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2016 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE DEFERRED ROUND 18 (21 AUGUST)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

ROUND 18			
GOSFORD CITY	3	TOUKLEY	1
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	5	AVOCA	2
THE ENTRANCE	2	UMINA	1
BERKELEY VALE	5	WYOMING	2
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	3	TERRIGAL	1

SUMMARY

- In an amazing finish to a 2016 Battlewin Premier League season The Entrance have scored two goals in the final seven minutes of their match against Umina to snatch fourth place and with it their hopes of becoming just the second club in the history of the top senior competition to win three successive premierships.
- Having wrapped up the league championship two rounds ago Killarney District have now joined Wyoming as the only club to have remained unbeaten on two occasions throughout an 18-round competition and, with 16 wins and 2 draws, the first to pass 50 points in a season. They will meet Gosford City in next Sunday's major semi-final at Plum Park after the Dragons defeated Toukley to secure the vital second-chance semi place.
- The 2016 Battlewin Golden Boot for the most goals in the season has been won by Killarney District's Tim Knight. His final tally of goal in the regular season took him to 22, sharing the record set by Berkeley Vale's Brenton Olzomer in 2014.
- Both the The Entrance and Gosford City recorded comfortable 3-0 wins in the final round of the Sea-FM Womens League to set up a showdown between the two clubs in next Sunday's major semi-final.

TOUKLEY vs GOSFORD CITY

- After a season-long battle Gosford City have leap-frogged Toukley into second place with a 3-1 win at Harry Moore Oval. A defensive mix-up in the fourth minute allowed Reece Caira to give the Dragons a lead that they were never to surrender. Louis Bozanic doubled the lead in the 35th minute but despite numerous second-half chances by Gosford to seal the result Toukley continued to fight back and were rewarded with a goal to Damien Lobb in the 85th minute. A second goal to Bozanic in extra time then finally settled the result.
- Gosford City now meet Killarney District next Sunday afternoon at Plum Park 1 in what most observers see as a preview to this season BPL grand final. Toukley will take on The Entrance in Saturday night's minor semi-final.

AVOCA vs KILLARNEY DISTRICT

- Killarney District have finished the regular season in style with a comfortable 5-2 win over Avoca at Erina High School to complete the club's second undefeated league championship in the past four years. The Terriers always looked in control leading 3-1 at half-time but conceding one goal in each half, both to Avoca's Jason McMinimee. Todd Leach overshadowed his Golden Boot winning teammate Tim Knight with a hat-trick although Knight's did score the goal that he needed to equal Brenton Olzomer's record tally of 22 goals in a season. Cameron Donovan scored KD's other goal.
- Killarney now move into the season play-offs with a major semi-final clash against Gosford City at Pluim Park on Sunday. The Terriers will go into the match as warm favourites having won all four previous encounters so far this season: 3-1 in the Central Coast Cup Final; 4-3 in the fourth round of the FFA Cup; then 4-2 and 2-1 in the BPL competition rounds.
- For Avoca the season was déjà-vu all over again as they finished on 19 points for the second year in a row, although they did move up from eighth to seventh place and managed to avoid the relegation threat much earlier this season compared with their final round escape in 2015.

THE ENTRANCE vs UMINA

- The Entrance would have made Harry Houdini proud with their last minute heroics to pull off a 2-1 win over Umina in their match at Pat Morley Oval. Needing a win in this match, and without four key first-team players, as well as for Terrigal to lose or draw with Southern-Ettalong they went behind five minutes into the second half through a goal to Umina's Jason Stafford. Looking to lift the team for a final effort The Entrance's injured coach Matt Page took the field in the 75th minute and with seven minutes left he sent a through ball to fellow veteran Terrie Dries who beat the Umina keeper one-on-one. Then in the final play of the match a free kick from Page set up a goalmouth scramble which saw Adam Blunden score the winner for his first goal of the season.
- The Entrance have a perfect record in final series matches over the past two seasons and with their team likely to be close to full strength they will go into next Saturday night's elimination semi-final against Toukley with plenty of confidence. The two previous matches this season have been shared with Toukley winning the first match 3-1 and The Entrance the second 2-1.
- For the visitors it ended the most disappointing season since the Umina United club was formed in 1980 and played under legendary coach Bill Vrolyks. Their relegation marks the end of an unprecedented run of success that saw them reach the Premier League semi-finals for 18 straight seasons between 1980 and 1997, and 29 times in total, records that are unlikely to ever be broken. They also won the league championship eight times as well as nine premierships from 17 grand final appearances.

WYOMING vs BERKELEY VALE

- Berkeley Vale have ended their disappointing season on a bright note with a 5-2 win over their even more disappointing opponents, Wyoming, at Alan Davidson Park. The Tigers took an early lead through a long-distance strike from midfielder Matt Gravas but four unanswered goals to the Wombats in the 30-minutes either side of the half-time break had the result settled by midway through the second half. A second goal to Gravas gave Wyoming some faint hope at 4-2 with 10 minutes remaining before Berkeley's Tim Cliff finished the scoring. Simon Vella (2), Mitchell Pont and Troy Mumford scored the Wombats other goals.

- While Wyoming's demise in 2016 was widely predicted following the mass exodus that saw the club lose 13 first grade players over a two-year period Berkeley Vale's slide came as more of a surprise. With much the same personnel that had seen them reach the semi-finals in each of the previous seven seasons, win three league championships and reach five grand finals, they had been expected to again contenders this season. Their eight-place finish was the lowest since they re-entered the Premier League in 2004 but having survived relegation are likely to bounce back next season.
- Wyoming's relegation to Division One marks the end of a golden era for the club which saw them win five First Grade and six Reserve Grade grand finals in a 10-year period between 2004 and 2013 as well as becoming the first, and only, Central Coast club to win the Senior Mens Champion of Champions competition (in 2007). As an indication of the dramatic drop in the club's fortunes they have gone from winning all three grand finals in 2012 to finishing last in all three grades in 2016. With such a proud history the club will be looking for an early return to Premier League through a combination of player recruitment and its ongoing junior development projects.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG vs TERRIGAL

- A devastating end to what has otherwise been a very successful return to the Premier League for Terrigal has seen them defeated 3-1 by a 10-man Southern-Ettalong team and fall at the last hurdle in the finals series race. Needing to win and for The Entrance to either lose or draw to retain fourth place the early signs were good when Alex Arbello gave them the lead in the eighth minute. Crucially they then missed a golden opportunity to double the lead when a penalty was saved by Southern's goalkeeper Luke Carnivale. SEU equalised midway through the first half through Matt Mitchell who then gave his team the lead from the penalty spot in the 65th minute. Two minutes later Carnivale's dismissal for a second yellow-card offence reduced the Lions to 10 men as well as forcing a team restructure. Terrigal were unable to capitalize on the one-man advantage and a late goal to Nathan Nikolic, together with The Entrance's late win, saw them fail in their bid for a semi-final spot in their first season back in Premier League.
- After a horror start that saw them lose each of their first two matches and concede 14 goals in the process Terrigal would have gladly accepted a fifth place finish to the season. So when the dust settles after the disappointment of getting so close to the play-offs coach Ashley Grant and his young team can reflect on what was a very successful season one that included some outstanding results including their stunning 5-2 win over Gosford City at Pluim Park, a 5-1 win against The Entrance and being only of only two teams to take points off tearway league champions Killarney District.
- For coach Dale Eggleton and Southern-Ettalong their second season back in Premier League saw them again finish in sixth place with mixed results (7 wins, 2 draws and 9 losses for 26 points) slightly down on their 2015 tally of 27 points. Lack of consistency was again a problem and for the second season in a row them failing to string together more than two wins at an stage. The loss of marquee player and 2015 Golden Boot winner Keith Gumbs early in the season was obviously a major setback so finishing mid-table again was a promising sign for next season.

battlewin FINAL 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	18	16	2	0	64	23	41	50
GOSFORD CITY	18	12	3	3	59	31	28	39
TOUKLEY	18	11	1	6	47	33	14	34
THE ENTRANCE	18	9	3	6	42	38	4	30
TERRIGAL	18	9	2	7	45	47	-2	29
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	18	7	2	9	32	33	-1	23
AVOCA	18	5	3	9	29	35	-6	19
BERKELEY VALE	18	6	0	12	28	45	-17	18
UMINA	18	3	1	14	22	51	-29	10
WYOMING	18	1	4	13	24	56	-32	7

battlewin GOLDEN BOOT

22	Tim Knight (Killarney District)
17	Jai Kelly (Toukley)
16	Adam Woodbine (Gosford City)
14	Todd Leach (Killarney District)
10	Josh Schumann (Gosford City)
9	James Caban (Southern-Ettalong), Fergus Worrall (Terrigal)
8	Zac Anastas (The Entrance), Alex Arbello (Terrigal)
7	Tyson Adams (The Entrance), Benji Gosson (Gosford City), Will Haines (Toukley), Matt Hall (Gosford City), Matt Kenny (The Entrance), Erik Requelme (Terrigal)
6	Keelan Austen (Wyoming), Louis Bozanic (Gosford City), Matt Hall (Killarney District), Troy Runge (Toukley), Ben Scully-Hawkins (Umina)

BPL SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST – MINOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 1)				
THIRD GRADE	TOUKLEY	vs	TERRIGAL	3pm
RESERVE GRADE	UMINA	vs	TERRIGAL	5pm
FIRST GRADE	TOUKLEY	vs	THE ENTRANCE	7pm

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST – MAJOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 1)				
THIRD GRADE	GOSFORD CITY	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	12pm
RESERVE GRADE	GOSFORD CITY	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	2pm
FIRST GRADE	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	GOSFORD CITY	4pm

MENS DIVISION ONE

RESULTS – FINAL ROUND

OURIMBAH	5	WYONG	1
KINCUMBER	1	EAST GOSFORD	1
KANWAL	3	TUGGERAH	1
KARIONG	2	DOYALSON	1
BUDGEWOI	4	WOONGARRAH	2
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EAST GOSFORD	20	19	1	0	72	11	61	58
KINCUMBER	20	15	3	2	61	20	41	48
KANWAL	20	14	1	5	73	27	46	43
OURIMBAH	20	13	2	5	60	41	19	41
BUDGEWOI	20	10	2	8	46	35	11	32
KARIONG	20	8	3	9	40	48	-8	27
TUGGERAH	20	7	3	10	33	48	-15	24
WOY WOY	20	6	3	11	44	60	-16	21
WYONG	20	4	2	14	43	70	-27	14
DOYALSON	20	2	0	18	21	70	-49	6
WOONGARRAH	20	1	2	17	24	87	-63	5

SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST – MINOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 3)

RESERVE GRADE	KINCUMBER	vs	OURIMBAH	4pm
FIRST GRADE	KANWAL	vs	OURIMBAH	6pm

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST – MAJOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 3)

RESERVE GRADE	EAST GOSFORD	vs	KANWAL	3pm
FIRST GRADE	EAST GOSFORD	vs	KINCUMBER	5pm

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE

RESULTS – FINAL ROUND

GOSFORD CITY	3	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	0
THE ENTRANCE	3	EAST GOSFORD	0
UMINA	4	TERRIGAL	0

FINAL 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>
THE ENTRANCE	20	16	1	3	70	20	50	49
GOSFORD CITY	20	14	2	4	78	32	46	44
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	20	11	2	7	62	43	19	35
UMINA	20	9	2	9	47	38	9	29
EAST GOSFORD	20	4	1	15	23	59	-36	13
TERRIGAL	20	2	0	18	10	98	-88	6

SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST – MINOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 1)

RESERVE GRADE	GOSFORD CITY	vs	TERRIGAL	11am
FIRST GRADE	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	UMINA	1pm

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST – MAJOR SEMI-FINALS (Pluim Park 2)

RESERVE GRADE	THE ENTRANCE	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3pm
FIRST GRADE	THE ENTRANCE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	5pm

WOMENS DIVISION ONE – FINAL ROUND RESULTS

KANWAL	2	KARIONG	1
KINCUMBER	4	AVOCA	1
WOONGARRAH	14	WYOMING	0