





WYOMING 35ES

CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
7	 WYOMING	vs	 KARIONG	Alan Davidson Oval 1	May 18 (2013)	13:00

GAME #6 - KARIONG (DREW 2-2)

Using the word 'gallant' to describe a team's performance is so often used in sport reports that it has become a cliché but I don't care, it sums up beautifully the Wyoming 35ES effort today. Starting with 10 men and being down by two goals midway through the first half, Wyoming clawed their way back to almost come away with a win against the Kariong Cougars today at Alan Davidson Oval.



INTERCHANGE ... WHAT'S THAT?

The number of players injured on the sideline almost outnumbered those on the playing field today. Andy (knee), Chris (ankle - oh, and broken thumb), Mark (calf) and Dave (ribs) all watched on whilst Steve G, Aaron, Nate (apparently the tests on the red frog were inconclusive and he'll return next week) and Jeff were absent. The latter I was told by his wife Di is still "down the hole". I'm not sure if this means work or she's trapped him in a basement for scoring a goal whilst she wasn't watching. Meady was also absent at kick-off. Feeling bad for accidentally injuring his 11 year old daughter, he attempted to masquerade as her for the U11's game on the other side of the clubhouse -- until the ref sent him off ... He then joined the 35ES game to make it '11'. In fact, we only had 10 regular players but thankfully Brendon O'Connor was kind enough to help out. Paul had called Framey the night before expressing doubt about playing due to a hamstring gripe but Framey wasn't having any of that - "you're playing!!". And so he did, enduring the pain and walking away with a bruised leg for his troubles at game's end. Jason took a knock on the knee during the first half but bravely returned for the second half. With no substitutes available, the team endured a full game without any interchanges and despite all this dominated the game. Kudos to you all for an awesome effort !!



NO GLOVES, NO WORRIES !!

Elton and Gregg shared the keeping duties today but someone had forgotten to supply them with gloves. With or without, the gloves would've made no difference in stopping either of the two goals scored by Kariong. The first was a classy shot from the right wing, the second was a beautiful cross from the right to an unmarked player at the

left post ... Gregg took over for the second half and was soon at the mercy of a penalty kick. Kariong's number 15 spent the first half sulking at the linesmen for continually ruling him offside and the second half diving in the box. This one however was a legitimate ruling. When the ref pointed to the spot, Gregg retorted with an ironic "thanks guys" to his teammates. He need not have worried - the penalty kick went wide. Never in doubt though really, we had 11 men on the field at the time. Kariong scored both their goals when we were reduced to '10'. The first with Meady off on U11's duty, the second when Jason was off injured. Kariong had several other attempts including three on target but Meady prevented each of these with solid goal line defence, the last was a free kick he managed to clear with his head.

PAUL'S GOALS: THE ONGOING SAGA

There were some early chances for an equaliser after the early goal against. Tony had another one of his field goal attempts. Dean was at the centre of some nice crosses. He got a touch to one from Meady and managed a pass to Paul from a Jason cross. Paul's shot however just dipped over the crossbar, landing on the top of the net. Paul found the target on the next opportunity. Some nice build up play involving Brendan, Tony and Framey led to Brad putting in a beautiful cross. Paul headed it into the net giving Wyoming a sniff of hope going into the second half. Despite the hamstring injury flaring up, Paul went agonisingly close again in the second half when a shot hit the top left corner of the goal post. Finally, after dodging a bullet from Kariong's missed penalty, Paul managed the perfect equaliser when he hit a cracker of a shot from the right wing ... 2-2!! There were more chances, Paul and Elton particularly working their magic on the left hand side. Framey could've made it '3' on a few occasions but we'll get to that in a minute.



BENJI AND THE BULLDOG

Framey and Kev might've picked some new nicknames. A hand ball from Framey prompted son Ryan and cohorts to call out "Benji" in kiwi accents ... Soon after, Kev found himself in the thick of it having to get through three opposition players at once. Despite losing the ball, he refused to give up and grunted during his pursuit. "Go Bulldog!" was the chant from the sideline. Pardon the pun but Kev lapped up the chant, grinning all the while.



THE FREE KICK / FRAMEY'S FOUR OF A KIND

Hell almost broke loose when Tony was taken down just outside the penalty area. A minor scuffle ensued. Worried that Tony might level his score on the 'Yellow Card' tally, Kev quickly intervened and picked up his third for the season. Framey put his hand up to take the kick. Okay, so Framey's attempt went over the crossbar ... and okay, there were three more attempts at goal from the illustrious premier league coach / poker maestro before the final whistle blew: One swung just wide of the posts; another went well wide - almost hitting Day Street - and the third went straight to the keeper. An off day with the boot? You couldn't say that, his first half set-ups were all crisp, accurate touches. Was it a wind change? No, Elton had made a pact with the team to stay away from cordial on the mornings of game day ... The culprit this time - Dean and Sharon's dog - Pickles!! Perhaps out of revenge for Framey's derisive comments about the Wests Tigers performance last night, the little mutt opted to relieve himself on Framey's bag at half time. Now what has clearly happened here is that some of this must've gotten on Framey's boots prior to him running on the field for the second half and therefore creating the slippery catalyst for all that ensued. I'm curious if this dog was anywhere near Gregg in the first half, oops sorry Gregg.



AN OFFSIDE THROW-IN ?










In the dying seconds of the game, Tony had the chance to run away with it after a throw-in deflected off a Kariong player's head and into Tony's path up the wing. Incredulously, the ref ruled offside. According to him Tony was offside as soon as the deflection took place. Rorted !!

ROUND 7 RESULTS

Had to do a double take when I saw the scores from this weekend. Two major upsets with Woy Woy and Terrigal picking up their first wins of the season against the previously undefeated East Gosford 2 and Umina respectively. East Gosford 1 had the bye meaning the top three remain on 12pts. The draw with Kariong kept us out of the Top 4 but thankfully the gap with the top teams has narrowed to '4' points. Kariong and Wyoming are the only teams yet to have the bye. Avoca also had their first win of the season leaving Southern Ettalong languishing at the bottom. With only three points possible in our next two rounds, a win against Woy Woy will give us a healthy buffer from the lower teams.

EAST GOSFORD 2 (1) I. WOY WOY (2)
AVOCA (3) d SOUTHERN ETTALONG (1)
WYOMING (2) drew KARIONG (2)
TERRIGAL (3) d UMINA (1)
EAST GOSFORD 1 - BYE

35ES (CENTRAL COAST) - 2013

WEEK 6		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st	 2	5	4	0	1	1	13	5	12	8
2nd		5	4	0	1	1	12	5	12	7
3rd	 1	5	4	0	1	1	10	3	12	7
4th		6	3	1	2	0	10	9	10	1
5th		6	2	2	2	0	15	11	8	4
6th		5	1	2	2	1	5	5	5	0
7th		4	1	1	2	1	3	6	4	-3
8th		5	1	0	4	1	5	14	3	-9
9th		6	0	0	6	1	4	21	0	-17

ROUND 8

SOUTHERN ETTALONG vs EAST GOSFORD 2

EAST GOSFORD 1 vs TERRIGAL

UMINA vs AVOCA

WOY WOY vs WYOMING

KARIONG - BYE