

## Premium Sporting Products

### 2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 14 (30 JUNE/1 JULY)

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#### FIRST GRADE SCORES

KILLARNEY DISTRICT	6	TOUKLEY	0
BERKELEY VALE	7	UMINA	1
KANWAL	3	GOSFORD CITY	1
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	2	TERRIGAL	0
AVOCA	4	KINCUMBER	0
EAST GOSFORD	5	THE ENTRANCE	0

#### SUMMARY

- After a long spell of tight matches the goal floodgates opened wide in Round 14 of the Battlewin Premier League with 29 goals, remarkably 27 of them scored by the six winning teams. The carnage began with two Saturday night matches where the top two teams, Killarney District and Berkeley Vale, each won by six-goal margins against Toukley and Umina. While the two games were played at opposite ends of the Coast they were almost identical in their scoring pattern with both teams leading 1-0 at half-time before running amok in the second half with a combined total of 11 goals.
- The composition of the top five remained unchanged with both Southern-Ettalong and Avoca returning to form; East Gosford extending their unbeaten run to seven matches; Kanwal once again showing they are the most determined team in the League coming from behind to win against Gosford.
- The results mean that an eight-point gap has now opened between Terrigal (22 points) in seventh place and Gosford and The Entrance (14 points) in equal eighth spot. That could change after The Entrance and Kanwal play their deferred match on Wednesday night at Pluim Park with a win moving the Bulls up to equal fourth place.
- Round 14 also saw a record number of four players scoring hat-tricks including a double hat-trick (4 goals) that has seen defending Golden Boot winner Rob Walton leapfrog his rivals and take a two-goal lead. For Blake Silvers (Killarney District), Jason Cozens (Kanwal) and Mitch Harrison (Avoca) it was their first Premier League first grade hat-tricks.
- Woongarra's seemingly inevitable promotion into the 2019 BPL could be locked in as early as next weekend. The runaway Division One competition leaders now have a 14-point lead over Woy Woy (and a plus-40 goal difference) and if they defeat Tuggerah on Sunday and Wyoming can win against Woy Woy then they will have wrapped up both the league championship and promotion with five matches in hand. By contrast the battle for the second promotion spot remains wide open.

### **KILLARNEY DISTRICT 6 TOUKLEY 0**

- A very impressive win for the defending twin-title holders against a Toukley team, that although third last, went into the match with three wins and a draw from their previous four games. The Gunners were competitive for much of the first half but were punished by the last five/first five curse going from 0-0 in the 43rd minute to 0-2 in the 47th. Although the Terriers dominated the match remained in the balance until four goals within a 14-minute period between the 72nd and 86th minute silenced the home crowd drummers. Standout for Killarney in an excellent team performance was Blake Silvers, who grabbed the opportunity of a first team start in the absence of Andy Klijn, to score three goals and provide an assist to help Daniel Moffatt celebrate his birthday with a goal. Matt Hall scored the other two goals.
- Killarney return home next Sunday to take on a struggling Umina likely to be keen to put their big loss against Berkeley Vale behind them. For Toukley it will be same time / same place but hopefully a different result when they take on Terrigal at Harry Moore Oval next Saturday night.

### **BERKELEY VALE 7 UMINA 1**

- It was a very similar scenario down at Umina Oval with Berkeley Vale converted a 1-0 half time lead into their biggest win of the season with a total domination of the second half. It was a crucial win for the Wombats after losing each of their previous three matches and dropping seven points after mounting a serious challenge to Killarney in the race for the league championship. Berkeley's seven goals were shared between Troy Mumford (2), Brad Smyhte (2), Michael Tawyer, Adam Smith and Josh Menzies. Umina's goal came at 6-0 and was scored by Gareth Slater.
- Next up for Berkeley Vale is a local derby against The Entrance, who will be backing up from their Wednesday at Mingara while it just gets even tougher for Umina when the travel to EDSACC North to play Killarney.

### **AVOCA 4 KINCUMBER 0**

- There was a huge sigh of relief from the Avoca club after ending a serious mid-season form slump in which they lost four straight matches with this comfortable win over their neighbours who continue to be dogged by injury. The first half belonged to Mitch Harrison, back after missing several matches through injury, the first two from the penalty spot, in the 5th and 35th minutes followed just two minutes after that second dot-shot by a goal from the field. The fourth goal came midway through the second half from Avoca's exciting teenage prospect, Roan Brown.
- The next few weeks will be crucial for Avoca as they try to claw their way back up the ladder. First up will be a tough game against Gosford at Gavenlock Oval followed by an away match, possibly at a neutral ground, against The Entrance before the biggest challenge, at home against Killarney. Although the expanded BPL competition means that there are still eight matches to play Kincumber will need to start winning if they are to hold onto their place in the top division. Although last they still sit just four points behind Toukley in 10th place. They cross the Rip Bridge next Sunday to meet Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval.

### **SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 2 TERRIGAL 0**

- A tight and even match on a soft Duffys Road field with Southern's superior finishing being all that separated the teams. Both of the visitor's goals came while running uphill in the first

half and not from the usual suspects (Gumbs and Caban) but from Lewis Murphy and Wyatt Elliott, the latter with his first ever BPL first grade goal. Terrigal fought back strongly in the second half, peppering the SEU goal but unable to convert through a combination of poor finishing, the goal post and some fine saves by the Lions goalkeeper Luke Carnevale.

- The loss, just Terrigal's fourth from 14 matches, sees them drop out of the top five and into seventh place but just a point away from fifth. They are an exciting and speedy young side with plenty of potential so should stay in contention. They play Toukley next Saturday night before three vital matches against finals rivals East Gosford, Kanwal and Avoca.
- After a great start to the season Southern's lack of consistency has returned over the past month or so with two wins, three losses and a draw from their past six matches. They've shown what they're capable of by being the only team to have beaten both Killarney District and Berkeley Vale and still sit in clear fourth place. They'll be looking for their first back-to-back wins since Rounds 7 and 8 when they host Kincumber next Sunday.

### **EAST GOSFORD 5 THE ENTRANCE 0**

- While Killarney and Berkeley Vale's big Saturday night wins grabbed the headlines the Rams keep gliding along in their slipstream with this comfortable win over The Entrance at neutral Budgewoi FC keeping them in equal second place. They remain unbeaten in their past six matches conceding just three goals in that time with Beyhan Irmako having a third straight clean sheet here. Dave McKellar opened the scoring in the 10th minute but from then onwards it was the Rob Walton show with the 2017 Golden Boot winner back to his best scoring in the 18th, 45th, 55th (penalty) and 87th minutes. While it was his best Premier League tally for East Gosford it still fell short of his five goals for Kincumber in the 2013 season.
- It was a disappointing day for The Entrance the score not indicative of any lack of effort just a failure to grab their opportunities. They have a tough week ahead with their deferred match against a confident Kanwal team to be played at Pluim Park on Wednesday night before backing up against Berkeley Vale next Sunday at Mingara. That midweek game falls into place nicely for East Gosford who get to meet Kanwal after just a three-day break on Saturday night at Wadalba.

### **KANWAL 3 GOSFORD CITY 1**

- You've heard this comment before but it bears repeating, Kanwal may not be the best team in the 2018 BPL competition but they're certainly the most tenacious. In three of their previous four matches they've come from 1-0 down against Kincumber for a 4-3 win; then from 3-1 and 4-1 down respectively down against Killarney and Southern-Ettalong they've powered home for late draws. So it came as no real surprise in the 70th minute, trailing Gosford 1-0 (from a Matt Hall penalty) that the Bulls' cameraman knew what was coming and started a livestream to the club's Facebook page. Right on cue Jason Cozens, equalised with a brilliant diving header from a pinpoint cross by 17-year-old Jackson Torpy. Eight minutes later Cozens latched onto a perfect through ball from Danny Rotondo to find the corner of the net; and then completed his hat-trick in the last few minutes from the penalty spot.
- The win keeps Kanwal in equal fifth place but with the chance to join SEU in equal fourth if they can beat The Entrance in their deferred match on Wednesday night at Pluim Park. Back-to-back losses by Gosford means that they've lost contact with the top five after a strong surge between Rounds 5 and 10. They're at home against Avoca on Sunday.

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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	14	11	2	1	45	15	30	35
BERKELEY VALE	14	9	0	5	33	15	18	27
EAST GOSFORD	14	8	3	3	28	16	12	27
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	14	8	2	4	34	20	14	26
AVOCA	14	7	2	5	31	20	11	23
KANWAL	13	7	2	4	31	30	1	23
TERRIGAL	14	6	4	4	34	27	7	22
GOSFORD CITY	14	4	2	8	22	30	-8	14
THE ENTRANCE	13	4	2	7	22	40	-18	14
TOUKLEY	14	3	1	10	24	48	-24	10
UMINA	14	2	3	9	28	47	-19	9
KINCUMBER	14	1	3	10	19	43	-24	6

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13	Rob Walton (East Gosford)
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),
8	Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale)
7	Will Haines (Toukley), Mitch Harrison (Avoca)
6	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal)
5	Chris Altuneg (Terrigal), Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Jason Cozens (Kanwal), Ben Green (Avoca), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Brad McLean (Kanwal), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Adam Smith (Berkeley Vale)
4	Corey Atkinson (The Entrance), Jett Cabarrus (Terrigal), Daniel Bird (Terrigal), Brett Cowling (Toukley), Jeff Hall (Gosford City), Matt (Gosford City), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Ryan Hoare (Gosford City), Josh Menzies (Berkeley Vale), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Alex Osborn (Kincumber), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), John Whelpdale (Killarney District)

## ROUND 14 BPL FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY			
THE ENTRANCE	vs	KANWAL	Pluim Park No 1

SATURDAY 7 JULY			
KANWAL	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Wadalba Sports Complex
TOUKLEY	vs	TERRIGAL	Harry Moore Oval

SUNDAY 8 JULY			
BERKELEY VALE	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Mingara Sports Field
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	UMINA	EDSACC North
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	KINCUMBER	James Browne Oval
GOSFORD CITY	vs	AVOCA	Gavenlock Oval

## DIVISION ONE

### FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOONGARRAH	7	WYOMING	0
WOY WOY	2	BUDGEWOI	2
OURIMBAH	8	TUGGERAH	1
KARIONG	7	DOYALSON	1
GWANDALAN	3	WYONG	1

### 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	12	12	0	0	73	8	65	36
WOY WOY	12	6	4	2	39	14	25	22
BUDGEWOI	12	6	2	4	40	21	19	20
WYONG	12	6	1	5	36	25	11	19
WYOMING	12	6	1	5	35	29	6	19
OURIMBAH	12	5	2	5	36	32	4	17
KARIONG	12	4	4	4	36	26	10	16
GWANDALAN	12	5	0	7	19	39	-20	15
DOYALSON	12	2	1	9	16	50	-34	7
TUGGERAH	12	0	1	11	7	93	-86	1