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2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 20 (11 AUGUST)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- For the fifth round in a row Killarney District and Southern-Ettalong have matching results with each having wins in Rounds 16 and 17 followed by losses in Round 18, wins in Round 19 and now draws in Round 20. The last two results, together with wins by the other three teams mean that just six points separate the top five teams with two rounds remaining.
- Southern's draw with East Gosford and Woongarra's win over Avoca mean that the Wildcats are now in second place just two points behind Killarney with the two teams due to meet in what could well be a League Championship shoot-out in a fortnight's time. Southern drop to third with Terrigal remaining fourth after their 1-0 win over Berkeley Vale.
- The Wombats' chances of reaching the play-offs are now hanging by a thread after that loss and with Wyoming coming from behind to defeat Toukley. Avoca's loss to Woongarra means that Wyoming are now in clear fifth place on 39 points with a +23 goal difference, ahead of Avoca (36 and +5) and Berkeley Vale (33 +12).
- Despite dropping points in first grade Killarney District now have a 38-point lead over Southern-Ettalong in the club championship and with only 36 points available the Terriers have now secured their third straight title and their fourth in the past five years.
- The Woy Woy revival is now complete for 2019 with the Roosters taking out the Division One league championship and, more importantly, locking up the second promotion spot into next season's BPL. It's been a long journey back for the battling peninsula club who haven't been in the top grade since 1990 and haven't played in the Div One semi-finals since 2006.
- The Division One competition has a break next weekend and will resume with three teams, Gwandalan (26 points and +18), Kariong (26 +7) and Kincumber (23 +7) fighting it out for

third and fourth places. Kariong, who meet Doyalson, are odds-on to take one spot while Gwandalan take on Umina and Kincumber play Ourimbah.

WOONGARRAH 4 AVOCA 2

- Eight matches unbeaten saw Woongarra head into Sunday's match full of confidence as they looked to strike a significant blow to their opponents Avoca's chances of securing a finals position. Buoyed by five successive victories, the Sharks have managed to close the gap to the finals positions with goal difference the only factor keeping them from a top five appearance, however they were unable to keep the hosts scoreless as midfielder Alex Govorcin opened the scoring for Woongarra. Reigning Battlewin Premier League player of the year Stuart Adams then responded for the visitors, finding the net to draw the sides level at 1-1.
- After opening the scoring for the visitors Adams found the net again, gifting his side the lead with his eleventh of the season. Despite finding themselves behind on the scoreboard, Woongarra continued to cause the Sharks trouble, with top-scorer Ben Runge levelling the match up at 2-2 with his twelfth goal of the season. The equalising goal appeared to give the hosts a significant boost as they piled on another two goals courtesy of captain Chris Gavin and a second of the match for Govorcin to run out 4-2 winners.
- The win sees the 'Cats move to 43 competition points, and given other results went their way, the side have jumped Southern and Ettalong United into second position on the Battlewin Premier League table, two points back from leaders Killarney. These results set the scene for a big Sunday afternoon at Hamlyn Terrace this coming weekend as the 'Cats host the Lions of Southern and Ettalong United in the penultimate round of the Battlewin Premier League season. Meanwhile, Avoca's quest for a finals berth is by no means dead and buried, with the Sharks travelling to The Entrance this weekend and Terrigal United on the final day as they look to bridge what is currently a three-point gap between themselves and fifth placed Wyoming.

TERRIGAL 1 BERKELEY VALE 0

- Terrigal United hosted Berkeley Vale at Duffy's Oval on Sunday afternoon in what shaped as a massive game for both sides in the context of their finals aspirations. After suffering a narrow defeat last weekend at Wyoming, Terrigal faced the possibility of falling outside the Battlewin Premier League's top five with a poor result here. Similarly, Berkeley Vale were also in need of three points, with the Wombats facing the possibility of falling six points behind a finals position with only six points left to play for.
- Despite an even start to the match, the hosts were to be the first to find the net after Ben Flakus netted for the ninth time this season after barely 15 minutes. Spurred on by the knowledge that a win would see them take a big step towards securing a position in the final's series, the hosts saw out the first half with their 1-0 lead intact.
- Desperate to keep their finals hopes alive, the 'Bats task was made that much harder after midfielder Reece Caira was dismissed after a second bookable offence, reducing them to ten. Still trailing by the single goal, the visitors continued to fight hard for an avenue back into the contest throughout the second period to no avail, with the match all but decided in additional time after centre-half Damien Lobb was dismissed, reducing them to just nine men as Terrigal held out for a crucial victory.
- Terrigal head back on the road next weekend, travelling to Harry Moore Oval to face a Toukley side determined to avoid the drop to Division One next season before finishing the

campaign with a home tie against Avoca. Berkeley Vale conclude their season with matches against Kanwal and Gosford City, of which they'll need to pick up maximum points in both and hope that Wyoming in fifth fail to pick up any points in their remaining two matches to potentially sneak into the top five.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 1 THE ENTRANCE 1

- The condition of the number one field at EDSACC North has been deteriorating steadily through the season and has now reached the stage where this match was transferred to field one at Pluim Park.
- A combination of injuries and unavailabilities has left Killarney with a team that bore little resemblance to that which they've fielded over the past four years although, as their club championship success indicates there's plenty of depth right across their squad and the replacements didn't let the team down.
- Despite their respective positions on the first grade table these local derbies can often show up surprises such as this one. As was the case across all matches the windy conditions weren't conducive to quality football and goal scoring opportunities were few and far between. After an even and scoreless first half Killarney eventually took the lead in the 65th minute with Matt Hall latching onto a through ball and stepping around the goalkeeper. The Entrance then equalised in the 78th minute through one of a number of the club's promising young players in 17-year-old Christian Chahine. Both teams had late chances the best being a powerful strike by Killarney's Daniel Moffett that was tipped over the crossbar by the Sea Eagles goalkeeper Matt Tancred.
- Killarney will be looking to seal a fourth straight first grade league championship when they meet Wyoming next Sunday at Alan Davidson Park with the Tigers keen to stop them and so hold onto their record as the only previous club to have done so way back in the late 1970s – and to cement their place in this season's top five. At the other end of the table The Entrance will be looking to hold onto or increase their six-point club championship lead over Toukley when they host Avoca at Pat Morley Oval.

KANWAL 4 GOSFORD CITY 1

- After their successful 2018 season where they reached the Premier League semi-finals for just the second time in their history it's been a tough grind for Kanwal this time around. However with three wins from their last five matches and the full 18 club championship points here the Bulls are now guaranteed of holding a spot for the 2020 BPL. Indeed, such has been the congested nature of the bottom half of the first grade competition they've leap-frogged three other teams and moved from 11th to 8th place.
- With the mass exodus of players at the end of last season it was always going to be a tough year for Gosford City and they will drop back to Division One next season after six successful seasons in BPL that included three grand final appearances as well as the 2015 league championship. Despite winning just one match coach Errol Baker's young and enthusiastic team have earned plenty of respect across the league. To their credit they had a number of first graders back up in U21s to ensure there wasn't a repeat of their forfeit in that grade in a previous round.
- By contrast Kanwal were close to full strength and took the lead in the 7th minute with Jason Cozens making a break down the left wing and finding Joey Liddle. Gosford showed they were up for the challenge equalising nine minutes later with a back post cross from Jesse Parnell finding Zac Hillock to score his first top grade goal of the season. Kanwal

attacked strongly creating a number of chances which either went wide or were saved by Gosford's exciting young goalkeeper Jack Arigho.

- The Dragons almost snatched the lead early in the second half with a shot from Parnell going over the bar. From there the extra workload on the backing-up Gosford players began to tell and Kanwal dominated for the remainder of the match. They took the lead in the 55th minute with Cozens again the creator this time crossing for Brad McLean to score. Three minutes later it was 3-1 when a perfectly placed free kick from player/coach Brad Porter found defender Ryan Oehm. From the restart Gosford's woes were extended when Callum McGoldrick was sent off for a second bookable infringement leaving them to play the final third of the match with 10 men. McLean then completed his brace in the 66th minute with Kanwal taking the opportunity to rest some players during the remainder of the match.
- Kanwal now travel to Mingara for a match that could decide Berkeley Vale's fate while Gosford City will be looking for a least some points in their derby match against East Gosford at Hylton Moore Park.

WYOMING 2 TOUKLEY 1

- A crucial match for both clubs but for different reasons with Wyoming trying to consolidate their place in the top five and Toukley desperately searching for club championship points to stay in the Premier League in 2020. As they've done previously the Gunners spread their talent across the three grades and it paid off with wins in both U21s and Reserves. Indeed, into the last quarter of the First Grade the full 18 points were in their sights.
- The game was played in bitterly cold and windy conditions on the small Harry Moore field making it difficult for either team to play constructive football. Both teams had chances during a relatively even first half with Toukley looking to have earned a penalty in the 34th minute only to see it reversed with the assistant signaling for off-side.
- Toukley shocked the visitors two minutes after the break with Troy Runge catching the Wyoming defence on the back foot on a run from near halfway and giving keeper Thomas Coventry no chance to save. The game remained in the balance for the next 20 minutes before Wyoming eventually equalised with Jared McNee scoring from a corner kick. As the Toukley players, several of whom had played earlier, began to tire the elements then played their part with the sun coming out and the wind dropping and allowing Wyoming to dominate the middle of the field. The constant pressure eventually paid off with Pat Mills being brought down in the box allowing Matt Hall to score from the resultant penalty although a second penalty, this time with replacement Sam Dooley brought down, was saved by Gunners keeper Jake Purches.
- The win together with Avoca's loss to Terrigal leaves Wyoming in clear 5th place three points ahead of the Sharks, effectively four points with their 16-goal better goal difference. They are back home at Alan Davidson Park next Sunday in what will be a vital match against Killarney District with plenty on the line for both clubs. With their wins in both lower grade matches against Wyoming the Gunners now only trail The Entrance by six club championship points but face a tough task in their two remaining matches against Terrigal and Southern-Ettalong who are currently sitting third and second respectively in the club championship standings.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 1 EAST GOSFORD 1

- James Browne Oval played host to a big double header for all involved with Southern and Ettalong United Football Club on Sunday afternoon as their Battlewin Premier League side

hosted the East Gosford Rams looking to close the gap to top spot whilst their Central Coast Unity Bank Women's League side had the opportunity to secure the League Championship with a victory. After missing out on the opportunity to draw level with Killarney after a loss to Avoca two weeks ago, the Lions were focused on picking up a valuable three points from Sunday's fixture and 2019 golden boot elect Keith Gumbs ensured his side got off to a great start as he became the first player to hit the 20 goal mark in this year's Battlewin Premier League competition.

- Despite sitting in eighth position on the competition table, the East Gosford Rams have regularly proven that they can match it with the competition's best sides, taking points from four of the seven sides still competing for a finals berth throughout the season. They looked to show this trait once again on Sunday afternoon as Oscar Perricone found the net for the visitors to draw the sides' level.
- Despite a number of opportunities towards the end of the match neither side were able to find a goal to take all three points as the sides ultimately played out a second 1-1 draw of the 2019 campaign. The Rams host Gosford City in the penultimate round of the premier league season before a trip to The Entrance on the final day, whilst Southern, who were bumped out of the BPL's top two by Woongarra after yesterday's result have the opportunity to reclaim their position when they travel to Hamlyn Terrace this weekend before concluding the season with a home-tie against Toukley.

battlewin		POINTS 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>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	20	14	3	3	63	22	41	45
WOONGARRAH	20	13	4	3	45	33	14	43
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	20	13	3	4	55	34	21	42
TERRIGAL	20	12	4	4	57	32	25	40
WYOMING	20	13	0	7	54	31	23	39
AVOCA	20	11	3	6	47	42	5	36
BERKELEY VALE	20	10	3	7	36	24	12	33
KANWAL	20	4	4	12	29	41	-12	16
EAST GOSFORD	20	3	6	11	17	35	-18	15
THE ENTRANCE	20	4	3	13	24	53	-29	15
TOUKLEY	20	4	2	14	26	52	-26	14
GOSFORD CITY	20	1	1	18	19	73	-54	4

battlewin[★] PL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	60	135	94	48	277
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	60	126	74	39	239
TERRIGAL	60	120	72	38	230
WYOMING	60	117	58	42	217
WOONGARRAH	60	129	38	36	203
AVOCA	60	108	38	39	185
BERKELEY VALE	60	99	50	11	160
EAST GOSFORD	60	45	76	26	147
KANWAL	60	48	70	27	145
THE ENTRANCE	60	45	48	21	114
TOUKLEY	60	42	54	12	108
GOSFORD CITY	60	12	8	7	27

battlewin[★] LEADING GOAL SCORERS

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

ROUND 21 BPL MATCHES

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST			
TOUKLEY	vs	TERRIGAL	Harry Moore Park
EAST GOSFORD	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Hylton Moore Park
BERKELEY VALE	vs	KANWAL	Mingara Club Oval
THE ENTRANCE	vs	AVOCA	Pat Morley Oval
WOONGARRAH	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Hamlyn Terrace Oval
WYOMING	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Alan Davidson Park

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOY WOY	8	WYONG	1
OURIMBAH	2	DOYALSON	0
GWANDALAN	1	KINCUMBER	0
BUDGEWOI	2	UMINA	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	16	11	1	4	1	67	28	39	34
UMINA	15	8	5	2	2	48	22	26	29
GWANDALAN	15	8	2	5	2	45	27	18	26
KARIONG	15	8	2	5	2	28	21	7	26
KINCUMBER	15	7	2	6	2	28	21	7	23
OURIMBAH	15	7	0	8	2	41	39	2	21
BUDGEWOI	15	5	4	6	2	41	36	5	19
WYONG	15	4	4	7	2	29	39	-10	16
DOYALSON	15	0	0	15	2	10	104	-94	0

DIVISION ONE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	30	87	84	171
WOY WOY	32	102	52	154
GWANDALAN	30	78	48	126
BUDGEWOI	30	57	58	115
KINCUMBER	30	69	44	113
KARIONG	30	78	22	100
WYONG	30	48	50	98
OURIMBAH	30	63	26	89
DOYALSON	30	0	4	4