



# WYOMING 35CN



## CHRONICLES

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## GAME #15

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
2	 WYOMING	vs	 KANWAL	1	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	July 30	15:10

### CLOSING THE GAP

Judgement Day. The penultimate game of Season 2016 for the Wyoming 35CN squad. If they were to be any chance of squeezing into the finals they would have to defeat a team they'd lost to on both previous encounters. 4<sup>th</sup> placed Kanwal, 4 points ahead on the ladder. A loss for the Tigers would see an almost unobtainable 7-point gap to close. A draw would leave too many variables. A win it had to be, it was now or never! Despite the Tigers dominating the first half, the score remained locked at 0-0 by half time. Frustrations and nerves ensued. Shots straight to the keeper! Shots over the crossbar! Ridiculous offside rulings! Was this deadlock ever going to break? Then finally, midway through the second half, the pressure valve was released. The Tigers were in front!! Deservedly so. Now, it was just a matter of holding on. And then tragedy!! A misguided referee decision turned a goal kick into a corner kick and moments later, Kanwal had their equalizer. Tempers flared, voices of dissent rose and before play would resume, the Tigers had been reduced to 10 men. With only minutes remaining were their dreams of finals glory fading before them? Pfft! The Tigers had been wounded but they weren't out of the fight. And fight on they did with a sense of urgency in those final minutes. And rewarded they were. Justice prevailing as the Tigers found the winning goal in the dying minutes. They held on and roared triumphantly as the full time whistle was blown. A Kanwal player bemoaned to his teammates, "that hurt" and hurt it did. They had failed to heed the warning, 'Beware of the Wounded Tiger!'



## NERVOUS WRECKS

Just prior to kick off, Luca approached Andy, "I'm nervous mate". A surprise to be honest after what he'd overcome earlier that afternoon. He'd survived Julia's massage in the clubhouse without wailing like a little girl (I cannot say the same for Meady) and escaped the clutches of Flanno's threat of nipple cripples when Luca fitted a bit too comfortably into his No. 10 jersey. Nevertheless, he did look weary. The wine connoisseur had a late night at work hosting seminars on the art of cork soaking. That being said, he assured us he did not over indulge in the drinking department. Andy though wasn't the ideal teammate to approach for inspiring calm. He had plenty of concerns himself: did the email he sent out at 1am - stressing the importance of this game - do more harm than good? Was Flanno still mad at him for giving him a bench start last weekend, would he get the blame if Meady did the same today? His eyes panned the sideline. How many players did they have? Would Ross and Scott arrive on time? Would Tony, stuck in Maitland for work an hour before kick off, make it back? Would Brad be allowed to play with the huge hole in the backside of his skins? Were there more injuries? He knew Chris was still out but why was Fordo still in his jeans? --- A foot injury, what?? He was fine on Monday night at The Cure concert. He'd even refrained from any stage diving. What had happened since? Turns out he tripped on nothing whilst he was at work, yes that's right, nothing!! Flanno, Fordo's boss, assured us it was legit and not caused from any mishaps whilst trying to catch Pokemon. Meady, surviving his massage - despite the girlish squeals earlier - inspired some confidence by announcing we had 16 players on the team sheet, including Tony if he made it in time. Ross and Scott then arrived, nerves calmed, deep breaths, that's better ... now we just had to win this game, no pressure! ... As the first half bounced along, it was evident nerves had not subsided for all. Poor Gregg panicked on his first few touches. Was it the significance of this game or that today marked his 91<sup>st</sup> appearance for this team? Was he getting it confused with Game #100 and expecting the Queen to be watching from the sideline? What if the invisible sniper turned up again?? Zen master Flanno came to the rescue calmly telling him to relax. If you can't do then teach, right? Yes, Flanno found himself in the thick of it in the first half picking up a yellow card for an ongoing feud with a particular opposition player. Thankfully a counseling session from Ngari at half time simmered the storm. Just as well, because he had a great game and inspired many attacking chances.



FORDO's swankle (swollen ankle) / FORDO watches on as GREGG clarifies the location of the goal to MEADY

## KEEPER BOUND

There were several attacking opportunities in the first half and most of them ended with Brad knocking the ball straight to the keeper, whether it be with his boot (from an Andy cross) or his head (courtesy of a Luca- Flanno combo). Andy's curling corners came close but he wasn't doing much better in the shot department with his also going straight to the keeper, as were Frank's crosses. Stew had a swing and a miss from a Brad cross. Poor Stew. He was giving his all but it just wasn't clicking. Singo quipped at half time that Stew needed to run more. Stew's head dropped prompting Singo to quickly tell him he was joking. Oh Singo, they say sarcasm is the lowest form of wit (not that I agree, puns are much worse).



BRAD serves up an early chance for STEW



BRAD very close on several occasions.



ANDY threatens with a couple of corner kicks.



LUCA, FRANK and MEADY providing quality service.

## COMETH THE HOUR

The second half started much like the first. More attacking runs but no reward. Stew had a great chance but blasted it over the crossbar whilst Flanno sent Andy away for a one-on-one battle against their keeper only for the referee to rule him offside. The Wyoming faithful roared in protest from the sideline, he was not even close to being offside !! More protests ensued. Kanwal's keeper made a poor pass after receiving it from a throw-in. Andy intercepted and was ready for a shot when the ref called it back due to an earlier foul (no advantage I suppose). More anarchy from the sideline. Thankfully, the keeper was ready to repeat a similar mistake. A poor goal kick sent the ball Andy's way. He arced it over the backline and into the path of Brad. Brad's time of practice shots at the keeper was over. He smashed this one into the net. Goal!!! They had taken their sweet time but Wyoming were finally in the lead.



SCOTT and STEW's long shots



Waiting in the wings, BRAD breaks the deadlock ... GOAL !!



ANDY called offside from great service by FLANNO ... SCOTT points out the halfway line to the referee

### THE BURKE ULTIMATUM

A new twist in the Jason Burke saga occurred today. You may remember previous installments. There was The Burke Identity when Jason suffered temporary memory loss on which direction his team were going and sent the goal into his own net. Then there was The Burke Supremacy where Jason was the last man standing. Defending his post he saved the day by using one of his trademark karate kicks to send the ball away from imminent danger. Today, the occasion got the better of him. Aaron desperately dived forward as the ball bounced in front of him. Reaching out, he dropped his hand on the ball. The NRL bunker would've ruled no separation, try!! Not convinced, a Kanwal player kicked the ball from Aaron's hand and it sailed over the over the goal line. The referee declared there was no foul despite the protest that it was dangerous play. Oh well, Aaron was fine, goal kick ... right? Wrong! The referee ruled a corner kick ... What?? More protests ensued but he made his decision and that was that. The corner kick was taken, the ball sailed across the goal mouth passing the pack. At the far post, a Kanwal player pounced on it at the perfect time and smashed it into the netting. That's the tragedy of football. Everything can be going your way but in one moment a wrong decision or a momentary lapse in concentration and you can be punished. Now Jason wasn't having any of this and so The Burke Ultimatum clicked into gear. Having forgotten the day at Referee School where they taught him not to be verbally abusive to the ref, Jason was soon given his marching orders with a straight red.



KANWAL's equaliser after a dubious corner kick decision.



JASON given his marching orders.

## THE FIGHT BACK

Reduced to 10 men, Scott Howison stepped up to the center circle and decided to take a shot on the restart. On target, it almost caught the keeper off guard, almost! Scott's infusion into the midfield for the second half sparked many of the Tigers attacking options, particularly down the left flank. Collectively, Wyoming continued on with more crosses, more shots off target and more shots that found their way directly to the keeper. Were they going to run out of time? Was this not their day? Would they have to be content with a draw and endure all those "mathematically possible" equations for the next three weekends? ...



SCOTT takes a shot from the restart.



BRAD almost beats the keeper.



A leaping and diving BRAD connects with some quality crosses from Scott.



## STEWPENDOUS!!

Then, a few minutes remaining, Stevie G and Meady combined in the middle. Meady found Andy in waiting who promptly sent it into the 18 yard box. Up front, Scott leaped, the ball curled past him where Stewy was waiting beyond, unmarked. Stewy's first touch sent the ball forward. The Kanwal defenders converged. The race was on. Sheer determination saw Stewy get to it first. He struck. The keeper lunged to his right but there was no stopping it, Stew's strike had sent the ball hurtling into the net. Kanwal tried their case at an offside appeal. Nice try! Their keeper even yelled expletives at the referee but luckily for him the official hadn't heard or he would've joined Jason for a cup of tea in the carpark.



STEW nails the winner

## THE WALL

The final couple of minutes saw Wyoming hold out with more solid defence. It had been another heroic effort at the back. The past three games in fact have only seen goals conceded by set pieces, two corners, two free kicks, nothing during the run of play. Everyone did their part. Ross and Meady held the fort admirably; Mark, other than a misjudged jump at one point, was very composed and even conned the ref out of ruling on a corner kick (karma perhaps for the goal later?); Frank and Gregg made great runs to block attacks on the flank; and Flanno thwarted a shot. But it was Stevie G who stood out today. He was the wall, reading the aerial threats perfectly, getting his head and body to every 50/50 ball, a commanding performance. It was fitting he played a part in the winning goal.



GREGG holds the fort



AARON springs to action.



FRANK and FORDO thwart attackers



MARK comes up trumps, wins a goal kick and the scorn of the Kanwal crowd.



Highlights from the STEVIE-G-CAM



BRAD tells a KANWAL player this isn't time for Mardi gras / A half-time pit stop.

### THE MEAD MACHINE

All that sliding didn't pay off in the goal scoring department for Brad but it certainly did for the dirty shirts comp; Frank shouldered his way into some points and Andy picked up another point (though this could've been from his warm-up routine).



but the dirtiest of all →







## GOAL SCORING TALLY



### GOALS

Brad - 8  
 Andy - 4  
 Meady - 3, Stew - 2  
 Frank, Ken, Ross, Tony - 1

### ASSISTS

Andy - 5, Meady - 4  
 Luca - 3, Gregg - 2  
 Aaron, Brad, Chris,  
 Ross, Scott, Steve G - 1

## THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #14 (Brad)  
 2PTS - #9 (Frank)  
 1PT - #11 (Andy)

### TOTAL POINTSCORE

Brad - 19pts  
 Meady - 13pts  
 Andy - 12pts, Stevie G - 9pts  
 Aaron, Fordo, Frank, Luca - 5pts  
 Flanno, Gregg, Sargey - 3pts  
 Chris, Mark, Ross, Stew - 1pt



### YELLOW CARDS TALLY

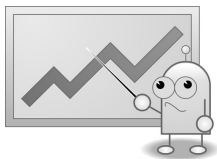
Flanno - 5 \*  
 Brad, Mark - 2  
 Jason, Luca, Meady, Ross, Sargey,  
 Scott, Steve G, Stew, Tony - 1

### BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

**WAYNE FORDHAM**

3PTS - Stewart  
 2PTS - Mark  
 1PT - Steve G

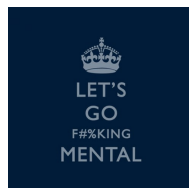


### STAT(S)

Milestones coming up:  
 Luca (40 games)

## WEEK 15 WRAP-UP

A round of upsets. Wyong triumphed over Budgewoi and reclaimed top spot. Killarney were held to a draw by Tuggerah. Woongarra's top 4 aspirations were dented by East Gosford who, having lost both previous encounters, finally overcame the Wildcats. Wyoming did the same to Kanwal, third time lucky. There is now just one point separating 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> spot.



WEEK 15 (ROUND 16)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	TUGGERAH	vs	KILLARNEY	1	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale)	July 30	12:30
2	BUDGEWOI	vs	WYONG	3	Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	July 30	13:00
2	WYOMING	vs	KANWAL	1	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	July 30	15:10
1	WOONGARRAH Football Club	vs	EAST GOSFORD	2	Hamlyn Terrace 2 (Woongarra)	July 30	15:15

CENTRAL COAST - 35CN 2016									
WEEK FIFTEEN									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st	WYONG	15	12	1	2	38	17	<b>37</b>	21
2nd	BUDGEWOI FC	15	11	2	2	54	20	<b>35</b>	34
3rd	KILLARNEY	16	8	4	4	29	15	<b>28</b>	14
4th	KANWAL	15	5	3	7	20	20	<b>18</b>	0
5th	WYOMING FOOTBALL CLUB	15	5	2	8	21	27	<b>17</b>	-6
6th	EAST GOSFORD	15	5	2	8	18	36	<b>17</b>	-18
7th	WOONGARRAH Football Club	16	4	3	9	16	36	<b>15</b>	-20
8th	TUGGERAH	15	1	3	11	8	33	<b>6</b>	-25

## WEEK 16 PREVIEW

Killarney vs Woongarra. Both only have two games remaining of the regular season. Killarney have wrapped up 3<sup>rd</sup> spot whilst the Wildcats are out of finals contention if they fail to pick up the three points. It's first vs last as Wyong hosts Tuggerah. The Emus have the League Champions title in their sights. Kanwal have the tough task of hosting Budgewoi knowing full well they could slip out of the Top 4 if they lose and there's a winner out of the East Gosford and Wyoming clash.

WEEK 16 (ROUND 17)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	WYONG	vs	TUGGERAH		Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	August 6	13:15
	EAST GOSFORD	vs	WYOMING		Hylton Moore Oval 1 (East Gosford)	August 6	13:30
	KANWAL	vs	BUDGEWOI		Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	August 6	13:30
	KILLARNEY	vs	WOONGARRAH Football Club		Edsacc North Field 1 (Killarney)	August 6	15:10

Cya Saturday!!