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### 2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 5 (22 APRIL)

#### **FIRST GRADE SCORES**

KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3	AVOCA	1
GOSFORD CITY	3	EAST GOSFORD	2
BERKELEY VALE	3	KINCUMBER	0
THE ENTRANCE	3	TOUKLEY	2
KANWAL	4	TERRIGAL	3

#### **SUMMARY**

- Five of the six matches in Round 5 of the Battlewin Premier League were played on Sunday with the remaining match, the traditional Anzac Day clash between peninsula neighbours Southern-Ettalong and Umina on Wednesday afternoon at James Browne Oval. Prior to these matches Terrigal and Gosford City played their deferred Round 2 fixture with Terrigal coming from behind to win 2-1.
- The competition tabled leveled out slightly with two of the three previously pointless teams, The Entrance and Gosford, each recording narrow 3-2 wins. Killarney District extended its 2018 BPL winning stretch to five or seven if you add in its two wins in last season's finals series. Ironically the Terriers 17th match without defeat ended the 16-match unbeaten run of their Round 5 opponents the emerging Avoca outfit.
- Moving into second place and breathing down Killarney's neck are Berkeley Vale who chalked up an impressive fourth straight win and a third successive clean-sheet (a fourth if you include their 6-0 FFA Cup win over Western Mariners. The showdown between the noisy neighbours will have to wait with the two teams not schedule to meet until Round 11 on June the 3rd.
- On the subject of the FFA Cup the Round 5 draw has been released with Terrigal drawing the short straw and set to meet famed MPL1 club Sydney Olympic at Pluim Park. Berkeley Vale will be away against NPL3 club Hawkesbury City while the good news for Killarney District is that they will take on regional club Bomaderry FC. The bad news is that they may have to travel down the South Coast for the match, although they are hoping to secure a more central venue. All matches are scheduled to be played on Wednesday the 2nd of May.

#### **KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3 AVOCA 1**

- By now the back-to-back premiers have become accustomed to being the competition yardstick with every opponent lifting to try and bring them down. This time their rivals were the much-improved Avoca Sharks who went into the match just two points behind Killarney.

- The visitors snatched an early lead with Mitch Harrison converting from the penalty spot in the 15th minute before Killarney equalised from a typically accurate John Whelpdale free-kick. Another free-kick found defender Sam Kirk who headed home what we believe to be his first-ever goal for the Terriers (correction to follow if necessary) to give his team the lead for the first time. Injuries to Whelpdale and Tim Knight disrupted Killarney and Avoca fought back tenaciously narrowly failing to equalise with a couple of clear-cut chances and a brilliant save by the Killarney 'keeper Declan Drake. The clinching goal didn't come until around the 88th minute through Daniel Rodger.
- In next Sunday's matches, Killarney travel to Frost Reserve to play Kincumber while Avoca will be at home against Terrigal.

### **BERKELEY VALE 3 KINCUMBER 0**

- With this, their fourth straight BPL win, Berkeley Vale are beginning to emerge as serious title contenders. All four of these wins have been achieved without conceding a goal, indeed in their total of seven matches, including two in the FFA Cup, they've let in just three goals while scoring 24.
- Kincumber fought hard throughout but struggled to break such a strong defence. The Wombats three goals were spread evenly with Adam Smith scoring for the second match in a row in the 20th minute, Nick Taylor getting his first in BPL in the 55th and Michael Tawyer on target for the third straight game sealing the win with 10 minutes to play.
- There won't be any respite for the Roos next Sunday when they host Killarney District at Frost Reserve. Berkeley Vale are away to Gosford City at Gavenlock Oval.

### **GOSFORD CITY 3 EAST GOSFORD 2**

- After stretching Terrigal in their midweek match at Pluim Park Gosford City have finally broken through for their first win of the season in this exciting and fluctuating match at Hylton Moore Park. Matt Hall, in just his second start back from a long-term injury, scored from a free kick in the 10th minute a lead which the Dragons held until the half-time break. The next three goals came in almost as many minutes early in the second term with Rob Walton equalising then Tony Wilson-Thomas giving East the lead two minutes later. Then from the resumption Gosford's player/coach Reece Caira to restore his team's lead. Then with a draw looking likely Jeff Hall, back after a one-match suspension, scored his third goal from a corner which rebounded off the post.
- City will be at home next Sunday against arguably the competition's form team in Berkeley Vale while the Rams will travel to the peninsula to take on another team playing with plenty of confidence in Southern-Ettalong.

### **THE ENTRANCE 3 TOUKLEY 2**

- The 2016 minor semi-final clash between these two teams must have seemed like an eternity ago as the Reddies and the Gunners sought to get their first points of the 2018 season after being beaten in all eight matches and conceding a total of 38 goals between them. Toukley took an early lead through Brett Cowling that was quickly cancelled out by Matt Kenny who extended the lead with a penalty in the 55th minute and took it to 3-1 ten minutes later. Toukley then pulled a goal back and the young Entrance side began to panic, missing a number of opportunities to seal the win but eventually holding out..

### KANWAL 4 TERRIGAL 3

- A reversal of fortune for both teams with Terrigal coming off back-to-back wins over Toukley (8-1) and Gosford (2-1) within the past week and Kanwal beaten 3-0 but far from disgraced by East Gosford. It's probably a sign of the way the competition is headed with results between many evenly-matched teams being very hard to predict.
- Kanwal struck within the first quarter of an hour within Danny Rotondo slotting home a neat goal into the top left corner of the Terrigal net. Two minutes later the Bulls were two-up when Jason Cozens made a break and found an unmarked Brad McLean for a tap-in goal. Rotondo has again in the action in the 36th minute this time as the provider for Ryan Walker to beat the keeper from just outside the 18-yard box for his sixth goal of the season. Both goalkeepers made important saves in the remainder in the late minutes of the half to leave Kanwal looking well in control at 3-0.
- There's one feature of Terrigal's performances to date that stands out and that is that they come home strongly in the second half of their matches. They scored six of their eight goals against Toukley in the second half then came from a goal 1-0 down at the break to beat Gosford 2-1 so their recovery from 3-0 down to 3-3 in this match shouldn't have come as much of a surprise. The charge came from back-to-back penalties from the club's leading scorer in 2017, Jett Cabbarus, who took both shots in his first game back from a long injury break. Jai McNamara then produced the equaliser in the 80th minute after a goalmouth scramble. Then with Terrigal's momentum up the Bulls ex-Mariners player/coach Brad Porter set up Cozens for his second goal and the winner.
- Both teams have derbies next weekend. Kanwal get back onto their renovated home ground at Wadalba for the first time this season for a Saturday night clash with Toukley while Terrigal take on Avoca at Erina High on Sunday.

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	5	5	0	0	18	6	12	15
BERKELEY VALE	5	4	0	1	13	2	11	12
AVOCA	5	3	1	1	12	7	5	10
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	4	3	0	1	11	3	8	9
EAST GOSFORD	5	3	0	2	11	9	2	9
KANWAL	5	3	0	2	13	13	0	9
TERRIGAL	5	2	1	2	15	10	5	7
KINCUMBER	5	1	1	3	7	13	-6	4
UMINA	4	1	1	2	10	14	-4	4
GOSFORD	5	1	0	4	6	11	-5	3
THE ENTRANCE	5	1	0	4	7	19	-12	3
TOUKLEY	5	0	0	5	8	24	-16	0

## battlewin DING GOAL SCORERS (FINAL)

7	Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
6	Keith Gumbs (SEU)
5	Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
4	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Josh Schumann (Umina)
3	Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Alex Burrell (Berkeley Vale), James Caban (SEU), Ben Green (Avoca), Will Haines (Toukley), Jeff Hall (Gosford City), Andy Klijn (Killarney District), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal), John Whelpdale (Killarney District)

## ROUND 6 FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 28 APRIL

KANWAL	vs	TOUKLEY	Wadalba Sports Complex
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### SUNDAY 29 APRIL

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	EAST GOSFORD	James Browne Oval
THE ENTRANCE	vs	UMINA	Pat Morley Oval
AVOCA	vs	TERRIGAL	Erina High School
KINCUMBER	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Frost Reserve
GOSFORD CITY	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Gavenlock Oval