





WYOMING 35DS CHRONICLES

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ROUND 1

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
2	 WYOMING	vs	 UMINA	3	Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	April 11	15:10

GROUND INSPECTION

With the steady rain over the past week there were a few pessimistic players - particularly Meady - who thought there'd be no chance Round 1 would commence this weekend. Ye of little faith! Groundskeeper Gavin Hope had kept the grounds in fine condition during the off-season, as evidenced by Luca's photographic proof as he walked his dog Ziggy across the sacred Alan Davidson Oval at the crack of dawn ... Before we continue, on behalf of all at the club, best wishes to Gavin, hope you're feeling better soon mate.



Courtesy of Luca Scuri

A SLOW START

Well it was not the start of Season 2015 the boys from Wyoming 35DS had hoped for as they spent a majority of the game trying to claw their way back from a two-goal deficit. Defensive errors had gifted Umina - always a tough opponent - an early 2-0 lead.



Custodian AARON under the pump early.



MEADY takes an early shot

MEADY THE STRIKER

To awaken Wyoming from their slumber and lead the charge up front was the man who usually plays at sweeper. Yes Meady - still dreaming about his premier league goals last year - opted to try his hand at striker today and what an effort. As soon as he came from the bench he was causing the Umina defenders - and particularly the keeper - grief. The latter even opted to take him out when Nige tapped the ball past him. Though only getting a yellow card, the keeper was at least inflicted with a penalty kick from Chris O'Connor who slotted it away sweetly.



The last man MEADY gets taken out by the Keeper.



CHRIS reduces Umina's lead with a penalty goal

MORE DEFENSIVE MISERY

With the scoreline reduced, Wyoming were confident of gaining ascendancy in the second half but again they had their work cut out for them with another blunder at the back. A failed clearance from a goal kick saw Umina gain possession and through the ensuing defensive chaos, Jason inadvertently netted it away into the corner for an own goal. Umina now led 3-1, it would be a long way back from here.



More despair for Wyoming with an own goal

THE FIGHT BACK

Despite the odds not being in their favour, Wyoming weren't about to surrender. Before the own goal, Andy and Luca had almost made it 2-2. Andy's shot from out wide beat the keeper but nudged the base of the crossbar. Luca finished it off but was ruled offside. Luca found the net again but much to his demurral was denied for a second time with another offside ruling. He may have had no luck today in bagging a goal himself but he did set up Wyoming's second with a beautiful cross that found the noggin of Meady.



ANDY'S shot from TONY's throw-in



MEADY gets off the Nudie Run list early courtesy of LUCA

THE ELUSIVE EQUALISER

With the amount of chances Wyoming had it seemed inevitable they would at least accrue a point from this game but luck did not seem to be on their side. Andy had a couple of promising left flank runs; a few free kick shots came close and Paul looked certain to curl it in but made contact with the upright. Finally, justice seemed served when Meady got fouled inside the box. Chris stepped up to the spot again but lightning did not strike twice today, his shot nudged away by the keeper. Alas, it was not Wyoming's day. At the full time whistle even the Umina player's declared we were unlucky. Then again, we have a habit of losing to Umina in the first encounter each year. 2013, Round 1, lost by a goal to Umina and look where that led ;)



ANDY takes a charge down the left wing / CHRIS gives it his all.



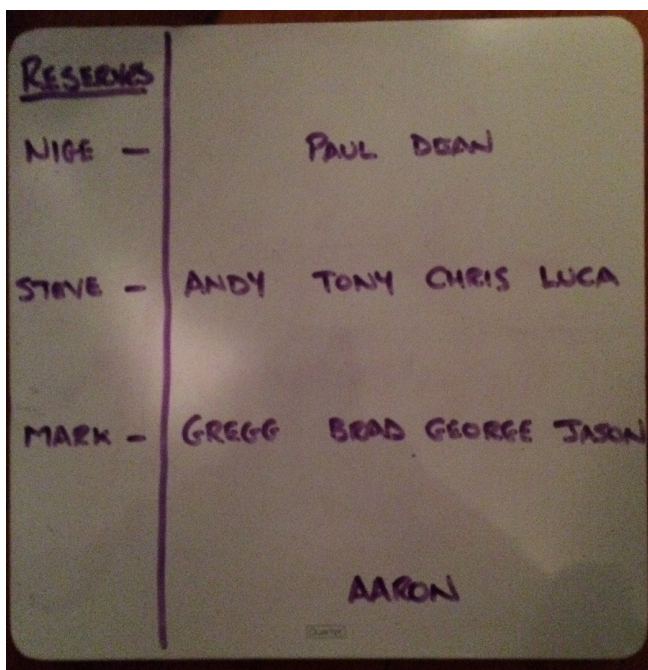
PAUL's shot hits the upright



MEADY wins the penalty / CHRIS's spot kick knocked away.

NOT PLAYING FOR SHEEP STATIONS

Throughout the eighty minutes, the game's intensity rose as did the Referee's hand on a few occasions brandishing out yellow cards. Lectures ensued as did a bizarre reminder that we were not playing for sheep stations here today. Um, okay. Strange antics continued culminating in the last few minutes of the game. When asked how much time was remaining, the referee replied, when within the final 20 minutes I do not disclose the time. This apparently avoids argument. But as Meady put it astutely, how can we argue, we're not wearing watches.



MISSING IN ACTION

A smaller squad of 14 took the field today. Adrian; Dave (injured); Framey (still shopping for boots); and Flanno (on a cruise ship, hopefully not detained in the brig this time) were our absentees.

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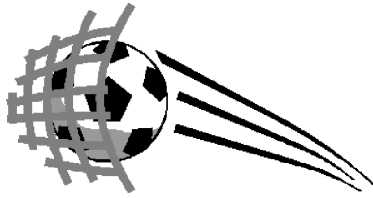
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GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Chris - 1
- Meady - 1

GOAL ASSISTS

(includes Penalty Assists)

- Luca - 1
- Meady - 1



NUDIE RUN CANDIDATES

Too many to mention



LADY LAVENDER'S LAUNDRY WOES

- #4 (Mark) - 3pts
- #29 (Meady) - 2pts
- #14 (Brad) - 1pt

Marky Wallace caused much anxiety for Lady Lavender this round surprisingly leapfrogging the expected champion Meady ... Marky's jersey was still enduring a battle with sard midway through the week ... Whilst Brad again got on the scoreboard, there was no blood this round, lift your game Brad !!!



Cya
Saturday!!



CENTRAL COAST - 35DS						
2015						
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ROUND 1						
0	EAST GOSFORD	vs	AVOCA	0	Hylton Moore Oval 2 (East Gosford)	April 11 13:30
2	WYOMING	vs	UMINA	3	Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming)	April 11 15:10
1	KINCUMBER	vs	TERRIGAL	4	Frost Reserve 2 (Kincumber)	April 11 15:10
5	GOSFORD	vs	KARIONG	1	Gavenlock Oval 1 (Gosford)	April 11 15:10

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

ROUND 2						
	HOME	AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	UMINA	vs	KINCUMBER	Umina Oval 1 (Umina)	April 18	13:30
	KARIONG	vs	EAST GOSFORD	Kariong Oval 1 (Kariong)	April 18	13:30
	AVOCA	vs	WYOMING	Frost Reserve 2 (Kincumber)	April 18	15:00
	TERRIGAL	vs	GOSFORD	Terry Oval (Springfield)	April 18	15:10