

## Premium Sporting Products

### 2016 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 1 (3 APRIL)

#### FIRST GRADE SCORES

GOSFORD CITY	4	THE ENTRANCE	3
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	2	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	1
UMINA	6	WYOMING	2
AVOCA	2	BERKELEY VALE	1
TOUKLEY	7	TERRIGAL	2

#### SUMMARY

- The 2016 Battlewin Premier League competition has kicked off with a number of entertaining matches that saw a record total of 30 goals, ten of which were scored by three players. Once again the competition is called the Battlewin Premier League following a renewal of the sponsorship deal between CCF and the West Gosford-based sporting goods and apparel company Battlewin Sports ([www.battlewin.com.au](http://www.battlewin.com.au)). The 2016 competition sees the return of Toukley and Terrigal who replace last season's relegated clubs Budgewoi and East Gosford.
- In a major boost for Central Coast football six local clubs have won through to the fourth round of the FFA Cup. All will play at home on either Wednesday or Thursday this week.

#### **GOSFORD CITY vs THE ENTRANCE**

- Josh Schumann's off-season decision to switch from Umina to Gosford City has paid immediate dividends with the 2012 Premier League Player of the Year scoring all four goals in the Dragons 4-3 win over The Entrance at Pat Morley Oval. The high-scoring encounter continued the trend set in last season's BPL Grand Final, won 3-2 by The Entrance, and Gosford's extra-time 6-4 win in the recent Central Coast Cup semi-final.
- Gosford City took an early 2-0 lead before goals to Zac Anastas and Ben Runge evened the score at the half-time break. Schumann's third and fourth strikes again had the Dragons two in front again before being dealt a double blow in the 75th minute when their goalkeeper Ryan Matterson was penalised and sent off. Matt Kenny converted but Gosford were able to survive for an important win against the team that looks to be one of their closest rivals for the 2016 titles.
- Both teams have mid-week matches in the FFA Cup with The Entrance meeting Maroubra United on Wednesday night at Pat Morley Oval and Gosford City up against Killarney District in a local derby at Pluim Park on Thursday night. Both matches kick off at 7pm. Next Sunday will see both clubs on the road with The Entrance playing Wyoming at Alan Davidson Park and Gosford City meeting Southern-Ettalong at James Browne Oval.

### **KILLARNEY DISTRICT vs SOUTHERN-ETTALONG**

- Fresh from their win in the 2016 Central Coast Cup Killarney District have fought out a tough 2-1 win over Southern & Ettalong United at EDSACC North. The Terriers took the lead in the 28th minute through Daniel Rodger before that was cancelled out on the hour-mark by Southern's James Caban. The decider came just seven minutes from full-time with Tim Knight following up his brace in the Cup Final to be again on target.
- Both clubs will be strong contenders for honours this season with settled teams and two of the Coast's most experienced and respected coaches in Chris Ackerley (Killarney) and Dale Eggleton (SEU).
- Killarney District will be looking to repeat their Central Coast Cup Final win when they meet Gosford City in the fourth round of the FFA Cup at Pluim Park next Thursday night before their local derby match against Terrigal at Duffys Oval next Sunday.
- Southern-Ettalong will also be in action in the FFA Cup. They play Dulwich Hill at Pluim Park on Wednesday night, kicking off at 7.30pm.

### **UMINA vs WYOMING**

- Umina has opened the season with a strong 6-2 win over Wyoming at Umina Oval. The two former powerhouses of the Premier League both struggled in 2015 finishing in fifth and seventh places respectively, the first time since 1998, and just the second time since the formation of the Premier League in 1980, that neither club played in the finals series.
- While the player exodus from Wyoming has been well documented Umina, under returning coach Chris Powell, looks set to challenge at least for a semi-final spot, if not for the league and premiership titles. The loss of Josh Schumann and Nathan Young to Gosford City has been offset by the signing of French midfielder Hugo Vidal-Membrado. For the second successive season Wyoming, now coached by club stalwart Michael Kennedy, have another major rebuild on their hands with the loss of four more key first graders to follow the nine who left the previous season.
- Despite the scoreline Wyoming showed enough to suggest that they will be competitive in the competition, fighting back twice to trail by 3-2 midway through the second half before Umina cleared out with three goals in the final 20 minutes. Goal scorers for Umina were Matt Hogan (2), Vidal-Membrado, Ben Scully-Hawkins and Matthew Fullwood while Matt Gravas and Mark Bellemore scored for Wyoming.
- In a clear sign of Umina's professional approach the team flew to Albury for their recent FFA Cup match, cruising to an easy 8-0 win over Melrose FC. They won't have any travel issues, but will find the competition much tougher when they meet NPL2 club Bankstown Berries at Pluim Park this Wednesday night. The match kicks off at 7:15pm.

### **TOUKLEY vs TERRIGAL**

- With both clubs newly promoted from Division One this was the first Premier League match between Toukley-Gorokan and Terrigal United since the 1992 season. For Terrigal and coach Ashley Grant it was one to forget. After taking an early lead through Anthony Pace in their match at Harry Moore Oval they were reduced to 10 men in the 30th minute when their goalkeeper was penalised and sent off. Although Terrigal trailed by just 2-1 at half-time the one-man deficit eventually told and Toukley cruised to a 7-2 win. Jai Kelly and Troy Runge each scored hat-tricks for the Gunners with Josh Higgins also on target. Alex Arbello scored Terrigal's second goal 15 minutes from full-time.

- The result caps a remarkable resurgence by the Toukley club who couldn't even field a Division One team in 2008 and have now, under coach Scott Winsdale, risen from second last place in Division One in 2012 to top spot in Premier League.

### **AVOCA vs BERKELEY VALE**

- Avoca have come from a goal down to defeat Berkeley Vale 2-1 in their match at Erina High School. After a scoreless first half Berkeley Vale took the lead through an own goal by an Avoca defender in the 55th minute. Mitch Harrison, back after missing last season through injury, equalised in the 70th minute before 20-year-old former South Coast Wolves representative player Michael Ledgwidge scores the winner in injury time. Goalkeeper Matthew Peck had an outstanding match for the Sharks.
- Avoca showed plenty of promise in 2015 before a late-season slump saw them narrowly avoiding relegation but, under returning coach Shane Knight, they look stronger and more confident with the experience of that season behind them.
- Berkeley Vale have a new coach in former player Luke Rogers but one with plenty of winning form behind him having taken the Wombats reserve grade team to back-to-back premierships in 2013 and 2014. The team is largely unchanged from the one that has reached the semi-finals in each of the last seven seasons and taken out three league championships in that time. The club opted to sit out the Central Coast Cup but they have won through to the next round of the FFA Cup and will meet Glenmore Park FC at the Mingara Sports Field next Wednesday at 8pm.

<b>battlewin</b>		<b>POINTS TABLE</b>						
	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>PTS</i>
TOUKLEY	1	1	0	0	7	2	5	3
UMINA	1	1	0	0	6	2	4	3
GOSFORD CITY	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
AVOCA	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
THE ENTRANCE	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
BERKELEY VALE	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
WYOMING	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0
TERRIGAL	1	0	0	1	2	7	-5	0

### **battlewin** LEADING GOAL SCORER

4	Josh Schumann (Gosford City)
3	Jai Kelly (Toukley), Troy Runge (Toukley)
2	Matt Hogan (Umina)

## UPCOMING BPL MATCHES

SUNDAY 10 APRIL			
WYOMING	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Alan Davidson Park
TERRIGAL	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Duffys Oval
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	GOSFORD CITY	James Browne Oval
UMINA	vs	BERKELEY VALE	Umina Oval
TOUKLEY	vs	AVOCA	Harry Moore Oval

## UPCOMING FFA CUP MATCHES

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL				
THE ENTRANCE	vs	MAROUBRA UNITED	Pat Morley Oval	7.00pm
UMINA	vs	BANKSTOWN BERRIES	Pluim Park	7.15pm
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	vs	DULWICH HILL	Pluim Park	7.30pm
BERKELEY VALE	vs	GLENMORE PARK	Mingara	8.00pm

THURSDAY 7 APRIL				
GOSFORD CITY	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Pluim Park	7.00pm

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
OURIMBAH	3	BUDGEWOI	2
KANWAL	4	DOYALSON	0
WOY WOY	4	WYONG	3
KARIONG	2	WOONGARRAH	1
KINCUMBER	4	TUGGERAH	1
EAST GOSFORD		Bye	

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS			
THE ENTRANCE	3	UMINA	1
KILLARNEY DISTRICT	6	EAST GOSFORD	0
GOSFORD CITY	8	TERRIGAL	1

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
KANWAL	0	KINCUMBER	5
WYOMING	0	AVOCA	2
WOONGARRAH	2	KARIONG	1