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### 2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 10 (25/26 MAY)

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#### **FIRST GRADE SCORES**

TERRIGAL	4	TOUKLEY	3
KANWAL	1	BERKELEY VALE	1
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	2	WYOMING	0
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	6	WOONGARRAH	2
EAST GOSFORD	3	GOSFORD CITY	0
AVOCA	4	THE ENTRANCE	2

#### **SUMMARY**

- Round 10 of the Battlewin Premier League competition saw no change in the composition of the top five teams although there was a noticeable shuffling inside the five with Woongarra dropping from 2nd to 4th, Wyoming from 4th to 5th while Southern-Ettalong and Terrigal moved up to 2nd and 3rd respectively. Avoca extended their unbeaten run to six matches and, with Berkeley Vale held to a draw by Kanwal, the Sharks now share equal 6th place with the Wombats. In the lower half of the table East Gosford followed their draw the previous week with Southern with a win over Gosford City.
- A hat-trick from Keith Gumbs moved him to the top of the Battlewin Golden Boot ladder although arguably the most exciting goal of the round came from a player who's nearly 30 years younger than the West Indian legend. In just his second full match in first grade 17-year-old Joey Liddle capped an excellent performance with a late goal that salvaged an important point for Kanwal in their Saturday night match against Berkeley Vale. The youngster comes from a talented sporting family with older brother, Jacob, in action for the Wests Tigers in the match against South Sydney in the NRL at the same time as the Kanwal/Berkeley Vale match.
- The Division One is shaping to be the most competitive in years with just four points separating the first eight teams. Both previously unbeaten teams, Kincumber and Umina were beaten by Budgewoi and Ourumbah respectively. More importantly in the context of the new club championship promotion just 14 points separate the top six clubs.

#### **TERRIGAL 4 TOUKLEY 3**

- Coming off their big loss to Wyoming the previous week Toukley have put in a much improved performance, albeit without any points, in their Saturday night match against Terrigal at Plum Park. Terrigal went into the match missing a number of key players but look to have found a useful replacement in Thijs Jannink who scored a second-half brace. Terrigal took an early lead when a wide-angled free kick was deflected into the net by a

Toukley defender in the 7th minute. The Gunners then equalised on the half-hour mark through Mitch Harper.

- Pluim 3 holds bad memories for Anthony Pace but the Terrigal midfielder was in fine form posing a constant threat to the Gunners defence with one of his incisive runs setting up Ben Flakus restoring his team's lead in the 36th minute. Terrigal looked on track for a comfortable win with a high quality goal shortly after the break started in the midfield then set up with Tion Gerasimou sending Ryan Pearce down the right wing and crossing for Jannink to finish. Toukley once again struck back with a goal to Troy Runge against the run of play midway through the half. A second goal to Jannink once again gave Terrigal a two-goal buffer before Toukley ensured a tense finish with a late goal to Dean Pepper.
- Toukley coach Martyn Griffiths commented: "We were quite comfortable for much of the match but just couldn't finish them off when we had the chances. TJ's first goal was an outstanding team effort with 7 or 8 passes followed by a clinical finish. I don't feel the scoreline truly reflected the match although to their credit Toukley kept fighting back and certainly gave us a nervous last few minutes."
- "Collectively I thought we played quite well", said Gunners coach Ben Nichols. "but we made too many errors in key positions and they grabbed their chances with some finishing."
- Next up for Terrigal is their 'Battle of the Beaches' derby against Avoca although it's being played well inland at Avoca's new Pluim Park home ground next Saturday night. Toukley will host the highflying Southern-Ettalong at Harry Moore Oval on Sunday afternoon.

### **KANWAL 1 BERKELEY VALE 1**

- The Bulls are invariably hard to beat on Saturday nights at Wadalba and so it proved here with a valuable point against a Berkeley Vale side that's struggling to find form. Berkeley Vale had the better of possession for much of the match without being able to capitalise and Kanwal, with coach Brad Porter back on the field, kept his team's defence well organized and able to close down the Berkeley attacks. Berkeley's goal came in the 31st minute from a corner kick scored by Alex Burrell who is a constant threat in such situations.
- Both teams had chances in the second half with Wombats keeper Steve Grimmatt making a brilliant save and Reece Cairra hitting the post at the other end. The equaliser eventually came from what had increasingly become the most likely source with Kanwal's exciting teenager Joey Little capping off an outstanding match by scoring after a long jinking run down the left wing.
- Berkeley coach Mark Pratt commented "We went down to Kanwal last season in a similar match so were prepared for a tough match. I thought we dominated possession but couldn't create enough pressure to score and tended to lose our shape especially in the second half."
- Kanwal travel south next week to take on Wyoming at Alan Davidson Park while Berkeley Vale will be looking to get back into winning ways when they play Gosford City at Mingara.

### **KILLARNEY DISTRICT 2 WYOMING 0**

- The Killarney Terriers have seen off their latest challenger with a workmanlike 2-0 win over Wyoming in their match at EDSACC North.
- Both sides went into the match with makeshift backlines with Wyoming especially hard hit after losing two of the defensive line that had strung together four straight clean sheets and

a third at half-time. Despite this the Tigers were well in contention for most of an even first half although the first cracks began to appear just before the break with goalkeeper Thomas Coventry making a superb save and then having another Killarney strike hitting the post and running along the goal line before being cleared.

- From the start of the second half it became clear that Wyoming would struggle to stay in contention and the breakthrough eventually came in the 55th when an excellent cross from Lachlan Moffett into the box saw Tim Knight score what was the first goal conceded by the Tigers in nearly 7 1/2 hours of football. The clincher came nine minutes later when after constant attack Wyoming conceded a penalty duly converted by Terrier Matt Hall. Unfortunately the day ended badly for Tiger Matt Hall who was sent off for a second bookable offence a few minutes from full-time.
- It was an entertaining match where the obvious respect between the two sets of players ensured that it was played in a fine spirit throughout.

### **SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 6 WOONGARRAH 2**

- Southern and Ettalong United hosted the Woongarra Wildcats in what looked to be one of the marquee fixtures of the Battlewin Premier League round ten fixture list. Third placed Southern have been flying in the early doors of the season however the last two weeks have seen them drop points to sides they would have expected to dispatch, whilst Woongarra were unbeaten in five ahead of Sundays match at James Browne Oval. It was evident from the early stages that the Lions were up to the challenge that second placed Woongarra presented, and striker Keith Gumbs took full advantage of their good start, giving his side the lead in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute. Max Fabila then doubled the lead for Southern 10 minutes later as the Lions took control of the fixture in the early stages.
- The concession of two early goals appeared to awaken the Woongarra side as they went in search of an avenue back into the contest, however they couldn't capitalise on a few quality chances in front of goal. Keith Gumbs then made the 'Cats pay as he netted his second, and Southern's third on the stroke of half-time.
- The second half began much like the first as Jacob Caban found the net after 50 minutes to extend the lead to 4-0, before grabbing his second minutes later to well and truly put the game out of Woongarra's reach. Credit to Luke Rogers side as they continued to threaten throughout the second half and were eventually rewarded with both Alex Govorcin and Dave McPherson getting on the scoresheet. That wasn't to be the end of the scoring however, as Keith Gumbs wrapped up the victory and his hat-trick in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute as the match ended 6-2 in Southern's favour.
- Lions coach Dale Eggleton was expectedly pleased with his sides performance: "We embraced the challenge of taking on an inform Woongarra side who are doing very well in their first season in the BPL. Our first 60 minutes was very pleasing but full credit to Woongarra, they continued to ask questions of us defensively until the final whistle'.
- Woongarra boss Luke Rogers remained positive, admitting the better side won on the day: 'We were very unlucky on the first two goals. We then had some good chances ourselves but Southern were more clinical in front of goal. Southern were the better team on the day and deserved all three points. As a squad we are just looking forward to playing some games at home after another away trip'.

- There is some good news for Woongarra in that of their remaining 12 matches all but three will be played on their home turf at Hamlyn Terrace starting next Sunday with a big test against Killarney District. By contrast SEU have eight away matches with a trip up to Harry Moore Oval against Toukley also on Sunday.

### **EAST GOSFORD 3 GOSFORD CITY 0**

- Gosford City and East Gosford faced off at Gavenlock Oval in a match of huge significance at the bottom end of the Battlewin Premier League table on Sunday afternoon. East Gosford entered the match twenty points clear of the relegation places on the Club Championship table, whereas Gosford City are in desperate need of points, 33 CC points from safety. The Dragons managed to pick up their first win of the campaign last weekend, as they looked to this match as a great opportunity to secure back-to-back victories. Both sides knew that they had plenty at stake, and the first half reflected that, with neither side able to find a goal to send them into the ascendency. The Rams dominated the ball in the first half against a Gosford City side who looked to have set up with a defensive, counter-attacking style, however they struggled to find the quality required in front of goal to find the breakthrough.
- The second half began much like the first, with the Rams getting on the ball more than their city counterparts, however they did this time manage to find the net, with Robbie Walton dispatching a penalty to give the Rams the lead. As the second half wore on fatigue began to play a significant role in the contest, with the Dragons side looking to tire after spending much of the match chasing the ball. The fatigue told in the end as East Gosford bagged two goals in the final 10 minutes of the contest from Mitchell Wilson-Thomas to all but seal the victory, their second of the campaign, and ensure they continue to open up a gap between themselves and the bottom two.
- East Gosford look ahead to a home clash with The Entrance this weekend, whilst Gosford City face another tough match, travelling to Mingara to face Berkeley Vale on Sunday afternoon.

### **AVOCA 4 THE ENTRANCE 2**

- Avoca welcomed The Entrance to Erina High on Sunday afternoon as they looked to continue their unbeaten run to 6 matches, a remarkable up-turn in form that has seen Neal Hide's side shoot up to seventh on the Battlewin Premier League table. The Entrance, on the other hand, headed into the match on the back of four straight defeats as they looked to turn their stuttering season around.
- Avoca's recent form was certainly telling in this fixture as they regularly offered too much for The Entrance side to handle, as the Sharks managed four goals, making up for last weekend's stalemate at Pluim Park against Woongarra. The four goals were shared throughout the side, with each of Jake Elder, Ben Green, Stu Adams and Oliver Twyford managing to find the net.
- While the win was ultimately not enough to see the Sharks break into the top five, their total of 17 competition points sees them sit just three points outside third place. Avoca coach Neal Hide added: 'A fair result highlighted by some excellent finishing from both sides'.

	<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	10	8	1	1	33	10	23	25
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	10	7	1	2	28	20	8	22
TERRIGAL	10	6	2	2	26	15	11	20
WOONGARRAH	10	6	2	2	26	20	6	20
WYOMING	10	6	0	4	29	15	14	18
BERKELEY VALE	10	5	2	3	18	11	7	17
AVOCA	10	5	2	3	19	21	-2	17
TOUKLEY	10	3	1	6	16	27	-11	10
EAST GOSFORD	10	2	2	6	10	19	-9	8
THE ENTRANCE	10	2	0	8	11	26	-15	6
KANWAL	10	1	2	7	14	21	-7	5
GOSFORD CITY	10	1	1	8	13	38	-25	4

	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	30	75	50	26	151
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	30	66	38	15	119
TERRIGAL	30	60	32	22	114
WOONGARRAH	30	60	24	17	101
WYOMING	29	54	22	22	98
AVOCA	30	51	20	21	92
EAST GOSFORD	29	24	48	11	83
BERKELEY VALE	30	51	16	2	69
KANWAL	30	15	32	17	64
THE ENTRANCE	30	18	32	9	59
TOUKLEY	30	30	20	3	53
GOSFORD CITY	30	12	6	4	22

# **battlewin** LEADING GOAL SCORERS

11	Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong)
9	Jesse Parnell (Gosford City)
8	Pat Mills (Wyoming)
7	Matt Hall (Wyoming),
6	Jared McNee (Wyoming), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Ben Runge (Woongarrah)
5	James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Ben Farrell (Wyoming), Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Ryan Walker (Kanwal), Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal), Kane Woolston (Woongarrah)
4	Alex Govorcin (Woongarrah), Ben Green (Avoca), Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Steve Harpur (East Gosford), Ashley Henderson (Woongarrah), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal), Troy Runge (Toukley)
3	Sam Dooley (Wyoming), Bryce Fielder (Killarney District), Ethan Hall (Killarney District), Mitch Harrison (Avoca), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Blake Silvers (Killarney District), Michael Tawyer (Berkeley Vale), Rob Walton (East Gosford)

## **BPL ROUND 11 FIXTURES**

<b>SATURDAY 1 JUNE</b>			
AVOCA	vs	TERRIGAL	Pluim Park 1
<b>SUNDAY 2 JUNE</b>			
WYOMING	vs	KANWAL	Alan Davidson Park
WOONGARRAH	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Hamlyn Terrace
BERKELEY VALE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Mingara Club Oval
EAST GOSFORD	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Hylton Moore Park
TOUKLEY	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Harry Moore Oval

## **DIVISION ONE**

### **FIRST GRADE SCORES**

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

## **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>
KINCUMBER	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13
WOY WOY	7	4	0	3	28	14	14	12
UMINA	6	3	2	1	22	8	14	11
WYONG	6	3	1	2	15	11	4	10
KARIONG	7	3	0	4	10	13	-3	9
OURIMBAH	6	3	0	3	15	13	2	9
BUDGEWOI	6	3	0	3	15	12	3	9
GWANDALAN	6	3	0	3	17	15	3	9
DOYALSON	6	0	0	6	2	47	-45	0

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	12	33	30	63
WYONG	12	30	32	62
BUDGEWOI	12	27	32	59
WOY WOY	12	36	20	56
KINCUMBER	12	39	12	51
GWANDALAN	12	27	22	49
OURIMBAH	12	27	14	41
KARIONG	14	27	0	27
DOYALSON	12	0	0	0