





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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RD	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
FINAL	 WOY WOY	VS	 WYOMING		Bloodtree Oval 1 (Mangrove Mountain)	August 16	12:00

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PRELIMINARY FINAL - VS WOY WOY

This was it. Judgement Day. The Tigers had valiantly slain the Gosford Dragons but their biggest challenge would be to overcome the 35DS League Champions Woy Woy who'd surprisingly slipped up yet again to their bogey team Kariong in the Major Semi last weekend. The Roosters' second and last chance of Grand Final glory was here and now in the misty Mangrove Mountains on the rabbit foddered strewn field #1 of Bloodtree Oval. They had a right to be confident. Wyoming had not fared well against them this season, the Roosters running rampant in the first halves of both games, leading 4-1 and 3-1 respectively. The only silver lining for Wyoming was their solid second half efforts. They may not have won either game but they never gave up. This was today's challenge. If they could keep the Roosters quiet in that first half, could they come home strong again ??



THE FIRST HALF

Wyoming dominated from the kick off, a tenacious display full of heart and desire to win the ball. At one point the Woy Woy keeper held the ball looking where to boot it. "All I see is yellow shirts" was his lament. But those first forty minutes for the Tigers were a matter of getting so close yet never quite capitalising. It was not for lack of trying though. The onus was on Luca to get things started as he did in the Semi Final last weekend. He got into the thick of it during the chaos caused by an early corner kick. His shot had venom but too much traffic got in the way. Framey reminded him of his duty. Luca knows by now there are no nasty insults thrown in this team just payouts. Nevertheless *spoiler alert* Luca's impact would come ...



FRAMEY steps up for the coin toss / TONY gets into the thick of it early.



ANDY's corner ... LUCA goes in for the kill

Meanwhile, Jono and Paul were busy trying to break the deadlock, gravitating to the left side of the field for many of their runs. A couple of their crosses (or as Paul confessed, one was a shot) went straight across open goals. Andy, who'd scored the first goal against Woy Woy - on the same field, at the same end - in the Grand Final play-off two years ago, had the perfect chance to give his teammates a well deserved 1-0 lead. Jono had delivered it perfectly. But unlike that fateful where he'd used his non-preferred right foot to put it away, Andy opted for his left to assure he hit it

more accurately into the right corner of the net. Did he do that? Nope, he botched it, sending it out wide. As just punishment, Jono stopped passing it to him after that and he was reminded many times - by his very supportive teammates - for the duration of that day just how open that goal was !! Would Andy be made to suffer for it was the question.



Oh I can't bare to look at this ... ANDY stuffs up in front of goals!!



JONO picks up an early free kick / MEADY up for the challenge



JONO fools the keeper but the ref gets fooled by such trickery thinking it's a foul

Tony took a few of his usual long shots but either there was a hole in the net again (a reference to a night game against Terrigal at this ground in 2012) or he was way off target.



TONY's shot goes wide ... we think.

As the first half came to an end, Woy Woy had started to push forward. They were gaining momentum with corner kicks and dangerous set pieces just outside the box. Nevertheless, the combined defensive skills of Brad, Meady, Mark, Stevie G, Burkey and Gregg kept them at bay and the score remained 0-0 at half time.



MARK tries to balance out the height of his opponent



THE SECOND HALF BEGINS

All the hard work of the first half felt like nought though when Woy Woy's most dangerous player was given too much room inside the box. Wyoming had unsuccessfully managed to clear it. A messy scramble ensued. Woy Woy's striker - No. 16 - managed to swerve through the chaos and slot it into the net.



TIME: 41.00

SCORE: WOY WOY 1 - WYOMING 0

THE EQUALISER

Could Wyoming hit back? ... The answer was yes ! It would take another fifteen minutes to do so though. Andy had the ball and was being rundown by Woy Woy's No. 10 - the other half of their strike power combo. Andy managed to deceive him with an inside touch. No. 10 let out a woeful moan. Seeing Luca was clear up the right flank, Andy put in a sweeping cross. Luca though was being chased down and still had plenty of work to do. Hacked from behind, Luca remained calm - yes despite his claims that Italians cannot remain calm he kept his cool - he battled on, brushed past the player and brought it in from the right edge. A perfect cross ensued. And who was there at the front of the goalmouth to make it 1-1? Jono! His header was clinical. The roars of the Tiger players were almost as frightening as the intense glare of Luca who proudly gripped the club emblem on his jersey to show the crowd and the Woy Woy boys it wasn't over yet !



ANDY prepares to cross it to ...



LUCA who takes control ... and sends to JONO perfectly placed for a header





TIME: 56.00

SCORE: WOY WOY 1 - WYOMING 1

SEARCHING FOR THE WINNER

With a sniff now, Wyoming continued to look the more threatening ...



JONO tries to do it again from a cross by PAUL



MEADY attempts to bring some Premier League flair



MEADY: If I can score a goal in Reserve Grade, surely 35DS will be a cinch !!



JONO sends the ball boy on a bushwalk.



ANDY hopes a corner kick might break the deadlock

NAUGHTY TIGERS

Frustration got the better of Tony when No. 16 tried to sneak past him with some fancy footwork. The late tackle had the referee lifting a yellow. The team feared this meant he'd had too many for the season and would be suspended from playing in the Grand Final, if they made it.



Ben was spared such fear as the yellow card he received today was his first. He blocked a free kick, unaware he was within the ten yard radius from the kicker. When the free kick was taken again and a Wyoming player intercepted it from about thirty yards out, Brad quipped to the ref if they too were too close. Brad's cheeky comments throughout were close to getting him into trouble but the ref refrained. Aaron too almost became the bad boy when he seized the ball right on the edge of the box. His body was inside but a Woy Woy player appealed that the ball wasn't. Neither the ref nor sideline officials gave into such pleas. Framey - unlike when on the sideline during 3rd grade last Sunday - was well behaved and at no risk of being sent to the car park this time.



The Tigers try to deal with Rooster's trickster #16 ... who comes off 2nd best against BRAD





THE DEMORALISER

With fourteen minutes remaining, the confidence of the Tigers took a huge battering. Whilst doing their best to shut him down for most of the game, Woy Woy's No. 16, managed to find the space he needed and capitalised ...



A WOY WOY cross goes straight into the path of their danger man



TIME: 66.00

SCORE: WOY WOY 2 - WYOMING 1

BOUND FOR GLORY ?

With only fourteen minutes remaining, was this it? Was it going to be one of those crazy games of football where the better team on the day hadn't capitalised on their chances? The Tigers continued to try nevertheless. Ben wasn't able to stretch out far enough from a Jono pass in front of the box. Paul made a great break but his shot came from the front of his boot and straight to the keeper ... time was running out. Was this the end of Wyoming's finals campaign? Not if interchange helmsman Nate Donzow had anything to do with it. Angry Anderson's 'Bound of Glory' song had been blazing through his car stereo on his way to the ground and the lyrics were obviously still causing a stir inside the head of this Lebanese lothario. In a masterstroke, he brought Dean on as a late inclusion up front and shifted Jono to the midfield. Without an ounce of hyperbole, this change to formation shook the Woy Woy team to their very core, when ...

Framey had put a long ball up the left flank for Andy to chase. He got to it but his attempt to pass a defender was blocked and knocked over the sideline. Andy picked up the ball. Paul stood up the wing only a few meters away. It wasn't the prettiest throw-in but despite the cries for foul by the Woy Woy squad, the referee was satisfied it was done correctly. Paul controlled the ball and made a quick turn. He continued along the edge of the goal line and worked his magic towards the goal posts. He slotted it beyond the keeper's grasp and across the goal mouth where Jono was in the perfect position to slot it in with his right foot.





TIME: 72.00

SCORE: WOY WOY 2 - WYOMING 2



DEANO gives some lovin' as JONO rushes to retrieve the ball - GAME ON !!

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TWO MINUTES LATER ...

With only eight minutes remaining, was this game due to be settled in golden goal extra time ? Nate surely wouldn't approve, that would mean holding the boys back from up to thirty minutes of more drinking time !! No, not acceptable. He sent out a vibe for Burkey to get things started. Burkey found Paul with some space to move up the left wing. Paul must have also received Nate's vibe as he wasted no time in seizing the perfect opportunity to send Jono away up front. His through ball was spot on and Jono - to show a bit more pizzazz - decided to put this one away with his right foot proving all those doubters wrong that this limb wasn't merely there to just give him balance, it too could score goals.



JASON passes the ball up the left flank to PAUL



FRAMEY instructs his team mates not to stand in this spot in case they block the camera when JONO scores





THE RETURN OF THE 'SIDESHOW BOB' CARTWHEEL

The Tigers were in front for the first time today. To commemorate not only this but also his hat-trick, Jono decided to up the ante on Luca's celebration last weekend ...



TIME: 74.00

SCORE: WOY WOY 2 - WYOMING 3



AARON makes a desperate save / No. 16's last shot ... sails over the crossbar



ANDY and MEADY alleviate danger in the goalmouth



Defensive Dynamic Duo MEADY & BRAD block one last threat / MEADY sends it to ANDY, the last pass of the game

THE FINAL FEW MINUTES

The referee answered "four minutes" to a Woy Woy query on how long remained. They weren't giving up anytime soon and came at the Tigers strong. In that time, Wyoming clung on valiantly defending three consecutive corners kicks. Desperation was such that Paul even resorted to using his right foot to make a clearance ... a 70 meter clearance as it would turn out, going straight up the right sideline. In the last play, Meady had the ball, Andy called for and received it. He started up the left sideline waiting for the opposition to make the next move. They had no time to do so ... the full time whistle blew. The boys from Wyoming had done it. They'd beaten the League Champions and secured a spot in the Grand Final !!





DEAN'S PREMONITIONS

Dean's prediction before kick off would be a 2-1 victory in Wyoming's favour. Hey, he was one goal off for each team in last weekend's prediction too but he did get the margin right both times. In post-game celebrations he revealed his prediction for next week's scoreline but in fear of jinxing it, I shall not reveal it here ... nor reveal how he comes up with these scorelines. Let's just say if it comes true, or even if the margin is at least correct, then there'll be some ecstatic faces wearing Wyoming colours next weekend.





OOPS, SOMEONE DID GET MARRIED IN WYONG

Oops looks like I did offend someone with my "no one gets married in Wyong" comment from the last report but fear not, it was only Meady. Turns out he tied the knot to Katrina in Dooralong Valley (wherever that is) ... I tried the "I said Wyong, not Wyong shire" excuse but to no avail.



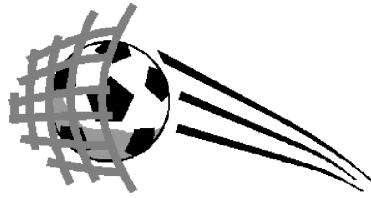
The Wyoming Mafia turns up to congratulate the boys

MISSING FROM ACTION

As mentioned, Nate stepped down today with sore knee syndrome; Geoff was away working in the mines; Chris - who arrived at the ground just as Wyoming scored their first goal - was committed to watching his son play rep football in Sydney; and Captain Flanno was unable to attend as he was coaching the U11B's in their Grand Final at Plum Park that kicked off at the exact same time as ours did. The U11B's - or as they'll become more infamously known, the 35s team of 2038 - consists of junior Creccas, Singletons, Wallaces, Stanburys, Flanagans and Burkes [Apologies if I left anyone out them]. Whilst they sadly lost their encounter that day, they had a great season.



CHRIS celebrates in song and of course, adds "Let's Go F#@% Mental" as his crescendo.



GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Jono - 19
- Paul - 6
- Framey - 5
 - Ben - 4
 - Andy - 2
 - Tony - 2
- Brad; Chris; Gregg; Luca - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

- Paul - 5
- Andy - 4
- Framey; Jono; Luca; Tony - 3
- 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




- #3 (Gregg) & #6 (Paul) - 3pts *
- #14 (Brad) - 2pts
- #10 (Tony) - 1pt **

** Both get special 'blood bin' mention.*

*** Broke the cardinal sin, his shirt was inside out (Rumours are he was set up)*

RESULTS




Just to recap ...

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
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PRELIMINARY FINAL							
2	 WOY WOY	vs	 WYOMING	3	Bloodtree Oval 1 (Mangrove Mountain)	August 16	12:00

Woo hoo !!

THE GRAND FINAL

Get ready for it boys, the big one. If the rain does eventually stop this week then we're headed back to Woy Woy to take on Kariong this weekend. Kariong have only lost two games all season, both times were to ... Wyoming! Let's make it a treble boys!!

 CENTRAL COAST - 35DS 2014							
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GRAND FINAL							
	 KARIONG	vs	 WYOMING		Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 23	12:00

WYOMING WAA5's

Their Major Semi Final against Gosford has been postponed due to wet weather and hopefully will take place this Sunday afternoon. 3 o'clock kick off. Bloodtree Oval, Mangrove Mountain. Good luck girls !

UNLEASH THE CRECCA-N!!

Saving the best for last, Tony is not suspended as feared and is free to play !! Special thanks to Framey for researching this and making Tony's day.



Cya Saturday !!

