



WYOMING 35CN

CHRONICLES

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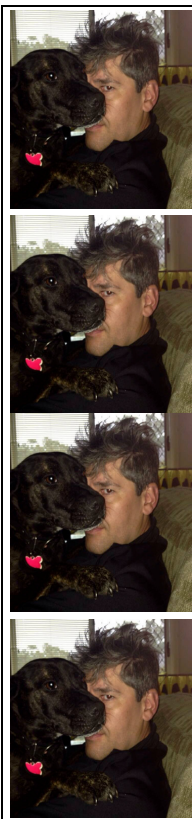
GAME #1

RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
3	 WYONG	VS	 WYOMING	1	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	April 2	13:00

UNCHARTED TERRITORY

And so a new season of football commences. Passports at the ready, we trekked into the Wyong shire to begin our campaign for Season 2016, in the realm of the north. Our first destination: Baker Park. There was some confusion as to whether we were at the right ground. Firstly, there was a grand stand !! -- we don't have such splendour in the southern county. Secondly, our opposition looked like rugby players. Convinced we'd gotten the co-ordinates wrong, Jason was almost back in his car until the metallic plate inside Dave's head - that also had gps capabilities - confirmed we were supposed to be here. Speaking of Dave. With Aaron out due to work commitments and Scott delayed till half time, our line-up was a tad slim so Dave suited up. Did I say Dave, oops I meant his twin brother Lurch as Dave is awaiting both a medical clearance and a permission slip from his parents before he can play this season, so erm, thanks Lurch for stepping in. Steve G donned the keeper's jersey almost dislocating his elbow as he tried to squeeze into the long sleeves. Had he been at the gym in the off-season working on his bi-ceps or had Meady used the wrong washing machine settings ??





THE LUCA & ZIGGY PITCH REPORT



"The Calm Before the Storm"
(FRIDAY, 1ST APRIL 2016)



THRICE BITTEN

The first half was a forgettable affair for the newly titled WYOMING 35CN. Their opponents, the Wyong Emus (who were the Runners Up in the 35EN division last season) had no desire to ease into Round 1. They came in hard and showed a cohesion that the Tiger boys lacked. Their first goal came from being gifted too much space outside of the 18-yard box. A classy shot found the top right corner of the net. The other two were a result of defensive blunders more so than quality shots as for the majority of their shots were off target. Nevertheless, by half time we found ourselves with quite the deficit to recover from ...



Wyong's second & third goals.

ALMOST IN THE LURCH

In short, Wyoming lacked structure. Early on, passes either went straight into the opposition or fell short of their intended destination. There were a few shining moments however. Stewart, starting up front, made some good runs whilst Luca, Andy and Fordo started developing a nice combination. In one play, these three made yards up the middle. Luca to Andy to Fordo who sent a through ball in Dave's, erm, Lurch's direction. Lurch headed it across the goalmouth. Andy rushed in and took a shot on target but that damn Wyong keeper stretched out and blocked it. Stanbury almost had his first assist for the season !! That was the closest the Tigers came to getting one back in the first half.



ANDY's shot blocked



MEADY & FRANK up for an ANDY cross.



GREGG takes a shot.



SPRING-LOADED

The backs were certainly kept busy, particularly in the first half. Andy realised the pressure Brad and Meady are put through every week when Brad asked Andy to sub him for two minutes (hmm, more like twelve) as he was partnered with Meady for the remainder of the first half. The most nervous moment coming when Mark leaped into the air in an attempt to block a through ball. Flanked on either side by two opposing players twice his size, Mark needed to make contact with that ball. He'd recently bought new boots that he'd been told were spring-loaded to help the little man's plight. Unfortunately, this was a case of false advertising. He leaped as high as he could but the springs failed to activate and the ball sailed beyond him into the path of Wyong's winger. Thankfully, the guy's shot veered wide. Mark is currently shopping on gumtree for a jetpack as an alternative.



MARK & his new "spring-loaded" boots

GREAT SCOTT

The Tigers welcomed Scott Howison just before half time. Luca in particular was relieved by the added stability in the midfield, illustrated by the diminishing amount of Italian swear words echoing across the park upon Scott's arrival. The second half was a much-improved state of affairs. Passes connected and more pressure was put on the opposition's defensive line. Frank managed a few line breaks courtesy of some quality service by Scott and if the goal frames were either a few meters to the left for one shot or a few to the right for the other, then Frank would've had a brace. Andy needed the crossbar to be twice as high for one of his shots. Stanbury may have given up on trying to get a goal assist through Andy after he sent a perfect ball through the middle only for him to fudge it on his first touch.



SCOTT sends FRANK on the attack.



SCOTT takes a shot.



FRANK gets the off-target shots out of his system for the season opener, whoops.

GETTING OVER THE LINE

The second half was such an improvement for the Tigers that not only were the Emus kept scoreless but we managed to get one back. Going up for a high ball, Andy was elbowed in the back a few meters outside of the 18-yard box. Scott stepped up for the free kick. He hit it sweetly across the goalmouth where Meady's noggin of steel was waiting. He made perfect contact with it but the keeper managed to block it. The ball dropped to the ground. Meady's job obviously wasn't done. In the ensuing scramble, Meady would not be content until he and the ball were both wrapped up in the net. Now that's tenacity!





MEADY blocks another attacking run.



STEVIE G keeps them out in the second half



JASON shows some tenacious defence late in the game.



LUCA almost connects with a cross from JASON

THE MANY FACES OF MEADY



Behind You, Behind You !!



LUCA attempts the Berisha Roll



LUCA & ZIGGY'S RECRUITMENT DRIVE (CONT'D)

With the squad still down in numbers, Luca got back to his stalking ways and has found us a recruitment in the form of defender Ross Heydon who we hear will be joining us in Round 2. Welcome aboard Ross !







SPECIAL THANKS:

- To Julia for her dedication (she missed her son's game) and her physio & strapping talents that keep us on the park each week. Gregg's ankles eluded her yet again as he wraps them in gaffer tape before arriving at the ground. Against Andy's advisement, Luca's fingers were not taped together but thankfully he avoided any infringements for his first game back. No injuries from this round, even for those who had to spend a majority of the time on the hardened cricket pitch on the far flank of Baker Park's Field 1.
- Ngari for standing in the sun for 80 minutes (too early in the day for the Grandstand to provide shadow) and taking awesome photos. Meady surely appreciates it more than anybody else this round.
- Our supporters who come each week and having to endure watching that first half. Colin George finally got his '2015 League Champions' cup holder for being the team's No. 1 supporter.
- And Flanno for making the trek to support us on the sidelines but not so much for his "it's gonna be a long season" comments. Thanks brother.



IN MEMORY OF SHAUNA

The teams observed a minute's silence before kick off to commemorate the passing of Sue Forbes's sister, Shauna Burling, who passed away from cancer last month. To Sue, Brad and their family, our thoughts are with you.





GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Meady - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Scott - 1



THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)

- #6 (Scott) - 3pts
- #10 (Luca) - 2pts
- #13 (Chris) - 1pt

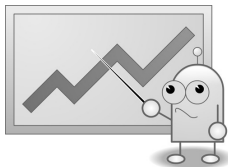
TOTAL POINTSCORE

- Scott - 3
- Luca - 2
- Chris - 1

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Guest Judge: Chris O'Connor

- Scott - 3
- Meady - 2
- Brad - 1

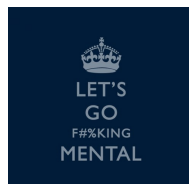









THIS WEEK'S STAT









- This coming weekend BRAD clocks up his 50th game since joining the Over 35s in 2013.

WEEK 1 WRAP-UP

Budgewoi leads the competition after Round 1 with a 4-2 away victory over Killarney. Wyong and East Gosford won their respective home battles, East Gosford the only team to keep a clean sheet. Kanwal had a narrow 1 goal victory away at Woongarra.




WEEK 1 (ROUND 1)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
3	 WYONG	vs	 KILLARNEY	1	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	April 2	13:00
2	 KILLARNEY	vs	 BUDGEWOI	4	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	April 2	13:00
2	 EAST GOSFORD	vs	 TUGGERAH	0	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Tuggerah)	April 2	13:30
2	 WOONGARRAH	vs	 KANWAL	3	Hamlyn Terrace 1B (Woongarra)	April 2	14:30

CENTRAL COAST - 35CN									
WEEK ONE									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		1	1	0	0	4	2	3	2
2nd		1	1	0	0	3	1	3	2
3rd		1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
4th		1	1	0	0	3	2	3	1
5th		1	0	0	1	2	3	0	-1
6th		1	0	0	1	2	4	0	-2
7th		1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2
8th		1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

Budgewoi battles Wyong. Both Round 1 winners. Wyoming, Tuggerah and Woongarra get their first home games of the season, all hoping to bounce back from first round losses.

WEEK 2 (ROUND 2)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	 TUGGERAH	vs	 KILLARNEY		Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Tuggerah)	April 9	13:00
	 WYONG	vs	 KANWAL		Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	April 9	14:30
	 WOONGARRAH	vs	 EAST GOSFORD		Hamlyn Terrace 1 (Woongarra)	April 9	14:30
	 BUDGEWOI	vs	 WYONG		Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	April 9	15:00

Cya Saturday!!

