



WYOMING 35ES

CHRONICLES

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SEMI FINAL



THE MISSING CARD

After overcoming the team photo session headaches the night before, pre-game jitters went into overdrive on game day when it appeared Darren might not be able to play due to a missing registration card. Thankfully dodgy attempts to trick the officials were not required as due to having a coach card he was allowed to play - and give coaching directions to his son playing on the adjacent field.



THE WARM-UP

Most of the warm-up time was wasted on the team trying to line up in numerical order; trying to distract Bret away from his headphones to join us for the team photo; and Kev trying to implement a tricky pass-and-run combination that hadn't been in place since 2011 - when players turned up to training!



HURT FEELINGS

Finally the game began! The Spice Girls music playing earlier on Bret's headphones didn't inspire the calming effect he'd hoped for when he was yellow carded within the first few minutes for disputing the linesman. "I thought you were better than that" he called to the official after the ball went out for a corner and was ruled a throw-in. The poor guy had to fill out a 'Hurt Feelings' report after the game. The Tigers ran riot early with two quick goals courtesy of a soft right footer that barely crossed the line from Andy and another magical shot from Tony. The ball didn't smash through the netting this time but there was more hurt feelings - from Andy this time - with Tony scoring his first goal this season without his assist. Tony apologised at half time for his "cheating" / lack of loyalty. Dean was inches away from netting a third goal and avoiding the end of season "undies run" - next game Dean!!



F-F-F-FASHION

Things started to fire up midway through the first half. Obviously having heard Framey's complaints about the tight shirts we had to wear against Kariong game last week, one of the Woy Woy players decided to give Framey some more chest space by extending the 'V' at the front. A kind gesture indeed but I'm not sure why Framey was then rugby tackled and punched at -- then again the fashion world is a crazy, bizarre one. Bret particularly liked the 1970s look of the shirt but the referee did not share Bret's sentiments indicating too much yellow when he held up his fashion judgement cards. Everyone's a critic it would seem !



THE SECOND HALF

The second half saw a slip up in intensity and we paid the price with two Woy Woy goals in quick succession. There were plenty of chances for a third Tigers goal with most of the midfield and forwards getting shots in. Tony's came closest, hitting the woodwork. Then, with only a few minutes left, Mick had a solid shot at goals. The keeper deflected it into the path of Andy who - thankfully didn't stuff it up with his right foot - found the net. Woy Woy only had time for racial blurts before the referee called full time!! **GRAND FINAL** here we come !



AND THEN THERE WAS TWO...

Mountains won the ensuing semi final convincingly - and without incident - over Kariong with a 4-0 scoreline. Kev attempted to convince their star striker - who had an off day with the boot - to move to the backs next weekend. Those remaining Tigers

players to watch the game did endure some mild heckling from the Mountains supporters and one of the players called out to us at full time - "we're coming for you Wyoming" ... Exactly how it should be, the best two teams of the year battling it out for the ultimate prize!!

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FOUR MORE WYOMING TEAMS QUALIFY FOR GRAND FINALS

Aug 27: Congratulations to the U13As, M35Es, W15As and M18Ds who have joined the club's W13A teams in qualifying for Grand Finals. Three of the deciders will be played next weekend and two the following weekend. Two teams, M16B and WAA3, remain in contention and will play in Finals next weekend while all three MPL teams will play in next Sunday's major semi finals. Full details will be posted once venues/times have been confirmed.

CODA

An awesome effort from all on the day. A big shout out to Gregg who was at his defensive best all game. Kudos to Jason Cottier - who could only stay for the first half - for stepping down for the game due to us having too many players. Looking forward to seeing you on the field for the GF. Apologies on behalf of the team to Adam and Ron for not getting a run, the substitution mutiny was a bit of a mess and hoping that's fixed up this weekend. Finally, calls have gone out to find Mr Moyagi to administer miracle cures for Meady's (groin); Mick (knee); Finchy (ankle) and Elton (hamstring?). Strapping, good drugs, adrenaline and sheer will should hopefully get you all over the line.

Whatever happens on Saturday, whatever that trophy reads, it's been an awesome adventure with you all. Let's keep our cool, play our normal game, and most of all ... enjoy the fact that - **WE'RE IN THE GRAND FINAL.**

Cya Saturday!!