



# WYOMING 35CN



## CHRONICLES

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## GAME #13

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
<b>1</b>	 TUGGERAH	VS	 WYOMING	<b>3</b>	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale)	July 16	14:30

### EXORCISING THE DEMONS

With a fortnight's rest, depleted numbers, last-minute recruits, confusion over where Tuggerah's home ground was located, and no jerseys until a minute before kick-off, it was looking like it was going to be a long, chaotic, messy afternoon. Yes, to the untrained eye it would seem those boys from the Wyoming 35CN team were a disorganised, motley crew who didn't know it's front end from it's rear end (we'll get to Wal's flatulence later shall we). And whilst that may be right, and it's been a struggle scoring goals this year, it only took three minutes before the Tigers hit the lead in today's much needed victory against competition cellar dwellers, Tuggerah. A second goal in the second half looked to have sealed the deal but the Demons hit back with one of their own. A couple of scares of an equalizer were squashed - and sandwiched in one instance - by some solid defence and in the end, a third goal put it beyond reach. A much-needed win sees the Tigers back in 5<sup>th</sup> and still clinging to hope that the football gods haven't forgotten them for finals contention this season.



## THE CALL-UP

Friday morning. Andy's phone buzzed to life twice: An optimistic Luca reporting in that the fields were frozen but good to go; and a reminder from Julia that she was still waiting for the list of players that required bandaging. The team sms was promptly sent. Scott was out, not again!! Chris's damn groin had not quite healed; and Tony too was out due to family commitments ... Friday afternoon. Meady sent a text that he was now unavailable. He was "helping a mate" (this was to be translated later as, "I'm getting a motorbike delivered"). With Meady's absence, questions suddenly arose: who would bring the jerseys, the esky, the red frogs? Would he still send out the player query text to find out who else was out? Andy couldn't wait. He sent out the group text to confirm the team sheet and scribbled out a starting 11 on a napkin. Responses came in the form of 'thumbs up' emojis; Brad, Mark and Gregg provided third person affirmations; Aaron's response came a bit late (the shape of things to come) and Dave responded that he was playing but wouldn't get there till 2pm, and Dave responded that he was playing but wouldn't get there till 2pm (oops sorry, but he did send the same message twice). Anxiety had settled, we had a team - 14 in total. Nevertheless, more would be handy. Having learnt that the Wyoming DS squad had the weekend off - their opposition having forfeited - Meady offered to make enquiries if a couple of their players wished to boost our ranks. Luca stressed Nige better make the call quickly as the squad were about to have a training session that evening ... at the pub.

	 <b>THE LUCA &amp; ZIGGY PITCH REPORT</b> 	
"Frost on The Devo 1 & 2 but we will be playing!" (FRIDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016)		

## LAST WEEKEND'S REPORT

"Hey mate I don't think we will be playing on Saturday The Davo 1 is under water!  
Never a good look when you have f\*\*\*ing ducks on the oval!"  
(FRIDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016)



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## THE MISSING JERSEYS

Eastern Road Oval, Saturday afternoon. Tuggerah's home ground in erm, Killarney, was relatively easy to find. The team began to assemble. Mark was already suited up in his No. 4 jersey, yes he'd found it !! Due to the XXS size, it had been mistakenly placed in the U16s kit the other week. Meady made a surprise appearance ... thanks to some KFC food poisoning, his mate had postponed and relocated to a toilet bowl. Sadly, Meady would not be playing as we already had 16. Players started asking him for their jerseys. He did not have them. What? Had they disappeared? Had Mark Wallace got his revenge and hidden them? No, Meady had passed them to trusty custodian and Club President, Aaron to deliver them ... but the clock was ticking on ... where was Aaron? Meady made a quick phone call ... Aza was just getting onto the Ridgeway with Flanno, who had in his mind that kick off was at 3pm, not 230pm! Well that was one of Aaron's excuses, the other was claiming that Andy's print-out had the time crossed out alongside the suburb when he'd originally typed Tuggerah (cough, bullshit, cough). As kick-off approached and they had yet to arrive, alternative shirt options were suggested: body paint? Makeshift numbers on the back of shirts with lipstick and/or liquid paper? Would that be permitted or would Marky have to take on the whole opposition himself? A question that thankfully didn't need answering as Aaron and Flanno arrived in the nick of time. Now one of the well-known rules in football is that if you don't arrive at least half an hour before game time then you'll be benched. Flanno was prepared for this but had to query why Aaron was allowed to start.



The one-man TEAM WALLACE ready for battle !



THE PRESSO & THE FLANNO finally arrive !!





THE FLYING LUCA is given wings !! / LUCA's discarded gum is collected for testing.

### OVERCOMING HEARTLIGE: THE LUCA STORY

One of the other surprises upon arriving at the game was finding Luca all suited up. Last night, he reported live from the waiting room at a medical center that he was in doubt due to injuring his knee whilst training with the 16s ... when will he ever learn? Enter Julia. "Pffft, that's not your knee, it's heartlige!". Strapping up the chest seemed to boost his morale. He was full of energy, running around before kick off and was even tempted to photo bomb the opposition's team photo. So despite the fears overnight Luca started and ended the game without a hint that he was carrying an injury. His excitement did not waver during the game prompting opposition players to question if he was on drugs (he did pop about four nurofen overnight!!). Upon the Demons winning a corner kick, one of their players started moving down the wing. "Follow him, follow him" yelled Luca to Frank. Frank complied until someone else pointed out this player was the one to take the corner kick ... "Don't follow him, don't follow him" Luca promptly instructed. Dominating the middle of the park early, Luca was instrumental in getting the boys off to a winning start. Three minutes in, he chipped the ball beyond the defensive back line into a perfect gap for the charging Brad to run onto and with his first touch, knocked the ball into the net. Bellissimo !!



LUCA sends BRAD away for Wyoming's early goal

## FLANNO'S STRIKER ADVICE

Having barely made it to the ground before kick off and knowing they were going to cop endless ridicule for their tardiness, Flanno and Aaron countered today by being the loudest hecklers on the team. So confident was Flanno that we'd net a few goals today, he declared you're not a striker if you don't score today. Well Brad had already passed such judgement but the rest were on notice. Stew was up front to start the game. He was moving around tenaciously giving it a go but earlier shots came to nothing. Andy and Frank weren't having much luck from the flanks. Despite the space afforded to them, their crosses / shots weren't finding their mark. Kenny came on soon after and came agonisingly close as did Brad with another strong run. Then Flanno thought he'd put them all to shame by having a few goes himself. He positioned himself for two consecutive corners, one he used his head and sent the ball about ten meters above him and the other was a shot a few meters wide. He did get to boast he had a shot "on target" later when his shot was blocked by their leaping keeper. Stew did Flanno proud though finding himself in a similar situation. Andy had chipped the ball beyond the backline. Stew pounced on it, tucked it inside a pursuing defender and took a shot. The keeper leapt and made contact ... dammit! Had he done enough to knock it over the crossbar? ... no he had not, Stewart had found the webbing ... GOAL!! Stew's first for the season. This also marked the team's 200<sup>th</sup> goal over the course of 6 years!!



STEW takes an early shot.



BRAD almost bags a second from another quality delivery from LUCA.



FLANNO's header bound for the stratosphere



FLANNO's shot from KENNY's corner veers wide.



Shots by ANDY & FLANNO



KENNY tests the keeper's stretching ability.



STEW gets off the nudie run list with his first goal of the season.

## LATE AGAIN

That second goal had given Wyoming a bit of breathing space from a dreaded equalizer. Tuggerah had looked dangerous at times, particularly their striker. Aaron, when not heckling his teammates - "That's a carton" he yelled when Andy was pulled up for a foul throw - was called into action a few times. He made the usual great save or two for his showreel. In one instance, he kept all on the edge of their seats when the ball made that dreaded bounce and looked certain to travel over his head. Like any good fisherman, he reeled it in, catching it behind his head. For the most part, he didn't have to touch the ball due to a solid performance of the backline. Mark, Jason and Gregg repelled many of the attacks down the flanks. Surprisingly, Mark didn't unleash his secret weapon until post-game drinks when he sent his teammates scurrying away by unleashing an ungodly aroma. Why he didn't try it during the game is beyond me. Jason's crowning achievement today was blocking a dangerous shot that veered past Aaron and the pack. Bound for the net, Jason at the far goal post, cleared it away ... but as we know you can't grow a full beard without the sideburns and Ross was yet again outstanding today, leading the way at the back, matching the pace of his counterparts and blocking out many of Tuggerah's opportunities. Stevie G and Justin "Sargey" Sargeant (filling in from the D's) were equally strong and intimidating. Yet, with all this praise, how then did Tuggerah manage a goal you ask? Well, they won themselves a free kick. Aaron had the wall in place, or so we thought. The kick sailed past a leaping forward but made no contact and continued its course, unopposed into the opposite corner of the net. Aaron didn't make it in time and promptly apologised. As Brad said later, "that's twice you've been late". Touche! Worried it would happen again when Tuggerah won another free kick towards the end of the game, Brad took it upon himself to be an "advisor" to the guy taking the kick offering tips on wind resistance and toe-punting as an option. Aaron didn't have to worry this time.



JASON BURKE, the last line of defence.



AARON triumphs over the dreaded bounce.



AARON benefits from the WALLACE / HEYDON sandwich



TUGGERAH'S GOAL

### THE KENNY KRUSHER

The dread of an equaliser had returned but the boys from Wyoming weren't ready to give up their lead so easily. Despite some earlier heckling and his own self-deprecating comments, Fordo was solid today. When he let the ball go through his legs early on, people questioned had he misread it or played the dummy for Frank to retrieve it on the wing. It would seem the latter even though Frank was slightly fooled by it as they hadn't practiced this at training, erm what training? Known to the Tuggerah players from playing for Doyalson the past few years, they expressed disappointment when Fordo was subbed around the ten minute mark. "Can't he stay on?" they moaned. Another said Fordo wouldn't get subbed if he joined their team (they only had 11 players), though his teammate quickly added, "you won't win though". Tuggerah were of course overjoyed when he returned to the field though probably not so much with the attacking threats he created. Some nice through balls and dangerous shots (even if they were toe punts) probably had them urging Meady (in control of the subs) to drag him off again. He was in the mix of the midfield chaos that saw a Tuggerah player desperately trying to block away the threat. The ball fortuitously ended in the path of Kenny Melvin. Kenny had come close today with some threatening shots on target but this time the keeper wasn't going to get in his way. Kenny sealing the deal for the three points today and I believe is the first player on loan to score a goal for the team. Thanks mate.



KENNY wraps up the win



Special thanks to KENNY MELVIN & JUSTIN SARGEANT for helping out.



## MEAD MACHINE

With Kenny taking the glory of scoring the final goal of the afternoon, Sargey opted to match his Wyoming 35DS counterpart by getting some extra recognition of his own. Yes, he topped the Mead Machine's Dirty Shirts points tally today. Brad had to settle for two points telling Meady never to borrow players again - though he now leads the competition by 6 points. Andy caught up to Meady in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with one point.



AARON and FLANNO celebrate their winning weekend ...



... poor FORDO misses out, but eventually catches his own tuna.



STEVIE G steps up as this week's choice for Best Tossler / FRANK gets caught up in another dance routine.

## PLAYER STATS



DAVE



FORDO



## **TRIBUTE TO GRACO**

The team paid tribute to Vanessa Quill's father Graco Jabuka who passed away on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. On behalf of the team and all associated, our warmest sympathies to Vanessa, Aaron, Zac and family.





HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ROSS

## GOAL SCORING TALLY



### GOALS

Brad - 7  
 Andy - 4  
 Meady - 3  
 Frank, Ken, Ross, Stew, Tony - 1

### ASSISTS

Meady - 4  
 Andy, Luca - 3, Gregg - 2  
 Aaron, Brad, Chris,  
 Ross, Scott, Steve G - 1

## THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #23 (Sargey)  
 2PTS - #14 (Brad)  
 1PT - #11 (Andy)

### TOTAL POINTSCORE

Brad - 16pts  
 Andy, Meady - 10pts  
 Stevie G - 9pts  
 Aaron, Luca - 5pts  
 Flanno, Fordo, Frank, Gregg, Sargey - 3pts  
 Chris, Mark, Ross, Stew - 1pt



### YELLOW CARDS TALLY

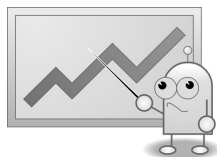
Flanno - 4 \*  
 Brad, Mark - 2  
 Jason, Luca, Meady, Sargey, Scott,  
 Steve G, Stew, Tony - 1

### BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

**TANYA BURKE**

3PTS - Ross  
 2PTS - Luca  
 1PT - Jason



### STAT(S)

Milestones coming up:  
 Gregg (90 games);  
 Mark, Steve (60)

### WEEK 13 WRAP-UP

Killarney's Top 2 aspirations have taken a hit with a shock loss to Woongarrah in the only game not washed out the previous weekend and then losing to 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Wyong this round. Kanwal were too good for East Gosford as they hope to cement their Top 4 chances. Wyoming's win sees them now outright 5<sup>th</sup>, the four point gap from 4<sup>th</sup> remains. Budgewoi had a tight 2-1 win over big improvers Woongarrah



WEEK 13-1 (ROUND 10) (1)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
2 WOONGARRAH Football Club	VS	1 KILLARNEY	Hanlyn Terrace 1 (Woongarrah)	July 9	13:15
WEEK 13-2 (ROUND 14)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
3 KANWAL	VS	0 EAST GOSFORD	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	July 16	11:45
2 BUDGEWOI Football Club	VS	1 WOONGARRAH	Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	July 16	14:30
1 TUGGERAH	VS	3 WYOMING	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale)	July 16	14:30
2 WYONG	VS	1 KILLARNEY	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	July 16	14:45

CENTRAL COAST - 35CN 2016									
WEEK THIRTEEN									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials	
1st BUDGEWOI FC Est. 1961	13	11	1	1	50	15	<b>34</b>	35	
2nd KILLARNEY FC	13	10	1	2	33	15	<b>31</b>	18	
3rd WOONGARRAH FC	14	8	2	4	26	12	<b>26</b>	14	
4th KANWAL	13	5	3	5	19	17	<b>18</b>	2	
5th WYOMING FOOTBALL CLUB	13	4	2	7	19	24	<b>14</b>	-5	
6th WOONGARRAH WILSON Football Club	14	3	3	8	14	34	<b>12</b>	-20	
7th EAST GOSFORD	13	3	2	8	14	34	<b>11</b>	-20	
8th TUGGERAH	13	1	2	10	6	30	<b>5</b>	-24	

### WEEK 14 PREVIEW

If the rain holds off ... it's a repeat of Round 1. It's the luck of the draw for some teams, unlucky for others with some playing each other three times this season, others only twice. Dropping to 7<sup>th</sup> spot, East Gosford will be hopeful of holding off Tuggerah. If the last two results are any indication, Kanwal might be in for a tough afternoon (hoping so for Wyoming's sake) against Woongarrah. Wyong may be nervous as their last loss was to Wyoming. Can the Tigers do it again? Killarney have it tough if they want to make the top 2 up against Budgewoi.

WEEK 14 (ROUND 15)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
EAST GOSFORD	VS	TUGGERAH	Hylton Moore Oval 1 (East Gosford)	July 23	11:45
KANWAL	VS	WOONGARRAH Football Club	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	July 23	13:30
WYONG	VS	WYOMING	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	July 23	15:00
KILLARNEY	VS	BUDGEWOI Football Club	Edsace North Field 3 (Killarney)	July 23	15:00

Cya Saturday!!