



WYOMING 35DS

CHRONICLES

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SEMI FINAL

(MAJOR)

	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 WYOMING	vs	 UMINA	4	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 15	14:00

Well, despite the dominance the 35DS Wyoming Tigers demonstrated throughout the majority of this season, it was sadly not on show today. Burdened by a shortage of roaming midfielders, team bickering and being baited by a foul-mouthed opposition striker with a taste of theatrics, it was an ugly day at Alan Davidson. Conceding an early goal, the boys in yellow hoped to hang on till half time when a much-missed Tony was expected to arrive. Unfortunately, Umina were in again on the stroke of half-time and an earlier kick-off time than scheduled meant our No. 10 wouldn't arrive until well into the second half. A third goal looked to have sealed their fate but Paul's excellent free kick reduced the gap and Umina, slightly rattled, made a few unforced errors in the ensuing minutes. But then, a send-off and a handball in the box dissolved any chance of a Wyoming comeback. The boys in brown nailed the penalty, delivering the knock-out punch and securing their place in the Grand Final. Now, Wyoming have to lick their wounds and battle an in-form East Gosford team for that second chance of reaching the ultimate decider.



GROINED TO A HALT

Monday night, five days before the Semi Final, Andy decided to go and watch Ngari's newly formed Soccer 5s team but when a couple of guys pulled out, he thought, hey I might have a run. Ngari advised he shouldn't play, teammate John McFee also warned, you get injured you'll be kicking yourself. But did he listen? No. He played a few minutes in the first half, had a light run, scored a goal ... all good for shot practice for the big game, right? ... Not when he starts the second half, takes a shot at goal and pulls his groin - the opposite side this time !! A few days anxious days ensued of limping, massages, and heatpacks in the hopes he'd heal in time. He geared up, got his name of the teamsheet but never made the field, a warm-up routine proved he just wasn't going to be ready. His teammates were kind and supportive as expected ... "You're a tool" quipped Aaron, "Who plays soccer 5's before a grand final? Idiot!" added Meady. As an unbiased writer of these Chronicles, I wholeheartedly agree, what a douche !!



ANDY & LUCA struggle to watch



Umina's first goal ... No. 7 must've tripped on the way back to the halfway line??



An unfortunate collision between AARON and BRAD ends any hope of stopping Umina's 2nd goal.



BIF! BAM! POW !! GREGG collides in another heavy tackle.

THE CRECCA TRACKER

As half time approached, Kev Lee on the sideline, checked his phone. An application told him that the tracking device he'd put inside Tony's boots had left Budgewoi and were now on the freeway. Could the boys hold onto a one goal deficit till halftime and hit back in the second with the unleashing of the Creccan. It was looking hopeful until Umina made a late break. An unfortunate collision between Brad and Aaron prevented either from stopping the ball as it slowly rolled over the goalline. At the ensuing kick-off, Paul was urged by Flanno to take a shot from halfway. As he did so he immediately let out a yell of disappointment - eerily reminiscent of those from Meady when he takes goal kicks - for it did not reach its intended target. That yell summed up the game. Frustration. It wasn't for lack of trying. The backline were solid as always. Brad, Meady, Jason, Mark did the best they could; Gregg battled hard making some loud crunching tackles and even from the ground was still trying his utmost to get the ball - even if he looked like he was either breakdancing or impersonating a spinning top; Stevie G was also in fine form alleviating pressure with some excellent clearances. With a lack of pace in the midfield, Paul found himself working double time in the positions of flanking midfielder and striker but just had too much traffic to contend with. Due to the earlier-than-scheduled start, Tony wasn't able to arrive before the second half got under way. Andy's eyes started diverting to the carpark after Kev Lee provided the update, "two minutes away". Finally, he arrived to give his teammates a boost in confidence and depth in the midfield but time was against us.



GEORGE makes a welcomed return / The CRECCA arrives !!



FRAMEY takes a shot.



PAUL makes one of many attacking runs down the left flank.



MEADY's header from a GEORGE corner almost finds the target.



Umina's 3rd goal - a free header. AARON dives, gets a touch to it but not enough to send it wide.

THE CONSOLATION GOAL

Paul's free kick. He hit it with such venom it probably left a mark on the defender's back it hit on its way into the net. Flanno, who tapped it a mere centimeter for Paul, yelled to the scribe on the sideline, "that's my assist". A desperate ploy to get off the nudie run's list but I'll grant it just in the hopes of avoiding Brainiac !!



PAUL's free kick slices through the pack.



Umina wins a penalty - a MEADY handball apparently - and racks up their fourth.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Umina's No. 7 caused all sorts of angst on and off the field today. To his credit, he was a constant headache to Wyoming's defense and put away a brace of goals in the first half. To his detriment, he resorted to foul-mouthed behavior and theatrics that seemingly did the trick in getting under the skin of his opposition. Framey, in all his years of football, declared this guy the worst kind of scum he'd ever come across. Whilst the referee was wise to his antics - he did warn him that the next dive he made would result in a card - he unfortunately didn't hear the banalities coming from his mouth. Players from East Gosford - who won their semi final prior to this game and stuck around to watch - were also not fans when he called them "dog c#&^s" whilst passing by. Heckled by them and idiots from the sideline made the afternoon even more ugly.



"Sir, I did not dive, I was framed!!"



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LB What ??? BRAD thinks it's cricket season already !!




LEAPIN' AARON



SEMI FINAL (MINOR)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
2	 EAST GOSFORD	vs	 GOSFORD	1	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 15	12:00
SEMI FINAL (MAJOR)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
1	 WYOMING	vs	 UMINA	4	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 15	14:00

THE PRELIMINARY FINAL

East Gosford picked up the late winner over Gosford in the Minor Semi Final. The Rams now advance to the Preliminary Final to take on the Wyoming Tigers. The winner of which lives another day to take on Umina in the Grand Final. A tough game awaits and sadly one without Tony who has coaching commitments for his son's team; and Luca & Flanno due to suspension. But if we can win it and avoid any injuries on that day, then the Grand Final will see us with almost a full compliment of players, an encouraging prospect. Let's do it boys, let's avoid all the bullshit bickering and do what we do best, play football in a team of great mates and brothers !!

PRELIMINARY FINAL							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	 WYOMING	vs	 EAST GOSFORD		Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 22	13:00
GRAND FINAL							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	 UMINA	vs			Austin Butler Oval 1 (Woy Woy)	August 29	13:00



GOAL SCORING TALLY

- Paul - 14
- Andy, Chris - 3
- Luca, Meady, Tony - 2
- Adrian, Brad, Framey - 1

(We have an additional two goals in our tally due to forfeit win)

GOAL ASSISTS

- Paul - 8
- Andy - 5
- Adrian, Meady - 3
- Aaron, Flanno, Framey, Gregg, Luca, Tony - 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO VANESSA (AKA BABE)



Cya
Saturday!!

