





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
2	 AVOCA	VS	 WYOMING		Erina High School 1 (Erina)	April 12	13:30

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GAME #2 - VS AVOCA (WON 3-2)

Another week of overcast weather. A Friday afternoon flurry of torrential rain had Coastal football players anxiously refreshing the CCF website throughout the evening to see if their destined fixture would pass the cull. Whether it was a good thing that the grounds of Erina High held up for Wyoming to battle last season's 35DS runners up, Avoca is another thing entirely. To use one of the worst clichéd statements in sport commentaries, it was a game of two halves. A Fiercely contested yet ugly game. A good result on the scoreboard but a day blighted with both teams being involved in poor behaviour, dangerous tackles and ultimately a terrible injury. Nevertheless, I will focus on the positives ...



CONVERSIONS

With most of the team also being fans of Rugby League - some insensibly Manly supporters - the lure of rugby posts above the crossbar was too tempting for a few of the players. Tony, Jono and Ben all hit over the black dot perfectly. Andy converted from a corner kick. Meady headed one close whilst Nate was unlucky hitting the uprights and thinking it was still game on due to it bouncing back into the field of play.



Jono & Tony's conversions



Andy's corner conversion / Ben sends it over



Nate hits the uprights ... Game on ?

THE SHIP MASTER

Paul owned the first half putting through some great crosses and frustrating the Avoca backline early with his partner in crime, Jono, who started the game at left mid. Surely it was only a matter of time before the two would combine to net a goal but after a few close attempts - and some conversions (as mentioned earlier) - Captain Flanno (sporting a newly acquired captain's armband) decided to stamp his mark on the game. Yes, he did make an early handball error and then there was that free kick that was way off - the theory is he aimed it at the big sign of 'Singos' confusing it for the same logo on the chest of fellow players. (Later Tony smashed it over the sideline, we think he got confused too) ... Anyway, here was Flanno's moment. He'd out muscled Avoca's serial pest No. 10 for the ball, spun it around and crossed it beautifully across the goalmouth. Jono was perfectly positioned and smashed it just under the crossbar. What an assist !! Flanno victoriously headed to the sideline to give one of the five subs a chance to emulate a similar glory. It was a fine example of a captain steadying the ship -- as opposed to a cruise ship captain steadying an unsavoury passenger by confining him to his room overnight after having altercations with old ladies a couple of weeks ago ... Thank you so much Sarah Flanagan for sharing that story ☺



Flanno beats his opponent and puts in a cross ...



Jono nails it ...



GOAL !!



MEADY'S RETURN

Nigel Mead made his triumphant return to the team. I'm not sure what the knee brace was for exactly as it didn't deter him from slide tackling or making desperate last-ditch efforts on the defensive goal line. Meady saved two goal-bound strikes due to such tenacity. Awesome effort!



ARE PENALTIES NUDIE RUN EXEMPTIONS OR NOT?

Not long after the first goal was scored, the 35DS were again mounting pressure on the Avoca backline. A cross from Paul landed smack bang in the middle of the crowded defensive penalty box area. It was akin to being inside a pinball game. Ben took a shot only to see it bounce off a defender; Nate took a shot; another block ... somewhere in the chaos, the ball hit an Avoca hand and the ref pointed to the spot. Framey was quick to step up. Was he confident of hitting his mark or was it an attempt to break his duck and get off the 'end of season nudie run' list? You be the judge. He placed it perfectly into the corner of the net. 2-0 !! The players on the sideline were quick to yell out 'penalties don't count'.



Paul's cross ...



Handball !!



Framey's Penalty #1

PAUL'S INJURY

With Wyoming well on top, everything was looking grand for Wyoming as they continued to threaten in attack. And then it happened, Paul weaved into the penalty box, made a cross and then got taken out. He dropped to the ground in agonising pain, his left kneecap dislodged. Yells to the sideline for an ambulance were aborted when Avoca's No. 14 - a chiro by trade - slotted it back into place. Paul was assisted to the sideline but bizarrely opted not to return to the field in the second half. On behalf of

the team and supporters, here's hoping you're okay and have a quick recovery. On the bright side, you now have an excuse if you don't get the golden boot award again this year - incidentally, last weekend's report was the first time that Paul did not lead the list since joining the team last year.



FRAMEY'S SECOND PENALTY

Wyoming were awarded a penalty from the foul on Paul. Framey stepped up again and whilst the keeper got a touch to it, he wasn't able to stop it from following the path of its predecessor. The goal lacked much fan fare though as the team were still drained from the shock of Paul's injury.



Framey's Penalty #2

THE SECOND HALF

The loss of Paul and subsequent shell shock to his teammates saw Avoca seize the opportunity. The momentum changed and they owned the second half. It was looking ominous after they'd hit back with two goals. Aaron tried his best to block the first shot with his face but couldn't recover it in time when it dropped in front of the goalmouth for an Avoca player to pounce on.





Their second goal came from a quality Paul-esque shot across goals by their speedy number 3 ...



A draw was now looking a likely result. To avoid this, Flanno decided to put Andy and Ben on the flanks to add a bit more pace down the flank. Both made some nice runs. Steve George had impressed earlier on the right flank as well. Tony delivered a beautiful pass to Jono who beat the keeper but couldn't quite get the angle to end it right then and there. Dean came close to continuing where he left off from the Grand Final and Gregg was very solid today setting up some great chances as well. In the end we held on to pick up our eleventh straight win !!



Framey's free kick



Meady gets up for a corner / Andy sends a cross to ...



Dean almost connects with it ... Sharon watches on anxiously

BEST ON FIELD

Aaron and Meady today. We would've lost this game without their defensive efforts.



ELEVEN STRAIGHT WINS !!

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Kevin Lee is enjoying his role as Tigers paparazzi a little too much, as seen below ...



- Jason approaching the referee at full time to protest a free kick the official had awarded to Avoca. Jason not believing his tackle was as late / dodgy as it appeared.



Jason demonstrates his skills of an air traffic controller to the referee.

- Nate pulling off some acrobatics to keep the ball in play only for the ball to hit the runt of the Mead pack - who'd ran onto the field to collect his ball - and bounce over the sideline. Coping some abuse, little Liam was wise enough not to enter the playing area a second time when his ball again rolled onto the field. Katrina has vowed to use a dog lead on Liam next time to keep him at bay.



Not sure if Ben is yawning OR giving Aaron a spray / As promised Meady, no more photos of you looking silly !



Chris and Dave (both return in Round 3) say hello / Mark questions if flag is regulation height as he couldn't see much of the game from the sideline



WOMEN'S ALL-AGES 5

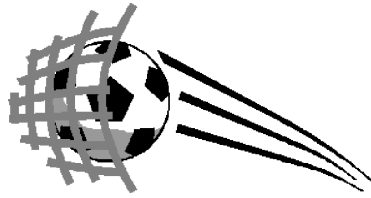
Lost 2-4 to Gosford ☹️ I haven't been to a game yet due to work commitments but ladies I will write more for the games I'm able to attend ... Happy for contributions though.

IN MEMORIAM

Before kick off, Flanno rounded up a couple of players to strap black tape around their sleeves. The smiles on such players had quickly subsided -- Who had died? ... During the off-season a few of the boys invested in a racing greyhound, a greyhound they hadn't even bothered to get around to naming. Sadly it passed away during the week. Flanno had suggested a further tribute by having a minute silence before kick off. Framey responded, "There's no way I'm having a minute silence for a dog!". And that was that, all tributes were disbanded. But ... dogs are people too aren't they? Or is Framey still jaded by the Singleton dog Pickles, pissing on his sports bag last year? Well, dearly departed unnamed pooch - or Stiffy Latte (a potential name apparently) - you're not beneath a tribute in this report. Rest in Peace !



Flanno suckers Mark and Andy into wearing the tape



GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Jono - 3
- Framey - 2
- Andy; Paul - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Aaron; Andy; Flanno; Paul - 1










NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Still too many to mention !!

ROUND 1 RESULTS

The Kariong vs Gosford encounter - both first round winners - was washed out and will be played at a later date so at this point, Wyoming lead the competition with two straight wins. Umina and Kincumber got a point each on the board with a 0-0 draw. Avoca surprisingly languish at the bottom after two consecutive defeats ...

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
ROUND 2							
-	 KARIONG	VS	 GOSFORD	-	Kariong Oval 1 (Kariong)	April 12	12:45
2	 AVOCA	VS	 WYOMING	3	Erina High School 1 (Erina)	April 12	13:30
0	 TERRIGAL	VS	 KINCUMBER	0	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	April 12	14:00
3	 UMINA	VS	 WOY WOY	5	Umina Oval 2 (Umina)	April 12	15:10



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WEEK 2

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

NEXT ROUND

		CENTRAL COAST - 35DS					
		2014					
HOME	VS	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME		
ROUND 3							
 KINCUMBER	VS	 AVOCA	Pat Morley Oval 2 (Bateay Bay)	April 26	11:45		
 WOY WOY	VS	 TERRIGAL	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	April 26	12:00		
 WYOMING	VS	 KARIONG	Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	April 26	12:30		
 GOSFORD	VS	 UMINA	Gavenlock Oval 2 (Gosford)	April 26	13:00		

Happy Easter Weekend to all