

## Premium Sporting Products

### 2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 19 (4 AUGUST)

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#### **FIRST GRADE SCORES**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

- With three rounds remaining in the 2019 Battlewin Premier League competition there are still plenty of positions to be decided. Four of the seven teams in contention for the final five faced off against each other with Wyoming snatching a last gasp winner in a critical match against Terrigal and Southern-Ettalong delivering a serious blow to Berkeley Vale's chances of making the play-offs. The other three teams in the top seven, Killarney, Woongarra and Avoca all recorded wins against bottom five opponents.
- The weekend did see two important positions settled. Gosford City's mathematical hopes of surviving have now gone and they will be relegated to Division One in 2020. They will be replaced by Umina who cannot be overtaken for top spot with two rounds remaining in the Division One league championship.
- The change to club championship based promotion and relegation has thrown up an interesting situation with just one first grade point separating four teams (East Gosford, Toukley, The Entrance and Kanwal) suggesting that the contest could easily have gone down to the final round as it has in previous seasons. However now, under the new format, there's a significant gap between East Gosford (138 points) in eighth place and Toukley (99) in second-last. The Gunners hopes of survival aren't helped by the fact that their three remaining matches are all against clubs in the top five.
- The second promotion spot looks likely to be taken by Woy Woy who need just four points from their final Division One matches to see them return to Premier League for the first time since 1990. They'll be desperate to pick up these points next week with the bye to follow in the final round.
- With just two race days left in the 2019 Tour de Golden Boot SEU team leader Keith Gumbs looks set to repeat his 2015 success despite a rare goalless match in Southern's match

against Berkeley Vale. However with his defensive teammates keeping the Wombats scoreless the Caribbean champ still retains the yellow jersey with a five-goal lead over Troy Mumford. Three goals back Team Wyoming (Pat Mills, Jared McNee and Matt Hall) lead the chasing peloton which includes Gosford rookie Jesse Parnell, Terrigal's Erik Riquelme and Wildcat Ben Runge.

### **WOONGARRAH 2 TOUKLEY 1**

- Woongarra's Hamlyn Terrace fortress was the venue for this Round 19 clash against Toukley on Sunday afternoon with the hosts knowing a win could see them move into third position as they looked to continue their great first season in the top flight. Contrastingly, the visitors were also in need of a victory as time begins to run out on their hopes of escaping relegation.
- The 'Cats found an early goal in Sunday's clash, with the side's top-scorer Ben Runge finding the net for the tenth time this season in the opening exchanges of the first half. After a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Gosford City last weekend, Woongarra again found it tough-going to break down a desperate Toukley side, with the visitors receiving a huge boost when the older of the Runge brothers, Troy, found a goal late in the first half to restore parity.
- The sides emerged from the half-time break locked at one apiece, however the 'Cats found a second goal after barely 15 minutes, with Ben Runge wrapping up the family bragging rights and taking his season tally to 11. The hosts managed to see out the remainder of the match with their 2-1 lead intact, capitalising on Terrigal's loss to Wyoming to leapfrog them into third spot on the Battlewin Premier League table.
- Woongarra gear up for the first of their tough three-match run into the finals, facing Avoca at Hamlyn Terrace on Sunday afternoon. Similarly, the matches don't get any easier for the Gunners, returning home to face Wyoming, also on Sunday afternoon.

### **THE ENTRANCE 3 KANWAL 0**

- A massive game in the context of the Battlewin Premier Leagues relegation fight was played at Pat Morley Oval on Sunday afternoon as The Entrance hosted Kanwal with the home side looking to increase the meagre six-point lead they held over Toukley in the battle to avoid the second relegation position on the Club Championship table. The hosts looked to have made the worst possible start to the match after a foray forward from Bulls winger Joey Liddle led to Ryan Walker being fouled in the penalty area and the subsequent awarding of a penalty kick. Walker stepped up to the spot to give his side the lead, however he was denied by Matt Tancred in The Entrance goal.
- The hosts then took the lead in the 23rd minute from a set piece, with Adam Blunden scoring from the best part of 25 metres after his shot was driven low and hard into the bottom corner. The Entrance had a number of chances to increase their lead as the opening period wore on, however it was Kanwal who found themselves with the best opportunity to find the net after Brad McLean forced Tancred into another good save from a free-kick, with the 'keeper ensuring his side held onto their 1-0 lead as the referee blew for half-time.
- The Bulls emerged from the half-time break looking the more likely of the sides to find a goal with McLean drawing another save from Tancred before a goalmouth scramble saw The Entrance clear the ball off their line following a corner within the opening five minutes of the second half. Similarly to the first, the hosts second goal came from a free-kick, once again

delivered by Blunden who this time floated a ball to the back post that found Matt Kenny to nod home to give his side a 2-0 lead.

- After conceding one in the opening half, The Entrance were awarded a penalty of their own in the 85th minute after Reece Duggan was fouled in the penalty area, with Matt Kenny scoring from the spot to complete his brace and secure a vital victory that increased the gap over 11th-placed Toukley to 12 points.
- The Entrance look ahead to a tough match with Killarney at EDSAAC North next weekend whilst Kanwal return home to face Gosford City as they look to overturn the 2-1 defeat they suffered the last time the sides met.

#### **KILLARNEY DISTRICT 4 EAST GOSFORD 1**

- Killarney District have bounced back from their loss to Terrigal the previous week with a businesslike 4-1 win over East Gosford at Hylton Moore Park. Once again they had to test the depth of their squad with a number of players out injured or, in the case of Tim Knight off to Vietnam as the Young Socceroos sports scientist. The Terriers took the lead in the 15th minute with a John Whelpdale free-kick somehow finding its way untouched though the throng of players in the goalmouth. East hit back immediately through Oscar Perricone and should have taken the lead with two easy opportunities squandered.
- The second half belonged to the Terriers who controlled the match throughout. Their pressure eventually told in the 57th minute with Scott Macey pouncing on a poor back pass and beating the advancing goalkeeper for his first-ever top grade goal. Substitute Nick Barnier then extended the lead ten minutes later with his first goal of the season with Brendan Hall wrapping up proceedings six minutes from full-time.
- Rams' coach Chris Powell placed much of the blame for the loss on these two missed opportunities in the first half: "The chances were clear-cut and if we could have gone into the break 3-1 up instead of 1-1 the result could well have been different. As it was Killarney mounted continuous pressure throughout the remainder of the match and it eventually told with a number of defensive errors that they capitalised on as good teams will do."
- Although still in equal third-last place in first grade East Gosford look to be safe from relegation with their reserve grade sitting in fourth place and a competitive Under 21 team having them sitting eighth in the club championship. They have another tough set next Sunday against Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval. Killarney are at home to close neighbours The Entrance.

#### **AVOCA 2 GOSFORD CITY 0**

- A sixth straight win has seen Avoca set a new club record, passing their five-in-a-row at the end of the 2017 season and also matching Killarneys winning run at the start of this season. Despite this outstanding achievement the Sharks still haven't been able to break into the top five, sharing fifth spot with Wyoming but behind them on goal difference.
- Although doomed for relegation the young Dragons once again punched above their weight as they've done on a number of occasions pressing strongly. One of the highlights of their disappointing season has been the performance of their young goalkeeper Jack Arigho who had another outstanding match keeping his side in the match on a number of occasions.
- The Sharks led early with Oliver Twyford scoring from a Jake Elder cross that deflected off the crossbar to his feet. Dylan Di Sciascio then doubled the lead in the 34th minute but only

at the third attempt after Arigho made two brilliant reflex saves. Late in the match Arigho was offered the chance to show his teammates how to score when he stepped up to take a penalty only for his ultra-powerful shot to be saved by Sharks goalie Matt Peck who had to then be replaced with a possible broken arm.

- Dragons coach Errol Baker commented: "Jack again stood tall in goals with several quality saves, we leaked two simple goals on the counter during some fairly good build up and couldn't return the favour. We opened Avoca up several times but just couldn't find feet with the final ball, or break the penalty curse that is haunting us for the last month. We made some slight tactical and formation changes at half time that had Avoca scrambling at times but it's just the little mistakes, the one-percenters, that have had our young squad unable to put opposition sides to the sword this season."
- Back in 2017 Avoca missed out in a semi-final place on goal difference and they'll be trying to avoid a repeat of that situation by extending their winning run and taking all three points against Woongarra next Sunday at Hamlyn Terrace. Gosford will be playing for pride and consolation points when they play Kanwal at Wadalba.

## **WYOMING 2 TERRIGAL 1**

- They say what goes around comes around in sport and so it proved for Wyoming at Alan Davidson Park. A fortnight earlier, at the same venue, Keith Gumbs had broken the Tigers' hearts with a last minute goal to win the match for SEU. This time around the situation was reversed with Sam Dooley snatching a late winner to seal a vital win for his team.
- The match was the focal point of a highly-successful Charity weekend for the Wyoming club, one that was promoted and well-supported by Terrigal United FC, the Central Coast Mariners and a number of local organisations and that raised more than \$8000 for Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation.
- The match opened at a frantic pace with was pretty well maintained throughout the first half with both teams having chances. The breakthrough came Wyoming's way in the 15th minute with Ben Farrell using his blistering pace down the right wing to run onto a perfect through ball from Ian McAndrew and then sending a perfect cross that found Pat Mills in position to score his 11th goal of the season. The celebrations had barely ceased when the scores were level with Cameron Wilkinson converting from the penalty spot and the score remained locked at 1-1 until the half-time break.
- Wyoming gradually built pressure throughout the second half with Terrigal's cause not helped by injuries to Beycan Irmako and Erik Riquelme. Both teams had some scoring chances drawing excellent saves from the respective goalkeepers. Wyoming's clinching goal was similar to their opening one with Pat Mills being sent wide down the left wing, beating the advancing goalkeeper and crossing to substitute Sam Dooley to score inside the far post.
- The result saw Terrigal drop from third to fourth place while Wyoming remained in fifth spot on goal difference. Terrigal will be back at their Duffys Road home next week against a Berkeley Vale side that could well be playing for their season after their loss to Southern-Ettalong saw them drop to seventh place. Wyoming will need to remain focused when they travel north to Harry Moore Oval to play a Toukley club that is desperate to avoid relegation.

## **SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 4 BERKELEY VALE 0**

- After both sides suffered slip-ups last weekend, Sunday's match at Mingara between Berkeley Vale and Southern and Ettalong United took on added importance as both sides

went in search of a much needed three points. Eager to avoid a repeat of last weekend's match with Avoca (conceding twice in the opening 20 minutes), Southern made a bright start to the match, finding an early goal through James Caban in the 15th minute to place them in the ascendancy. The goal, Caban's ninth of the season, proved the only strike of what was a tight opening period.

- After letting a golden opportunity to draw level with Killarney at the top of the BPL table last weekend slip through their fingers, the Lions continued to pressure the hosts, finding the second goal of the match through Max Fabila in the 65th minute. Two late goals to James Steer and Sam Matthews in the final 10 minutes of the contest wrapped up the three points for Southern who, despite the victory, remain three points back from Killarney with three matches to play.
- Berkeley Vale came into the 2019 season as second favourites behind Killarney in the eyes of most pundits but have now dropped to clear seventh place three points out of the top five. They need to regroup for next Sunday's must-win match against Terrigal United at Duffys Oval. Southern return home to James Browne Oval for their match against East Gosford.

<b>battlewin</b>		<b>POINTS TABLE</b>						
	<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	19	14	2	3	62	21	41	44
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	19	13	2	4	55	34	21	41
WOONGARRAH	19	12	4	3	41	31	10	40
TERRIGAL	19	11	4	4	56	32	24	37
WYOMING	19	12	0	7	52	30	22	36
AVOCA	19	11	3	5	45	38	7	36
BERKELEY VALE	19	10	3	6	36	23	14	33
EAST GOSFORD	19	3	5	11	16	34	-18	14
TOUKLEY	19	4	2	13	25	50	-25	14
THE ENTRANCE	19	4	2	13	23	52	-29	14
KANWAL	19	3	4	12	28	40	-12	13
GOSFORD CITY	19	1	1	17	18	69	-51	4

## battlewin<sup>★</sup> PL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	57	132	88	45	265
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	57	123	74	36	233
TERRIGAL	57	111	70	35	216
WYOMING	57	108	58	42	208
WOONGARRAH	57	120	32	36	188
AVOCA	57	108	38	36	182
BERKELEY VALE	57	99	48	11	158
EAST GOSFORD	57	42	70	26	138
KANWAL	57	39	64	24	127
THE ENTRANCE	57	42	48	21	111
TOUKLEY	57	42	48	9	99
GOSFORD CITY	57	12	8	7	27

## battlewin<sup>★</sup> LEADING GOAL SCORERS

19	Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong)
14	Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale)
11	Matt Hall (Wyoming), Jared McNee (Wyoming), Pat Mills (Wyoming), Jesse Parnell (Gosford City), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal), Ben Runge (Woongarra)
10	Matt Hall (Killarney District),
9	Stuart Adams (Avoca), James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Kane Woolston (Woongarra), Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal)
8	Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), James Steer (Southern-Ettalong)
7	Ben Farrell (Wyoming), Alex Govorcin (Woongarra), Ben Green (Avoca), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
6	Jacob Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Sam Dooley (Wyoming), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Troy Runge (Toukley), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), Oliver Twyford (Avoca), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
5	Beycan Irmako (Terrigal), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale),
4	Ethan Hall (Killarney District), Steve Harpur (East Gosford), Ashley Henderson (Woongarra), Josh Menzies (Terrigal), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Brenton Westley (Berkeley Vale)

## ROUND 20 BPL MATCHES

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST			
WOONGARRAH	vs	AVOCA	Hamlyn Terrace
TERRIGAL	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Duffys Oval
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	EAST GOSFORD	James Browne Oval
TOUKLEY	vs	WYOMING	Harry Moore Oval
KANWAL	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Wadalba Sports Complex
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	THE ENTRANCE	EDSACC North

# DIVISION ONE

## FIRST GRADE SCORES

KARIONG	4	WOY WOY	1
KINCUMBER	3	BUDGEWOI	0
UMINA	3	OURIMBAH	2
GWANDALAN	4	WYONG	2
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## DIVISION ONE COMPETITION TABLE

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>PTS</i>
WOY WOY	15	10	1	4	1	59	27	32	31
UMINA	14	8	4	2	<b>2</b>	46	20	26	28
KARIONG	15	8	2	5	1	28	21	7	26
GWANDALAN	14	7	2	5	<b>2</b>	44	27	17	23
KINCUMBER	14	7	2	5	<b>2</b>	28	20	8	23
BUDGEWOI	14	5	3	6	<b>2</b>	39	34	5	18
OURIMBAH	14	6	0	8	<b>2</b>	39	39	0	18
WYONG	14	4	4	6	<b>2</b>	28	31	-3	16
DOYALSON	14	0	0	14	<b>2</b>	10	102	-92	0

## DIVISION ONE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	28	84	78	162
WOY WOY	30	93	46	139
KINCUMBER	28	69	44	113
BUDGEWOI	28	54	58	112
GWANDALAN	28	69	42	111
KARIONG	30	78	22	100
WYONG	28	48	50	98
OURIMBAH	28	54	20	74
DOYALSON	28	0	4	4