



# WYOMING 35ES

## CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
MAJOR SEMI FINAL	 WYOMING	vs	 UMINA	Gavenlock Oval 1	August 10 (2013)	14:00

### MAJOR SEMI FINAL: VS UMINA (WON 1-0)

This was it. The business end of the season had begun. A large crowd graced the sidelines - though the ref did attempt to drive them back into the swamp - of Field 1 at Gavenlock Oval to see if the League Champions (I never tire of saying that), the Wyoming 35ES, could continue their great run. 'Twas a beautiful Saturday afternoon, not a cloud in the sky. The ground wasn't too pretty though - even less so after Aaron had finished scrapping away at it - and nor was the game to watch but the mighty Tigers overcame a tight contest with a late goal to book their place in the Grand Final in a fortnight's time.



## THE BATTLE OF EAGLES

The Umina Eagles looked threatening and had several shots throughout the game but they weren't able to get one past the Tigers backline who I learnt in post-game celebration drinks, have an Eagles bond themselves, a Sea Eagles bond. Yes sadly, Meady, Brad, Mark and our keeper Aaron all support Manly. They have become much hated by all the other teams in the 35ES division this year. I'm not sure if it's due to this most recent revelation or the fact that for the eighth game in a row they've kept Wyoming to a clean sheet. You be the judge of that. Another great effort though. Stellar saves from Aaron yet again and supported brilliantly by the backs. In one play, Umina managed a second shot after Aaron had made the initial save but Meady and the boys were lined up along the goal line and cleared it away. There was some controversy in the first half when the ref ruled Meady had fouled a player and whether it was inside the 18 yard box or not. The ref opted for the free kick but thankfully Umina's shot hit the better part of the crossbar for the Tigers.



Aaron makes get another great save.



Umina's controversial free kick

## ATTACK OF THE TIGERS

Star goalscorer Paul Ashton returned to the Tigers after his trial with a Bali team ended after only two weeks - their assessment, he put down more bintangs than goals. (Note: I'm allowed to say bintang as despite a VB can appearing in nearly every team photo each week, there is no sponsorship deal in place to cause such a conflict of interest). There weren't too many opportunities for Paul though in the first half and the chances he had were limited to right foot shots ... Chris took a shot on target early in the first half but the keeper was well placed ... Framey took a few free kicks that kept the Umina backs on their toes ... Steve George bothered the defence in the later part of the game despite running off petrol fumes by this stage - he'd been up since 5am as his missus surprised him for his 40th birthday today with a trip to Eastern Creek to have a few spins in a V8 supercar ... and Meady came close with a header from an Andy corner ... Locked at a stalemate, it was starting to dawn that this game might be headed to golden goal extra time. Then it happened, Meady took a great run up the middle of the park and kept going. Finally he got a pass to Paul who struck it beautifully with his left foot into the top left corner of the net ... no wait, hang on, that was ruled offside and it was already 1-0 at this stage. I do apologise. No Meady, despite your attempts to spin it, this was not the winning play. Mark had passed it down the right flank to flu-ridden Andy who then got it to Paul. Paul dodged past the last defender and shot it - with his right foot - into the right corner of the net. The keeper had no chance. Absolutely brilliant finish !!



Chris gets in an early shot



Paul's shot saved



Framey's free kick.



Another free kick by Framey / Steve George & Meady airborne for a corner



The Disallowed Goal



Mark passes it to ... Andy (out of shot - Ngari opted not to photograph him - ouch!)



... Paul receives the pass and manoeuvres past the last defender ...



Paul, now in the clear, gets a shot away ...



GOAL !!



<Photos by Ngari Kennedy-Schultz>

### **THE CRECCA DOUBLE HIT**

It was a winning day for the Creccas with Tony and Jordanna's sons having victories in their respective games earlier that day but for the adult Creccas a win would not come without a bit of bruising. Poor Jordanna took a collision early in the game despite not making the final 16. A Umina player had stumbled over the sideline and knocked her off her chair. It was an accident and the player humbly apologised. I hope the hip is okay, Jordanna. The next incident though was so disgraceful that even the Umina players apologised on behalf of their team mates's actions. Out of play and angered over a previous tackle, Umina's No.14 headbutted Tony in the forehead. Unfortunately none of the officials saw this so the player got a reprieve. Framey may

have had to compose Tony for the ensuing minutes but to his credit, Tony kept a level head for the remainder of the game.



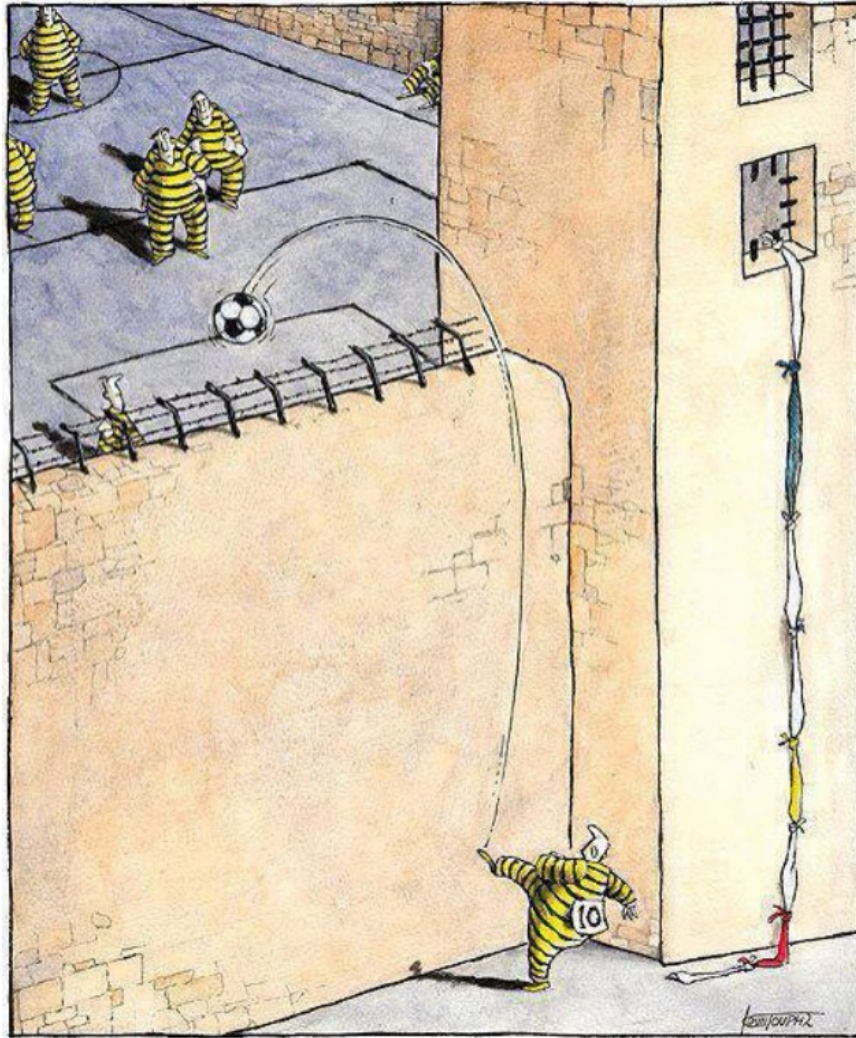
The notorious headbutt incident



The Evidence

### **GREGG'S ABSENCE**

For those of you who had star defender Gregg Marlow in their Supercoach 35ES dream team and were hoping to accrue points for his solid slides and long deliveries down the left flank, we do apologise for his late exclusion from the team. Gregg had played every game this year and it was sadly his turn to sit out from the final 16. Fear not though, Gregg will be there in two weeks time.



Tiger Brothers for Life !! (Thanks Kev Lee for sending this pic)

### **SEEING YELLOW**

There were only two yellow cards given out and only one whilst the clock was running. A particular Umina player had gotten away with a couple of handballs during the game but two in quick succession - and an appeal from Wyoming - finally had him seeing yellow. The other happened just prior to the second half kick off when keeper Aaron was spotted marking the spot in the middle of the goalmouth. The ref spotted this on his approach from the sheds. Aaron tried to argue he was not drawing a line but rather writing down the number '1' for his teammates so they knew what was needed to win the game. He did not win the argument and now finds himself on the infamous 'grub list'.

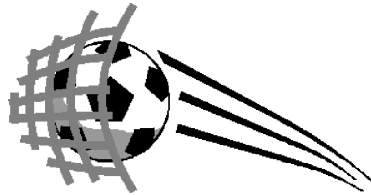
### **BEST WISHES TO SUE**

Sadly one of our regular supporters will not be on the sidelines for the Grand Final. Brad's missus, Sue, has shoulder surgery the evening before. On behalf of the team, we hope all goes well and you make a speedy recovery. We're still trying to get Fox Sports to televise the event so you watch.









### GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Paul - 24
- Andy - 3
- Tony - 3
- Elton - 2
- Framey - 2
  - Ben - 1
  - Brad - 1
  - Chris - 1
  - Dave - 1
  - Dean - 1
  - Gregg - 1
  - Jeff - 1
  - Mark - 1
  - Meady - 1
  - Steve G - 1



### YELLOW CARDS TALLY

- Tony - 5
- Flanno - 4
- Meady - 2
- Aaron - 1
- Andy - 1
- Brad - 1
- Chris - 1
- Elton - 1
- Dave (Aka: Steve George) - 1










### NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Aaron \*\* / Jason / Kev Lee / Nathan / Flanno

\*\* Should be exempt due to his time in the keeper position

## THE RESULTS

CENTRAL COAST - 35E SOUTH : FINALS 2013					
MAJOR SEMI FINAL		1	0		
	WYOMING			UMINA	
MINOR SEMI FINAL		1	2		
	EAST GOSFORD 2			EAST GOSFORD 1	
PRELIM. FINAL		VS			
	UMINA			EAST GOSFORD 1	
GRAND FINAL		VS		?	
	WYOMING				

### THE BATTLE OF THE RAMS

The minor semi final between the two East Gosford teams went into golden goal extra time at 1-1. On their previous two encounters this season, East Gosford 2 came out victorious both times but East Gosford 1 had the final laugh scoring the knock out blow. They will now take on Umina to see who will face Wyoming in the Grand Final.

### THE 35CS's

Good luck to Luca - self proclaimed as the 35ES's biggest fan - and the boys of Wyoming 35CS in their Preliminary Final against Avoca this weekend.