





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
3	 WYOMING	vs	 KARIONG		Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	April 26	12:30

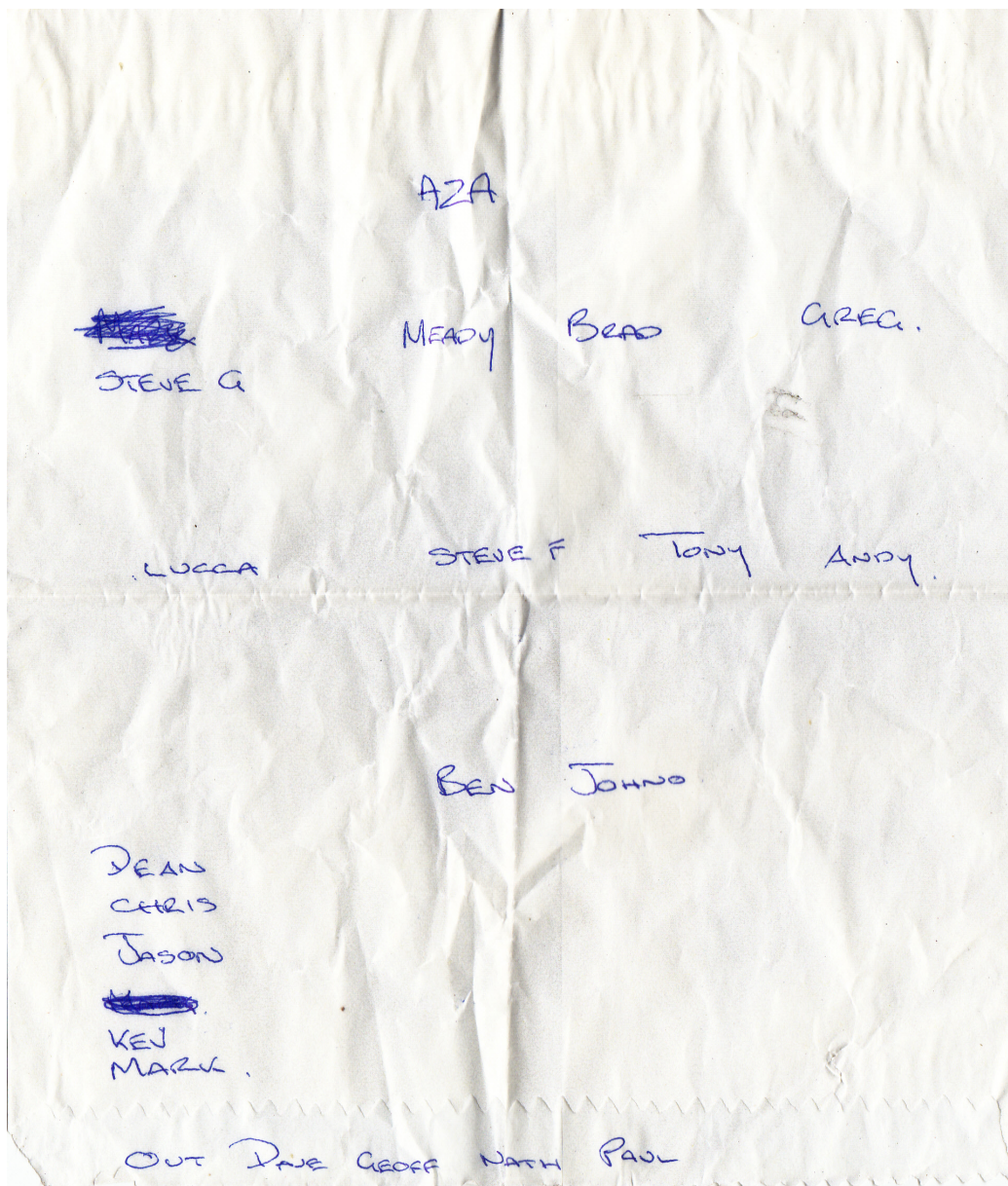
GAME #3 - VS KARIONG (WON 3-0)

Defending Champions; a huge supporter base; seven club committee members on the team. You'd think all this would trump the 35AS team from getting first dibs on the superior Oval 1 ... but no ... Apparently the 'A' in the 35AS does not mean 'Average' and the 'D' in 35DS does not mean 'Dynamic'. (The letters have something to do with grading and divisions, thanks google). So therefore, like the riff raff / lower class scoundrels we are, the Wyoming 35DS were relegated to the mire of Oval 2. But why complain? Here we were on home turf for the first time this season; we had new clubhouse change rooms - albeit they could only contain six players at a time - and the rain had subsided long enough for the ground not to be closed.



THE STARTING FORMATION

With nearly a fortnight away from the playing field due to the easter break, Flanno agonised over who would be be suited to make the starting 11. Had any of these misfits kept fit or had the lure of chocolate and too many public holidays of drinking been too much. One thing was easy, he didn't have to make anyone sit out: Paul and Dave were already ruled out due to injury; Geoff had been called away to the mines yet again; and Nate had chosen to step down due to beer o'clock commitments for Anzac Day the day before. During his busy meat pie eating schedule on that Friday, Flanno - in a moment of inspiration - grabbed one of the pie wrappers and finalised the formation ... He didn't seem too sure where to put Mark though ...



THE FIRST HALF DEADLOCK

It was a slow start to proceedings with players from both sides easing their way into the conditions, ascertaining which parts of the field were the best to avoid being sucked into Narara Creek. Most eased into it sensibly ... until Brad decided to almost knock himself out ... but we'll get to that soon enough. Both sides had their chances but the ground conditions certainly intervened. Vertically challenged at the best of times - his jersey often the bane of Sharon Singleton's washing machine - Ben Wilkinson started up front and worked his way into the penalty box on several occasions. The mix of sloppy defensive tackles and the sludge could've easily won him a penalty at one stage but either Ben was too honest for that or hadn't watched enough premier league games to perfect the dive yet.



Ben Wilkinson in action !

Aaron wasn't too troubled at the other end with the usual solid defence in front of him. Gregg and Steve George made sure there was no room to move for the Kariong wingers. When not making clearances, Gregg worked on giving the Singleton laundry an

honest night's work. Sharon announced that after three cycles, the dirt was still not washing out of his shirt !



Sharon's 3-2-1 pts for Dirtiest Shirts: Gregg - 3; Tony - 2; Aaron - 1. Sorry Ben, you just missed out.

Andy and Mark combined well on the left flank whilst Luca kept the opposition guessing on the right, particularly with a nifty back heel in the box. Steve George and Meady were unlucky with headers from corner kicks; Andy had a shot from outside the box that just sailed over the crossbar. But alas despite several chances, the score remained 0-0 at half time.



Andy takes a shot / Meady's header attempt from a corner kick

CHRIS'S RETURN

Whether he had conflict of interest that caused him to miss the first half or if this was Nate's master plan will forever remain a mystery but Chris O'Connor arrived at the ground just as the second half was about to get underway. Chris was anxious to

test the knees post-surgery but Nate kept him waiting a little while longer. Some of you may remember Dean's master stroke last year when he put Chris on against Umina and changed the course of the game in our favour. Now it was Nate's big moment to step up and he knew it was all in the timing. Sending out the secret weapon too early could jeopardise that ultimate plan of breaking the deadlock. Did he pick the right moment? You betcha! Soon enough Chris "twinkle toes" O'Connor was causing havoc up the left flank thanks to a great ball from Tony. No one quite knows where Chris is going to end up once he starts a run and the fancy footwork takes over. Collisions with teammates - or cuddles on cold nights as Dean once referred - have occurred in the past. Jono was witness to this for the first time and sure enough he and Chris collided on the edge of the penalty box. Amid the confusion, the ball had made it's way to Jono. He advanced forward ... Then suddenly he was clipped from behind. Was the Manchester lad giving it to him for getting in the way?? ... No it was the opposition who caused the infringement. The ref pointed to the spot and that was it, the turning point Wyoming desperately needed. Steve Frame stepped up and claimed his third penalty goal in the same amount of weeks. 1-0 !! Jono, if you think your initiation with Chris is over, think again ... just wait till he breaks out into song !!



Tony sends Chris up the wing ...



Chris and Jono about to collide / Penalty appeal !



Framey's PENALTY GOAL !! ... Yeah whatever, bored now, zzz

WHAT CONCUSSION?

Brad Avery was at his usual defensive best but it looked like he might hit the showers early when the muddy conditions caused his head to hit the ground whilst making a sliding tackle clearance. Nate - now the self-proclaimed "subs supercoach" - wasn't sure at first if the new NRL concussion rules also applied here but when Brad appeared okay, he decided to send him back on during the second half ...



Brad almost KO'd

Brad said he was okay, but his eyes were watery, his vision possibly impaired so we're not sure if Brad knew which direction he was supposed to run or if he'd forgotten he was a defender when he opted to make an attacking run from halfway. He looked sure to be dispossessed when he'd made it to the opposition penalty box and a Kariong defender rushed in quickly ... but Brad wasn't having any of it. The defender charged for him, Brad stood his ground, the player bounced off him and fell into the mud. What was happening here? His vision still a blur - was that Meady who'd just charged at him or a Kariong player? We'd like to think that the concussion had subsided and that he knew he wasn't making a bad back pass to Aaron when he chipped the Kariong keeper to claim Wyoming's 2nd goal. Nah, he was alright! What concussion ?? Goal of the season thus far !! We will blame concussion after effects though for his "Paul who?" quip after the game. Sorry Paul, would've been 10-0 with you on the field ...





The team congratulate Brad on his brilliant solo effort.

PHOTOGRAPHICALLY CHALLENGED

Andy took several corners during the course of the game but the majority were from the left side. As said before, the noggins of Steve George and Meady did try to capitalise. It wasn't until late in the second half though that Wyoming forced a corner on Andy's preferred side of the field. That kick had too much height, clipping the cross bar as it curled around. Luca was perfectly positioned too if the kick had've been shorter. Andy wouldn't make the same mistake the next time. With no one threatening the goalmouth, he opted to take the shot. On target, the ball curled its way past the goalkeeper and between the Kariong defenders. Andy cheered as he watched it cross the line but a defender had swiftly knocked it back into the field of play. Had the ref seen though? Yes, he had - Goal! Flanno took supersub coach credit for this. He'd sent Andy on with the instruction to score a goal as he was feeling sorry for how upset Andy had been getting of all his near misses prior to that. As Andy ran back to the centre of the field in jubilation of finally scoring another goal of this kind (he failed to do so last season), Dean promptly yelled to Andy from the sideline, "do you want the good or bad news?". Nooo! I was lucky that the ref hadn't called upon Ngari's camera for proof the ball had crossed the line as again she'd missed the vital shot - seemingly obliging Framey's request to not photograph any of Andy's goals this season. Furthermore, Kev Lee was absent so none of his photos of the game - nor attractive wives of the opposition team - were available either !!





Andy's CORNER GOAL !

THE GRIND

Things got a bit heated after the second goal. Kariong's No. 15 had become particularly agitated to the point of flooring Framey. He also got involved in some push and shove with Mark and shared further non-pleasantries with others in the team. Unfortunately most happened out of view from the referee for any retribution to occur but his Kariong teammates did have the sense to pull him from the field for a breather. Thankfully, nothing further escalated beyond that. Full time was called, players shook hands and Wyoming 35DS celebrated their third straight win and their first clean sheet of the season ! Well done boys !!





THE BACK PASS!

A miss kick from a Kariong player sent the ball high into the air at their own keeper. Luca quickly yelled out "back pass". The keeper was fooled and headed it away rather than picking it up. Very cheeky, Luca.

NO THOROUGHFARE

Speaking of cheeky, Framey's quick grab and turn of a Kariong player trying to pass him may have lacked a certain subtlety but was amusing all the same.

MARK'S ACROBATICS

A Kariong player made a long pass up the wing. Mark threw himself backwards in an attempt to intercept it. He flew back as if he was attempting to jump the bar in High Jump. First Javelin, now this - what is it with Mark's Olympics sports obsession?

SHARON AND SANTA CLAUS

Sharon was of the belief that I retain every moment of the game in my head and so seeing me with a notepad was akin to the day she learnt Santa Claus wasn't real. Kids, if you're reading, she's wrong on both counts. There is a Santa and I was merely writing down a grocery list to remind her to drop by the store after the game and pick up more lavender for the shirts, geesh!

INJURY UPDATE

Paul is still limping around and sharing pretty photos of his bruised knee. There is suspected ligament damage but considering he is able to put weight on his knee it's hopeful he hasn't injured his ACL. MRI scans await ... With his finger almost healed, Dave was set to return this weekend but one of his kids decided to kick a ball whilst in his hands ... he's opted to wait another week.



Framey takes a shot !



Framey's free kick

BEST ON FIELD

Tony and Framey. 80 minute efforts from both of our masterful centre midfielders. Both controlled the midfield and served up some great through balls for the attackers. Framey's set piece free kicks and shots were dead on target and if not for an agile keeper the score would've been higher. He is also now three out of three in penalties.



SPECIAL THANKS

- To the Karing Juniors collecting the balls at both ends throughout the game. Splendid job.
- To the drink keeper for pleasing a few of the team by adding cans of bourbon to the esky.



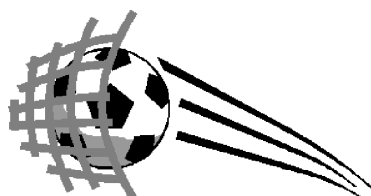


WOMEN'S ALL-AGES 5

Despite the wet conditions on the Sunday, the girls game went ahead, their first at home. Fortunately on Oval #1 as Oval #2 had been closed after the giant trench left by Brad's head. Wyoming WAA5 were too good for Southern Ettalong with an impressive 4-2 win after being down 1-2 early on. Belinda was solid as sweeper; Megan put her body on the line - particularly her nose - as defender; and Alison proved her leadership qualities when battling some internal squabbling that seems to have since been resolved. Sharon (foot) and Ngari (achilles heel / heartlige) hopefully return next weekend. They take on Doyalson at Doyalson next Sunday. Kick off at 11:20.



The girls leave the field celebrating victory - along with their awesome new mascot !



GOAL SCORING TALLY

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

GOAL ASSISTS

- Aaron - 1
- Andy - 1
- Flanno - 1
- Paul - 1
- Tony - 1










NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Too many to mention !!










RESULTS

Another washout, this time Kincumber and Avoca missing out - they're both forced into a double header next weekend with this game rescheduled for the Sunday; You may have heard that Wyoming made it three from three with their win over Kariong; Woy Woy had a staggering 11-0 thrashing of Terrible, oops Terrigal; Gosford remain undefeated with a victory over Umina 1-0.











CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL		CENTRAL COAST - 35DS					
		2014					
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
ROUND 3							
-	 KINCUMBER	vs	 AVOCA	-	Pat Morley Oval 2 (Bateay Bay)	April 26	11:45
11	 WOY WOY	vs	 TERRIGAL	0	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	April 26	12:00
3	 WYOMING	vs	 KARIONG	0	Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	April 26	12:30
1	 GOSFORD	vs	 UMINA	0	Gavenlock Oval 2 (Gosford)	April 26	13:00

LADDER

Wyoming remain on top. Woy Woy jumped to second with a very favourable goal differential with their big win over Terrigal. Gosford and Kariong take up the other two spots of the top 4 - though Kincumber and Avoca both have catch-up games to play.

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014											
		WEEK 3									
		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials	
1st		3	3	0	0	0	10	5	9	5	
2nd		3	2	0	1	0	18	7	6	11	
3rd		2	2	0	0	0	5	2	6	3	
4th		2	1	0	1	0	4	5	3	-1	
5th		3	1	0	2	0	7	9	3	-2	
6th		2	0	1	1	0	3	4	1	-1	
7th		3	0	1	2	0	3	15	1	-12	
8th		2	0	0	2	0	4	7	0	-3	

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

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		2014				
HOME	VS	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
ROUND 4						
 KARIONG	VS	 KINCUMBER	Kariong Oval 1 (Kariong)	May 3	12:30	
 UMINA	VS	 WYOMING	Umina Oval 2 (Umina)	May 3	13:00	
 TERRIGAL	VS	 GOSFORD	Duffy's Oval 2 (Terrigal)	May 3	13:30	
 AVOCA	VS	 WOY WOY	Erina High School 1 (Erina)	May 3	13:30	
ROUND 3						
 KINCUMBER	VS	 AVOCA	Pat Morley Oval 2 (Bateay Bay)	May 4	12:30	



Cya Saturday at Umina !