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2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 1 (1/2 APRIL)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

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

SUMMARY

- Despite the big wet that caused the abandonment of this season's Central Coast Cup the 2017 Battlewin Mens Premiership has kicked off with all matches going ahead as scheduled. Killarney District go into the 2017 season as clear favorites after an outstanding 2016 that saw them take out the rare Central Coast Cup / league championship / premiership treble as well as being the highest finisher of any Central Coast club in the FFA Cup.
- The big surprise of the 2016 season was the relegation of two of the previous powerhouses of the Premier League competition, Umina and Wyoming, who between them had won eight premierships between 2004 and 2013. One of the other dominant clubs of the previous decade, Berkeley Vale, fared only marginally better finishing in eight place.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT vs GOSFORD CITY

- The traditional season opener was the 2016 grand final re-match between Killarney District and Gosford City played at EDSACC North on Saturday night. While the Terriers will field a largely unchanged squad the Dragons have lost a number of key players including Josh Schumann who has returned to Umina and taken fellow striker Benji Gosson; Louis Bozanic who has gone back to play NPL in Sydney; and Craig Wieckowski who is having a season's break. Both teams went in with the same coaches, Chris Ackerley for Killarney and Ian McAndrew for Gosford.
- Killarney's Brendan Hall had the honour of scoring the season's opening goal in the 15th minute although it was quickly cancelled out by Luke Sanders. Last season's Andrew French Medallist, John Whelpdale, restored the lead in the 25th minute before the Dragons equalised before the break through Oscar Torres. A second goal 10 minutes into the second half gave Killarney a 3-2 lead and shortly afterwards Gosford's former Australian youth player, Reece Caira, was sent off for a second yellow card offence. A goal in the 70th minute to Daniel Rodger then sealed the result for the Terriers.
- In a clear indication of the club's depth Killarney won each of the two lower grade matches 3-0, with both also being re-matches from last season's grand finals. Next week's round sees Killarney meet Kincumber at Frost Reserve while Gosford will christen their newly-renovated pitch at Gavenlock Oval against Toukley.

TOUKLEY vs THE ENTRANCE

- Toukley were the surprise packet of 2016 finishing in third place in their first season back in Premier League since 2006 while The Entrance, premiers in both 2014 and 2015, just squeezed into the top four with a last minute win in the final round of the competition proper. There were changes in coaching personnel at both clubs with Matt Page being joined by Andrew Ollier, both a former Central Coast representative player and also coach of The Entrance team that won the 2005 premiership. At Toukley there was a late change with Damien Lobb taking on the player/coach role.
- The match was played at Toukley's fortress home ground, Harry Moore Oval. After a scoreless first half The Entrance broke the deadlock through Ryan Wilson in the 55th minute. Zac Evans then doubled the lead ten minutes later. They say that 2-nil is a dangerous lead and so it proved as the home team struck three times including the match-winner with just five minutes left to play for a 3-2 win.

EAST GOSFORD vs KINCUMBER

- Another Round 1 tradition is to match up the two newly-promoted teams with traditional rivals meeting at Hylton Moore Park. East Gosford return to the top tier after dominating the 2016 Division One competition with 19 wins and one draw from their 20 regular season while Kincumber finished a clear second behind them. Scott Howison continues as East Gosford coach while father and son combination, Dave and Dave Storey, are in charge at the Roos.
- East Gosford took the lead in the 23rd minute with a low, hard drive from the edge of the penalty box finding the net. Three minutes later Kincumber equalised from the penalty spot through Alex Osborn. The match remained locked until the 71st minute when ex-Roo Robbie Walton restored the lead for the Rams and then settled the result with a second goal five minutes from full-time.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG vs AVOCA

- Two clubs that finished mid-table in 2016 with Southern sixth on 23 points and Avoca seventh on 19. Both return with well-established coaches in Dale Eggleton (SEU) and Shane Knight (Avoca) and both are boosted with big-name player signing, with ex-St Kitts international Keith Gumbs returning to SEU, and former Central Coast rep and NPL player, James Monie joining Avoca.
- The only goal in the match came midway through the first half from Avoca's Michael Ledwidge, repeating his achievement in the opening round of the 2016 season. Both teams missed penalties the most crucial being Gumbs' wide shot in the 65th minute. Avoca's penalty came in injury time when SEU's goalkeeper red-carded for denying a clear goal-scoring chance. The shot was then saved by his replacement from the field Clint Stafford who will no doubt dine out for years on his achievement.
- The 1-0 win was a breakthrough for Avoca, Southern having been very much their bogey team all the way back to the last time they'd taken even a point from their matches when both clubs were in Division One in 2014. The Sharks will be at home next Sunday where they'll take on The Entrance at Erina High School while SEU will meet Berkeley Vale at Mingara.

BERKELEY VALE vs TERRIGAL

- After what was easily their worst performance in a decade, where they finished in third-last place, Berkeley Vale have made a number of changes both on and off the field. One of the

Coast's most experienced representative coaches, Mark Pratt, takes on his first local club role while three equally experienced players have returned to the Coast after season in the Newcastle NPL competition. They are former Wyoming premiership winners Darren Cooper and Alex Burrell; and ex-CCF rep player Paul McGinley. A fourth player, 2015 CCF Player of the Year Brenton Olzomer has also returned to his former club although it's doubtful if he'll play through injury.

- Terrigal have an equally experience representative coach in Ashley Grant continuing as coach and with a number of on-field personnel changes. Like Toukley they had an outstanding 2016 season after being promoted and missed fourth place by the narrowest of margins.
- An open game despite the heavy ground and rain with Berkeley Vale taking the lead after a quarter of an hour through 19-year-old Jameson Flynn's first Premier League goal. Another debutant, Brad Fonti then restored parity with a 37th minute goal for Terrigal. The teams then exchanged own goals, with the Wombats going back in front just before the break and Terrigal equalising midway through the second term. It was then left to Berkeley veteran Troy Mumford to score the winner with 15 minutes left on the clock.
- Both teams will be at home next Sunday with Berkeley Vale playing Southern-Ettalong and Terrigal up against East Gosford at Duffys Oval.

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

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2	Brendan Hall (Killarney District), Robbie Walton (East Gosford),
1	Paul Crisp (East Gosford), Zac Evans (The Entrance), Brad Fonti (Terrigal), Jameson Flynn (Berkeley Vale), Ben Glachan (Toukley), Jai Kelly (Toukley), Michael Ledwidge (Avoca), David McPherson (Toukley), Troy Mumford (Berkeley Vale), Alex Osborn (Kincumber), Daniel Rodger (Killarney District), Oscar Torres (Gosford City), Luke Sanders (Gosford City), John Whelpdale (Killarney District), Ryan Wilson (The Entrance).

UPCOMING BPL MATCHES

SUNDAY 9 APRIL			
GOSFORD CITY	vs	TOUKLEY	Gavenlock Oval
BERKELEY VALE	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Mingara Sport Field
AVOCA	vs	THE ENTRANCE	Erina High School
TERRIGAL	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Duffys Oval
KINCUMBER	vs	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	Frost Reserve

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
WYOMING	3	OURIMBAH	1
WYONG	3	WOY WOY	1
KARIONG	3	BUDGEWOI	0
WOONGARRAH	5	KANWAL	4
DOYALSON	6	TUGGERAH	1
UMINA	8	GWANDALAN	0

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS			
WOONGARRAH	5	TERRIGAL	2
GOSFORD CITY	1	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	0
UMINA	8	THE ENTRANCE	0

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
DOYALSON	4	WOY WOY	1
AVOCA	7	KANWAL	1
KINCUMBER	3	KARIONG	2