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2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 4 (14 APRIL)

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	5	GOSFORD CITY	1
TERRIGAL	3	THE ENTRANCE	0
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3	KANWAL	2
WYOMING	8	AVOCA	2
BERKELEY VALE	2	WOONGARRAH	0
TOUKLEY	1	EAST GOSFORD	0

SUMMARY

- Killarney District have moved back into the position that they've occupied for most of the past four seasons as sole leaders in the Battlewin Premier League. Despite being stretched to the limit by Kanwal the Terriers were able to score a late winner for their fourth straight win. Berkeley Vale and Terrigal both bounced back from their surprise defeats in Round 7 to join Woongarra in equal second place. The big talking point of the round was the performance of Wyoming who thrashed Avoca 8-2 with striker Pat Mills returning to form in spectacular style with six goals.
- All six of the Round 5 matches will be played on Easter Monday.
- Four Coast teams remain in the FFA Cup. Killarney and Umina both play this week, the Terriers against St George association club Lugarno FC at Valentine Park on Tuesday night from 8pm and Umina who are at Pluim Park on Wednesday night to play Manly-Warringah association Forest Killarney. The two other remaining teams, Terrigal and Berkeley Vale, play the following Wednesday night at Pluim Park against leading NPL1 clubs Blacktown City and APIA respectively.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 5 GOSFORD CITY 1

- Gosford City FC met Southern and Ettalong United FC on Sunday afternoon at Gavenlock Oval as they looked to bounce back from last weekend's disappointing loss to Wyoming in the derby. Errol Baker's men started the match well and were certainly competitive as they matched SEU for long periods of what proved to be a scoreless first half.
- However, it was Southern who came out of the sheds with the bit between their teeth as they blew Gosford City away netting five goals in what was a quality second half performance. A brace to Striker Keith Gumbs, plus goals to James Caban, Sam Matthews, and Todd Balneaves sealed the three points for the Lions. Gosford City's Matt Graham netted what ended up only a consolation goal for the Dragons with the match finishing 5-1.

- Southern Coach Dale Eggleton commented "Even though I was pleased with our build up and creativity, the score was 0-0 at half time and I was more impressed with our patience at sticking to the process of how we want to play and were rewarded with the 3 points at full time".
- Gosford City coach Errol Baker remained positive following the match: 'The rebuilding continues. Unfortunately, illness and injury cost us today. We were competitive in the most part, another lesson that the young guys will learn from these guys (and) will be our strength later in the year. Young under 16s player Aiden Trentbirth made his first-grade debut today and played well against a well drilled and building Southern squad.

TERRIGAL 3 THE ENTRANCE 0

- Another home away from home game for The Entrance with this one being played at Duffys Oval. Terrigal dominated for much of the first half with Josh Menzies making the initial breakthrough in the 15th minute beating the off-side trap and chipping the Entrance 'keeper from 25 metres out for his first goal for his new club. Ben Flakus doubled the lead 10 minutes before half-time with a simple tap-in at the far post.
- The Entrance fought back strongly in what proved to be an even second half but the writing was on the wall in the 65th when Flakus broke through down the left-wing and slotted home his second goal of the match and fifth of the season.
- With their big FFA Cup clash against Blacktown City now deferred until Wednesday week (1 May) Terrigal can concentrate on another important BPL match, against Woongarra, at Duffy Oval on Easter Monday.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3 KANWAL 2

- For the second time in as many matches Kanwal has seen vital points snatched from them in the last few minutes of a match. In each match - against the two leading teams it should be said - the Bulls have led 2-1 before eventually going down 3-2. Following on from the two extremely late goals by Woongarra in Round 3 that turned a likely win into defeat they have seen a likely draw taken from them with a goal to Killarney right on full-time.
- Killarney took the lead in the 20th minute with Ethan Hall scoring from a well-placed corner but then, just before the break, Ryan Walker was brought down inside the Terriers box. His penalty attempt was parried down by 'keeper Andrew Sheldon but he couldn't prevent Walker from following through and equalising. Walker was again in the action early in the second half when he made a break and his cross found Jackson Torpy who gave Kanwal a surprise lead. Killarney equalised when their player was tackled on the edge of the Kanwal penalty area. The referee originally awarded free kick but after consulting with his assistant pointed to the spot. Defender Bryce Fielder converted for this third goal in four matches to equalise before Tim Knight, moved up front after starting in defence, scored the clinching goal.
- It's been a frustrating start to the season for Kanwal with a horror draw having seen them play four of the top five teams on the ladder. They'll be desperate to get maximum points when they take on similarly-placed East Gosford at Hylton Moore Park. Killarney travel to Valentine Park on Tuesday night for their FFA Cup match against Lugarno FC before they take on Berkeley Vale at Mingara in their 2018 grand final re-match.

WYOMING 8 AVOCA 2

- After an opening round loss to Berkeley Vale the new-look Wyoming Tigers are gathering momentum with back-to-back wins, this one their biggest winning margin since a 10-3 win over Kanwal on their way to winning the 2013 premiership. The goal onslaught began early with Pat Mills scoring in the second minute before Avoca struck back with 16-year-old Jackson Carr on target for his first ever Premier League goal. The match was balanced until a second goal by Mills midway through the half restored Wyoming's lead then three further goals to the 2018 Division One Player of the Year between the 38th and 43rd minutes had the Tigers go to the sheds with a 5-1 lead.
- A pall was cast over the match during the break when Mills and Wyoming teammate Matt Gravas were told that a very close mutual friend, 28-year-old James Booth, who had been in hospital awaiting a lung transplant, had just died. The resumption of the match was delayed as a mark of respect with a minute's silence being meticulously observed by players, match officials and spectators.
- To their credit Avoca fought hard throughout the second half and but for goals to Ben Farrell and Matt Hall in the 56th and 58th minutes were able to hold out until Mills' scored his sixth goal just on the 90-minute mark and then Avoca grabbed a consolation goal, scored by Nixon Jowett, right on full-time.
- Pat Mills' six-goal tally is a new Wyoming club goal-scoring record overtaking the previous mark of five goals shared by Marc Falzon and Michael Payne. It is also the most on record in any BPL match since Killarney's Tim Knight scored seven against Wyoming in the 2016 season.
- Avoca coach Neal Hide was full of praise for the Wyoming performance, "They were far too good on the day. No excuses from our side".
- Ian McAndrew commented: "Clearly this was our best performance of the season and one we've been building towards. Patty Mills was right back to his best and showed tremendous courage to play on after the terrible news about James. The boys rallied around both him and Matt as did the Avoca lads and the officials which we really appreciated".
- The two teams head in opposite directions next Monday for away matches, Wyoming to the peninsula for what should be a solid test against Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval and Avoca to Harry Moore Oval looking to take points from Toukley.

BERKELEY VALE 2 WOONGARRAH 0

- Berkeley Vale have been counting the days until being able to train and play at their newly-renovated home ground at the Mingara Club including an all-new grandstand.
- On the back of a surprise loss last weekend against The Entrance, Berkeley Vale were looking to return to winning ways as they faced the unbeaten Woongarra outfit at Mingara Club Oval.
- After dispatching Marayong FC in their Round 3 FFA Cup match midweek, the Wombats were looking to put the disappointment of the Round 3 BPL result behind them. Woongarra provided a stern task for the 'Bats to overcome, however two goals to centre half Damien Lobb, both from corner kicks, secured the points in what was a hotly contested match.

- Woongarrah will be disappointed to drop their first points of the season here but on balance they've made an excellent start to their first season in the top tier and, if they'd been offered 9 points from their first 12 it's a tally that they'd have happily accepted.
- Things don't get easier for the Wildcats, as they take on Terrigal on Easter Monday, whilst Berkeley Vale face a rampant Killarney side in a repeat of last season Grand Final.

TOUKLEY 1 EAST GOSFORD 0

- East Gosford FC and Toukley FC faced off at Hylton Moore Oval as the Rams looked to pick up their first points of the season against a Toukley side coming off the back of a disappointing performance in round three against Killarney.
- The Rams started brightly, creating a number of chances early on in the match however were struggling to find the cutting edge required to breach the Toukley goal, and they were made to pay as Toukley's Josh Higgins opened the scoring. The flash point of the match occurred only minutes into the second half as Toukley's Josh Hall was given his marching orders, with coach Ben Nichols stating "The dismissal could perhaps be deemed a little harsh but that's the way it can go if players place themselves in those situations". East Gosford struggled to utilize their numerical advantage as an avenue back into the match, as Toukley held out to secure the three points with a 1-0 victory.
- Nichols added: "My players gave their all and must be praised, with some playing under injury duress. Our club captain Jai Kelly stood tall and must be commended as well, leading by example throughout. It's a win that I feel should really help galvanize the side and lay a strong platform moving forward".
- Rams coach Chris Powell commented: "They defended well with 10 men for most of the second half. We are improving but couldn't manage to break them down to get that goal. (Our) 1st half chances were costly for us with their keeper pulling off two fine saves. One that got away for us".

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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	4	4	0	0	17	5	12	12
TERRIGAL	4	3	0	1	13	4	9	9
BERKELEY VALE	4	3	0	1	8	2	6	9
WOONGARRAH	4	3	0	1	10	5	5	9
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	4	3	0	1	10	9	1	9
TOUKLEY	4	2	1	1	8	9	-1	7
WYOMING	3	2	0	1	11	5	6	6
THE ENTRANCE	4	1	0	3	2	7	-5	3
AVOCA	4	1	0	3	6	15	-9	3
GOSFORD	4	0	1	3	6	18	-12	1
KANWAL	4	0	0	4	7	13	-6	0
EAST GOSFORD	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

battlewin LEADING GOAL SCORERS

7	Pat Mills (Wyoming)
5	Ben Flakus (Terrigal)
4	Jesse Parnell (Gosford City)
3	Bryce Fielder (Killarney District), Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong), Ethan Hall (Killarney District), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Ben Runge (Woongarra), Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal)
2	Todd Balneaves (Southern-Ettalong), Adam Blunden (The Entrance), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Matt Hall (Wyoming), Mitch Harrison (Avoca), Lachlan Jones (Woongarra), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale), Brad McLean (Kanwal), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal), Troy Runge (Toukley), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale), Ryan Walker (Kanwal), Kane Woolston (Woongarra)

BPL ROUND 5 FIXTURES

MONDAY 22 APRIL			
EAST GOSFORD	vs	KANWAL	Hylton Moore Park
BERKELEY VALE	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Mingara Club Oval
THE ENTRANCE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Gavenlock Oval
WYOMING	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Alan Davidson Park
TOUKLEY	vs	AVOCA	Harry Moore Park
TERRIGAL	vs	WOONGARRAH	Duffys Oval

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE SCORES

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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>
KARIONG	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
KINCUMBER	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
WYONG	2	1	0	1	7	3	4	3
BUDGEWOI	2	1	0	1	6	3	5	3
UMINA	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
OURIMBAH	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
WOY WOY	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
GWANDALAN	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0
DOYALSON	2	0	0	2	0	11	-11	0