8	0	3	25	9	16	24
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	11	6	2	3	28	16	12	20
AVOCA	11	6	2	3	25	15	10	20
EAST GOSFORD	11	6	2	3	21	16	5	20
TERRIGAL	11	5	3	3	28	22	6	18
KANWAL	11	5	2	4	27	29	-2	17
GOSFORD CITY	11	4	1	6	19	23	-4	13
THE ENTRANCE	11	3	2	6	19	34	-15	11
UMINA	11	1	3	7	26	39	-13	6
KINCUMBER	11	1	3	7	16	31	-15	6
TOUKLEY	11	1	1	9	17	39	-22	4

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11	Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
10	Keith Gumbs (SEU), Andy Klijn (Killarney District)
9	James Caban (SEU), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Josh Schumann (Umina)
8	Stuart Adams (Avoca),
7	Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
6	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Jai Kelly (Toukley)
5	Ben Green (Avoca), Will Haines (Toukley), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal)
4	Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Daniel Bird (Terrigal), Brett Cowling (Toukley), Jeff Hall (Gosford City), Mitch Harrison (Avoca), Ryan Hoare (Gosford City), Brad McLean (Kanwal), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Anthony Pace (Terrigal),

ROUND 12 FIXTURES

SUNDAY 17 JUNE			
UMINA	vs	AVOCA	Umina Oval
TOUKLEY	vs	KINCUMBER	Harry Moore Oval
GOSFORD CITY	vs	TERRIGAL	Gavenlock Oval
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	EAST GOSFORD	EDSACC North
BERKELEY VALE	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Mingara Athletic Field
THE ENTRANCE	vs	KANWAL	Pat Morley Oval

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOONGARRAH	7	GWANDALAN	0
WYOMING	2	KANWAL	1
BUDGEWOI	5	OURIMBAH	0
WOY WOY	4	DOYALSON	0
WYONG	6	TUGGERAH	0

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	9	9	0	0	58	6	52	27
BUDGEWOI	9	6	1	2	37	14	23	19
WOY WOY	9	5	2	2	31	11	20	17
WYOMING	9	5	1	3	31	18	13	16
WYONG	9	5	0	4	30	19	11	15
KARIONG	9	3	2	4	27	23	4	11
OURIMBAH	9	3	2	4	23	24	-1	11
GWANDALAN	9	3	0	6	13	32	-19	9
DOYALSON	9	1	1	7	8	39	-31	4
TUGGERAH	9	0	1	8	5	77	-72	1