





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
MINOR SEMI FINAL	 GOSFORD	vs	 WYOMING		Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 9	13:00

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SEMI FINAL - VS GOSFORD CITY (WON 5-2)

Despite losing both encounters against the Dragons this season, the Wyoming 35DS were in no mood to give them the treble. A brilliant first half display saw the boys from Tigertown go into the sheds - or rather the tiny shaded section of Austin Butler Oval - with a 3-0 lead. A scrappy start to the second half gave Gosford a sniff but their hopes of breaking the deficit were thwarted when reduced to 10 men. They also had to deal with the fact that the guaranteed two-goals-a-game sharp shooter Jono had not found yet. He made up for that with a brace in the second. The Dragons had been slain. A brilliant "complete team performance" - as Framey eloquently put it - sees the Tigers progress to the Preliminary Final next weekend.





THE TEAM MOTTO

Captain Flanno was absent today due to coaching duties of leading the U11's to a 9-0 victory in a semi final. This led to Framey stepping up for the pre-game pep talk. He made some ramblings about the Gosford team looking a little rattled before recalling the sage words of Jono on facebook last night - "we might win if we score more goals than them". As the players counted their fingers and analysed such equations in their minds, Framey urged Luca forward to bellow out a favoured four-word phrase. A phrase that Jono introduced via facebook a couple of months back that has since become the battle cry by half the team on Friday nights ... Luca was blank. Had he forgotten? Had the emotion gotten to him finally? A week ago, Jono's wife taunted the team on facebook that her husband may miss an upcoming finals game. The stress levels were so high within poor Luca that even a 20 year old wine he'd been saving for a wedding anniversary wasn't enough to simmer the nerves ... then last night, concerned that Tony wasn't liking or commenting on the latest team thread, Luca trekked across the road to find the lights off at the Crecca household. He suspected Nate was inside in the dark but dared not enter not knowing what he might see ... Had Luca been able to sleep or was he constantly refreshing his phone screen hoping Tony would appear ? ... It was not until morning that Tony replied. He'd been in Wollongong overnight for a wedding. Would Tony make it back in time? ... Andy tried to calm him by lying and saying it was Wyong not Wollongong, but Luca wasn't buying that, seriously who'd get married in Wyong ?? ... So here the team waited in the shade ... Poor Luca, his eyes glazed over, remained silent. No matter how many times he'd uttered those words overnight, it was lost. Thankfully the rest of the team were on hand to help out, the battle cry was quietly - quietly as there were kids around - uttered in bad cockney accents ...

... "Let's Go F#%@ing Mental !!"



SEE-SAW FIXTURES

That the sixteen rostered players - well fifteen, Ben lagged a bit - all made it to the ground an hour - yes, even Meady - before kick off was something of a miracle considering the start time had changed three times in the past fortnight. East Gosford 35FS on the other field weren't so lucky, they risked forfeiting as several of their players hurried to the ground unaware of the time change. The officials kindly delayed proceedings till they arrived. Incidentally, Andy had forgotten to pass the new start time onto the team strapper until two hours prior. Thankfully - although most of the team mightn't see it this way - Julie, oops I mean Julia, lives in the Shire and made it there on time. He somewhat regretted this as she remained for the entire game and insisted on removing the tape to anyone she'd strapped. Chris though managed to escape ... he will feel her wrath, count on it ! ... Originally the team were slated to play this fixture at East Gosford but someone decided the somewhat grassy fields of Austin Butler Oval were prime real estate for finals football. Nate - the team's X-Factor making his much-welcomed return today - wasn't phased by the condition of the ground and even welcomed a possibly earlier kick off time as it meant more beer drinking minutes left in the day at game's end.



THE KICK OFF

Part of Framey's pep talk came with a warning not to mouth off to the referee. Brad - yes Brad, not Stevie G pretending to be Brad - appeared to not heed such warnings as he started shouting out to the referee as soon as the whistle was blown. Brad was irate for a reason. Gosford could have easily taken a quick shot at an empty goal. Why? I hear you ask ... because our goalkeeper and sweeper weren't on the field. They were behind the net. Why? I hear you ask again ... Well, the night before a rugby league game took place between Souths and Manly. A wager had been made between Framey (Souths) and Aaron (Manly) that whoever lost would have to wear the other's team colour. As such, Aaron was photographed in a Souths jumper a few minutes earlier. He had removed it but a bit of green or red fluff was stuck to his keeper's jersey. With gloves on, he couldn't grip it properly to remove it. "Get it off, get it off" he cried in a girly squeal to Meady - another sad Manly supporter - who came to his aid. This obviously took longer than expected. Perhaps the referee forgot to get the signal from both keepers ... or - and more likely - is sane like the majority of us and just hates Manly.



Some QUILLS being reduced to sheer embarrassment

WYOMING 1 - GOSFORD 0

Gosford rarely made it down Wyoming's half in the first forty minutes of the game. The Tigers dominated possession and were justly rewarded with a trio of goals. The first would come from a man who'd come agonisingly close but after fourteen rounds remained on the Nudie run list. It almost didn't happen though. Framey had put through the ball with such quality service that it landed between two players... Luca and Paul. They urged each other to take the shot but both appeared too polite. The decision was made via a quick game of rock-paper-scissors. Luca won the battle and took the shot. His shot though appeared to be headed straight at the keeper. Thankfully he hit it with such venom that there was no chance of stopping it. Whilst there has been 32 goals scored by Wyoming this season thus far, this had the best celebration with Luca triumphantly running to the sideline & embracing Aden.



WYOMING 2 - GOSFORD 0

It was only a matter of time before it was Paul's turn for goal scoring glory. . Courtesy of another great ball from Grandfather Central - this time from Tony - Paul squeezed through the defence and took the shot. His aim - perfectly calibrated as usual - saw the ball zoomed past the keeper and into the side netting, mere inches away from the post. This marks Paul's 6th goal of the season. Who knows, Jono may have been sweating on the golden boot tally if Paul's season hadn't been marred by a knee injury early on.



WYOMING 3 - GOSFORD 0

The seasoned veterans of the Tigers had certainly wounded their Gosford opponents but it would be rookie star Benny - technically his first "full" season of football - to strike the crushing blow. The persistent hustle and bustle of Benny paid off royally. Sandwiched between a couple of burly defenders, Benny kept going and got a shot away to send the Wyoming crowd into euphoria - three up !!



WYOMING 3 - GOSFORD 1

The well oiled engine that was the Wyoming squad in the first half started to stall early in the second. Gosford came out strong and the Tigers were struggling in getting it out of their own half. Frustrations culminated in a defensive error from Tony inside the box. After a six week hiatus, Aaron's first real test would be an attempt to block a penalty. The shooter was kind enough to aim in the direction that favoured the side of Aaron's non-injured ribcage but not kind enough for Aaron to get a touch to it.



FREE KICK TO GOSFORD ...

The Dragons looked to be getting a real sniff of a comeback when a hand ball was conceded by Luca. When the infringement occurred, he was terrified it happened inside the box. Thankfully this was just beyond and their free kick was off target ...



GOSFORD DOWN TO TEN MEN

Any chance Gosford City had of getting back in the game though had surely faded away when their No. 11 took exception to a tackle by Tony. The referee found no problem with the tackle but he did have slight issue with No. 11 punching Tony in the face - and immediately showed him a red card. Tony copped the hit without any retaliation but he did pick up a yellow card when not quite politely telling No. 11 where the sideline was.



JASON'S RED, ERR YELLOW !

Not long after, it appeared the teams had both been reduced to 10 men each when Jason's potty mouth got him into trouble. He and No. 15 had an ongoing feud during the second half that culminated in No. 15 cheekily sticking out an elbow that sent Jason to the deck. The ref may have missed seeing Jason being hit but he certainly heard his retort. Framey's words of advice prior to kick off were lost in the wind at this point. The shock to all though was that the ref reached into his back pocket and held up a red card. It would seem Meady and Flanno would have one less selection headache next week ... but Jason remained on the field. Had he won the appeal ? Not quite. Apparently the ref lifted the red by mistake. Oops.



WYOMING 4 - GOSFORD 1

With a two goal lead too close for comfort, Jason was instrumental in increasing the lead with a great cross to Jono who still had some work to do before finally netting his first goal of the game. At some point in the game a Gosford player, fresh to the Jono experience - and yes there were some enquiries made to the officials because of this - yelled out to his teammates, "he's only got a left foot". Framey was quick to respond, "but it's a good one". The Gosford player conceded ... he couldn't argue with that.





WYOMING 4 - GOSFORD 2

Dean was particularly happy at this point. He had a premonition it would be a 4-1 victory and things were on track ... until Meady became Newman to Dean's Seinfeld ... Mark was covering the goalpost. He passed it a couple of meters in field to Meady. Meady received a panicked call to clear it. Meady smashed it. It would've certainly cleared the box if not for taking a unplanned detour into the leg of a Gosford player and deflecting back into the net of the Wyoming goal. Gregg tried his best as back-up goalie by diving out for it. He apparently wasn't told you can only have one keeper on your team at a time ... thankfully his hand did not make contact.



WYOMING 5 - GOSFORD 2

The Gosford players had sparked up again with belief that there was still time for a miracle comeback but was Jono letting that happen ?? Never !! He picked up his second goal shortly after. Brad was the catalyst. He made a great run up field and sent it perfectly into the space beyond the defenders and in front of the charging goalie. Coolheaded, Jono beat the keeper and put it away. At 5-2, Dean was happy that he'd at least got the winning margin right ... but just in case, he benched Jono after that.





SLACKERS

There were plenty of other chances before and after the last goal for Wyoming that a bigger scoreline could've been possible if shots by Andy, Chris, and Framey had've been more precise - slackers !! At any rate, it didn't matter, the job had been done. The full time whistle sounded out and the Wyoming boys cheered victorious to fight another day.



TONY takes an early shot



ANDY uses all his petrol to get past two defenders but not enough left in the tank



FRAMEY's shot wins a corner



FRAMEY's spot kick



JONO's shot goes high





CHRIS's closest moments



ANDY and BRAD create a diversion

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DAVE & DEAN

Special thanks to Dave and Dean stepping down today. Dean took on the unenviable task of controlling the substitutions and did a mighty job.



THE TEAM PHOTO JINX

There was a curious site before kick off ... Gosford banded together for a team photo? Were they jinxing it ... if you scroll up and see that final score, then yes ... Crecca wisely remarked later, "you don't do that till Grand Final day" ... Woy Woy posed for their own prior to their kick off but then Kariong did the same. Perhaps an omen that all three teams won't be holding the top prize? Please let it be so !!







TONY shows off his "duck face" pose / NATE vs MARADONA



BRAD and STEVIE G brace for impact



CHRIS "Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes I get a good feeling, yeah!" O'CONNOR








FRAMEY shows of his cabaret dance moves





THE MAJOR SEMI FINAL




Woy Woy's hoodoo against Kariong - the only team (until next weekend) to have beaten them this season - continued. Despite Woy Woy leading 1-0 at half time, Kariong demonstrated more cohesion. Their dominance was rewarded with two second half goals and a place in the Grand Final.

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
SEMI FINAL (MINOR)							
2	 GOSFORD	vs	 WYOMING	5	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 9	13:00
SEMI FINAL (MAJOR)							
1	 WOY WOY	vs	 KARIONG	2	Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 9	15:00

THE PRELIMINARY FINAL

League Champions Woy Woy looked demoralised - and a little shocked - as they left the field in their Major Semi Final defeat against Kariong. They had home field advantage not only for this game but if they won they'd get a weekend off and return to the same very ground for the Grand Final. Now they face elimination football and an uphill - literally as they have to trek to Mangrove Mountain - battle against a determined Wyoming team. Nevertheless, Woy Woy will hold some confidence due to their previous encounters against the Tigers with 6-3 (they led 4-0 after 30 mins) and 3-2 victories. The Tigers though can take a lot out of that last encounter a month ago. Silly errors gave the Roosters a 3-1 advantage by half time but the Tigers held them scoreless in the second half and were unlucky not to level it up. Both games were also witness to irregular weather. Summer-like heat for the first and a wild

erratic wind for the second. Based on the two encounters - and how Woy Woy played against Kariong - if the Tigers can hold out in the first half, they should come home the stronger in the second. Grand Final glory awaits, let's get there boys !!

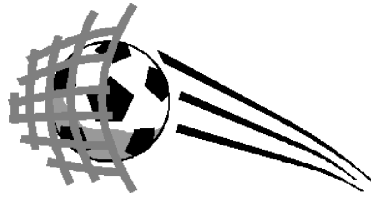
HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
CENTRAL COAST - 35DS						
2014						
PRELIMINARY FINAL						
	vs			Bloodtree Oval 1 (Mangrove Mountain)	August 16	12:00
WOY WOY		WYOMING				
GRAND FINAL						
	vs			Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 23	12:00
KARIONG						

WYOMING WAA5's

As the other results revealed, Wyoming only needed a draw against bottom-placed Kariong to claim the League Championship. The score was locked at 1-1 at half time and remained that way for a majority of the second. But do you settle on a draw a week away from finals football - no way!! The girls fought hard and won the battle with a 2-1 victory. They topped the ladder 3 points clear of 2nd place. A brilliant effort. Congratulations and all the best in the finals ! They take on Gosford in the Major Semi Final (also at Bloodtree Oval) this Sunday afternoon.



WYOMING WAA5 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2014



GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Jono - 16
- Paul - 6
- Framey - 5
 - Ben - 4
 - Andy - 2
 - Tony - 2
- Brad; Chris; Gregg; Luca - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Andy - 4
- Framey; Jono; Paul; Tony - 3
 - Luca - 2
- Aaron; Ben; Brad; Flanno; Gregg; Jason; Steve G - 1



NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Dave, Dean, Geoff, Mark, Meady (-2) [Premier League don't count biatch!], Nate

** Voted by committee, those on the goal assist list are also now exempt*

*** Own goals are deducted from the goal / assist tally.*



LADY LAVENDER'S LAUNDRY WOES

- #11 (Andy) - 3pts
- #15 (Stevie G) - 2pts
- #3 (Gregg) - 1pt

CONGRATS TO FRAMEY AND PREMIER LEAGUE 1ST GRADE
UNDEFEATED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Cya Saturday !!

