



# WYOMING 35EN CHRONICLES

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## PRE-SEASON REPORT

### DOUBTFUL TIMES

Despite going out of the 2017 season like Champions - undefeated in Rounds 17 and 18 -, there was an air of uncertainty about how many would return for 2018. There were whispers around the traps of a few hanging up the boots. The signs were there early when only half the team turned up for the senior presentation. Hell, even two of the three trophy recipients were absent - there were calls for a "re-draw"! Congratulations by the way to Luca Scuri (Player of the Year); Stevie G (Player's Player); and Gregg Marlow (Coach's Award). Stevie G was the one who did turn up - there was free beer after all - and seemed genuinely surprised by his trophy. He was also recognized on the night for 20 Years as a player for Wyoming Football Club. He made it no secret that he'd probably retire upon reaching that 20<sup>th</sup> year milestone. Skepticism kicked in after about his fifth beer ... had he been awarded the Player's Player trophy merely to guilt trip him into playing again?? Hmm. To channel the Schultz part of my surname ... "I know nothingggg".



Luca Scuri

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Best day of my life!



LUCA's facebook post soon gets him in trouble with the wife and kids.

## TALES FROM THE "MIDLIFE CRISIS" OFF-SEASON

Well, what's a Chronicles report without a dig at Nigel Mead. As you may recall last year he'd been counting down the days left until he was licensed to ride his Harley Davidson. The day came when the dedicated countdown app on his phone beeped to life. He got on his bike and decided to trek to Bateau Bay and practice some turns in the Edsacc Oval carpark. He made it as far as the adjoining roundabout. Whilst giving way at the intersection, a 84 year old lady - surname Compton, yes Straight Outta Compton - failed to see him in front of her and drove her car right up his back. Thankfully he was fine though the bike didn't fare so well. Whilst waiting for the specialised repair shop to re-open (they were closed for at least another month), he was able to take it out for another spin ... and this time, he got knocked over by a 77-year old female driver. In the off-season, Stevie G also bought a bike but has refused to ride anywhere near Meady nor any retirement villages.



MEADY only allowed to ride in his driveway from now on / Gets given flashing headwear to prevent a third accident



STEVIE G with his new toy.

### NON-BELLISSIMO !!

As a way of overcoming depression due to his beloved Italy failing to qualify for the World Cup, Luca distracted himself by maintaining his fitness with Muay Thai sessions, and constantly made Andy nervous with reports of injuries, particularly one where he claimed he'd broken his toe and was out of the season. Of course, it was a gee-up that Andy fell for.

Put your pasta out for Italy



FORDO's heartfelt tribute to LUCA & the ITALIAN National Team / LUCA being soft with sore toe syndrome

### GREGG'S INFIDELITY

Gregg was caught out risking potential injury as he played Soccer 5s over the off-season and won the Corporate Cup. Flanno spotted this photo on the website and promptly dobbed him in ...

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## THE FIVE DROP-OUTS

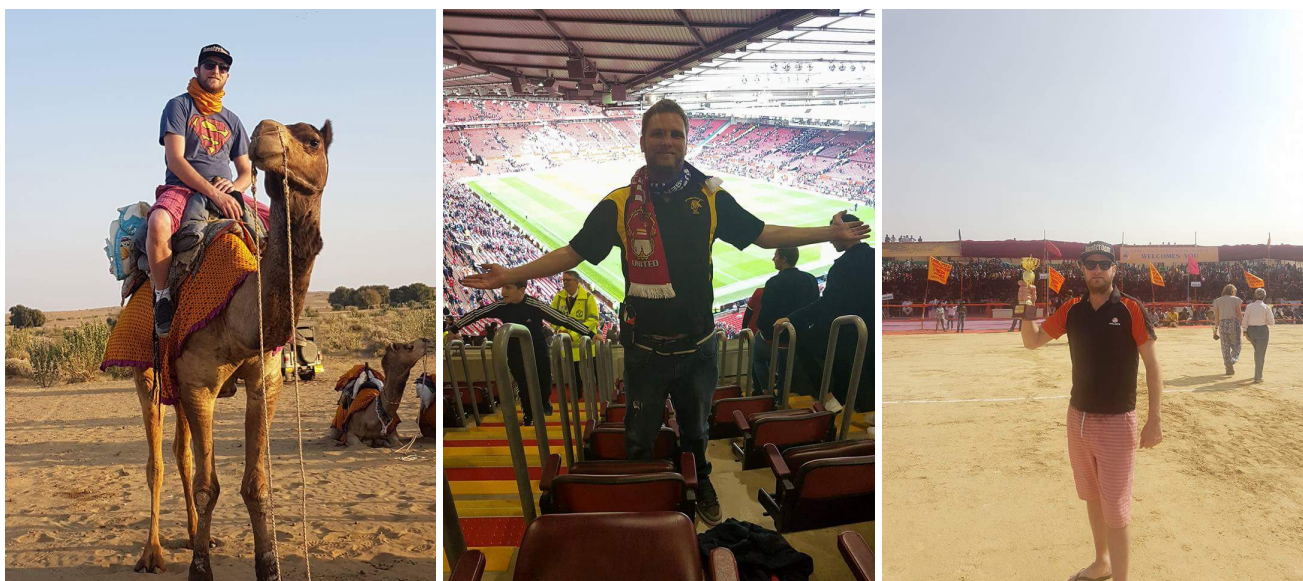
January arrived and the nagging text messages to sign up were sent out in bulk. Five players would not be returning: Ian, who had all intentions to return, got a job transfer up at Kempsey and lazily refused to make the four hour drive to trainings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings ... so he was given the flick; Mr. MIA Jason Cottier was still erm MIA; Fordo sadly would not make it three-years-in-a-row due to too much traveling planned; and two of our 2013 premiership year debutants Jason Burke and Dave Stanbury also called it quits, mostly due to family commitments. Thanks for the memories boys and hopefully we see you around.



Farewell to: IAN MARSHALL, JASON BURKE, WAYNE FORDHAM, JASON COTTIER, DAVE STANBURY

## STEWART & THE WITCH DOCTOR

At the end of the last season, Stewart Webb had indicated he may not return this year as he was determined to travel the world in search of a witch doctor to lift his non-finals curse. Upon forming in 2011, our team qualified for the finals for five consecutive years ... and then Stew joined the team. We have not made the finals since. Meanwhile, his rugby league team - who hadn't made the finals during his tenure - had since won consecutive grand finals without him. It was time for some soul searching. From the peaks of Nepal to the pits of Old Trafford, Stew has wandered the globe like that dude in Kung Fu looking for answers. Six months have passed, and Stew has returned to our shores. He was one of the first players to register so we're assuming he is confident that the curse has lifted ... time will tell. If not, Brad is gonna send him overseas again and have his passport destroyed.



STEW treks high and low (Man Utd) in his search to break his finals curse & feel the sensation of holding a trophy.

## THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

With squad shortages, the word was put out to lure former players and / or new recruits. The usual suspects were approached: Paul Ashton (thus far declined due to having not yet overcome his knee injury); Dean (despite every season saying he'll play the next, declined); and no luck either with Tony, Framey or Elton (In breaking news, Elton has signed up again!!). So, new recruits it is ... Brad was active around the water cooler at his work handing out fliers whilst boasting about finishing last season with a hatrick. His colleague Dale Smith was particularly eager, continually refreshing the Football NSW website page until the 2018 registrations were open and promptly signed up. Chris O'Connor also had his recruitment hat on having spotted some raw talent in Andrew Newnham during a training session for their respective kids. Despite having not played in 30 years, Andrew was keen to sign up without Chris needing to give him a good ol' Manchester kiss. Ryan Lawes - affiliated with the club through his kids - decided to show them how its done; and Andy's once-a-year facebook message nag to Mick McGarvey finally worked. Two years back, he'd almost lured Mick with the help of Luca who promised a complimentary case of wine. Alas, it wasn't enough to prevent Ourimbah from poaching him. This time round, all that was needed was for Andy to answer a series of grueling questions: 1) Do we train? Oh crap, is he hoping we train? Um, nooooo ... "No training is okay" was his response, Phew! 2) What grade? Oh gees, he was a former Central Coast rep player, is he hoping we are in A-Grade. Andy nervously wrote "Well, we've applied to drop to the lowest grade" ... waits nervously ... That didn't bother him either!! Two from Two! ; and 3) Kick off times? That response was fine. For good measure, Andy threw the book at him (well a link to the Chronicles anyway), and assured him our team don't whinge or bicker. I'm assuming he meant amongst ourselves rather than at referees or other players, 'cause um Mick, let me introduce you to Flanno!! There was also talk of 100-year-old veteran Billy Bulmer joining the team but we've received no correspondence from him since, perhaps due to our smart phone not being compatible with the cup and string device he uses. Either that or Gregg has sabotaged the connection so he remains the team's oldest player. Newly elected President of the Club Scott Snodgrass - who seemingly retired a couple of years back after an ACL injury - has decided to test that knee out and register. He was promptly told that any President of the club in this era has to play in our team. So following in the steps of Kevin Lee and Aaron Quill, we will get Snorky's services when his times are compatible with the management of the 35As. We also may get Scott Howison and Ken Melvin joining us at times. Alas, Luca's wine vaults remain full having failed to sign up any big names this year, it's okay Luca, better luck next year.



LUCA's attempts to lure players through third-party agreement wine offerings / LUCA'S ode to IL FLANNO !

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## A NEW MANAGER !!

After several years Nigel Mead has stepped down from the Manager position. Sure, he failed to arrange the End of Season trips for the past two years and wasted kitty money on a paintball outing that never eventuated, but other than that, he did a superb job. Nige, we salute you. Nige has now passed the torch - as well as a bag full of dirty, sweaty jerseys - over to Andy whilst Flanno is now the custodian of the most sacred responsibility of all, that of the esky caretaker.

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## TRIALS

This pre-season we managed to squeeze in 2 trials games. The first was a 9v9 encounter against Wyoming All Age 7 at Chertsey Primary School in Springfield. Dale, Ryan, Andrew and Mick made their debuts. Gregg graciously filled in as keeper with Aaron too busy fishing (Flanno joined him at the last minute). Gregg eventually learnt what was and wasn't a back pass. Was a good kick out with the 35s defeating their younger counterparts, 6 goals to 3. Andy bagged a hattrick, albeit two were flukes; New recruit Andrew Newnham delivered the perfect cross for his new buddy Chris to head in another; Snorky scored a pearler; and Mick bagged the final goal at the death. Luca was involved in most of the goals.

For the second trial, we trekked to Budgewoi with a skeleton crew of 11 players plus Brad Anderson -from the 35DN squad - kindly helped out. This time we were up against the 35ES team. Yes, despite being League Champions last season they have been allowed to remain in the same division. The goalie position was rotated by Steve, Gregg, Nige and Brad with Aaron absent again, this time he was at the Easter Show having pre-booked as he'd heard there was a Pussy Show on that day. Turns out it meant the Cat Show in the Pets Pavilion. Oh well, I'm sure he still enjoyed it. \*Cough\* In hot conditions, we were outclassed by a fitter squad who also had about five additional players on the bench. We went down 5-2. Mick McGarvey and Brad Anderson came away with late goals for us. Andy assured Mick that the team would get better. Julia wasn't quite convinced adding "You think?". Geesh Jules, have some faith.





KEEPER ROTATION (Steve, Gregg, Brad & Nigel)



THE NEW BOYS: Dale Smith / Ryan Lawes / Mick McGarvey



MICK'S GOAL



BRAD ANDERSON'S GOAL

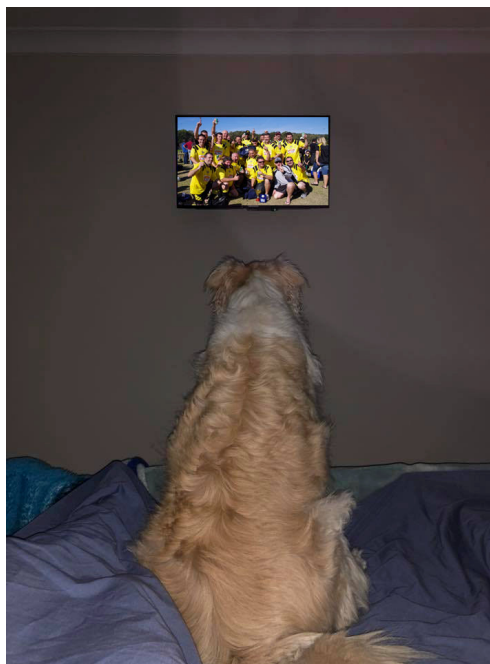


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## TRIBUTE TO NALA

Finally, I'd like to share my condolences to the Quill family whose beloved dog Nala passed away earlier this year. Known for her crazy antics in front of a tv watching the footy, making friends on the sidelines of our games, and for some quality photobombing, we miss you Nala.












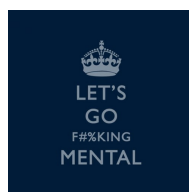
## 2018 REGULAR LINE-UP

BRAD AVERY  
 KEVIN FLANAGAN  
 STEVEN GEORGE  
 ANDREW KENNEDY  
 RYAN LAWES  
 GREGG MARLOW  
 MICHAEL MCGARVEY  
 NIGEL MEAD  
 ANDREW NEWNHAM  
 CHRIS O'CONNOR  
 AARON QUILL  
 ELTON RICHARDSON  
 LUCA SCURI  
 DALE SMITH  
 MARK WALLACE  
 STEWART WEBB

## ROUND ONE

It's back to a 10 team comp this season so everyone will play each other twice over 18 Rounds. Up first for the Tigers, we head up to Hamlyn Terrace to battle Woongarra. Good luck boys!

CENTRAL COAST - 35EN							
2018							
WEEK 1 (ROUND 1)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
	 WOONGARRAH	VS	 WYOMING		Hamlyn Terrace 2 (Hamlyn Terrace)	April 7	12:30
	 WYONG	VS	 OURIMBAH		Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	April 7	13:00
	 BERKELEY	VS	 GOSFORD		Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	April 7	13:15
	 TOUKLEY	VS	 KILLARNEY 2		Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	April 7	14:40
	 KANWAL	VS	 KILLARNEY 1		Edsacc North Field 3 (Bateau Bay)	April 7	15:00



Cya Saturday!!