



WYOMING 35CN



CHRONICLES

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GAME #17

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 WYOMING	vs	 EAST GOSFORD	2	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 13	14:00

THE FLIP SIDE

Only four days after Wyoming 35CN had one of their best wins of the season, here they were battling East Gosford yet again for the Round 10 catch-up game. If Kanwal lost or drew their game against Budgewoi late that afternoon, then Wyoming would cement a finals spot here and now with a victory at their home ground. Hopes were high the boys from Tigertown could come out firing yet again and shut out their opposition as they had done so successfully mid-week. The Rams though weren't ready to bow down and hand it to them. No, they were determined to turn things around today and that they did. Whilst not complacent, the Tigers were marred by a lack of cohesion and bad luck. Ultimately their downfall was that damn curse of the set piece that reared its ugly head yet again. Two goals against, three disallowed goals for, it was not Wyoming's day. Nevertheless, the other results went their way and so at round's end, they've maintained 4th spot. A win in the final round will guarantee them a semi final.



THE USUAL SUSPECTS

Manager Meady wondered with only four days since the last game, would the boys be right to back-up? Aaron's visit to the doctor had provided the good news that nothing was broken but unfortunately he was no chance of returning by the weekend. Jason was serving the final part of his two-game suspension; and Ross had forgotten to write down today's catch-up game into his diary when the news was sent out back in June. Regardless, he was out due to family birthday party commitments. The pressure was on to make sure the rest were available. Chris said he'd give it another go despite pulling up sore yet again. Gregg, having been busy on Tuesday night due to a "building an electric guitar" class, was ready to rock on (on the field this time) and Dave was also available and ready to put the headgear back on. Everyone else from Tuesday night was available, yes even Tony !! Andy successfully convinced him to change his definition of "cameo" by playing back-to-back games. Yes he had to say the f-word - erm, finals! - to convince him. Come early Saturday afternoon, all but two had assembled in the clubhouse / change room. Those missing two were thankfully not running late but rather occupying the opposing sidelines of Field 1 coaching the respective sides of Wyoming and East Gosford 16A's encounter in the 35CN curtain raiser. Locked in a 1-1 draw, Luca's hopes of ending the deadlock and claiming bragging rights over Scott Howison ended when the Wyoming kid running towards the opposition goal and kicked it in true Andy attacking style over the crossbar. Luca vowed never to invite Andy to another training session for the boys again!



LUCA & SCOTT / TONY starts the game in the backline.

A REFEREE'S WOES

And so the boys took their positions, well all but Luca who was still putting his shirt on. The referee eyed the Wyoming squad with a look of recognition. Ah yes, that game at Eastern Road Oval a month ago. A nice bunch of guys he recalled but they did have that one troublemaker. Not to worry, word on the grapevine was that this particular rascal was serving a one-week suspension. Then to his horror he saw the team sheet. How could this be? What, he served his suspension on Tuesday night and was now cleared to play? Oh no!! The ref walked onto the hallowed soil of Alan Davidson Oval and there he was, the notorious Flanno, dressed in his playing strip. "Are you going to behave today?" he asked. "Of course" Flanno replied with that cheeky grin. For the most part he actually did.



The Return of FLANNO / STEVIE G the custodian / CHRIS makes an appearance late in the game.



THE CURSE CONTINUES !

It was not the magic start that the Tigers experienced in the previous encounter. The breaks weren't as frequent, the passing not as crisp and the discipline lacking. The latter forced a foul in dangerous territory. The Rams took their free kick. It sailed past the pack, bound for the net. Just for good measure, an East Gosford player got his noggin to it to put it beyond doubt... Wyoming were suddenly a goal down !!



Back heel magic from LUCA

OVER THE LINE !!

Confident this was just a temporary setback, the Tigers fought desperately to find an equalizer. Luca was impressing with his back heel skills; Flanno was providing quality service; Andy and Fordo were putting the opposition keeper on edge with some high balls from the flanks and Brad just didn't stop. Upon making an attacking run towards the right edge of the 18-yard box, Brad was fouled. Penalty? Sadly not. The referee pointed at a small divot just beyond the line ruling a free kick much to Brad's disdain. Suiting a left footer, Andy stepped forward. The wall amassed, accompanied by Flanno. Andy wasn't sure at first if Flanno was creating an extra barrier or not. Regardless, he took the shot. It stayed low, curled past the wall and looked set for a rendezvous with the net. The keeper stretched out and managed to block it ... Luca was probably the most vocal in declaring the ball had sailed past the line. Of course, the Referee wasn't in any position to make this call and there was no linesman at this end. No damn goal line technology either !! The keeper would later declare it was a goal but such honesty was too little too late, it would not go on record nor change the scoreboard.



Above: FORDO's cross. / Below: FLANO's free kick





BRAD gets fouled just outside the box.



ANDY's free kick appears to go over the line ... the referee objects to using Marco's goal line technology.

THE GENTLE GIANT

Brad caused the most trouble for the defence not only for his tenacity in attack but also his dibber dobber prowess. Utilising quality counting skills, Brad realised the keeper had held onto the ball too long, breaking the six-second rule. The referee awarded Wyoming another free kick. Flanno and Scott conspired to put this one away but a wall of Rams blocked the hope in this one getting through. Scott took a curling left shot from the right edge towards the top left corner. It hit the roof of the net, so close!! Brad was also almost rewarded with two more worthy assists. One he sent back to Andy whose shot was saved; and right at the end of the first half, he sent it past the keeper and across the goal to ... Dave. Dave was in prime position to finish it but he gave new meaning to the term 'gentle giant' when his shot was a mere tap. The keeper rushed back and got his hands to it just before Andy could get there. Dave stated at half time he'd used up all his energy to get to that spot and had nothing in the tank to hit it any harder. Was it merely tobacco he'd been smoking before the game? Who knows.



BRAD sends a perfect ball to DAVE.



SCOTT's shot just misses the target, bouncing off the roof of the net.



ANDY takes a shot from a back pass from BRAD.



MEADY's header attempt from ANDY's corner



SCOTT's free kick

A DEEPER HOLE

So half time came and went. The Tigers still shell shocked that they were losing this game. Least they didn't have the muddy end to deal with in attack for this half. That end didn't seem to bother the Rams though. Another foul and another free kick was awarded. At an acute angle, the cross arced towards the goalmouth. It was blocked but unfortunately a Rams player had the space at the front of the 18-yard box and made no mistake in drilling it into the net. 2-nil ??? The dream had become a nightmare!!



EAST GOSFORD's 2nd goal.

A FAINT HOPE

Time was running out but hope remained when the Tigers were awarded a free kick. Scott stepped up. He curled it beautifully across the waiting pack and Tony headed it into the net ... but wait, the referee had blown his whistle !! An infringement inside the 6-yard box but it wasn't a foul committed by the Tigers ... Luca was the victim, he'd been rammed !! The ref pointed to the spot - penalty !! Not quite sure why Tony's goal couldn't just stand or could it be like rugby league and have a penalty try (or in this case, a goal) to follow, ie. two goals?? Not so. Scott though made no mistake in putting it away. The keeper dived out in the right direction but was no chance of reaching the perfectly placed shot. Wyoming were finally on the scoreboard!!



SCOTT's free kick, LUCA fouled, TONY heads it into the net but ref calls penalty rather than rule advantage.



SCOTT puts the spot kick away perfectly.

DISALLOWED EQUALISER

In the dying minutes, the equalizer looked to have finally come. Scott crossed the ball from the left. Chris leapt up, got a head to it. It sailed across the crowded goal mouth where Stew's noggin' was perfectly positioned. He cranked it under the crossbar - Goal !! But the linesman's flag had gone up. Ref, please don't see, please don't see. Sadly he did and refuted the goal. A few threatening corner kicks came and went and one final cross by Andy came within inches of finding Brad and Chris but that was all she wrote, the Tigers had run out of time to get the points today.



STEW's goal disallowed for an offside infringement.



BRAD the timer keeper dobs in the keeper / BRAD does some ramming of his own



One of SCOTT's quality crosses



TONY comes close a couple of times.



A corner & another sky bound shot by ANDY





SCOTT sends ANDY down the flank, the subsequent cross just misses BRAD & CHRIS.



SCOTT heads it on target from a MEADY cross.



Another stellar effort from MEADY today.



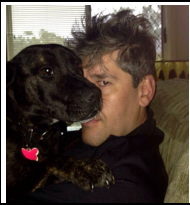
GREGG accused by MEADY of sleeping on the job ... Don't mess with the "WAL" !!



"Yee-har!!!" shouts FORDO as he manages to keep the ball in play ... The Hedge kidnaps another ball !!



FLANNO enjoys some temporary blindness from the officials ... Still looking for that f***ing ball !!



THE LUCA & ZIGGY PITCH REPORT



"We will be playing tomorrow. Ziggy and I had a look on Thursday morning and it was as dry as a pommy's bath towel"
(FRIDAY, 12TH AUGUST 2016)

THE MEAD MACHINE

Luca picked up the three points (quite possibly whilst he was break dancing in the 8-yard box upon winning his team a penalty; Andy and Meady's points put them at equal 2nd on the season tally.



NIGEL



KEVIN



CHRIS







GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

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

ASSISTS

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

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #10 (Luca)
 2PTS - #11 (Andy)
 1PT - #29 (Meady)

TOTAL POINTSCORE

Brad - 21pts
 Andy, Meady - 14pts
 Luca - 11pts; Stevie G - 9pts;
 Aaron, Fordo, Frank - 5pts
 Flanno, Gregg, Sargey - 3pts
 Chris, Mark, Ross, Stew, Tony - 1pt



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

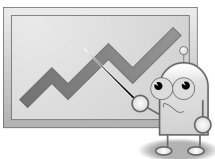
Flanno - 5 *
 Brad - 3; Mark - 2
 Jason, Luca, Meady, Ross, Sargey,
 Scott, Steve G, Stew, Tony - 1

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

SUE FORBES

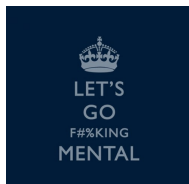
3PTS - Andy
 2PTS - Gregg
 1PT - Meady



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WEEK 17 WRAP-UP

Wyong have wrapped up the League Champions title with a big win over Tuggerah. Budgewoi dropped out of that race due to a 0-0 draw with Kanwal who were desperate to stay in the finals hunt. To their good fortune, Wyoming squandered their chance to seal fourth spot by losing to East Gosford. Woongarrah's chances of sneaking into the finals were blown by a huge defeat by Killarney who had their first win in five games.



WEEK 17 (ROUND 10+17)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
0	TUGGERAH	vs	WYONG	6	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale)	August 13	12:00
1	WYOMING	vs	EAST GOSFORD	2	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 13	14:00
6	KILLARNEY	vs	WOONGARRAH	1	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	August 13	14:30
0	BUDGEWOI	vs	KANWAL	0	Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	August 13	15:00

CENTRAL COAST - 35CN									
2016									
WEEK SEVENTEEN									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		17	14	1	2	46	17	43	29
2nd		17	12	3	2	57	22	39	35
3rd		17	9	4	4	35	16	31	19
4th		17	6	2	9	24	29	20	-5
5th		17	6	2	9	20	39	20	-19
6th		17	5	4	8	22	23	19	-1
7th		17	4	3	10	17	42	15	-25
8th		17	1	3	13	8	41	6	-33

WEEK 18 PREVIEW

The final round. Places 1st to 3rd are wrapped up but 4th is a three-horse race between Wyoming, East Gosford and Kanwal. Wyoming have the advantage on the ladder being a point ahead of Kanwal and a superior for and against over East Gosford but they face tough opponents Killarney who they have yet to beat. East Gosford have an equally tough task against Budgewoi. Kanwal look to have the easiest fixture of the three with the bottom-placed Tuggerah ... but stranger things have happened. If the Tigers and Rams fall this weekend, Kanwal needs only a draw for finals qualification.

WEEK 18 (ROUND 18)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	WYOMING	vs	KILLARNEY		Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 20	13:30
	WOONGARRAH	vs	WYONG		Hanlynn Terrace 1 (Woongarrah)	August 20	15:00
	TUGGERAH	vs	KANWAL		Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale)	August 20	15:10
	BUDGEWOI	vs	EAST GOSFORD		Budgewoi FC 1 (Budgewoi)	August 20	15:10

Cya Saturday!!