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2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 22 (24/25 AUGUST)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- Killarney District have snatched their fourth straight league championship with a last-gasp winning goal in a thrilling Saturday match in front of a crowd estimated at 1500 at Plum Park. It capped off another clean-sweep for the Terriers who took out both lower grade titles as well the BPL club championship for the second successive season. The result means that all three Killarney teams have next weekend off before taking on the winners of Sunday's qualifying finals.
- The Division One top four has also been decided with the two Peninsula clubs joined by Kariong and Gwandalan, the first time that either of the latter clubs have reached the play-offs.
- The least surprising thing about Round 22 of the BPL was that Southern-Ettalong's Keith Gumbs has annexed his second BPL Golden Boot award and he's done it in style with his second hat-trick of the season. His total of 23 goals is a new record for the Boot since it was introduced in 2012 passing the previous record of 22 set by Brenton Olzomer from Berkeley Vale in 2014 and matched by Killarney's Tim Knight in 2016. Of course Keith's were scored in the new 22-round competition while the others were in 18 rounds.
- Although he had a moderate year by his standard Tim Knight still has a clear lead in the overall BPL goal scoring tally. The top 20 players are:

PLAYER	CLUB(S)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
KNIGHT, TIM	KDS	6	3	12	7	23	10	15	7	83
SCHUMANN, JOSH	UMI-GOS	12	13	17	10	10		11		73
WALTON, ROB	KIN-EGO		9	7	8		20	21	7	72
KENNY, MATT	ENT			11	15	7	10	14	7	64

MUMFORD, TROY	BER	10	7	4	4	5	9	10	15	64
GUMBS, KEITH	SEU				18	3	4	14	23	62
KELLY, JAI	BUD-TOU	12				17	12	15	5	61
CABAN, JAMES	SEU				8	9	16	17	9	59
McNEE, JARED	GOS-WMG		5	2	5	1	9	6	13	41
PAYNE, MICHAEL	WMG	14	20	5				2		41
RODGER, DANIEL	KDS				4	5	16	5	11	41
HALL, MATT	KDS	1	2	1	6	6	3	6	13	38
HALL, MATT	GOS-WMG				10	9		6	13	38
GOSSON, BENJI	WMG-GOS-UMI		7	12	7	7		3		36
WOODBINE, ADAM	ENT-GOS	5				16	14			35
LEACH, TODD	KDS	1	3	5	6	14	4		1	34
OLZOMER, BRENTON	BER	5	4	25						34
ADAMS, STUART	AVO						6	13	12	31
MILLS, PAT	GOS-WMG		2	1	9	4			14	30
SWADLING, JOSH	ENT	4		4	7		14			29

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 2 WOONGARRAH 1

- In a very popular move by CCF this League Championship play-off was brought forward from a Sunday afternoon encounter on Pluim 2 to Saturday night on the main field attracting a large crowd and a grand final like atmosphere.
- The first half of Saturday nights clash was somewhat of a 'slow-burner' with neither side able to take control of the match throughout the opening 20 minutes. As the opening half wore on and both sides began to play the ball along the deck chances began to arise. The defending champions struck the first blow as striker Daniel Rodger headed home from a corner in the 34th minute to give the Terriers a crucial lead.
- With just Rodgers' goal separating the sides at the start of the second half, the crowd knew that they were in for a quality half of football. Killarney needed to record a victory in the match to secure a fourth consecutive league championship, whilst Woongarra needed to avoid defeat to secure the title for themselves. This combination of circumstance produced an extremely high-octane half of football.
- Woongarra fought hard for large periods of the second half knowing that they needed a goal to fulfill their hopes of becoming the first side to capture the League Championship in their debut season in the premier league, and they got that goal in the 70th minute courtesy of striker Kane Woolston. After an attacking corner was headed out by the Terriers defense, the ball fell to Woolston on the edge of the penalty area who struck a sweet half volley past Terriers 'keeper Declan Drake and into the net to cue wild celebrations from all involved with the relatively young club present inside Pluim Park.
- With the circumstances of the match now completely shifted it was Killarney who were required to chase the match. The side saw a number of attempts thwarted throughout the final 20 minutes of the match, however, deep into injury time Killarney found the breakthrough in spectacular fashion thanks to Matt Hall. Captain Tim Knight picked up the ball on the left-hand side of the pitch, beat his man and got to the byline where he delivered a looping cross to the back post. The cross was met first time by Blake Silvers whose scuffed shot looped into the air towards Hall who acrobatically readjusted his body and powered

home a bicycle kick past `Cats keeper Bryce Goldsworthy to send the Killarney faithful into raptures on the sideline.

- The victory saw the Terriers secure a fourth straight League Championship, earning them a week off in the process. Woongarra, meanwhile, will look to dust themselves down as they gear up to face Terrigal United in the qualifying final on Sunday afternoon at Plum Park.

THE ENTRANCE 1 EAST GOSFORD 1

- In one of only two final round fixtures without any consequence riding on the result the East Gosford Rams travelled to Pat Morley Oval to take on The Entrance as both sides looked to finish above the other on the final competition table. Sat ninth and tenth on the competition table and both locked on 18 competition points heading into Sundays match, the Rams made the early breakthrough as reigning back-to-back golden boot winner Rob Walton found the net after barely 10 minutes. The goal was Walton's seventh of the season after back-to-back campaigns of 20+ with the whole East Gosford squad struggling for goals this season, managing a total of 20 throughout their 22 matches.
- On the back of securing their top-flight status last weekend, The Entrance hit back with what was the last kick of the first half through Matt Page as the sides entered the sheds locked at one apiece. Ultimately, the two first half strikes were to be the only goals of the game as the sides shared the points in their final match of the season. The result saw both sides finish the season locked on 19 competition points with Kanwal in eighth.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 5 TOUKLEY 0

- After slipping to fifth position on the Battlewin Premier League table after their defeat to Woongarra last weekend, Southern and Ettalong United turned their focus to Sundays match with Toukley as they looked to secure a top three position and a place in Sundays Qualifying final.
- Up against a Toukley side who had already had their relegation confirmed heading into the final weekend of the season, the Lions made all the early runnings in Sundays clash, taking a first-half lead through Max Fabila. The hosts then doubled their lead as Keith Gumbs tightened his grip on a second Battlewin Premier League Golden Boot title with his 21st of the season as Southern carried a 2-0 lead into the break.
- Typical of his 2019 campaign, Gumbs then put the result beyond doubt early in the second period as he added another two goals to see the score blow out to 4-0 in favour of the hosts. The hat-trick, Gumbs' second of the year saw him open up an incredible eight goal margin between himself and the League's second highest goal-scorer Troy Mumford. An own-goal late in the second half then capped off the scoring in Sunday afternoons encounter as the Lions ran out big 5-0 winners, although the result was ultimately not enough to lift them from fifth spot as they look ahead to next Saturday afternoons elimination final with Wyoming at Plum Park. Kick-off 6pm.

BERKELEY VALE 4 GOSFORD CITY 1

- Two clubs at the end of disappointing seasons with Gosford City finishing clear last and relegated and Berkeley Vale missing the finals for just the second time since 2009. The Wombats took the lead with Troy Mumford scoring from the penalty spot after a handball inside the box. Jayden Laugwitz then doubled the lead in the 25th minute with his first goal of the season before Nathan Baker pulled one back for the Dragons in the 38th minute with

what proved to be the 500th BPL first grade goal of the season and kept the score at 2-1 going into the half-time break.

- A second from Laugwitz shortly after the resumption settled any worries that Berkeley had with Michael Dalton then scoring his first of the season midway through the half to seal a comfortable victory.

WYOMING 4 KANWAL 2

- As is frequently the case in late season matches the two clubs went into their match day at Wadalba with slightly different aims. Kanwal, out of contention for the first grade play-offs but safe from relegation, were concentrating on their reserve grade team which had already qualified for the semi-finals. Wyoming, guaranteed a play-off spot, needed to balance their chance of reaching third place while protecting some key players sitting on four yellow cards.
- After an even first half hour with a few chances at either end Wyoming broke through in the 33rd minute when a perfectly-flighted corner from 16-year-old Conor Fitzpatrick in his first starting match in the top grade found Pat Mills to score. Five minutes later winger Ben Farrell ran onto a perfect through ball from midfielder Keelan Austen and curled his shot just inside the left post to double the lead. A third goal inside that 10-minute period effectively sealed the match with Mills running onto another pinpoint through ball to side-step the keeper and score his second of the match and 14th of the season much to the consternation of his two card-carrying teammates (Messrs Hall and McNee) sitting on the bench who had led him by one going into the match.
- Wyoming went 4-0 up through Sam Dooley in the 60th minute before falling away as Kanwal countered with two goals by central defender, later striker, Ryan Oehm who managed to snatch a share of the Bulls Golden Boot from Ryan Walker.
- By finishing fourth Wyoming will be playing sudden-death football from now on starting on Saturday evening when they will be looking for a third win over Terrigal. Although disappointed with their season overall Kanwal did finish the season quite strongly and have the consolation of their Reserve Grade team in the play-offs.

TERRIGAL 2 AVOCA 0

- Terrigal United entered Sunday's match with Avoca at Duffy's Oval knowing that a top-two position was still attainable after Woongarra's loss on Saturday night. The previous night's result meant that a win would see Terrigal finish in second position, however a loss or a draw could have them finishing as low as fifth. Sunday's match offered a stark contrast to the earlier meeting between the sides at Plum Park in which five first-half goals were scored, three of which were scored by Avoca inside the opening 10 minutes, as both sides failed to find the back of the net in an evenly contested opening 45 minutes.
- In need of a victory to wrap up a top-two finish, Terrigal looked to ramp up the pressure on an Avoca side who'd already had their finals ambitions dashed prior to the weekend's fixture. Expectedly, the breakthrough came from the boot of top-scorer Erik Riquelme as he put away his 13th goal of the season mid-way through the second half to gift his side the lead and one foot in the competition's top-two.
- The hosts then sealed the victory and a spot in the qualifying final in the 80th minute after Ryan Pearce was felled in the penalty area allowing Cameron Wilkinson to step up to the

mark and dispatch his spot kick, rounding out the scoring and setting up a mouth-watering clash with Woongarra at Plum Park next Sunday afternoon.

- The Battlewin Premier League's qualifying final between Terrigal United and Woongarra will take place at Plum Park on Sunday afternoon with kick-off scheduled for 5pm.

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	22	15	3	4	67	26	41	48
TERRIGAL	22	14	4	4	69	33	36	46
WOONGARRAH	22	14	4	4	47	35	12	46
WYOMING	22	15	0	7	61	35	26	45
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	22	14	3	5	60	34	25	45
BERKELEY VALE	22	11	3	8	40	28	12	36
AVOCA	22	11	3	8	48	46	2	36
KANWAL	22	5	4	13	34	45	-11	19
EAST GOSFORD	22	4	7	11	20	36	-16	19
THE ENTRANCE	22	5	4	13	27	55	-28	19
TOUKLEY	22	4	2	16	27	67	-40	14
GOSFORD CITY	22	1	1	20	20	79	-59	4

battlewin PL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	66	144	98	51	293
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	66	135	86	40	261
TERRIGAL	66	137	80	38	255
WYOMING	66	135	60	45	240
WOONGARRAH	66	138	40	40	218
AVOCA	66	108	38	42	188
BERKELEY VALE	66	108	56	14	178
EAST GOSFORD	66	57	88	30	175
KANWAL	66	57	82	27	166
THE ENTRANCE	66	57	54	25	136
TOUKLEY	66	42	56	18	116
GOSFORD CITY	66	12	8	10	30

battlewin LEADING GOAL SCORERS

23	Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong)
15	Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale)
14	Pat Mills (Wyoming),
13	Matt Hall (Killarney District), Matt Hall (Wyoming), Jared McNee (Wyoming), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal)
12	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Ben Runge (Woongarra)
11	Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Jesse Parnell (Gosford City), Kane Woolston

	(Woongarra)
10	Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District)
9	James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Alex Govorcin (Woongarra),
8	Ben Farrell (Wyoming), Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Josh Menzies (Terrigal), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Troy Runge (Toukley), James Steer (Southern-Ettalong)
7	Sam Dooley (Wyoming), Ben Green (Avoca), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Ryan Walker (Kanwal), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
6	Jacob Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), Oliver Twyford (Avoca),
5	Beycan Irmako (Terrigal), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale), Brad McLean (Kanwal),
4	Adam Blunden (The Entrance), Ethan Hall (Killarney District), Steve Harpur (East Gosford), Ashley Henderson (Woongarra), Joey Liddle (Kanwal), Brenton Westley (Berkeley Vale)

BPL FINALS SERIES – WEEK ONE

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST – ELIMINATION SEMI-FINALS (4th vs 5th)				
Under 21s	2 pm	WOONGARRAH	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG
Reserve Grade	4 pm	KANWAL	vs	TERRIGAL
First Grade	6 pm	WYOMING	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER – QUALIFYING SEMI-FINALS (2nd vs 3rd)				
Under 21s	1 pm	WYOMING	vs	AVOCA
Reserve Grade	3 pm	EAST GOSFORD	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG
First Grade	5 pm	TERRIGAL	vs	WOONGARRAH

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

KINCUMBER	3	OURIMBAH	2
KARIONG	4	DOYALSON	0
BUDGEWOI	3	WYONG	1
GWANDALAN	1	UMINA	1
WOY WOY	Bye		

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	2	67	28	39	34
UMINA	16	8	6	2	2	49	23	26	30
KARIONG	16	9	2	5	2	32	21	11	29

GWANDALAN	16	8	3	5	2	46	28	18	27
KINCUMBER	16	8	2	6	2	31	23	8	26
BUDGEWOI	16	6	4	6	2	44	37	7	22
OURIMBAH	16	7	0	9	2	43	42	1	21
WYONG	16	4	4	8	2	30	42	-12	16
DOYALSON	16	0	0	16	2	10	108	-98	0

DIVISION ONE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	32	90	90	180
WOY WOY	30	102	52	154
BUDGEWOI	32	66	64	130
GWANDALAN	32	81	48	129
KINCUMBER	32	78	50	128
KARIONG	32	87	28	115
WYONG	32	48	50	98
OURIMBAH	32	63	26	89
DOYALSON	32	0	4	4

DIVISION ONE FINALS SERIES – WEEK ONE (PLUIM PARK 2)

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST – MINOR SEMI-FINALS (3rd vs 4th)

Reserve Grade	3 pm	WOY WOY	vs	WYONG
First Grade	5 pm	KARIONG	vs	GWANDALAN

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER – MAJOR SEMI-FINALS (1st vs 2nd)

Reserve Grade	3.30 pm	UMINA	vs	BUDGEWOI
First Grade	5.30 pm	WOY WOY	vs	UMINA