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### 2019 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 16 (14 JULY)

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#### **FIRST GRADE SCORES**

AVOCA	2	TOUKLEY	1
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	1	WYOMING	0
WOONGARRAH	3	TERRIGAL	2
BERKELEY VALE	2	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	1

#### **SUMMARY**

- While the two Round 16 Battlewin Premier League matches that went ahead last Sunday were between the bottom four teams three of this weekend's four deferred games were between sides in the top six. As we've come to expect in this intriguing competition all three went down to the wire, each ending with a single-goal margin to the winners.
- Biggest news was Killarney District's second loss of the season beaten at home by Berkeley Vale after playing for nearly an hour with ten men. With their last-gasp win over Wyoming Southern-Ettalong joined the Terriers in first place although the latter still have a match in hand (scheduled for Wednesday week). Woongarra came from behind to defeat Terrigal and join then in equal third place while Avoca with their third straight win are still snapping at the heels of the other finals contenders.

#### **BERKELEY VALE 2 KILLARNEY DISTRICT 1**

- A typically tough local derby unfortunately spoilt by a rapidly deteriorating EDSACC pitch that negated the quality of football that these two teams are capable of. Injuries, suspensions and unavailabilities also affected both sides although they weren't alone in this regard with the long 22-round competition taking its toll.
- The field condition together with the gusty conditions no doubt contributed to the fact that all three goals in the match came from set-piece situations starting with a penalty to Berkeley Vale converted by Troy Mumford in the 23rd minute. Then Killarney suffered a crucial double blow when the elusive Mumford was tackled from behind by Cameron Donovan who was deemed to have been the last defender and was then seeing Mumford convert from the ensuing free-kick.
- The disjointed play continued through the second half with Killarney fighting hard despite being a man short and Berkeley Vale unable to convert a number of scoring chances. The Terriers ensured a tense final 10 minutes with Tim Knight scoring from the penalty spot.

- Killarney have a busy fortnight ahead with three matches starting next Sunday with a first-vs-last game at EDSACC followed by the replay of their abandoned Round 14 against Toukley at Pluim Park on Wednesday the 24th before attempting to avenge their Round 8 loss to Terrigal the following Sunday. Berkeley Vale's next match is on Saturday night against Toukley at Harry Moore Oval.

## **AVOCA 2 TOUKLEY 1**

- After the initial clash between the two sides at Pluim was washed out, Avoca and Toukley met at Erina High with the hosts looking to remain in finals contention whilst the visitors sought valuable club championship points to stave off relegation. After recording a 2-1 win on Easter Monday in the last meeting between the two sides, Avoca appeared determined to do the double on a fatigued Gunners side, many of whom had already clocked minutes throughout Sunday's fixtures in the lower grades due to player availability issues.
- Despite these issues the Toukley side competed well throughout the first half, holding their opponents scoreless for a majority of the first period. The Sharks would make the breakthrough inside the first 10 minutes with Louis Kellerman netting the all-important first goal to send his side to the break with a 1-0 lead.
- One-nil became two-nil within the opening 10 minutes of the second half after Ben Green scored from a perfect Stuart Adams cross to take a strangle hold on the match and pick up three points that would see them move within three points of a finals position. Try as they might the Avoca side couldn't find the third goal to put the result of the match beyond doubt and were eventually made to pay as Gunners striker Troy Runge found the net in the 75th minute with his fifth of the campaign to give his side a chance at salvaging something from the match. Although set up for a grand-stand finish, Toukley couldn't find the equalising goal in the remaining fifteen-or-so minutes of the match as they slipped to their ninth loss of the season.
- Gunners boss Ben Nicholls was pleased with the clubs performance as a whole despite the narrow loss in first grade, adding: "Although we didn't take the points in firsts I was very pleased with the squad in general. We went to Erina with only 30 players, came home with 9 championship points and only a narrow loss in firsts. We had numerous players play multiple fixtures with a number playing two entire matches, some back to back. It is a performance I feel serves the squad very well for the tough road home".
- The Gunners face a Saturday night match with Berkeley Vale at Harry Moore this weekend whilst Avoca travel to Wadalba on Sunday afternoon for their Round 17 clash with Kanwal.

## **SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 1 WYOMING 0**

- The match coincided with Wyoming's annual Reunion Day and so attracted a number of former players from both clubs many of whom played against each other in the 1970s and 80s when the two clubs dominated the local competition. While both clubs have had boom periods in the intervening years this is the first season that both have been serious title contenders swapping second place in the last couple of rounds.
- The fans were greeted by a high-quality evenly-contested match although it was all Southern for most of the opening 20 minutes with a number of good chances either being struck wide, hitting the goal frame or being saved by Tigers goalkeeper Thomas Coventry. Wyoming fought back creating a number of attacking opportunities only for the last touches to let them down. The Lions had another great chance in the 38th minute when Keith

Gumbs outpaced Coventry who had left his box only for his wide-angled shot to hit the post and deflect out. The final chance of the half then fell to the Tigers pacy winger Ben Farrell who had a one-on-one with SEU keeper Luke Carnevale closing the angle and saving.

- The second half started much like the first with Southern on top for the early minutes followed by a series of Wyoming attacks none of which could be converted. The Tigers then had their best chance of the match when Jared McNee made a brilliant run down the right wing then cut back, beat several defenders and passed to his unmarked player/coach Ian McAndrew whose shot went over the bar. Both sides continued to chase maximum points into added time with the clinching goal coming with about a minute remaining. No surprise who scored it with the "usual suspect", Keith Gumbs, sprinting onto a through ball, wrong-footing the last Wyoming defender and clinically slotting away what was his 17th goal of the season.
- Wyoming now travel to Hamlyn Terrace desperate to hold onto their top-five spot against a Woongarra team that is rebuilding momentum after a mini slump between rounds 9 and 12. Southern-Ettalong return home for a match against The Entrance fresh from a one-week break following their third win of the season.

### **WOONGARRAH 3 TERRIGAL 2**

- In another big match in regards to the Battlewin Premier Leagues top five, third-placed Terrigal United looked to continue their eight match unbeaten run when they made the trip north to Hamlyn Terrace to face fifth-placed Woongarra. Separated by just three points, both sides knew that a win would provide a big boost to their finals aspirations as the competition enters the home stretch.
- The visitors were to make the initial breakthrough in Sunday's match, with Beycan Irmako scoring midway through the first period, his fourth of the season to give his side a 1-0 lead that they would retain into the half-time break.
- The second period started much livelier than the first as both sides found the net within the opening 10 minutes of the second half. Ben Flakus notched his eighth of the season for the visitors whilst Alex Govorcin scored for the Cats to keep them in the game as they looked for three points that would really tighten up the fight for a finals position. After working hard to establish a lead in yesterday's match, Terrigal took a huge blow as Tion Gerasimou was dismissed for a second bookable offence, before a goal to Woongarra midfielder Jamie Bartlett compounded their woes as he levelled the scores up at 2-2.
- As the second half wore on it began to look as if the Terrigal side would hold on for a valuable point from this fixture, however it wasn't to be as 'Cats striker Kane Woolston netted the all-important third goal some ten minutes from full-time to lift his side into fourth position on the BPL table, just four points off the competition lead.
- Whilst disappointed in his side's defensive performance, Terrigal coach Martyn Griffiths was keen to turn his side's focus to their up-coming match with East Gosford, adding: "Basic defensive mistakes and the sending off of Tion cost us dearly. We haven't defended that poorly as a team since I took over here at Terrigal and it's very disappointing when we were in a good position to take something from the game being 2-1 up. We will dust ourselves down this week and be well prepared next Sunday for East Gosford. I said at the beginning of the season that Woongarra would be the surprise package this year and with their physical presence and some decent footballers can get results and they will be in the mix come the end of the season".

- Terrigal's match with the East Gosford Rams will take place on Sunday afternoon at Duffy's Oval, whilst Woongarra face another clash with a finals' competitor as they return to Hamlyn Terrace to face Wyoming, also on Sunday afternoon.

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**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	15	11	2	2	44	16	28	35
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	16	11	2	3	44	30	14	35
TERRIGAL	16	9	4	3	49	27	22	31
WOONGARRAH	16	9	4	3	36	30	6	31
WYOMING	16	10	0	6	43	26	17	30
BERKELEY VALE	16	9	2	5	31	19	12	29
AVOCA	16	8	3	5	37	36	1	27
TOUKLEY	15	4	2	9	23	38	-15	14
EAST GOSFORD	16	3	4	9	15	28	-13	13
THE ENTRANCE	16	3	2	11	18	40	-22	11
KANWAL	16	2	4	10	22	33	-11	10
GOSFORD CITY	16	1	1	14	18	57	-39	4

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**PL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

	<i>P</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>U21</i>	<i>Points</i>
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	46	105	74	38	217
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	47	105	68	28	201
TERRIGAL	48	93	62	32	187
WYOMING	48	90	48	36	174
WOONGARRAH	48	93	26	30	149
BERKELEY VALE	48	29	21	11	140
AVOCA	48	81	26	31	138
EAST GOSFORD	48	39	62	17	118
KANWAL	48	30	56	20	106
THE ENTRANCE	48	33	40	18	91
TOUKLEY	47	42	34	6	82
GOSFORD CITY	48	12	8	7	27

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## **battlewin** LEADING GOAL SCORERS

17	Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong)
11	Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Jesse Parnell (Gosford City)
10	Jared McNee (Wyoming), Pat Mills (Wyoming), Erik Riquelme (Terrigal)
9	Matt Hall (Wyoming), Kane Woolston (Woongarra)
8	Stuart Adams (Avoca), Ben Flakus (Terrigal), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Ben Runge (Woongarra)
7	James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Ben Farrell (Wyoming), Alex Govorcin (Woongarra), Ben Green (Avoca), Cameron Wilkinson (Terrigal)
6	Tim Knight (Killarney District), Rob Walton (East Gosford)
5	Jacob Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Sam Dooley (Wyoming), Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Anthony Pace (Terrigal), Troy Runge (Toukley), James Steer (Southern-Ettalong), Ryan Walker (Kanwal)
4	Steve Harpur (East Gosford), Ashley Henderson (Woongarra), Beycan Irmako (Terrigal), Damien Lobb (Berkeley Vale), Josh Menzies (Terrigal), Ryan Oehm (Kanwal), Oliver Twyford (Avoca)

### **BPL ROUND 17 FIXTURES**

#### **SATURDAY 20 JULY**

TOUKLEY	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Harry Moore Oval
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#### **SUNDAY 21 JULY**

KANWAL	vs	AVOCA	Wadalba Sports Complex
WOONGARRAH	vs	WYOMING	Hamlyn Terrace Oval
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	GOSFORD CITY	EDSACC North
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	THE ENTRANCE	James Browne Oval
TERRIGAL	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Duffys Oval

# DIVISION ONE

## FIRST GRADE SCORES

BUDGEWOI	2	KARIONG	2
OURIMBAH	5	WYONG	2
KINCUMBER	3	DOYALSON	0

## 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	12	8	1	3	1	45	20	25	25
KINCUMBER	11	6	2	3	<b>2</b>	24	15	9	20
UMINA	11	5	4	2	<b>2</b>	36	17	19	19
BUDGEWOI	12	5	3	4	1	38	29	9	18
OURIMBAH	11	6	0	5	<b>2</b>	36	29	7	18
KARIONG	12	5	2	5	1	20	19	1	17
WYONG	12	4	4	4	1	25	23	2	16
GWANDALAN	11	4	2	5	<b>2</b>	28	23	5	14
DOYALSON	12	0	0	12	1	7	84	-77	0

## DIVISION ONE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Played</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
UMINA	22	57	60	117
BUDGEWOI	24	54	56	110
WOY WOY	24	75	28	103
KINCUMBER	22	60	32	92
WYONG	24	48	44	92
GWANDALAN	22	42	38	80
OURIMBAH	22	54	20	74
KARIONG	24	51	16	67
DOYALSON	22	0	2	2