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2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 9 (3/4 JUNE)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- Midway through the 2017 Battlewin Premier League competition the race for the league title remains wide open after Round 9 matches that featured four of the top five teams playing each other and, for the first time in just over 12 months, Killarney District surrendering top spot. Taking their place was Gosford City who extended their unbeaten run to eight matches with their only loss having been to Killarney in the opening round.
- A sign of the unpredictable nature of this year's BPL is that only one team that had back-to-back wins in Rounds 8 and 9 was Avoca who had previously strung together four losses without scoring a goal. The two promoted teams, East Gosford and Kincumber, are at opposite ends of the table while the two promoted teams from 2015, Terrigal and Toukley after finishing third and fifth last season are now eighth and ninth.
- The competition will have a break next weekend although many of its leading players will be in action at Pluim Park in the much-anticipated North versus South that will be played on Monday as part of the celebration on the 30th anniversary of the park's opening. The two teams will be announced on Tuesday and be published on the CCF website. The match will kick off at 2pm.

AVOCA 3 KINCUMBER 0

- Kincumber were no doubt looking forward to their second straight Saturday night match at Pluim 1, the scene of their 3-0 triumph over Berkeley Vale the previous week. Unfortunately for the Roos their noisy neighbours had the last laugh with Avoca reversing that scoreline. It was an impressive performance by the Sharks who have now picked up 7 points from a possible 9 in their last three matches, two of them against teams that were expected to be premiership contenders.
- Avoca's win was even more impressive in that they lost three players to injury during the first half yet scored all three goals in the second half. Stuart Adams opened the scoring in the 52nd minute with Simon Mellor, one of the three first half replacements and who had played a full match in Reserve Grade, doubled the lead on the hour mark. Kincumber lost Aaron Gallen to a second yellow card with 10 minutes to play before Shaun Izzard sealed the win for the Sharks with his third goal in two matches in the 85th minute.

- Avoca's next match is against East Gosford at Erina High School, always a tight match between local rivals while Kincumber will also be at home against struggling Toukley.

GOSFORD CITY 4 BERKELEY VALE 1

- A sensational four-goal second half performance from Gosford City in their Saturday night match at Mingara Sports Field, together with Killarney's draw on Sunday, has catapulted them into top spot. In what coach Ian McAndrew rated as easily his team's best performance of the season the Dragons bounced back from a 1-0 half-time deficit (scored by Pat Dalton in the last minute) to post a comprehensive 4-1 win.
- The undoubted star of the match was Adam Woodbine with a hat-trick of the highest quality. The former Coast representative captain combined speed, control and power with goals in the 53rd, 72nd and 82nd giving the Berkeley 'keeper no chance each time. The Dragons fourth goal, by Jarred McNee in the 66th minute, was another outstanding effort in what was a breathtaking 45 minutes of football.
- Next up for Gosford is what will be a crucial match against Killarney District on Sunday week at Gavenlock Oval that could well influence who takes out the league championship. Berkeley's next game will also be vital: another Saturday night home game this time against The Entrance.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT 2 THE ENTRANCE 2

- Killarney continue to struggle and after picking a maximum 15 points from their first five matches of the season have taken just 4 from their next four. Suspensions haven't helped their cause with three players out for this match. The Terriers started well enough with their leading scorer Daniel Rodger giving them the lead in the 18th minute. Josh Fletcher's first goal for his new club restore parity just four minutes later and late in the half Matt Kenny gave the visitors the lead. A quarter of an hour into the second half Rodger brought his season tally to a dozen with what proved to be the final goal.
- The match was delayed for about 20 minutes after a serious head clash saw Killarney's Tim Knight (cheek injury) and Josh Fletcher (concussion) which saw the Entrance player treated on the field and eventually taken by ambulance to hospital where he was released on Monday morning.
- Killarney will travel to Duffys Road and take on the improving Terrigal team on Sunday week with The Entrance at Mingara on the previous night against Berkeley Vale.

EAST GOSFORD 0 TOUKLEY 0

- Not a lot to report from Toukley's third scoreless draw of the season with neither side able to convert the rare chances that each created. With Killarney and The Entrance also sharing the points the result didn't damage East Gosford's place in the top four however it did leave the Gunners hovering just one point above the relegation zone after their fifth match in a row without a win.
- The Rams next match is against Avoca at Erina High School while Toukley play Kincumber at Frost Reserve.

TERRIGAL 3 SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 1

- Terrigal are gradually gaining momentum as their squad strengthens, the latest addition being new goalkeeper, Alex Zavolokin, a 24-year-old former club junior who has been playing college football in the USA for the past four years. Southern's icon, Keith Gumbs,

almost spoiled his return with a cracking shot in the 13th minute that smashed into the crossbar. As it was Terrigal opened the scoring when Lochie Wilkinson was tackled inside the SEU box and Jett Cabarrus converted. SEU leveled midway through the half with in-form striker James Caban taking his season tally to 11. Terrigal then regained the lead just before the break through a brilliant strike from Lochie Wilkinson.

- The match remained in the balance for most of the second half with scrambling defence from Terrigal keeping the Lions at bay before a second goal from Lochie Wilkinson sealed a confidence-building the win with four minutes to play.
- The next matches don't come much tougher for both teams, with Terrigal at home against second-placed Killarney District and Southern away against leaders Gosford City at Gavenlock Oval

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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>
GOSFORD CITY	9	6	2	1	25	14	11	20
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	9	6	1	2	25	15	10	19
EAST GOSFORD	9	5	2	2	20	10	10	17
THE ENTRANCE	9	4	2	2	26	20	6	14
BERKELEY VALE	9	4	2	3	13	15	-2	14
AVOCA	9	3	2	4	10	13	-3	11
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	9	3	0	6	19	23	-4	9
TOUKLEY	9	2	3	4	11	16	-5	9
TERRIGAL	9	2	2	5	17	23	-6	8
KINCUMBER	9	1	2	6	7	24	-17	5

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LEADING GOAL SCORERS

12	Daniel Rodger (Killarney District),
11	Rob Walton (East Gosford), James Caban (SEU)
8	Adam Woodbine (Gosford City)
6	Jai Kelly (Toukley), Josh Swadling (The Entrance)
5	Matt Kenny (The Entrance), John Whelpdale (Killarney District),
4	Jett Cabarrus (Terrigal), Tim Knight (Killarney District), Jarred McNee (Gosford City), Oscar Torres (Gosford City)
3	Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Jameson Flynn (Berkeley Vale), Keith Gumbs (Southern-Ettalong), Shaun Izzard (Avoca), Ian McAndrew (Gosford City), Alex Osborn (Kincumber), Josh Ryan (The Entrance), Lachlan Wilkinson (Terrigal)

UPCOMING BPL MATCHES

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

BERKELEY VALE	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Mingara Sports Field
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SUNDAY 18 JUNE

TERRIGAL	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Duffys Road Oval
GOSFORD CITY	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Gavenlock Oval
KINCUMBER	vs	TOUKLEY	Frost Reserve
AVOCA	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Erina High School

OTHER COMPETITIONS

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
WOY WOY	2	TUGGERAH	2
UMINA	3	WOONGARRAH	2
KANWAL	4	WYOMING	0
KARIONG	3	DOYALSON	1
WYONG	3	GWANDALAN	3
BUDGEWOI	3	OURIMBAH	2

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS			
THE ENTRANCE	2	TERRIGAL	1
UMINA	5	GOSFORD CITY	1
WOONGARRAH	1	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	1

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
AVOCA	4	WOY WOY	0
KANWAL	3	KARIONG	1
KINCUMBER	V	DOYALSON	<i>Match Abandoned</i>