



WYOMING 35DN1 CHRONICLES

MAJOR SEMI FINAL



vs



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SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 | vs KANWAL-2 | WADALBA SPORTS COMPLEX 1

Wyoming 35DN1
vs Kanwal-2 @ Wadalba Sports Complex - 1500hrs

SUBSTITUTION
Ashton
Cohen
Scuri
Milham
Wallace

Malone 1

Avery 14 (C) | Chamings 2 | Bohringer 12 | Mead 5

Smith 13 | O'Connor 4 | Cruise 16 | McAndrew 15 | Kennedy 11

McGarvey 8

#LINEUP11

SPORTS STUDIO

After a month without football as a unified team, it was straight into the deep end of elimination finals football up against an opponent we hadn't faced at all this season. With nineteen players available, the decision had to be made for three to sit out. This hasn't happened for this team since 2013 when we had a roster of 20. Fitzzy, Lawesy and Stew, we thank you. Nevertheless, all had been asked to be on standby in case of last minute injuries. Luca looked at risk of being one of those in a case - or rather bottle - of hurt feelings when Ashton, whilst in the changerooms, spoke about being on a junket in the Hunter during the week and saying all wine tastes the same to him! That'd be like saying to Ashton that all cars are identical!! Beyond that shock to Luca's system, everyone seemed calm and settled, and most importantly, on time! Julia was there with a 'football field' length of strapping tape at the ready, and we even had a professional photographer arrive to squeeze in a team photo. The wait till

our 3pm kick off already felt like an age before being extended due to the Minor Semi Final between Gwandalan and The Entrance, going into extra time.

Eventually, sometime after 3pm, we were kicking off. The sun was still out. Could we settle this before the lights came on? It could've been a dream start with some early attacking runs almost culminating in a goal as Boz's long shot from outside the box sailed just over the crossbar. Nige too came close to connecting with one of Neale's threatening corners kicks; Brad fired off a nice cross into the middle; and McGarvey fed Andy for a shot that flew too high. As the first half waged on, Kanwal started to show their muscle, and despite still nil all, the Tigers looked more like they were protecting a lead rather than pushing for one. Injuries didn't help. Nige had pulled a back muscle early; Boz was troubled by his ankle after falling awkwardly whilst making a block; Smithy's day on the field ended way too soon with a hamstring gripe; and Paul pulled his calf again after a warm-up run on the sideline not long after the second half had commenced.

Whilst technically going down hill for the second half, the game didn't get any easier. In fact it became more grueling as the minutes wound on with some hard hits, a plethora of fouls, and some yellow cards for both teams. O'Connor and Cruise both got in the ref's naughty book. Both from scuffles. Cruise's one was in the aftermath of a Chamo foul. Thanks Chamo. O'Connor also nearly collided with the crowd on the sideline, a testament that he never stopped running. Frustrations were high as neither team were getting any closer to breaking the deadlock. McGarvey's moments were limited as whenever he got the ball he was soon surrounded by a wall of defenders. Kanwal's best chance came from a free kick but Rob was on hand - or hands - to block the shot. And so, 80 minutes came and went and here we were... extra time!

Chamo was shot, a groin strain had ended his afternoon and Boz, who was resting his injury, returned to cover him. Neale was suggesting a new game strategy of himself pushing up but McGarvey quickly vetoed that idea. Instead Neale tried option B, long balls but McGarvey needed to be on the sideline for most of those. Was this not going to be our day? The first ten minutes of extra time had passed. During a brief drinks break, Andy mentioned needing to have the line-up for penalty takers on the field if it came to a shootout. McGarvey responded, "we're not going to penalties, I'll put one away". Well he had ten minutes to do so. Not long after that, Andy was yelling out to Neale about how much space there was on the left flank. Either Boz heard this or saw this as well when he next had the ball. Stretching out, he took possession and sent it Andy's way. Andy charged up the field and soon dispatched it ahead for McGarvey. He was good to his word. Shadowed by a defender, McGarvey got there first and coolly fired the shot past the keeper and into the net. Golden Goal! Game Over! Grand Final here we come!! It wasn't pretty, it was gritty and disorganized at times but it had been a month since we'd last played together and we'll be the better for it in a week's time. Just gotta hope those with niggling injuries can recover enough in time.

FULL-TIME:



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STATS

ANDREW KENNEDY (100 Goal Assists)

MICHAEL O'CONNOR (30 Games)

NEALE McANDREW (20 Games)

SCOTT CRUISE (10 Games)

3-2-1



PLAYER'S PLAYER

3PTS - McGARVEY

2PTS - O'CONNOR

1PT - CHAMINGS

GOALS SCORING TALLY



GOALS

- McGarvey - 24
- O'Connor - 6
- Smith - 6
- Cohen - 3
- Ashton - 1
- Avery - 1
- Chamings - 1
- Kennedy - 1
- McAndrew - 1
- Opposition - 1

ASSISTS

- Kennedy - 8
- McGarvey - 8
- McAndrew - 5
- O'Connor - 5
- Smith - 5
- Chamings - 3
- Ashton - 2
- Cohen - 2
- Cruise - 2
- Bohringer, Fitzy, Webb - 1







2022 FINALS SERIES *did you know...*

TEAM OFFICIALS
Each team is to provide TWO people, 18 years or older, to be their Team Officials

They must wear an official vest for the duration of the match

They are responsible to control the behaviour of their own team supporters

Officials must have their name recorded on the team sheet



 **MARINERS FINALS SERIES**



SEMI FINALS								
10/09/2022	13:00		GWANDALAN	3	vs	2	 THE ENTRANCE	Wadalba Sports 1
10/09/2022	15:00		WYOMING 1	1	vs	0	 KANWAL 2	Wadalba Sports 1

THE MINOR SEMI FINAL: GWANDALAN VS THE ENTRANCE

Gwandalan enjoyed a quick lead but lost their keeper to injury early into the game. By the second half they'd increased their lead but The Entrance were fought back, dominating the second half and pushed it into extra time at 2-2. Gwandalan had the last laugh with their golden goal and advance to the Grand Final.



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