





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
8	 TERRIGAL	VS	 WYOMING		Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	May 31	15:15

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GAME #8 - VS TERRIGAL (WON 2-0)

The month of May had not been kind to the Wyoming 35DS team. Three loses and one draw had seen them drop from outright first to barely hanging onto a Top 4 spot. Today marked the start of the second half of the season and a vital game for the Tigers to regroup and get their winning ways back on track. It took a while and they could've been up 6-0 with some of the chances but two second half goals were sufficient to see the boys pick up their first win in five games ...



THE TROOPS RETURN

Two of the boys returned from stints in the mines: Steve Johnson (aka: Jono, aka: 2351) and Geoff Dyer (only his second game due to the timetables of his work and CCF in clear misalignment - he is home next weekend but of course that's a bye weekend). Great to have them back but it was the surprise return of Paul Ashton that was the best news after a ghastly knee injury had sidelined him for several weeks. At first we thought he'd only dressed up for the photo shoot that had been planned - and subsequently cancelled at the last moment - earlier that morning but no, he was ready to have a run. A slight twitch felt here and there and some nerves but happy to report he passed the test. Welcome back Paul! Tony also returned after missing the last two of the three games due to illness and injury. The lack of recent game time didn't show however. He was back to his outstanding best today. Are the planets finally aligning? In two weeks we could almost have a full squad with Nate (drunken escapades in the UK); Dave (injury); and Brad (suspension for ventriloquism) returning for Game #9. As a result, the rotation of guys sitting out will have to resume. Steve George kindly opted out today though some suspect it was to keep him away from last game's referee who was a sideline official (thankfully, the opposite sideline) today.



The return of PAUL ASHTON ... albeit with only one full leg !

THE END OF SUPERSTITIONS

The lack of points the past month has had many questioning what was going wrong. Key players missing? Injuries? We experienced that kind of thing last year without conceding points or even goals ... Had we become lax in observing superstitions -- Had Dean been wearing the lucky undies inside out and back to front? Was Mark smoking a new brand of durries before the game? Was Gregg only doing five warm-up laps rather than ten? Were the half time depressing peps talks by grumpy Flanno now being heard rather than usually drowned out - and thus ignored - by the laughter caused by Nate and his self-deprecating humour? Nobody could quiet put their finger on it so it was time to stop being silly and throw away superstitions. As newly

appointed Club Captain, it was Luca who made the most dramatic demonstration of hitting the reset button - he shaved his head. Normally he waits till he wins premierships to do that !! Some pinpointed those long locks of his had gotten in the way of his hearing when he'd been told to calm down in previous games but there could be no such excuse made when he proceeded to take a throw-in despite being told several times he had won a free kick. The fire had not quite been extinguished ! He then tried to steal a few meters in his placement for the kick until the Terrigal bench dobbed on him to the ref. Not impressed, he turned and consulted them for the exact longitude and latitude co-ordinates on where to place the ball. This Samson was not tamed by a mere haircut. Livin' la Vida Luca !!



LUCA shows off some dance moves.



AARON presents LUCA with his Club Captain jacket

A SECOND CLEAN SHEET

The back line was in fine form today forcing Terrigal offside on several occasions. When their forwards did get a break though either Meady matched them with pace to sweep it away or Flanno would be there to go for the quick cuddle ... or did he grab the opposition jersey for a quick sniff to ascertain if they too use lavender?? I could be wrong but was that Flanno's first yellow card of the year? As per usual, Gregg, Jason and Mark were solid at the flanks. Aaron had a relatively easy day at the goals because of it.



Oops, FLANNO - the last line of defence - gets a yellow.

THE EARLY GOAL ?

Wyoming looked to have an early lead within mere minutes. Starting with some tenacity from Gregg - seemingly playing tennis with one of the opposition players for a minute or two - who sent it Andy's way. Andy put through a sweeping cross that sailed over the keeper's head and into the path of Chris who hit it sweetly into the net. Sadly the offside flag went up. Were the appeals that the ball was on a direct path into the net correct or was it sailing wide and needed Chris's intervention? We may never know.



ANDY and CHRIS combine without a collision this time.



"Kick it to me, Kick it to me!!" / PAUL tests out the twitchy knee

SIDELINE MAGIC

Deadlocked 0-0 at half time, the 1st goal for Wyoming came from the ultimate counter attack. Amassed at our goalmouth for an opposition corner kick, the ball sailed over everyone. Jason got to it and sent it up the wing. It was destined for the sideline ... but Ben had other ideas. He kept it in play, charged up the wing, dribbled it inside the box and took a shot. The keeper got a touch to it deflecting the ball to the front of the goals. Andy arrived at the same time as a defender, the collision sent the ball popping out to the left where Jono was free. No stopping him this time !



What starts as an opposition corner kick leads to some JASON and BEN magic up the flank ...



BEN takes a shot ...



ANDY's attempted shot is deflected into the path of JONO...



Cool and collected, JONO puts it away !

PINBALL IN THE PENALTY BOX

There were plenty more chances, particularly in the second half. The penalty box became a crazy pinball machine that started from a free kick from Framey and saw several players taking shots as the ball continually took one deflection after another ...



FRAMEY takes the free kick / Attempt #1 - JONO's header ! ...



Attempt #2 - LUCA takes a shot



Attempt #3 - ANDY has a crack



Attempt #4 - BEN from out wide, LUCA keeps it going with a header ...



Attempt #5 - TONY rushes in ... and ends the sequence with a conversion

NEAR MISSES

Ben took a swing and a miss - or rather a pirouette - in one play but he did almost make it 3 miraculous goals from 3 games when he made a similar run and strike from the same angle - the keeper got to this one though, perhaps he'd done his homework ... Jono had many chances, one was destined for the net, if only he didn't trip on the ball.



BEN grounded after his failed piroette / JONO after he tripped on the ball.



An early shot from JONO goes wide



JONO & GEOFF come close.



LUCA gets the breakaway chance but the keeper manages to steer it wide with a fingertip.



ANDY's corner kick finds MEADY but his header goes wide.

TONY'S TRIUMPH

Tony's solid work in midfield today would pay off with the goal that put a win beyond doubt for Wyoming. Andy managed to dispossess a Terrigal player - and almost trip on the ball in the process. Jono leapt on the free ball, advanced and then found Tony charging up on his right. Seizing control just outside the box, Tony smacked it into

the middle of the net. Jordanna believes it may have been the first time she has seen Tony score a goal for this team. She either hadn't been present at the other games or had been distracted on the previous occasions - not that there's been that many of them. Distracted by what? The many kids of the Crecca clan? Peeing Pickles on the loose? The wildlife scenery of shire folk? The noise from Katrina's phone as she plays Candy Crush? Who knows but today she finally saw Tony net a goal, his first of the season and incidentally Jono's first assist (we'll consider that as Jono fulfilling his two-goals per game contractual obligation).



ANDY makes a tackle / JONO charges onto the loose ball and passes it across to ...



ANTONIO !!

PERFECT TOUCHES

Despite Dean doing all the work to give Framey a shot, the latter sent it over the crossbar. Dean really needed to stop it completely for Framey to have a chance of being on target. Oh well, he'll know better next time. One of his teammates did praise Dean's game to Sharon at the end of the game declaring his touches were perfect today. Sharon promptly corrected him, Dean's touches are always perfect ... um okay then, moving right along ...



DEAN (aka: Love Machine) lays it off for FRAMEY to shoot.

BARRED FROM AMSTERDAM ?

Apparently Nate and Stevie G didn't make it to Amsterdam. Facial recognition software matched Stevie G to a photo from the end of the season trip away last year and he was barred from setting paw on the plane. Nate being the solid bloke he is stayed true to his mate refusing to leave him behind.

IN ADDITION

- Congratulations to Ben and Nicole who are expecting a child in July.
- Best wishes to the Singleton family, have a great cruise.
- Kudos to Brad for doing an awesome job running the subs today.



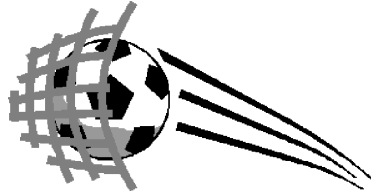




WOMEN'S ALL-AGES 5

The girls continued their winning ways with a 3-0 victory over Southern Ettalong at James Browne Oval on Sunday morning. Mel was at her usual striking best but it was hero Ngari who started the work that led to their first goal - and obviously the winning goal. Woo hoo! They now lead the comp by a massive six points. A big shout out to coach Dave Stanbury who is doing a fine job at the helm.





GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Jono - 6
- Framey - 5
- Ben - 3
- Andy - 2
- Brad; Chris; Gregg; Paul; Tony - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Andy; Luca; Tony - 2
- Aaron; Flanno; Jono; Paul; Steve G - 1



NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Aaron, Dave, Dean, Flanno, Geoff, Jason, Luca,
Mark, Meady, Nate, Steve G










LADY LAVENDER'S LAUNDRY WOES

Now that it's become a regular spot in this report, some players are deliberately soiling their jerseys in the hopes of gaining notoriety in Sharon's points tally. When I say some players, I actually mean one ... Nigel Mead. Sharon's "Nooooooo!" plea was met with derision as Meady got up close and personal with a section of dirt after game's end. Instant disqualification !!

- #23 (Geoff) - 3pts
- #3 (Gregg) - 2pts
- #5 (Flanno) - 1pt
- *refer above to Meady's disqualification.*









RESULTS

It would appear Woy Woy have a bogey team - the Cougars. They have only lost two games thus far and both against the boys from Kariong. Gosford had the chance to equal Woy Woy on points but were held to a 2-2 draw by Avoca.

CENTRAL COAST - 35DS							
2014							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
ROUND 8							
1	 UMINA	vs	 KINCUMBER	0	Umina Oval 1 (Umina)	May 31	13:30
2	 WOY WOY	vs	 KARIONG	3	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	May 31	14:30
2	 AVOCA	vs	 GOSFORD	2	Gavenlock Oval 1 (Gosford)	May 31	14:50
0	 TERRIGAL	vs	 WYOMING	2	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	May 31	15:15

LADDER

Woy Woy's lead has slipped to two points with Kariong and Gosford edging closer. The win for Wyoming assured them 4th spot but Umina are right on their tail. Avoca are also in the mix despite dropping points from their draw and slipping back to 6th.

CENTRAL COAST - 35DS										
2014										
WEEK 8										
		P	W	D	L	BYE	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		8	6	0	2	0	37	15	18	22
2nd		7	5	1	1	0	18	8	16	10
3rd		7	5	1	1	0	15	10	16	5
4th		8	4	1	3	0	21	20	13	1
5th		8	4	0	4	0	15	20	12	-5
6th		8	3	1	4	0	19	21	10	-2
7th		7	0	1	6	0	9	22	1	-13
8th		7	0	1	6	0	7	25	1	-18

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

The two wash-outs from Round 2 get played this coming Saturday and then the same teams battle it out in Round 9 the following weekend. The Kariong and Gosford duels are the expected highlights these coming weekends. If Kariong defeat Gosford in the first encounter they will take lead of the competition. Kincumber and Terrigal meanwhile will battle it out for pride with an aim to avoid being stuck at the bottom of the table. Round 9 will also see a desperate Avoca trying to overcome Wyoming to keep their top four chances alive. Umina too will be striving to overcome their neighbours Woy Woy to close the gap.

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014						
HOME	AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME	
ROUND 2 [RE-SCHEDULED]						
 TERRIGAL	vs	 KINCUMBER	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	June 7	12:00	
 KARIONG	vs	 GOSFORD	Kariong Oval 1 (Kariong)	June 7	14:45	
ROUND 9						
 WOY WOY	vs	 UMINA	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	June 14	11:45	
 KINCUMBER	vs	 TERRIGAL	Frost Reserve 2 (Kincumber)	June 14	12:15	
 WYOMING	vs	 AVOCA	Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	June 14	13:30	
 GOSFORD	vs	 KARIONG	Gavenlock Oval 2 (Gosford)	June 14	15:00	



Enjoy the long weekend - Cya in two weeks!!