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2018 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 17 (22 JULY)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

BERKELEY VALE	10	KINCUMBER	0
TERRIGAL	3	KANWAL	2
THE ENTRANCE	3	TOUKLEY	0
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	2	UMINA	1
EAST GOSFORD	3	GOSFORD CITY	1
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	4	AVOCA	0

SUMMARY

- After sharing the points in their previous match Killarney District and Berkeley Vale have each made a powerful statement to the ten teams behind them with emphatic wins in their Round 17 match in the 2018 Battlewin Premier League. None more so than Berkeley Vale whose 10-0 win over Kincumber was not only the club's biggest ever win since entering the Premier League in 1997 but matches Wyoming's 2012 win over Doyalson by the same score as the highest margin on record in any Premier League match.
- The two matches featured a couple of outstanding individual, and family, performances with Troy Mumford becoming the first Berkeley Vale player to score five goals in a BPL first grade match and – unless someone out there can find another instance – the three Killarney Hall brothers becoming the first siblings to all score in the same Premier League match.
- With the bottom three teams all being defeated and with 15 points still on offer, the battle to avoid relegation looks likely to go down to a three-way contest between Kincumber, Toukley and Umina to avoid the bottom two places..

BERKELEY VALE 10 KINCUMBER 0

- The big question being asked after this lop-sided match was "Were Berkeley Vale that good or Kincumber that bad?" The answer is probably a bit of both especially because it took nearly half an hour for the Wombats to score. Two goals within a minute of each other followed by a penalty just before the break had the result decided at 4-0. The second half looked more like a training session for Berkeley who were in total control throughout. With half an hour to play the lead had reached 8-0 and then 10-0 by the 75th minute. It should have been more with a couple of tap-ins being missed and no doubt attracting plenty of dressing shed banter for the offender players.
- The return to goal scoring form of Troy Mumford has been a big plus for the Wombats. Troy has been a major part of the team's success over the past decade and his five-goal haul here took him past Brenton Olzomer's four, also against Kincumber in 2014, as the club's best ever goal tally. Great to see Brenton back in action after a long spell out through injury.

- Although there are still five matches, and 15 competition points, still available Kincumber's chances of avoiding relegation appear remote especially as the first of these five is against Killarney District at EDSACC North next Saturday night. The Roos have won just two of their past 35 BPL matches since the start of the 2017 season and if their performance here is any guide they look to be resigned to their fate.
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KILLARNEY DISTRICT 4 AVOCA 0

- After such a promising start to the season Avoca looks to be slipping out of semi-final contention with this their heaviest defeat of the season. Despite missing a number of key players including playmaker John Whelpdale and leading scorer Andy Klijn Killarney were in control for much of the match. Bryce Fielder grabbed the opportunity of Whelpdale's absence to open the scoring from a free kick with Brendan Hall then doubling the lead just before the break. The pivotal moment came when Killarney goalkeeper Declan Drake pulled off a brilliant save to deny a James Monie goal that would have made the score 2-1. As it was goals around the middle of the second half to the other two Halls, Ethan and Matt, then sealed a comfortable win for the Terriers.
- With five matches to play Killarney retain their eight-point margin over Berkeley Vale although the Wombats scoring spree did cut their goal difference advantage down to six goals. Not good news for Kincumber who can look forward to a ruthless attack from Killarney when they meet at EDSACC North next Saturday night.
- If there is a positive side to Avoca's horror draw which sees them matched against all of the five teams above them it is that all five effectively become "six-point matches" with wins giving them three points while depriving their rivals of three at the same time. The challenge starts next Sunday when they take on neighbours Terrigal at Duffys Road.

EAST GOSFORD 3 GOSFORD CITY 1

- A vital match for both teams with East Gosford looking to bounce back from back-to-back losses (against Kanwal and Terrigal) from two damaging draws (against Avoca and Toukley). As was the case in three of the other five matches a goal was scored within minutes of the half-time break with Rob Walton on target, as he usually is, from the penalty spot.
- The next goal came the same way, this time with Matt Hall equalising for Gosford. The Dragons' skipper was then forced from the field with an injury handing the armband to Jared McNee on the way off. Unfortunately, shortly afterwards, a second yellow card saw him also on his way to the sideline with superstitious teammates keen to avoid the jinxed armband. East Gosford were in control by now with goals to Billy Auton and a second to Walton, this time from a brilliant first-time shot sealing the win.
- Gosford probably need at least four more points, ideally six, to ensure that they avoid relegation although that won't be easy next week when they take on a super-confident Berkeley Vale outfit at Mingara. The Rams will be at home for a potential six-pointer against Southern-Ettalong with a possible return to third-place if they can win.

THE ENTRANCE 3 TOUKLEY 0

- A crucial win by a resilient young Entrance team that more than likely sets them up to remain in the BPL for the 2019 season. Once again their home match was transferred to Pluim Park 3 on a surface that both teams no doubt appreciated as the condition of the

various Council grounds gradually deteriorate. The Reddies led 2-0 at the half-time break through goals to Reece Duggan and Corey Atkinson then effectively sealed the result with a second to Atkinson within 30 seconds of the resumption.

- The loss leaves Toukley still sitting in 11th place but fortunately for them the status quo was unchanged with the three teams around them also losing. They'll be looking to erase the memory of the big defeats in their previous two Saturday night home games when the take on noisy neighbours Kanwal next week.
- The Entrance travel to the peninsula for what should be a tight encounter with Umina determined to return with some of the points that will take them further clear of the relegation zone to safety.

TERRIGAL 3 KANWAL 2

- This was the only match this round between the six teams behind Killarney that are fighting out the four remaining semi-final places and between two of the season's surprise packets. Kanwal went into the game in third place, looking to extend their unbeaten run to nine and set the pace early with Brad McLean scoring his seventh goal from the past eight matches. The young Terrigal side have pace to burn out wide and they continually threatened the usually rock-solid Bulls defence eventually breaking through just five minutes later with a powerful angled strike from outside the 18-yard box by Ben Flakus. Kanwal's other major attacking weapon Jason Cozens then restored his team's lead with a goal in the 22nd minute (his sixth from six matches). Once again that crucial five minute period either side of half-time came into play with Man of the Match Flakus equalising for a second time.
- Terrigal took control after the break in what was a much tighter half and were eventually rewarded with a 75th minute penalty (one of seven awarded in the round) that was converted by Cameron Wilkinson.
- Both teams have derby matches next weekend against opponents that will be looking to bounce back from disappointing losses. Kanwal cross the Lakes for a Saturday night clash with Toukley at Harry Moore Oval while Terrigal are at home against Avoca on Sunday afternoon.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 2 UMINA 1

- A horror day for Umina as they continue their struggle to avoid relegation and having to play for nearly an hour with only 10 players after Benji Gosson was sent off in the 35th minute. Next up was the depressing sight of having ambulances at each end of the field to transfer firstly Daniel Barnes and then Nathan Moseley to hospital with what are likely to be season-ending injuries. Add existing injuries to striker Josh Schumann and goalkeeper Ryan Matterson and things could hardly have been worse.
- Given the circumstances it was a gutsy performance to hold Southern to a narrow victory in a typically tough peninsula derby. After a number of missed chances James Caban opened the scoring for the Lions on the half-hour mark with his 13th goal of the season. A defensive mix-up midway through the second half allowed Umina to equalise through Aaron Walters. Caban and Keith Gumbs are having a ding-dong battle not only for the SEU Golden Boot but also for the BPL trophy and with what proved to be a decisive penalty in the 70th minute the Caribbean champ moved one goal ahead of his teammate and two behind defending BPL Boot winner Rob Walton.

- One positive side that Umina do have going for them is their depth of talent with their reserve grade side unbeaten and sitting on top of the table and third grade also in the top four. Apart from their uncharacteristic second-half their collapse against Berkeley Vale they've been competitive for most of the season with six of their 11 losses being by a single goal margin. They play three of the teams around them in the remainder of the season starting with a home game against The Entrance on Sunday.
- The win moved Southern back into third place as they'd been prior to their previous round loss to Kanwal. With the new five-team finals series format third spot comes with a double-chance and SEU get the opportunity to retain it with matches against fellow contenders East Gosford (next week) and Avoca (in three weeks) although with an encounter with Killarney in between.

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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	17	13	3	1	53	16	37	42
BERKELEY VALE	17	11	1	5	48	17	31	34
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	17	10	2	5	41	26	15	32
TERRIGAL	17	9	5	4	44	32	12	31
EAST GOSFORD	17	9	3	5	32	21	11	30
KANWAL	17	9	3	5	40	36	4	30
AVOCA	17	8	3	6	36	27	9	27
THE ENTRANCE	17	5	3	9	29	49	-20	18
GOSFORD CITY	17	4	4	9	25	35	-10	16
UMINA	17	3	3	11	33	53	-20	12
TOUKLEY	17	3	2	12	26	56	-30	11
KINCUMBER	17	1	3	13	22	61	-39	6

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16	Rob Walton (East Gosford)
14	Keith Gumbs (SEU)
13	James Caban (SEU)
12	Matt Kenny (The Entrance)
11	Andy Klijn (Killarney District), Josh Schumann (Umina), Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
10	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale)
8	Jason Cozens (Kanwal), Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Brad McLean (Kanwal),
7	Will Haines (Toukley), Mitch Harrison (Avoca), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Brad Smythe (Berkeley Vale)
6	Corey Atkinson (The Entrance), Aaron Beehag (Kincumber), Ben Green (Avoca), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), Adam Smith (Berkeley Vale), Daniel Tuddenham (Terrigal)
5	Chris Altuneg (Terrigal), Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Matt Hall (Gosford), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Paul McGinley (Berkeley Vale), Josh Menzies (Berkeley Vale), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Alex Osborn (Kincumber), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District)

ROUND 17 BPL FIXTURES

SATURDAY 28 JULY			
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	KINCUMBER	EDSACC North
TOUKLEY	vs	KANWAL	Harry Moore Oval

SUNDAY 29 JULY			
EAST GOSFORD	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Hylton Moore Oval
BERKELEY VALE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Mingara Sports Field
TERRIGAL	vs	AVOCA	Duffys Road Oval
UMINA	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Umina Oval

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

WOONGARRAH	3	KARIONG	0
BUDGEWOI	3	DOYALSON	1
WOY WOY	1	WYONG	0
WYOMING	4	TUGGERAH	0
OURIMBAH	2	GWANDALAN	0

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>
WOONGARRAH	14	14	0	0	84	8	76	42
WOY WOY	14	8	4	2	43	14	29	28
BUDGEWOI	14	8	2	4	50	23	27	26
WYOMING	14	7	1	6	39	32	7	22
OURIMBAH	14	6	2	6	38	33	5	20
KARIONG	14	5	4	5	37	29	8	19
WYONG	14	6	1	7	37	33	4	19
GWANDALAN	14	6	0	8	20	41	-21	18
DOYALSON	14	2	1	11	17	54	-37	7
TUGGERAH	14	0	1	13	7	105	-98	1