



2020 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE

ROUND 2 – 11th/12th JULY

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FIRST GRADE SCORES

Wyoming FC	-	East Gosford FC	-
Woongarra Wildcats FC	2	The Entrance Bateau Bay FC	6
Southern & Ettalong United FC	6	Avoca FC	4
Terrigal United	2	Killarney District FC	1
Umina United	-	Kanwal Warnervale Rovers	-
Woy Woy	-	Berkeley Vale FC	-

SUMMARY

Round two of the Battlewin Premier League kicked off to an entertaining start on Saturday evening with the Killarney v Terrigal derby that saw Terrigal come out on top in an impressive display of craft and sportsmanship while Killarney put up a good fight for the entire game.

Sunday was set to be another day of fine weekend football, however, some wild weather scattered around the Coast meant that three matches were halted and soon abandoned. These matches will be replayed on Wednesday evening 22/07 to round off the second run of the 2020 competition.

Terrigal United v Killarney District: 2-1

Both Terrigal and Killarney came out in force for a foggy evening of football at Plum Park. The game was tight with each team pressing and defending in fine fashion, creating opportunities while shrewdly marking players. Terrigal's midfield clearly had a sharpness that Killarney was missing, which was nonetheless made up for with their agility that enabled them to be quick to the tackle. The first half was peppered with a series of free kicks for both sides to no avail, seeing both teams into the second half with no goals to show.

The intensity built with Terrigal dominating a good portion of the half only to be caught off-guard by a blazing goal from the Killarney side that had their opponents momentarily stumped. The 69th minute of the game called for a screamer of a save by Terrigal goalkeeper Craig James to go down as one for the books as he leaped to disallow an impressive would-be goal from Killarney. A string of clean passes from Terrigal followed, helping them equalise just 10 minutes after they let a goal past them in an impressive application from

the squad in persistence of pocketing a goal. Another goal from Terrigal rounded off the game as the ball met the top right corner of the net, taking it home for the team after an extremely close and highly entertaining game of football.

Woongarrah Wildcats FC v The Entrance Bateau Bay FC: 2-6

Round 2 of the competition was governed by a hard-fought introduction for these teams with The Entrance proving their edge over a slightly slower Woongarrah, helping them to net an early goal from a header off a corner from ex-Wildcat peer, Ben Runge. In less than ten minutes after their first goal, The Entrance were able to score again after cleverly slotting past Woongarrah's defence and goalkeeper. Woongarrah did exceptionally well to initiate swift attacks and effective passages, forcing The Entrance goalkeeper, Sheen to kick into action. The Entrance were able to sneak in another goal before the half-time whistle after a smart run behind defence and a powerful finish.

The Entrance came back for more in the second half as Adam Blunden scored one of his specialty headers from a corner only for an almost identical series of events to repeat itself around 15 minutes later, after another goal had already escaped Woongarrah's defence. Woongarrah then started to bite back and were able to score twice towards the 3end of the match against the sturdy side towards and showcase some semblance of their well-known tenacity.

Southern & Ettalong United FC v Avoca FC: 6-4

Southern started off strong, focusing pressure on the goal area and swerving around Avoca's defence on multiple occasions enabling them to score 4 goals against the young side. Avoca were able to retaliate with a goal before a vigorous storm delayed the game and when the match picked up again, Todd Balneaves from Southern dodged their defenders and cost them another goal before half-time. The 5-1 Southern lead grew to a 6-1 lead early on in the second half while Avoca reacted with increased grit helping them to lift as their opponents were fading. Avoca were able to score four goals in the second half despite the challenging conditions brought on by the elements in a remarkable effort to close the gap between the notoriously strong starters. Towards the end of the match, Avoca's forwards took a good command of the game which helped drive them towards a better outcome.

Matches to be replayed:

Wyoming FC v East Gosford Rams – 7.45pm at Pluim Park

Umina United v Kanwal Warnervale Rovers – 7.45pm at Pluim Park

Woy Woy FC v Berkeley Vale SC – 8pm at Pluim Park