



2020 BPL MATCH PREVIEWS

ROUND 4

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Wyoming FC v Woongarra Wildcats

Both teams enter round four of the Battlewin Premier League competition as victors from their previous matches, each at away games. Wyoming have displayed class defending over the last few rounds and would do well to uphold this against the Wildcats who are quick to the first touch and have impressive goal execution. While Woongarra are geniuses in the attacking area, they need to build on their defence as proven with a two-goal concession that almost crept up on their four goals against the Rams last weekend.

The Entrance Bateau Bay FC v Killarney District

After a stunning win in round two, The Entrance took a tumble in round three against Umina United. While defence was sturdy for The Entrance, the breaks to score goals were poorly finished in what could be summarised as match of muffed chances, taking them to a 1-0 loss. Meanwhile, Killarney started showing their usual force last weekend against Southern who put up a good fight only to let Killarney escape with a narrow win. While Killarney were able to successfully finish multiple goals, their defence almost cost them the game and will need more attention in the local derby this weekend.

Southern & Ettalong United v East Gosford Rams

Southern and East Gosford will face each other in round four of the competition after each being defeated in their previous rounds. While showing their ability to begin well and facilitate a good first-touch, Southern have struggled to maintain their stamina and finish as powerfully as they start this season and will need to develop this if they want to secure a spot in the final series. Likewise, the Rams have much to work on in both tightening their defence and strengthening their passages through the midfield as they look to bag their first win of the season.

Avoca FC v Kanwal Warnervale Rovers

After noticeable improvement in Avoca's previous match against Woy Woy that saw no goal concessions, as well as a 1-all draw for the Rovers last week, each team has a tight contest ahead. Avoca will welcome the Rovers who are a forward-focused force and Avoca will do well to hone their wall of defence in response, while carving out clearer scoring opportunities. Each team has improved on their play with every week and it could be anyone's game this round.

Umina United v Woy Woy FC

Umina move into the fourth match of the season as winners after their impressive victory over The Entrance. Umina will likely be met by the robust defence of Woy Woy which they demonstrated last weekend against Avoca who were unable to get a ball past them. Woy Woy will have to be quicker to the touch and present as a mightier force from the outset if they want to take all three points in round four.

Berkeley Vale SC v Terrigal United

Following a marginal loss, Berkeley Vale will face off Terrigal after they drew 1-all against the Rovers in an intense game. Terrigal have a natural ability to drive the pressure forwards to intimidate the opposition's defence, yet, they did not come out as victorious after a series of missed opportunities last weekend. While Berkeley presented as a tough team against Wyoming, they were unable to execute their goals with precision which cost them their match in the end. Both teams will need to create clear breaks and strictly follow through to the finish if they want a win in round four.

The match details are as follows:

Sunday 26/07

Wyoming FC v Woongarra Wildcats – 2.45 at Alan Davidson Oval

The Entrance Bateau Bay FC v Killarney District – 2.45pm at Pat Morley Oval

Southern & Ettalong United v East Gosford Rams – 2.45pm at James Browne Oval

Avoca FC v Kanwal Warnervale Rovers – 2.45pm at Erina High School

Umina United v Woy Woy FC – 2.45pm at Umina Oval

Berkeley Vale SC v Terrigal United – 2.45pm at Mingara Club Oval