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2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 12 (9 JUNE)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- The second half of the 2019 Battlewin Premier League season has begun with each of the top four teams recording wins. **Killarney District** have put their Rounds 7/8 stumbles well behind them with their fourth straight clean-sheet win, ending **Avoca's** seven match unbeaten run in the process. The Terriers still can't shake off **Southern-Ettalong** who remain just three points behind them ahead of their huge clash next Sunday. **Wyoming** have held onto equal third place with a hard-fought win over **Berkeley Vale** who have now dropped out of the top five. **Terrigal** stay third alongside the Tigers while **Woongarra** sit fifth despite having now gone four matches without a win.
- There's now a seven-point gap between Avoca in seventh place and **Toukley** in eighth after the Gunners shared the points with **The Entrance** (10th). Although still in ninth place **East Gosford** are gradually building traction and have gone four matches without a loss, although three of them have been drawn. **Kanwal** and **Gosford City** were both beaten in all three grades by top-five teams and remain in the last two positions in First Grade although Toukley remain inside the club championship-based drop zone.
- The biggest effort of the round came from The Entrance who came from a two-goal and one-man deficit to draw 2-2 with Toukley.
- A brace from Southern's Keith Gumbs has extended his lead in the Battlewin Golden Boot race to four goals over Gosford's Jesse Parnell with the Wyoming pair of Pat Mills and Jared McNee one goal further back.
- Once again the Division One competition is proving to be remarkably competitive and unpredictable with this weekend's results seeing Ourimbah jump from 4th to 1st position; Umina, held to a draw by Gwandalan, dropping to 4th; and Kariong going from 8th (ie. second last) to 5th.

TERRIGAL 4 GOSFORD CITY 0

- Gosford City welcomed fourth placed Terrigal United to Gavenlock Oval as they looked to turn in a more competitive performance than the reverse fixture from the opening weekend of the season, going down 6-1 on that occasion. The visitors had a number of changes to their starting eleven, missing a few regular starters and that, coupled with a disciplined defensive performance from the Dragons, saw them limited to few chances in what was a relatively scrappy first half.
- The second period was to prove much more productive with Terrigal finding the opening goal after 55 minutes through Thijs Jannink, as he latched onto a long throw from Jai McNamara to give his side the lead. The goal appeared to settle the Terrigal side as they grew into the match and went in search of a second goal to ensure they took control of the fixture. That all-important second goal came courtesy of substitute Erik Riquelme after 70 minutes, before the attacker went onto grab a second 10 minutes later thanks to some crafty footwork and a neat finish to all but wrap up the three points for the visitors. Beycan Irmako put the result beyond doubt for Terrigal in the 88th minute after he dispossessed the Gosford City centre halves before calmly slotting past Dragons keeper Jack Arigho to see the match finish 4-0.
- Dragons coach Errol Baker added: "Great first half, we stuck to the game plan, created chances and limited Terrigal's ball movement forward. After Terrigal's first goal we dropped our heads for 10 minutes and it was all over".
- Terrigal manager Martyn Griffiths was pleased with how his side responded following a slow start to the match: "We had four or five players out this week and we just didn't gel in the first half. We started to pass the ball quicker with purpose in the second half and deserved the victory based on our second half performance. Gosford worked very hard to close us down quickly to their credit and were right in the game until we scored our second".
- Gosford City face a trip to Harry Moore Oval to face Toukley next weekend, whilst Terrigal also head north, as they face Kanwal at Wadalba Sports Complex.

WYOMING 2 BERKELEY VALE 1

- Although Wyoming have been out of the BPL for the past couple of seasons these two clubs have had a terrific rivalry for most of the previous decade and, although most of the personnel has now changed, the same passion was there in this match at Mingara Club Oval.
- Neither team went into the match at full strength with the Wombats missing key attacking players in Michael Tawyer and Troy Mumford although they did welcome back one of their best-ever defenders in Pat Dalton. Wyoming were without striker Pat Mills, midfielder Matt Hall and defender Kevin Woodbridge, the latter offset by the return of Todd Johnson.
- Wyoming took an early lead through Sam Dooley who finished a solid attack with a shot into the right edge of the Berkeley net in the 7th minute. Darren Cooper was a constant threat against his old club and he eventually equalised in the 26th minute when he broke clear down the right wing, cut back infield and, although his shot was saved by Tigers 'keeper Thomas Coventry, the ball rebounded for a tap-in goal. Cooper was again involved with a couple of chances late in the first half but the score remained at 1-1 at the break.
- The eventual game-breaker came in the 68th minute when Wyoming's exciting young left winger Ben Farrell sent a long, curving cross from just inside his own half that found Jared

McNee on the right edge of the Berkeley 18-yard box. With goalie Steve Grimmett and the Wombat defence bearing down on him McNee headed the ball over the keeper just beating the last ditch attempted clearance of Alex Burrell and into the net.

- Not to be denied Berkeley Vale launched a series of attacks with Andrew Watts, Ian McAndrew and Coventry all making last ditch clearances or saves to get their side home for three crucial points.
- Tigers coach Ian McAndrew commented: "It was a tough game and although we played very well in patches I think on balance Berkeley were marginally the better side on the day. We've been working hard on our defensive structure and were able to break down all but one of their attacks. With that as a platform we know we've got five reliable goal scorers up front."
- Berkeley Vale coach Mark Pratt shared that view on the intensity of the match in general but in contrast said: "We're strong in defence and are controlling the play in most of our matches but are struggling to make advantage of the opportunities that are being created."
- Wyoming return to Alan Davidson Park for the next two Sundays looking to cement their top three spot in back-to-back local derbies against East Gosford and Gosford City. Berkeley Vale now look forward to their 'away' match against Avoca at Pluim Park next Saturday night before hosting The Entrance at Mingara the following Sunday.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 2 AVOCA 0

- Killarney are getting into a routine of treading on the fingers of teams that are climbing up the ladder behind them. In previous weeks it's been 2-0 over Wyoming, then Woongarra (3-0) and this time 2-0 over a confident Avoca team unbeaten for the previous seven matches. Add their 5-0 win over The Entrance in Round 9 and the Terriers have now equaled the BPL record of four straight clean sheets.
- Although both teams went into the match understrength the Sharks, who started without James Monie and Ben Green, were more affected especially when they lost two more key players with Shane Knight replaced with a groin strain in the 15th minute and then attacking midfielder Stuart Adams with severe blistering at half-time.
- Avoca attacked strongly prior to losing Knight and created a number of good scoring opportunities through Adams and Oliver Twyford but then went behind when Cameron Donovan was on hand to sidefoot the ball into the Sharks net from a corner kick. Early in the second half Tim Knight then doubled the lead, cutting inside the Avoca defence and bending the ball into the top corner.
- With next week's big match against SEU Chris Ackerley was happy with his side's performance: "Avoca played well at stages but with the number of injuries we have through the squad and on the poor surface at EDSACC we stepped up and did what we had to do to win". Sharks coach Neal Hide acknowledged "We had some good chances in the first half but Killarney controlled the game throughout and we were beaten by a better side".
- It was a fourth straight clean sheet for the Terriers equaling the record they already held jointly with Berkeley Vale (2018) and Wyoming (2019) and they'll be looking to set a new mark as well as opening up a six-point buffer at the top of the BPL table when they take on second-placed Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval next Sunday while Avoca will meet Berkeley Vale at Pluim Park on Saturday night.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 3 KANWAL 1

- These two teams were among the big improvers last season with each reaching the semi-finals for the first time in more than a decade. This time around, despite each having much the same playing squad, their fortunes could hardly be more different. Southern-Ettalong are sitting in clear second place with nine wins from 12 matches while Kanwal although competitive throughout, have slumped to second-last with just the one win.
- The match got off to a bad start for Kanwal when just 10 minutes in an attempted clearance rebounded off a teammate and back into their own net. To their credit though the Bulls hit back almost immediately with Ryan Oehm in position to finish off some excellent lead-up play. Then, as has happened a number of times this season, SEU's 46-year-old striker Keith Gumbs put his stamp on the match with two goals late in the first half, the first from a wide angled shot and the second with a neat chip over the Kanwal goalkeeper's head. That five-minute period of brilliance proved decisive with the second half remaining scoreless despite a number of chances to either side.
- Next up for Southern will be a match that could well define their season when they host competition leaders Killarney District at James Browne Oval on Sunday. The Lions will be desperate to avenge the humiliating 6-0 loss to the Terriers in their previous encounter, one of only two losses they've suffered all season. It's a real six-point match with a win to SEU moving them into equal top spot but a loss opening up a six-point lead for Killarney.
- Likewise the next three weeks could define Kanwal's season with three top-five opponents. First up they play Terrigal at Wadalba next Sunday followed by away games against Woongarra and Killarney District.

EAST GOSFORD 1 WOONGARRAH 1

- East Gosford and Woongarra faced off at Hylton Moore Oval on Sunday afternoon with recent form not reflecting either sides position on the Battlewin Premier League table. The Rams, whilst sitting ninth heading into the weekends match, are unbeaten in their last three whilst sixth placed Woongarra are without a win in their last three matches.
- The match was very keenly contested with both sides struggling to create quality chances in an opening 45 minutes that saw neither side able to find the back of the net. The second half started much the same as the first, as both sides continued to keep things tight at the back, with quality chances coming at a premium. However, the breakthrough was finally found after 80 minutes as the Wildcats found a goal through Ben Runge to see them into the box seat for the remaining 10 minutes of the contest as they looked to secure a much needed three points. The Rams worked hard for a late goal and were rewarded in the dying embers of the match as Michael Lackner managed to stick the ball in the back of the net off a corner with only seconds left to play to salvage a point for his side and extend their unbeaten run to four matches.
- While probably disappointed in not claiming all three points, a point sees Woongarra climb back into the top five, at the expense of Berkeley Vale who fall back to sixth position. Woongarra head back to Hamlyn Terrace next weekend to face The Entrance in what is the start of a run of five straight home matches for the 'Cats, whilst East Gosford head to Alan Davidson Oval for a match with Wyoming.

THE ENTRANCE 2 TOUKLEY 2

- The Entrance returned to Pat Morley Oval for the first time this season for a huge match in terms of the Battlewin Premier League Club Championship table against Toukley on Sunday afternoon. Placed 10th and 11th respectively heading into the match both sides knew that wins across the three grades would go a long way towards securing their place in next season's Battlewin Premier League.
- Toukley got off to a great start getting out to a 2-0 lead courtesy of first half goals to Jarrod Bowman and Todd Buxton (first of the season for both) that had the Gunners in a commanding position at the half-time break and looking to kill the game off in the second period.
- Hopes of a second half turnaround from The Entrance took a hit early in the second half when Joshua-Adam Fletcher was sent off leaving them to play out the second period with 10 men. However, The Entrance managed to produce a great second half performance despite the numerical disadvantage, netting two second half goals through Mahkye Brownlie and Matt Kenny to see them rescue a point from what looked to be a very unlikely position.
- A draw in first grade coupled with a draw in reserve grade and win to The Entrance in U/21s sees them marginally extend the gap between themselves and the Gunners in 11th place on the Club Championship table in a battle that looks as if it will go down to the wire this season.
- The Entrance head to Hamlyn Terrace this weekend to face Woongarra in another tough test whilst Toukley return home to face another side embroiled in the relegation fight, Gosford City, at Harry Moore Oval.

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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	12	10	1	1	38	10	28	31
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	12	9	1	2	34	21	13	28
WYOMING	12	8	0	4	34	17	17	24
TERRIGAL	12	7	3	2	34	19	15	24
WOONGARRAH	12	6	3	3	27	24	3	21
BERKELEY VALE	12	6	2	4	22	15	7	20
AVOCA	12	5	3	4	23	27	-4	18
TOUKLEY	12	3	2	7	18	32	-14	11
EAST GOSFORD	12	2	4	6	11	20	-9	10
THE ENTRANCE	12	2	2	8	13	28	-15	8
KANWAL	12	1	2	9	16	27	-11	5
GOSFORD CITY	12	1	1	10	15	45	-30	4

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	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	36	93	62	29	184
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	36	84	50	21	155
TERRIGAL	36	72	44	25	141
WYOMING	35	72	24	28	124
WOONGARRAH	36	63	24	20	107
AVOCA	36	54	20	27	101
EAST GOSFORD	35	30	56	11	97
BERKELEY VALE	36	60	24	5	89
THE ENTRANCE	36	24	36	15	75
KANWAL	36	15	38	17	70
TOUKLEY	36	33	22	3	58
GOSFORD CITY	36	12	6	4	22

battlewin[★] LEADING GOAL SCORERS

14	Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong)
10	Jesse Parnell (Gosford City)
8	Jared McNee (Wyoming), Pat Mills (Wyoming)
7	Matt Hall (Wyoming), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal), Ben Runge (Woongarra)
6	Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District)
5	Jacob Caban (Southern-Ettalong), James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Sam Dooley (Wyoming), Ben Farrell (Wyoming), Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Ryan Walker (Kanwal), Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal), Kane Woolston (Woongarra)
4	Alex Govorcin (Woongarra), Ben Green (Avoca), Steve Harpur (East Gosford), Ashley Henderson (Woongarra), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale), Troy Runge (Toukley), Oliver Twyford (Avoca), Rob Walton (East Gosford).
3	Alex Burrell (Berkeley Vale), Bryce Fielder (Killarney District), Ethan Hall (Killarney District), Mitch Harrison (Avoca), Thijs Jennink (Terrigal), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Josh Menzies (Terrigal), Jayden Nakhoul (The Entrance), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), James Steer (Southern-Ettalong), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale).

BPL ROUND 13 FIXTURES

SATURDAY 15 JUNE			
AVOCA	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Pluim Park 1

SUNDAY 16 JUNE			
KANWAL	vs	TERRIGAL	Wadalba Sports Complex
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	James Browne Oval
TOUKLEY	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Harry Moore Oval
WOONGARRAH	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Hamlyn Terrace
WYOMING	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Alan Davidson Park

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

OURIMBAH	3	KINCUMBER	1
KARIONG	4	DOYALSON	0
UMINA	1	GWANDALAN	1
BUDGEWOI	2	WYONG	2
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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>
OURIMBAH	8	5	0	3	29	16	13	15
KINCUMBER	8	4	2	2	18	11	7	14
WOY WOY	8	4	1	3	30	16	14	13
UMINA	8	3	4	1	27	13	14	13
KARIONG	8	4	0	4	14	13	1	12
WYONG	8	3	3	2	19	15	4	12
GWANDALAN	8	3	2	3	19	17	2	11
BUDGEWOI	8	3	2	3	21	18	3	11
DOYALSON	8	0	0	8	4	62	-58	0

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	16	39	42	81
BUDGEWOI	16	33	38	71
WYONG	16	36	32	68
OURIMBAH	16	45	20	65
WOY WOY	16	39	26	65
GWANDALAN	16	33	28	61
KINCUMBER	16	42	18	60
KARIONG	16	36	6	42

DOYALSON	16	0	0	0
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