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2017 BATTLEWIN PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 8 (27/28 MAY)

FIRST GRADE SCORES

KINCUMBER	3	BERKELEY VALE	0
EAST GOSFORD	5	THE ENTRANCE	3
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	5	KILLARNEY DISTRICT	3
AVOCA	3	TOUKLEY	1
TERRIGAL	2	GOSFORD CITY	2

SUMMARY

- Just a week after it looked like the 2017 Battlewin Premier League had split into a clear top five / bottom five a series of upsets in Round 8 has revitalised the competition. The reversals began on Saturday night with both of this season's promoted clubs upsetting more fancied opponents. Kincumber produced the biggest surprise by comfortably beating third-placed Berkeley Vale while East Gosford were too good for in-form The Entrance.
- The surprise results carried over into Sunday where competition leaders and premiership favourites Killarney District went down to seventh-placed Southern-Ettalong. Avoca then chalked up their first win since the opening round beating last season's semi-finalists Toukley while Terrigal were able to share the points with the in-form Gosford City team.
- Every Saturday morning your reporter gives his tips on the Coast FM Sports Centre program. This week? Zero from five!
- Preparations are getting underway for the much anticipated North versus South Premier League Challenge match / Pluim Park 30th Anniversary on Monday June 12. Coaches Chris Ackerley (North) and Dale Eggleton (South) will name their respective teams later this week and they'll be posted on the CCF website and Facebook pages. Details on a curtain-raiser will also be announced shortly.

KINCUMBER 3 BERKELEY VALE 0

- It's taken until almost halfway through the competition for Kincumber to record their first win but the Roos did it in style with an impressive 3-0 over the highly-fancied Berkeley Vale team at Pluim Park 1. Despite being without a number of key players (including Paul McGinley, Alex Burrell and Troy Mumford who are representing Australia in the 2017 Five-A-Side World Cup) the Wombats looked to have enough depth to cover for them but right from the start it was clear that the young and enthusiastic Kincumber lads were up for the challenge.
- The first sign of a surprise result came in the 21st minute with a brilliant angled strike from Alex Osborn into the top right of the Berkeley net. The goal gave the Roos a huge confidence boost and the longer the match went the better they played. Man of the Match

Kevin Robertson's first MPL goal doubled the lead in the 35th struck minute and the same player settled the result with his second midway through the second half.

- With their stars back on deck Berkeley Vale will be looking to bounce back in one of two joint Matches of the Round next weekend against second-placed Gosford City next Saturday night at Mingara Sports Field. Kincumber will take on their equally confident neighbours Avoca at Plum Park on Saturday.

EAST GOSFORD 5 THE ENTRANCE 2

- East Gosford's positive return to Premier League has continued with their fifth win of the season but, more importantly, their first against a top-five opponent. The two teams went into the match with identical stats, sharing fourth place on 13 points with 4 wins, 2 losses and one draw. Originally scheduled for Saturday night at Plum Park the match was switched back to Pat Morley Oval.
- The Irmako brothers played a major part in the Rams with goalkeeper Beyhan making a number of crucial saves while Beycan opened the scoring with his first goal of the season in the 17th minute. A couple of Zacs were the next scorers, Anastas equalising for The Entrance just three minutes later with Neilsen then restoring East's lead just before the break. Goals to Dave McKellar (57th minute) and Rob Walton (80th) settled the result although Matt Page pulled one back for the Sea Eagles before the Rams substitute, 17-year-old Daniel Beilharz, celebrated his first grade debut with the final goal deep into injury time.
- The first target for every team that earns promotion into Premier League is to ensure that they avoid relegation and with 18 points from eight matches East Gosford have effectively done that with more than half of the season remaining. The downside as far as coach Scott Howison is concerned is that "we won't be able to fly under the radar any more". Their next task is to add to Toukley's woes when they meet at Hylton Moore Park next Sunday. Both The Entrance and Killarney District will be looking to bounce back from their losses when they meet in the other Match of the Round, a local derby at EDSACC North, also on Sunday.

SOUTHERN-ETTALONG 5 KILLARNEY DISTRICT 3

- Southern-Ettalong have finally overcome their 'home ground disadvantage' in the most unlikely manner with this impressive win over the defending premiers and competition leaders Killarney District. A first half hat-trick to the Lions in-form striker James Caban and a goal to the evergreen Keith Gumbs gave what looked like an unassailable 4-1 lead at half-time. Midway through the second half the local supporters nerves were starting to fray after goals to Tim Knight (from the penalty spot) and Daniel Rodger reduced the margin to a single goal. Shortly after though the tension was eased slightly when Todd Leach, who had scored the Terriers first goal, was sent off for a second yellow card offence. Nevertheless the game did remain in the balance until two minutes from full-time when 17yo Jonathon Lowe to settled the result with his first top grade goal.
- Despite the loss Killarney have retained their competition lead, although the margin over second-placed Gosford City is down to a single point and so adding to the importance of next Sunday's encounter with The Entrance at EDSACC North. Likewise the other upsets by teams below them also leave Southern in much the same position sitting five points behind fourth place and four above the relegation zone. They'll be looking to consolidate when they take on the improving Terrigal team at Duffy Road next Sunday.

TERRIGAL 2 GOSFORD CITY 2

- Yet another match that didn't go according to script, with Gosford going into it in second place and Terrigal in second last. Having said that the result wasn't a total shock with Terrigal having shown signs of improvement in their two preceding match. The game did start poorly for the home team with a defensive lapse in the first three minutes allowing Adam Woodbine to give Gosford the early break. To their credit Terrigal bounced back with Jett Cabarrus following on from his brace the previous week equalising in the 8th minute.
- City went back in front in the 20th minute with Oscar Torres scoring after a quite break out wide by Jarred McNee. Terrigal came close just before the break with a shot from Alex Young hitting the post and then equalised through Connor Wilkinson ten minutes into the second term. A full upset looked on the cards with Terrigal mounting a series of attacks but some outstanding work by Gosford 21-year-old goalkeeper ensured that his team didn't leave empty-handed.
- Having missed a golden opportunity to grab top spot the Dragons will be have another chance next weekend if they can beat Berkeley Vale next Saturday night at Mingara and The Entrance take points off Killarney. Terrigal will be at home against a resurgent Southern-Ettalong on Sunday.

AVOCA 3 TOUKLEY 1

- At the corresponding time last season Toukley, in their first season back in Premier League, were flying along in clear second place with just one loss from their first eight matches. Twelve months on they've won just two from eight and sitting seventh with their third straight loss. By contrast Avoca are starting to show signs of improvement most importantly in front of the posts with five goals in their past two matches are going four and a half without a goal between Rounds 3 and 7.
- Avoca welcomed back James Monie from suspension and it was the former Coastie and NSL player who gave them the lead in the 15th minute with his first goal of the season. The Gunners equalised midway through the first half with Jai Kelly scoring from the penalty spot. Also back in the top grade for the Sharks was Shaun Izzard and it was his brace in the 68th and 78th minutes that sealed the win.
- With the teams in the bottom half of the competition now starting to fire next week's local derby between Avoca and Kincumber at Pluim Park takes on particular importance as it will for Toukley as the boys from Harry Moore travel down to Hylton Moore to take on a very confident East Gosford team.

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KILLARNEY DISTRICT	8	6	0	2	23	13	10	18
GOSFORD CITY	8	5	2	1	21	13	8	17
EAST GOSFORD	8	5	1	2	20	10	10	16
BERKELEY VALE	8	4	2	2	12	11	1	14
THE ENTRANCE	8	4	1	2	24	18	6	13
SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	8	3	0	5	18	20	-2	9
TOUKLEY	8	2	2	4	11	16	-5	8
AVOCA	8	2	2	4	7	13	-6	6
TERRIGAL	8	1	2	5	14	22	-8	5
KINCUMBER	8	1	2	5	7	21	-14	5

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

UPCOMING BPL MATCHES
SATURDAY 3 JUNE

AVOCA	vs	KINCUMBER	Pluim Park
BERKELEY VALE	vs	GOSFORD CITY	Mingara Sports Field

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

KILLARNEY DISTRICT	vs	THE ENTRANCE	EDSACC North
EAST GOSFORD	vs	TOUKLEY	Hylton Moore Park
TERRIGAL	vs	SOUTHERN-ETTALONG	Duffys Road Oval

OTHER COMPETITIONS

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
WYONG	5	DOYALSON	2
KANWAL	2	KARIONG	1
WOOGARRAH	3	WYOMING	2
UMINA	2	TUGGERAH	0
OURIMBAH	1	WOY WOY	0
BUDGEWOI	3	GWANDALAN	2

SEA-FM WOMENS LEAGUE RESULTS			
KILLARNEY	1	TERRIGAL	0
WOONGARRAH	3	UMINA	0
GOSFORD CITY	3	THE ENTRANCE	0

WOMENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS			
AVOCA	4	KARIONG	2
KINCUMBER	9	WOY WOY	1
KANWAL	4	DOYALSON	1