WYOMING 45BC CHRONICLES

GAME #5

Vs

MAY 27, 2023 | vs OURIMBAH | ALAN DAVIDSON OVAL

Amid the histrionics of the second half of today's game, one of Ourimbah's players quipped "Come and play Over 45s they said, come and have some fun they said". Was it Over 45s or Under 10s on the field today? If not for the belly guts, stench of dencorub, and the solar panels of balding heads, one could get confused with the behavior encountered.

Nige, Clive, Largey and Dylan were absent from the teamsheet today and Mikey D was a late scratching with a wall to mend. In our favour, Stitty overcame his ailing Achilles; Jamesy was back, not only for today but the next couple of weeks – more on that later; and Snorky was ready to make his season debut for the squad.

Welcome to the grudge match. There was a bit of déjà vu here. We'd played Ourimbah here about five weeks ago before the re-draw. Back then they weren't happy we were in their division and that certainly hadn't changed as tensions were high from the get-go. The first half was a tight contest but when Garvs made one of his stock-standard runs and terrorized Ourimbah's backline, it looked certain we were going to hit the lead … but he held onto the ball a tad too long to put it away. He came close a couple more times, one from an Andy cross and another that resulted in a collision with the keeper who cried blue murder that Garvs had his studs up. This guy was no stranger to a few of us. Last season he had an argument with his own players, stormed off the field and went home whilst the game was still going. "It's happened before" said one of his teammates at the time. Seemingly two hours later, the game resumed but not before Ourimbah's No. 19 was given a yellow card and a ten-minute stint on the sideline for dissent. It was the beginning of an eventful and ugly afternoon.

Despite our opposition down to ten men for ten minutes, we couldn't break the deadlock for that first half. We certainly had the momentum, fueled particularly by quality service from Luca and Tooley in the middle. Meanwhile, Snorky was smoothly fitting into the backline with Boz, Brad and Wal as if part of the regular combo. There was some good football out there, just nothing to show for it on the scoreboard at half time.

To finally break the goal line, it would take some tenacity indeed and that was where Stingmore came in. Courtesy of a pass from Fitzy on the left flank, Stingmore surged towards the goal. When at first you don't succeed, try, and try again. The ball seemed to bounce and deflect in various directions amid Dean using his feet, knees and whatever else in his efforts on goal. Ultimately, he scrambled and was on all fours by the time the ball rolled over the line.

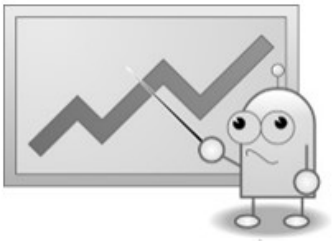
The lead didn't last long though when one of Ourimbah's more slippery players weaved past a few of us and into the box. An extended foot by Snorky saw him hit the dirt. Having played alongside some of these players, Dean was confident which way penalty taker No. 19 would shoot and got in the ear of Rob. He goes left every time. Of course, this time, he went right. Oops. Rob's new gloves didn't touch it until he retrieved it from the net.

There was still plenty of time to get back in front. Attacks ensued from inside the box and even a long shot from Boz. Jamesy had a busy second half, including being the first recipient of a yellow card for the team this season when he knocked over a guy half his height in a 50/50 … or is it 80/20 … challenge for the ball. He was also on hand when Garvs was causing the Falcons another headache inside the box. When it looked like Garvs was again at risk of holding the ball for too long, he pounced on the chance of the loose ball and buried it into the net. Perhaps it was the catalyst for their keeper not liking him very much… but that's for another paragraph. Jamesy was also a great chance for a brace after a perfect cross from Garvs had him and Tooley charging forward. Jamesy called for it, but his first touch let him down on this occasion.

So, despite being in the lead again, there was a feeling we'd need another to put this one to bed. That chance came courtesy of Garvs being thrown off the ball inside the box. The ref pointed to the spot and Garvs made no mistake in keeping his goalscoring streak alive. This was the final straw for a few of the more volatile Falcons. Garvs was appreciative of the high fives from his teammates but not so much for the elbow in the face from No. 19 who avoided any retribution as the referee didn't see it. In the midst of this, the official was coping abuse from the Ourimbah sideline. An age seemed to pass before the offending spectator accepted his marching orders – to the car park at least where he continued to heckle. Brad kindly offered to chase him off with a stick - or was he just clearing the field of a fallen branch - we're not sure. He is scary on there, ask my soon-to-be three-year old. Speaking of scary, our match official must've also been too much for the Ourimbah bench as they continued to whine whilst most of us wanted to just play football. There wasn't much time to go, nor football for that matter. In the final minutes, the Ourimbah keeper hurled abusive foul language at Jamesy. The pressure valve had by now been released and Jamesy reacted with a solid push. The keeper hit the deck, the Ref – despite not seeing the incident – brandished a red card and there went Jamesy's "I'm available for the next three games" claim. Close enough to full time, the ref had had enough and called it. That was it, an ugly encounter but we'll take the three points, enjoy the bye weekend to come, and hope the next duel is a more civil one. "Come play Over 45s they said, Come have some fun they said.".

Goals (Assists): Stingmore (Fitzpatrick), James (McGarvey), McGarvey [P] (McGarvey)

FULL-TIME: WYOMING FOOTBALL CLUB **3** OURIMBAH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB FALCONS **1**



STATS

ANDREW KENNEDY (190 Games)
PAUL ASHTON (80 Games)
MICHAEL McGARVEY (110 Goals)

THIS WEEK

3PTS	JAMES (18)
2	BOHRINGER (13)
1	AVERY (12)

( ) = TOTAL VOTES

3-2-1 POINTS

PLAYER'S PLAYER

SEASON TALLY

8	BOHRINGER
7	STITT
6	McGARVEY
4	AVERY, O'TOOLE
3	BELL, JAMES, WALLACE
2	LARGE, MEAD, SCURI
1.5	MUNRO, STINGMORE
1	ASHTON

GOAL SCORING TALLY

GOALS	
13	McGARVEY
8	DONAFEE
3	JAMES
2	ASHTON, O'TOOLE, STINGMORE
1	SCURI

ASSISTS	
9	McGARVEY
4	DONAFEE, JAMES
2	ASHTON, FITZPATRICK, LARGE, MEAD
1	AVERY, BELL, BOHRINGER FITZPATRICK, KENNEDY, MUNRO O'TOOLE, SCURI, STITT

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WEEK FIVE (ROUND 5)								M45BC
27/05/2023	11:45	TERRIGAL		0	vs	0	EAST GOSFORD	Eastern Road Oval 1
27/05/2023	12:00	MOUNTAINS		2	vs	4	KILLARNEY	Bloodtree Oval 1
27/05/2023	14:00	GOSFORD		1	vs	1	BARNSTONEWORTH	Gavenlock Oval 1
27/05/2023	14:45	WYOMING		3	vs	1	OURIMBAH	Alan Davidson Oval 1
27/05/2023		AVOCA			BYE			

CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL

M45BC

WEEK 5

	2023		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials
■	1st	WYOMING	5	5	0	0	0	20	4	15	16
▲	2nd	KILLARNEY	4	2	1	1	1	13	9	7	4
▼	3rd	OURIMBAH	5	2	1	2	0	10	10	7	0
▼	4th	MOUNTAINS	4	2	0	2	1	13	12	6	1
■	5th	BARNSTONEWORTH	4	1	3	0	1	5	4	6	1
▼	6th	AVOCA	4	2	0	2	1	10	11	6	-1
■	7th	GOSFORD	4	1	1	2	1	6	11	4	-5
■	8th	TERRIGAL	5	0	2	3	0	7	12	2	-5
■	9th	EAST GOSFORD	5	0	2	3	0	3	14	2	-11

WEEK SIX (ROUND 6)							M45BC
3/06/2023	12:30	OURIMBAH		vs		EAST GOSFORD	Ourimbah Oval 2
3/06/2023	12:45	BARNSTONEWORTH		vs		KILLARNEY	Edsaac North Field 2
3/06/2023	13:15	AVOCA		vs		GOSFORD	Paul Oval
3/06/2023	15:05	TERRIGAL		vs		MOUNTAINS	Duffy's Oval 2
		WYOMING		BYE			