



WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 WYOMING	VS	 TERRIGAL	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	April 5	13:30

GAME #1 - VS TERRIGAL (WON 4-3)

With Alan Davidson Oval currently out of commission, Wyoming's first home game was moved to the obvious back-up field of um, Duffy's Oval, Terrigal. Neutral ground to take on opponents, um Terrigal. Storms had brewed the evening before causing concerns that the fragile soils of Duffy's might not be able to soak up the usual one millimetre of rain it normally takes to close the grounds there. Thankfully, the rain subsided during the night and it was game on for Wyoming 35DS to see if their winning ways would continue.



FAREWELL CLEAN SHEET

After a winning streak of 9 straight games last year without conceding a goal, it was a shock to be down by one so early into the first half. We'd kicked off to start the game but we weren't used to kicking off again. Had Flanno jinxed it by losing the toss and forcing us to shift from one side of the field to another? Had this caused disorientation for some of the players to go the wrong way like you would see the Under 6's do after half time? Had goalkeeper Aaron forgotten to draw a line in the middle of the goal and thus lost his bearings? Were they too distracted by the procession of emergency vehicles heading up the hill? Or was this a wake-up of being in a higher division this year? Whichever way, mascot Stevie G - the other one - couldn't bear to watch ...



Stevie G at kick off and after Terrigal takes the lead



This marks the first ever opposition goal photographed by Ngari ☺

THE ASHTON STRIKES BACK

Never fear, last year's player of the year and golden boot winner - edging out 2nd place by a narrow margin of 21 goals - Paul Ashton was here to make all right in the world again for the shocked and now nervous fans of Wyoming on the sideline. He may have lost a hernia during the off-season but thankfully not his mojo. Tony passed it to Andy who chipped a defender and sent Paul on his way. Paul opted to go wide to beat the keeper and as dependable as ever found the net from an acute angle. 1-1 !



GOAL #1

RUSTY BITS

With no training sessions and no trial games, most of the team hadn't kicked a ball since last year's grand final. Gregg Marlow was one exception ... he'd been playing soccer 5's in the off season. Why then were most of his passes going to the opposition in the first half? Perhaps his five-a-side team have a similar red and white uniform and he got confused. Yellow and Black Gregg - sorry mate, couldn't resist.

Fatigue and a lack of fitness were also an issue. Kevin Lee, now doubling up as our new manager and a member of the Tigers paparazzi, had counted 5 substitutions had been made in the first 23 minutes. Nigel Mead - injured after suffering sore knee syndrome from being on his knees for two straight days at work (I didn't ask what kind of work he was doing) - was in charges of subs and had his hands full.

ON DEBUT

It didn't take long for our two new superstars to make their debut: Luca Scuri doubled the Mediterranean flair on the field. Tony had given him some early advice on how to cause a scuffle and Luca did him so proud that someone on the sideline started calling him Balotelli ... Steve Johnson (aka Jono) was put up front and soon caused the defence all sorts of trouble with dummy runs (that also fooled his team mates) and some fancy back heel plays. Andy, obviously inspired, tried one of these shortly after ... it barely went a meter prompting Tony to advise, "No more tricks Andy!". Andy would also attempt a shot on goals with his right foot when Luca sent out a pass. All Andy came up with was an airswing ... Strangely there were no evidential photos of this and the fact that photos numbered 334 through to 339 are not on the sd card is just a freaky camera glitch.



Luca Scuri



Steve Johnson

BATTERED TIGERS

Wyoming hit the lead for the first time early into the second half. Luca made a run down the right flank but was taken out before he could get the pass across. The opposition player had also hit the deck so Jono continued the attack. Soon enough though he too met some heavy contact and was brought down in front of the goals. It could've been declared a penalty if the ball hadn't continued to roll across the goalmouth where Andy waited unmarked and slotted it in. All the attention was on Luca nursing a corked thigh that a confused Andy had to check with the referee if the goal had been awarded. It had. 2-1!! Luca limped off but would thankfully return to the field later right as rain.



GOAL #2

(Note: There were about ten photos of a shot Ben took at goals in the first half - a shot that missed - but not one photo of me knocking this one in - what the f#@* is that about ?? ... It wasn't like you needed a fast shutter speed either, it just rolled across goals and I tapped it in, a gift really, but was I gifted a great photo - NOOOOOO !!)

JONO'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

All the talk this off-season was about a star striker Steve "Jono" Johnson joining the team. After Paul's measly 25 goals last season, it was clear this team needed another striker, so why not get his brother-in-law to join the team ?? Framey though was the catalyst in getting Jono on board, the two making a pact that as soon as he turned 35 (this year) he would play alongside his former coach. A team-up 14 years in the making !! The Terrigal manager actually demanded to see his registration card at the end of the game in disbelief he was of ripe age.



Whether it was another pact, a contractual obligation or Flanno Fabrication, word was that Jono would be "guaranteed" to score two goals per game. He made his mark when the Wyoming defenders had successfully caught Terrigal offside. Aaron took the free kick and at Jono's instructions, chipped it over Terrigal's backline. Jono charged onto it, dodged the keeper and netted his first goal.



Aaron preps the free kick / Jono charges down the pitch



GOAL #3

3-1 and midway through the second half, I don't think the team would be too disappointed that he'd only managed one. It was his first game in 7 years after all but when Terrigal narrowed the gap to 1, Jono knew he had an obligation to keep. So when Tony crossed it to Andy in space on the left flank and Andy sent it down the wing for Paul to chase, Jono bolted down the middle of the field, connected perfectly with Paul's superb cross and made it 4-2 ! Captain Flanno proudly flipped open his clipboard and crossed off the first two numbers in a list of '32'.



The Left Footer Triple Threat: Andy → Paul → Jono





GOAL #4



LA PASSIONE

How long did it take for Tony to be cautioned by the ref ? According to Meady ... 6 minutes, 53 seconds. Yours truly failed to witness the incident and assumed Meady was referring to a yellow card so when Tony did get served such an infringement in the second half, Andy thought it was Tony's second and he was about to be sent off. Thankfully not. Up 3-1 at the time, Tony was close to netting the fourth but a Terrigal defender inconsiderately blocked Tony's path of getting a final touch to it. Tony opted to try anyway, oops.



Tony picks up the team's first (and last right?) yellow card of the season



Flanno was up to his usual hijinks but failed to level things up with Tony on the tally sheet ...



Gregg and an opposition player mistake football for karate



Luca helped off the field



OUCH!

MISSED SHOTS

Several close shots in the game. Andy intercepted a back pass and took a low shot that the keeper fumbled over the goal line for a corner; Ben had a couple of chances including one that just curved to the left of the post; Luca and Tony had conversion attempts. The closest was a beautiful hit by Framey that just curved away at the last minute.



Ben's shot veers left



Andy's shot gets blocked



Tony's goes north



Luca's goes further north



Framey comes agonisingly close !!

OFFSIDE TRAPS / FLAG WATCHING

The backs did a great job for the most part in tricking the Terrigal offenders into offside positions but there were a few moments of flag watching ... play the whistle boys.



FRAMEY'S ASSIST

Late in the game, Framey encouraged Mark to put pressure on an opposition player. Mark took it literally and conceded a free kick. With seconds left, Framey encouraged the Terrigal player taking the spot kick to make a shot. He did so and scored. Thanks a lot Framey!! He claimed if we'd only been up by one he would not have offered such advice ... time will tell.



Final play of the game



Perhaps forgiven ?





Today's win marked ten straight victories for this team, yeah baby !!



BEST ON FIELD

Have to give this to last year's player's player, Brad Avery who got stuck on his own a few times but despite being outnumbered managed to come up with the winning play time and time again.





Head clash / Reach for the skies !



Jason's yoga class / Stevie G meets Stevie G (the space-time continuum is not ruptured)







Oops, how did that photo get in there ??

WOMEN'S ALL-AGES 5

For those unaware, five of the guys in this team have their better halves have combined as part of the Wyoming Women's All-Ages 5 team. All the best to Alison, Belinda, Megan, Ngari (I think that's how you spell it), and Sharon. If you can, get out and support them on Sunday mornings. They started their season with a 2-0 win last Sunday against East Gosford.

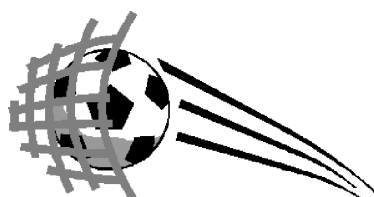


CONGRATS TO PAUL & AINSLEY

Quite belated but congratulations to Paul & Ainsley who are expecting a child in a few months.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Firstly to Dean Singleton who after allowing us all to keep our jerseys from last season, has paid for a brand new batch.!
- Sharon who continues to wash the shirts each week. She's sticking with the lavender this year despite some interest in cinnamon.
- Ngari - who despite currently wearing a moon boot - kindly took about 600 photos of today's game.
- Kev Lee - who doctors probably have advised him to wear a moon suit - for also clicking away and supplying awesome photos as well.
- Megan Wallace too for taking and sending us a few snaps.
- All the supporters filling up the sidelines ... and Aden Omar for trying to start a supporters section on the opposite sideline ... to sadly, minimal effect ...



GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Jono - 2
- Andy - 1
- Paul - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Aaron - 1
- Andy - 1
- Paul - 1



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

- Tony - 1




NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Too many to mention !!

ROUND 1 RESULTS

A staggering 26 goals were scored in Round 1 ...

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
ROUND 1							
2	 WOY WOY	vs	 KARTONG	4	Austin Butler Oval 2 (Woy Woy)	April 5	13:15
3	 KINCUMBER	vs	 UMINA	4	Umina Oval 1 (Umina)	April 5	13:15
4	 WYOMING	vs	 TERRIGAL	3	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	April 5	13:30
4	 GOSFORD	vs	 AVOCA	2	Gavenlock Oval 2 (Gosford)	April 5	15:10

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WEEK 1

		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	2
2nd		1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	2
3rd		1	1	0	0	0	4	3	3	1
4th		1	1	0	0	0	4	3	3	1
5th		1	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	-1
6th		1	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	-1
7th		1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	-2
8th		1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	-2



NEXT WEEKEND

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
ROUND 2							
	 KARIONG	VS	 GOSFORD		Kariong Oval 1 (Kariong)	April 12	12:45
	 AVOCA	VS	 WYOMING		Erina High School 1 (Erina)	April 12	13:30
	 TERRIGAL	VS	 KINCUMBER		Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	April 12	14:00
	 UMINA	VS	 WOY WOY		Umina Oval 2 (Umina)	April 12	15:10

Cya Saturday !

