





WYOMING 35ES

CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 UMINA	vs	 WYOMING	Umina Oval 2	April 6 (2013)	15:00

GAME #1 - UMINA (LOST 1-2)

A full squad of 18 players arrived at the sandpit that is Umina Oval to experience a rare anomaly - actual grass on the field !! Obviously it could only be Round #1. Captain / Coach / Tenacious Substitute Co-ordinator Kev Flanagan and former NSL superstar Tony Crecca opted out of the first game to give way to the new recruits. Perhaps it was lack of fitness; a lack of knowing where everyone was supposed to be positioned - (we had two left midfielders at one stage); or again, the shock of having grass under our boots, that our team didn't have the flare today to start the season with a win. Apart from the initial few minutes, the first half clearly belonged to Umina and we were lucky to only be down 0-1 at half time. We came out firing in the second half, dominating the first few minutes in their half but couldn't come up with the goods. Umina dashed all hope with a second goal when they had two unmarked players in front of the goalmouth! Aaron, who had a stellar game in goals, couldn't even blame Meady - he was on the bench at the time !! Paul came up a solid late goal but unfortunately turned out to be a consolation as there were only four minutes left. Nevertheless, a much better second half and a stronger presence in the midfield.

THE MARQUEE PLAYER CURSE !

The only dominating force for Wyoming in the first half was Nathan knocking their smallest player off his feet. Nathan lamented at half time the opposition had cottoned onto him being our marquee player and as a result he was swamped with three players at a time - a curse you'll just have to bare for the rest of the season buddy.

FRAMEY'S FREE KICK ANGST

Andy sent a free kick over the crossbar that had Framey declaring he was up next. When the opportunity arose in the second half, Paul stepped up and sent it so wide that it went over the sideline not the goal line. A tip for next round, nobody get in the way of Framey botching up the first attempt!

YELLOW CARDS

Steve opened up his account with the team's first card for the year. Kev, you've got some catching up to do !

SHOTS, SLIDES AND FINALLY A GOAL !

Not too many shots on goal. Elton had to resort to a left foot hit that didn't quite have the power; Andy had a crack but the keeper managed to get a finger tip to it; and Jeff opted to slide first and kick later in his attempt. Paul showed us all how it was done with a cracker of a shot into the left corner of the net.

KEEPER BULLSHIT

Throughout the annals of football history, it is a known practice that when the goalkeeper yells out "keeper's" that all fellow teammates are to heed these words and allow the almighty gloved one to have his/her way. Well not when it comes to Meady. Aaron's call had all the power and conviction you'd expect from a keeper but Meady responded with the word "bullshit!" and promptly cleared the ball over the sideline. Don't mess with a sweeper !!

NEXT WEEKEND...

Well that loss put us at the depths of the ladder, mainly due to the other three games in our division being washed out. We take on Southern Ettalong next weekend. We had a tough 0-0 battle, and a big 6-0 win (although they only had 10 men) in the follow-up. They'll not only be out to avenge that but also our last minute loss to Kariong in the final round last year that ended their finals hopes. Our first game on home turf for the year and having Kev and Tony back on the field will be very welcomed. Cya Saturday