





WYOMING 35ES

CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
10	 WYOMING	vs	 UMINA	Alan Davidson Oval 1	June 15 (2013)	12:45

GAME #8 - UMINA (WON 2-1)

Wyoming 35ES were out to make amends to their many fans for the disappointment of a sloppy round one loss against Umina - an opponent who have since gone on to become the competition frontrunners. An early goal to the Eagles looked set to keep the winning trend in their favour but the Tigers proved yet again to be the fight back kings with two goals in the final fifteen minutes keeping their undefeated record at Alan Davidson intact and entrenching themselves in the Top 4 as we reach the mid-way point of the season.



Photos by Alistair Kennedy

SLOUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON

We're not sure what is the cause for this ongoing trend of slow starts that saw the 35 Elites (oops, sorry that's a different team, a team that killed it last night at trivia), um, the 35ES, having to play catch up by conceding an early goal yet again. There are two theories for this particular game: 1) More than half the team attended the annual trivia night and were perhaps a tad hung over this morning. And no, the reason Nathan was limping around and not playing today was not due to a drunken incident last night, no he just fell out of a tree at work mid-week; or 2) Fifteen minutes prior to kick off the team had to gather for a photo shoot. This appeared to cause some anxiety and may have drained a lot of energy. Now some may be thinking that this related to the jerseys. With nineteen players in attendance and only 17 jerseys, it was certain that two would miss out. But with their sore knee and soft tissue whinging, who cares if Andy and Jason weren't wearing the pinnacle jerseys with whatever that sponsors name is on the front. Nah, screw 'em, they could wear the U16 jerseys! ... There was conjecture that Deano should've paid for more jerseys but that back row bench that collapsed during the photo shoot was just an accident, so conspiracy theorists can pipe down that Deano was being targeted!! An accident I tell you!! The U16s jersey fitted me just fine, I didn't care. Was just happy to be in it and then go buy a sandwich filled with delicious sausages from Bobbo's Meats, the best in town!! Mmm, delicious ... Anyway, I think the anxiety was really about looking the best for the photo. Squeezing in a beer gut for too long can cause discomfort; too much hair gel can mix with sweat on the field and get in your eyes; being too short that you're forced to kneel down in the front row - Over 35s knees aren't built for this - could've left some of them there till the end of winter. One player was particularly upset when told the tiara he was wearing caused lens flare and had to be removed ... There was also the anxiety of not getting much of a warm up before kick off. Only Gregg had the foresight to factor this in and started warming up four hours prior.



THE OFFSIDE TRAP

There's always a point in the game where as a defender you're out of breath (takes about thirty seconds after kick off in a Over 35s game) and outnumbered. The ball and attackers go past and you're left with a choice -- you can chase, give up, or as a third alternative ... throw your arms in the air; goad that terrified 14 year old sideline official into lifting their flag with an evil glare; and yell out in your most demonic voice, "offside!!!" ... Sadly today ... it didn't work.

PENALTIES ... PROUDLY SPONSORED BY JACK DANIELS

Down 0-1 early, it appeared Wyoming were set to level it early when Umina conceded a penalty due to a handball infringement. The goal scoring guru Paul Ashton stepped up, Gavin stood a few meters behind the net, bugle at the ready, the shot was low, on target ... but ... saved !! A few minutes later, it was Umina's turn. Kev stays close to the attacker, forcing him wide, the player gets around him, approaches goal ... now you don't have to be a clairvoyant to know what's going to happen next ... Kev, just can't help himself. Oops, that's not the ball, that's his leg. Penalty ! ... The Umina player stepped up, the shot was high, off target ... Apparently the Central Coast Mariners recruiters in attendance were very impressed and were offering contracts.

CHRIS ALMIGHTY

Having been plagued by an ankle injury early in the season, Chris made a triumphant return to the 35ESs today making his mark late in the second half with a ten minute spell that changed the outcome of the game. Forming a magical combination with Elton - who hadn't played for a month - the dynamic duo caused havoc up the right flank with some impressive one-two manoeuvres. At one point Chris was running through space up the middle. Paul was free on the left but Chris opted to move into heavier traffic on the right side and got a ball away to Elton. Favouritism? It brought to mind memories of the Port Macquarie end of season trip where a near altercation with some locals prompted most of the team to retire for the night ... but not Chris and Elton ... they weren't going to let some wannabe thugs spoil their night, and remained as the last two standing. Survival stories such as these can create strong bonds and perhaps a brotherly pact was formed that night. Whatever it is, it worked. Their combination led to the equaliser with Chris laying off a beautiful pass across the front of goal and Ben Wilkinson pouncing on it. Ben's shot was perfect, low and straight, the keeper had no chance. Making up for lost time, Chris wasn't content with a draw and when a corner kick from Paul came his way, he let the noggin do the work this time. His knock sent the ball just over the line. The keeper tried to conceal it with a quick scoop but the ref wasn't fooled - GOAL!! Brilliant !!



The winning play !

THE CRECCA CONTRACT

Substitute boss Andy was ready to drag Tony to the bench early on when he almost scored with a header courtesy of a corner taken by Paul. Tony is under a contractual agreement to only score goals from Andy assists. This is why most of his shots tend to gravitate a few miles over the crossbar or towards the cricket nets. After last weekend's game, lawyers had warned Meady not to give Tony any more coaching advice on how to kick a ball on target but they remained nervous when the former NSL superstar remarked that Andy's corners were fading into forgotten memories and that he'd been replaced. When Tony took another shot at goal from a Paul pass, Jordana watched on, losing a few nails in the process, desperately hoping this wouldn't be his final game ever - but all was okay, he missed. If anyone gets onto the roof of Coles Shopping Centre and finds that ball, please return to Wyoming Football Club. Cheers.



Somehow I don't think Tony is going to get the ball this time.

THE LIMPING PARTY

This week's contestants: Framey (back); Meady (ankle) and Aaron (back) who had to be replaced at keeper after taking a bad knock during a scramble to stop an attacking play. Aaron had made a great save from a free kick just prior to this. Framey, Meady, Aaron, Nathan, Jason ... Hope you're all making quick recoveries.



Reach for the skies !! (Note: Meady's ankle injury was not caused in this play)

THE KEV TALLY

- Kev "Flanno" Flannagan: Yellow Cards (Four)
- Kev Lee: Foul Throws (Three)
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FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The goal scoring curse for Dean continues but had it not been an unlucky day for Paul at the front, Dean would've surely come away with a couple of assists at the very least.
- Dave came agonisingly close as well when the ball from a free kick came his way and hit the woodwork. Ben and Dean joined the mad scramble but unfortunately Umina managed to clear it. Dave also got involved in some of the Chris and Elton magic and unlucky also not to come away with an assist when an Elton shot went wide.
- Mark, who had a great game, was cautioned by the ref for using his elbows too much. But it was Meady who apparently broke an opponents nose.
- Gregg's chance of glory was taken away from him when Andy switched him to the backs prior to a free kick. In his defence, Andy declared that there were just too many high trees at that end of the field and did not want to risk another sniper attempt.



LADDER AFTER WEEK 9

- The top 3 are all locked on 18pts, with an extremely narrow goal differential separating each of them.
- Wyoming jumped to 4pts clear of 5th place but those two damn draws are keeping us of equal 1st. A win over East Gosford 2 this Thursday night will help bridge the gap.
- No changes to the positions of 5th through to 9th.

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WEEK 9		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st	 1	8	6	0	2	1	18	5	18	13
2nd	 2	8	6	0	2	1	22	10	18	12
3rd		8	6	0	2	1	19	8	18	11
4th		8	4	2	2	1	21	15	14	6
5th		8	3	1	4	2	13	15	10	-2
6th		8	2	3	3	1	11	13	9	-2
7th		7	2	2	3	2	7	9	8	-2
8th		9	1	1	7	1	10	28	4	-18
9th		8	1	1	6	1	7	25	4	-18

RESULTS

ROUND 8 [RE-SCHEDULED] (11TH & 16TH JUNE 2013)

EAST GOSFORD 1 (1) I. TERRIGAL (2)

SOUTHERN ETTALONG (1) I. EAST GOSFORD 2 (5)

ROUND 10 (15TH JUNE 2013)

EAST GOSFORD 1 (5) d AVOCA (0)

KARIONG (3) I. EAST GOSFORD 2 (4)

WYOMING (2) d UMINA (1)

SOUTHERN ETTALONG (1) I. WOY WOY (3)

TERRIGAL - BYE

Last Thursday's Round 3 re-scheduled games were washed out.

COMING UP ...

Umina and East Gosford 1 have had their first encounter re-scheduled yet again for this coming Sunday. A draw would be nice!

ROUND 3 [RE-SCHEDULED] (20TH JUNE 2013)

WOY WOY v KARIONG (at Bloodtree Oval, 1815hrs)

EAST GOSFORD 2 v WYOMING (at Bloodtree Oval, 2000hrs)

ROUND 11 (22ND JUNE 2013)

AVOCA v KARIONG

EAST GOSFORD 2 v TERRIGAL

SOUTHERN ETTALONG v WYOMING

WOY WOY v EAST GOSFORD 1

UMINA - BYE

ROUND 3 [RE-SCHEDULED] (23RD JUNE 2013)

UMINA v EAST GOSFORD 1