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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 13 (23/24 JUNE)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- Another fascinating round in the 2018 Battlewin Premier League with several unpredicted results (there's no such thing as an upset this season) and one in which the stars aligned for Killarney District who have now extended their lead at the top of the table to eight points with both of the closest challengers, Berkeley Vale and Southern-Ettalong, being beaten.
- Berkeley Vale's loss to East Gosford was their third straight defeat although all have been against opponents around them in the top five. The other team in a serious slump is Avoca who after going 19 games with just two defeats have now been beaten in their last four matches. In their case the problem is more worrying in that three of the four losses have been against teams in the bottom five.
- A month ago Toukley were in free-fall, beaten in all nine matches and looking likely candidates for relegation in just their third season back in the BPL. Although still a long way from safety, with their win over Avoca, they've now strung together three wins and a draw from their last four matches and escaped from relegation zone for the first time.
- The postponed match between The Entrance and Kanwal has now been re-scheduled and will be played at Pluim Park Field 1 on Wednesday night July 4th.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3 GOSFORD CITY 1

- A seventh straight win over Gosford, including the last two grand finals, has given Killarney an eight-point lead at the top of the ladder as they move closer to their target of becoming the first club to win three successive league championships since the introduction of the Mens Premier League competition in 1980*.
- Although Gosford fought hard throughout the Terriers were in control for most of the Saturday night match at Pluim Park. John Whelpdale opened the scoring in the 17th minute with a weaving run and neat finish. A rare penalty miss by Tim Knight in the 35th minute saw the score remain at 1-0 at the break although shortly afterwards Dean Blenheim doubled Killarney's lead with his first goal of the season. Gosford did ensure a tight finish

when, with 10 minutes remaining, a Matt Hall free-kick somehow found its way past a trio of Terriers and the keeper before Tim Knight made amends for his penalty miss when he slid home a cross from Will Hamilton just before full-time.

- Killarney will saddle up for yet another night match when they travel north to Harry Moore Oval to take on the rejuvenated Toukley Gunners while Gosford will also be away for a crucial match against Kanwal at Wadalba on Sunday afternoon.

** Wyoming, who won four successive league championships between 1975 and 1978 in previous First Division competition, hold the overall record.*

EAST GOSFORD 2 BERKELEY VALE 0

- East Gosford's attempt to fly under the radar looks like being over with this win (their second against Berkeley Vale this season) seeing them join the Wombats in equal second place. As is so often the case the five-minute period either side of half-time proved crucial, firstly with Rob Walton giving East the lead in the 40th minute, a superb shot from outside the box into the top corner of the Berkeley goal, and secondly with a brilliant penalty save by Rams keeper Beyhan Mirkato just three minutes after the break. 2017 BPL Golden Boot winner Walton then effectively sealed the result with a second goal, his ninth of the season, in the 75th minute.
- Berkeley Vale's three-match losing sequence is their first since their horror 2016 season and they will be looking to stop the rot when they play Umina next Saturday night at Umina Oval. East Gosford are scheduled to play The Entrance at Pat Morley Oval next Sunday although the match may be transferred to a neutral venue, probably Plum Park. Check the CCF website on Friday.

TOUKLEY 4 AVOCA 2

- The Gunners can mount a serious case for being the form team of the competition with this win meaning that they've now picked up 10 points in the past four rounds, two more than both Killarney District and East Gosford. In stark contrast Avoca have now slumped to their fourth straight loss and dropped out of the top-five.
- The match, transferred from a waterlogged Erina High School field to Bloodtree Oval, was an entertaining affair with Avoca hitting back from a 2-0 deficit to equalise early in the second half. Such a situation earlier in the season would almost inevitably have seen Toukley fall away but with some winning momentum behind them they rallied with two further goals sealing the win.
- Jai Kelly has been one of the most consistent goal scorers in the BPL since Toukley's return to the top grade in 2016 and prior to that when he played with Budgewoi and it's no coincidence that Toukley's form turnaround has coincided with him scoring in each of the team's past six matches, capped off by a hat-trick here, his first since doing so three times during the Gunners outstanding 2016 season.
- Avoca's two goals came in a three-minute period immediately after the resumption, the first from 17-year-old Zac Peters (his first in the top grade) and the second by Stuart Adams. The Gunners third goal was scored by Luke Paddon.
- Toukley's new-found form will face the acid test next Saturday night when they take on Killarney District at Harry Moore Oval. Although Avoca's next opponents, Kincumber, have

won just one match this season their match at Erina High School is derby and these can be great levelers so the Sharks will be desperate to take stop the rot there.

THE ENTRANCE 3 SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 1

- The Entrance have put the turmoil following the third grade incident against Kanwal the previous behind them to pull off a surprise 3-1 win over third-placed Southern-Ettalong in this match at James Browne Oval. It was the first time all season that the Reddies have put together back-to-back wins and suggests that their long-awaited late run may have begun. For Southern, coming a week after their big win over Berkeley Vale it was a return to the inconsistency that has plagued them in recent seasons.
- For The Entrance it was their first match in three weeks followed the long weekend break and the postponement of their match against Kanwal and they looked sharp early taking a 2-0 lead midway through the first half with with goals to Corey Atkinson and Zac Anastas. SEU mounted pressure and were rewarded with a 30th minute penalty duly converted by Keith Gumbs. The match remained in the balance with both sides creating opportunities until the 83rd minute when Matt Kenny scored the clinching goal.
- The Entrance's next match, against East Gosford, is scheduled to be played next Sunday at Pat Morley Oval although the venue is subject to change depending on the result of a CCF disciplinary hearing on Thursday night. The deferred match against Kanwal will be played the following Wednesday night (4 July) at Pluim Park. Southern-Ettalong put their top five spot on the line when they take on Terrigal, who sit just one point behind them, at Duffy Road.

TERRIGAL 5 KINCUMBER 2

- Kincumber are doing it tough at the moment with five first team players out with injury and they went behind early against the promising Terrigal with two goals both scored by 18-year-old Chris Altuneg from crosses from 19-y-o Ben Flakus. The Roos hit back quickly through Alex Osborn but went two-down again just before the break with Flakus scoring himself this time. The teenage scoring trend continued with Kincumber again cutting the lead, this time through a first BPL goal from 18-y-o Dylan Booth. Terrigal then sealed the result with goals to Dane Tuddenham and substitute Jett Cabarrus.
- Terrigal get the chance to move into the top five when they host Southern-Ettalong at Duffys Road while Kincumber take on neighbouring Avoca at Erina High School. Both matches are on Sunday afternoon.

KANWAL 1 UMINA 0

- As was the case with The Entrance Kanwal went into the match with the major distraction of the third grade incident hanging over them and after a three-week break but have been able to grab three crucial points against a confident Umina team to keep them within two points of a semi-final place. The match itself was a 90-minute arm wrestle with the teams separated only by a late goal to Kanwal's Brad McLean.
- Umina return home next week for a Saturday night clash against Berkeley Vale at the newly-lit Umina Oval. Kanwal meet Gosford at home on Sunday before playing their deferred match against The Entrance on the following Wednesday night at Pluim Park.

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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	13	10	2	1	39	15	24	32
BERKELEY VALE	13	8	0	5	26	14	12	24
EAST GOSFORD	13	7	3	3	23	16	7	24
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	13	7	2	4	32	20	12	23
TERRIGAL	13	6	4	3	34	25	9	22
AVOCA	13	6	2	5	27	20	7	20
KANWAL	12	6	2	4	28	29	-1	20
GOSFORD CITY	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	14
THE ENTRANCE	12	4	2	6	22	35	-13	14
TOUKLEY	13	3	1	9	24	42	-18	10
UMINA	13	2	3	8	27	40	-13	9
KINCUMBER	13	1	3	9	19	39	-20	6

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

ROUND 14 BPL FIXTURES

SATURDAY 30 JUNE			
UMINA	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Umina Oval
TOUKLEY	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Harry Moore Oval
SUNDAY 1 JULY			
THE ENTRANCE	vs	EAST GOSFORD	TBA
KANWAL	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Wadalba Sports Complex
TERRIGAL	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Duffys Road Oval
AVOCA	vs	KINCUMBER	Erina High School

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOY WOY	0	KARIONG	0
WYONG	4	DOYALSON	1
GWANDALAN	2	TUGGERAH	1
WYOMING	2	BUDEGWOI	1
WOONGARRAH	5	OURIMBAH	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	11	11	0	0	66	8	58	33
WOY WOY	11	6	3	2	37	12	25	21
BUDGEWOI	11	6	1	4	38	19	19	19
WYONG	11	6	1	4	36	22	14	19
WYOMING	11	6	1	4	35	22	13	19
OURIMBAH	11	4	2	5	28	31	-3	14
KARIONG	11	3	4	4	29	25	4	13
GWANDALAN	11	4	0	7	16	39	-23	12
DOYALSON	11	2	1	8	15	43	-28	7
TUGGERAH	11	0	1	10	6	85	-79	1