



WYOMING 35CN CHRONICLES

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GAME #2

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 WYOMING	VS	 KANWAL	2	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	April 9	14:30

FEARFUL FRIDAY

Meady's outgoing Friday night text informed the team that they would not only be missing Fordo (holidaying in Thailand for two weeks) and Chris (Mariners Academy coaching commitments) but that Scott, who is at risk of earning the moniker "Half-Game Howison" would have to leave early. Then there was the additional news of one other, minor absence ... a referee. Yes, until Saturday morning, it was looking like we wouldn't have a registered official calling the game. In hindsight, Aaron - who used his presidential powers to acquire a ref - may have regretted making such a call after getting impeded whilst trying to prevent the deciding goal. Also, if we had no ref then: Stevie G may not have enquired about card collections; Andy wouldn't have gone half deaf when he got too close to the whistle; and Luca wouldn't have had to leave the field and use up half a gallon of WFC's liquid soap to remove his taped up wedding ring that he's never been asked to remove in 20 years !! (Luckily he didn't raise any fingers on his way back to prove the ring was off is all I can say !!) Gripes aside and despite starting the season 0 from 2, it was a much stronger performance by the 35CN Wyoming Tigers. There's plenty to be optimistic about, if only we could start putting away some goals !!





An early attempt at goal by MEADY.

FULL MEAD AHEAD

Today the team welcomed new recruit Ross Heydon (aka: Luca Recruit #49503). Luca, so proud of his recruitment skills, declared proudly that he should be working for the Mariners. So impressive was Ross on debut (Dean gave him three points, see below) that we could safely trial Meady up front. Meady certainly had the tenacity and the pace to trouble the Kanwal backs but things were looking a bit grim when it came to his shots. There was a very early opportunity. Andy headed the ball into a nice little gap for Meady to charge ahead. The keeper veered towards the left post leaving the goalmouth open for a simple tap-in to the right but oops Meady sent it into the keeper's path. Another shot, albeit from an acute angle, veered more towards the Girl Guides Hall than the goalposts. It was getting to the point where Dean Singleton (dressed in shirt and jeans on the sideline) almost being tempted to pull the credit card out, walk up to the clubhouse and pay for registration and a Tigers kit. All so he could get on the field to show Meady how a striker does it. Dean's temptation subsided when Meady's moment finally came, fourth time lucky, perhaps. Upon receiving the ball from a throw-in, Mark sent a hospital pass (it hit his shin) back to Andy who managed to cross it from the sideline into the 18-yard box. A bit of fortune went our way with a Kanwal defender making a meal of it. Meady took advantage and promptly beat the keeper to put the Tigers in the lead!! There were other opportunities. Scott put a free kick through for Andy to run onto except he was a bit flat footed to be ready; Andy also took an ambitious shot - not from halfway as Aaron quipped - that didn't quite have the distance to worry the keeper; and Frank found the net this week, except it was the out side of it. Getting closer though.



MEADY puts the Tigers in the lead early.



Another MEADY break ends with a conversion shot.

TERROR-BULL

As Gregg stated at the break, we owned the first forty minutes but sadly the scoreboard did not reflect this, for late into the first half, the Bulls had scored an equaliser. Incidentally, it did happen whilst Ross was on the bench having a breather, but hey, I'm not blaming the rest of you for letting that one in ... or am I? In the second half, both teams had opportunities to break the deadlock. Kanwal had gotten one past Aaron but Brad - in his 50th game for this 35s squad - pulled off some last-second heroics to slide in and knock the ball away from the open goal. Gregg was at his usual defensive best and even when a clearance may not have gone the way he'd hope, he made damn sure he was there to block any repeated attempts. Mark also saw to it that one particular attacking run was thwarted when he made a cheeky late trip as a player passed him. Spectator Flanno roared with laughter from the sideline, praising such "grubness". The referee didn't share this humour and Mark picked up the team's first infringement of the season. On the attacking side of things, a busy Luca orchestrated quite a few chances. Stewart was making himself a real nuisance to the opposition with some great runs and a few collisions that showed a season of rugby last year wasn't quite of the system for the kiwi flyer. Meady had an impressive shot with his left foot that was blocked by their keeper from entering the top left corner. It bounced favorably for him for a second go but the ensuing shot with his right foot was not so favorable. Is the lesson here to not kick the ball as a defender would or start using his left foot? With a winning goal looking more and more unlikely would Wyoming have to settle for a draw? It seemed that way until a mishap at the back saw a Kanwal player take a chip shot. Aaron was locked in a battle with a Kanwal player in pursuit. A collision prevented Aaron any chance of reaching the ball in time. Was he obstructed and taken out of the play? That's what it looked like but the referee didn't see it that way and awarded the goal. The Tigers protested futilely culminating in Steve G getting a yellow card for dissent, "you better give me a card then" he told the official when he was warned to pipe down.



AARON congratulates BRAD to saving a certain goal / AARON gets obstructed as Kanwal scores their second.



AARON blocks a threatening shot



MARK is yellow carded / GREGG puts his body on the line time and again



Fly-Half STEW in action



MEADY gets a double go at goal shooting.



LUCA works hurriedly to remove his wedding ring.



ROSS on debut.

PUSHING FOR PARITY

Gutted, Wyoming desperately tried to get one back and came very close a couple of times before the full time whistle blew. Andy's swinging corner curled as intended only for the keeper to tap it over the crossbar. He had another great chance during a free kick. His shot curled past the five-man wall but it hit the base of the crossbar and bounced away. The boys from Wyoming fought hard but alas it was not their day.



ANDY's corner gets tapped over the bar.



ANDY's free kick beats the wall but not the base of the cross bar.



MORE 50THS

Just one game behind Brad, the only members of this seasons' grub club thus far - Mark and Steve G - reach the milestone of '50' games this coming weekend. Brad, nervous of them catching up to him, tampered with their copies of the printed draws Andy handed out at game's end. So unless somebody tells them otherwise, Steve G and Mark have read that we're playing in Wollongong and not Wyoming this Saturday. Better get up early boys !!



MARK WALLACE & STEVE GEORGE

THE FLANNO THREAT

Whether the catalyst was having suffered two straight losses (four if you carry it on from last year, the worst losing streak yet in the history of this team) or not seeing enough "grub" in the team; Flanno made threats post-game that he was going to sign up again. Either that or he'll pose as Fordo. Fordo, if you're reading this, you may be able to extend your holiday in Thailand as you'll no doubt get suspended for a couple of weeks after the East Gosford game this weekend.



FLANNO waves to FORDO in Thailand ... "I've got your spot covered buddy"



THANKS TO FRANK BOVA

Thanks to Frank Bova from the 35ES who kindly boosted our ranks and had a great game in the backs.



THE MEAD MACHINE

There was some miscommunication in the 3-2-1 results of Meady's Muddy Shirts Stats so the pointscore has been corrected. Here's last weekend's photographic evidence ...



And now this round's...



A CSI team are investigating whether the dirt from the No. 5 shirt is genuine, ie. whether it comes from Alan Davidson Oval or tests positive to post-game foreign soil (ala, the Mead's backyard) tampering.

HARD TIMES

Spare a thought for Dave Stanbury. A couple of years back he was brandishing \$100 bills at the end-of-season trip away in Nelson's Bay ... Now he can't even cover the \$5 referee fee. Below is what he handed to Meady who had it valued at \$4.35.



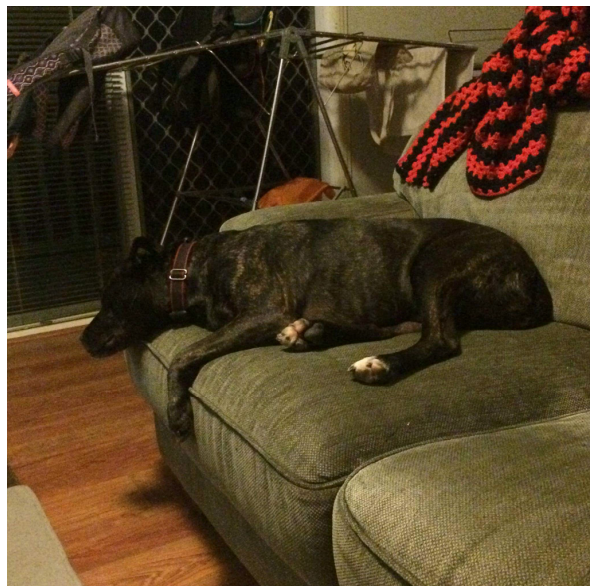
INJURIES

Meady copped a bit of a beating over the course of the 80 minutes and was struggling with the dreaded "sore knee" pain by full time. Jason limped over the sideline during the second half after tearing his quad. He's hoping he will only miss three games. Here's hoping for a quick recovery for you both.



NO LUCA & ZIGGY REPORT ?

Luca informed me on Friday that there was no pitch report for this week's chronicles due to Ziggy being the victim of a vicious attack by another dog during the week. Thankfully the little legend is okay and recovering. He hopes to be sniffing the sacred grounds of Alan Davidson again soon for future reports. He says a win this weekend against the Rams will make him feel a lot better. No pressure boys but let's do it for Ziggy !!



BOBBY BRAY TRIBUTE

As with many games over the weekend, a minute's silence was observed before kick-off to commemorate the passing of Club legend and Life Member Bobby Bray, aged 84, who passed away the day before. Our condolences to Bobby's family and friends.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- The Singletons for coming down to support the squad. We miss you guys !
- Megan Wallace for taking the fantastic photos.
- Julia for fitting in some strapping prior to kick-off before she had to head up north for a Chris Isaak concert. She missed a wicked game.
- Dave's parents for letting him play.
- Vanessa Quill for keeping the dogs out of mischief but not for continually shouting out "Go Manly!"







GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Meady - 2

ASSISTS

Andy, Scott - 1

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #5 (Meady)
2PTS - #3 (Gregg)
1PT - #15 (Steve G)
**** Gregg - Inside Out infringement warning !!**

TOTAL POINTSCORE

- Meady - 5
 - Brad - 3
 - Gregg - 2
- Luca, Steve G - 1



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

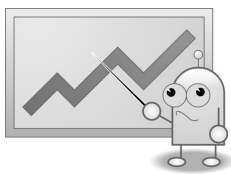
Mark, Steve G - 1

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

DEAN SINGLETON

3PTS - "No. 18" (Ross)
2PTS - "Ned Kelly" (Scott)
1PT - "The Grub" (Mark)

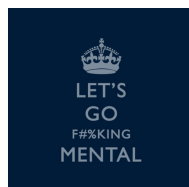


THIS WEEK'S STAT

STEVE G & MARK play their 50th Game this weekend.

WEEK 2 WRAP-UP

Close encounters throughout the comp this round with all four games won by only one goal. Kanwal and Wyong have started the season in perfect fashion with two from two. Killarney and Woongarra picked up their first wins of the season. Wyoming and Tuggerah, the only two teams yet to pick up any points.



WEEK 2 (ROUND 2)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
0	TUGGERAH	vs	KILLARNEY	1	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Tuggerah)	April 9	13:00
1	WYOMING	vs	KANWAL	2	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	April 9	14:30
1	WOONGARRAH	vs	EAST GOSFORD	0	Hamlyn Terrace 1 (Woongarra)	April 9	14:30
2	BUDGEWOI	vs	WYONG	3	Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	April 9	15:00

CENTRAL COAST - 35CN									
2016									
WEEK TWO									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		2	2	0	0	6	3	6	3
2nd		2	2	0	0	5	3	6	2
3rd		2	1	0	1	6	5	3	1
4th		2	1	0	1	2	1	3	1
5th		2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
6th		2	1	0	1	3	4	3	-1
7th		2	0	0	2	2	5	0	-3
8th		2	0	0	2	0	3	0	-3

WEEK 3 PREVIEW

Wyong are expected to make it 3 from 3 as they take on last-placed, and so far goalless, Tuggerah. 2nd (Kanwal) takes on 3rd (Budgewoi). Wyoming are hopeful an away game on home soil will give them an advantage over former 2013 rivals, East Gosford.

WEEK 3 (ROUND 3)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	WYONG	vs	TUGGERAH		Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	April 16	13:15
	KANWAL	vs	BUDGEWOI		Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	April 16	13:25
	KILLARNEY	vs	WOONGARRAH		Edsacc North Field 1 (Killarney)	April 16	14:40
	EAST GOSFORD	vs	WYOMING		Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	April 16	15:10

Cya Saturday!!

