



WYOMING 35EN CHRONICLES

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GAME #1



Vs



Hamlyn Terrace Oval, Warnervale

A WINTER SPORT?

Whose idea was it to stay in the Northern district? Not only do you have to endure the bottleneck frustrations of a two-lane freeway past the Tuggerah turn off but as mother nature hasn't caught on to the fact that summer is over - we're meant to be a month into autumn - we're not doing ourselves any favors heading closer to the equator. Yet here we were up at Hamlyn Terrace for Round One for a post-noon kick off in thirty-degrees temperature. Not helping the cause, we were stationed on the far oval where there was no shelter for the bench or our spectators. Woongarrah though were fine, they had a giant gazebo bigger than our clubhouse for cover. Fordo would've come to our rescue no doubt !!



⤴ BRAD and his ... (too many puns, too many puns) / AARON impersonates a Star Wars character for the kids



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COUNTING TO ELEVEN

Adding to that daunting task of 80 minutes in the heat, we were looking a bit slim in bench numbers. Missing were: Chris (early kick off times conflict with his kids playing in North Sydney leagues); Flanno (serving a one game suspension for too many yellow cards last year); Snorky (still recovering from sore knee syndrome); Elton (not yet registered); and Luca wouldn't arrive till 2nd half due to coaching commitments. Andy's first game day as manager started repeatedly with him trying to count to 11. He got to about six a few times as those who had arrived early booted up. Anxiety started to kick in. More so when his phone lit up with a message that Luca would be a further 20-30 minutes late due to the 16B's kick off being delayed. Nige had yet to arrive to mentor him with the sign-in procedure. That was further marred when the administration staff lost their internet connection. There were some surprises though. Gregg and Stew - who were both a 50/50 chance of making it today - arrived early and then there was Bill Bulmer who turned up out of the blue. There was intel that he'd received his pink slip from the Doctor to play but seems nobody has taught him how to write a text message over the past couple of months. Nevertheless as kick off loomed we had 12 players and Nige could be seen in the carpark waiting for his favourite ZZ Top song to finish on the radio, take your time bud. He had legs, but he didn't know how to use them ... not making the field before the referee's whistle blew. As it turned out, most of the referees at the other grounds were kind enough to offer drink breaks in the middle of each half - hence the delays elsewhere - but not ours!! ... Okay, I think that's it for the whining. Oh no wait. Aaron discovered there were ants, yes, ghastly gigantic ants in our camping area on the sideline !! There was none of this nonsense on his fishing boat!!



⤴ ANDY K sets up STEW for an early shot a minute into the game.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

And so the whistle blew and our 2018 campaign began. There were promising signs early on as a couple of attacking breaks were made, the closest being Stew connecting to an Andy through ball only to send it wide of the goal. Mick threatened their defense several times; Ryan made some good runs up the left flank; and Billy ... well when the ball came within 10 cms away from him he was able to reach out and kick it, sometimes to our own players. Unfortunately a lot of our passes fell shy of their intended target and the Wildcats started to dominate.



⤵ RYAN's attempted cross / ANDREW takes a shot | ⤴ AARON under some early pressure



DEFENSIVE BLUNDERS

Their first goal came about from a chip kick that unfortunately clipped the back of Gregg's head and sent the opposition's offside right winger down the flank. His shot reflected off the goal frame and fortuitously into the path of another Wildcat who made no mistake finding the net. Aaron was unlucky from not being able to block their second goal. His hands not stretching out wide open. This is what happens when you spend the off-season with hands clenched together around fishing rods, and erm, golf clubs. Their third occurred when poor old Stevie G - our last line of defence - got dispossessed. His Grandpa Billy wasn't particularly constructive with his words of advice.



⤴ AARON takes a face plant for the team. [WOONGARRAH GOAL #1]



⤴ "Ahoy, me Hearties" ... the one that got away [WOONGARRAH GOAL #2]



⤴ By George! I don't think he's got this ! [WOONGARRAH GOAL #3]



⤴ ANDY's free kick attempts go begging.



⤴ STEW sends DALE up the right flank.

NEWNHAM'S DOUBLE-TAP

Down 3-0, as we kicked off again, a passage of play finally went our way. Stevie G started it off with a kick from the backline to Andy who flicked it out the right to Dale, an inside pass then to Andrew who sent Stew up the right flank. Stew put a beautiful cross through. Gregg and Bill were in the chaos of the opposite goalpost, Bill got a touch to it and Andrew Newnham - playing his first competition game in 30 years - took a shot. The keeper blocked it but Andrew got another go at it and found the net!! There it was! The sniff of a comeback just before half time.



⤴ ANDREW NEWNHAM breaks his 30 year goal scoring drought.

HALF-TIME:



3



1



⤴ MICK sends it across the goalmouth for a perfect tap in ... BILL, what a chance !!!

CLOSING THE GAP

The boys barely had enough time to re-hydrate and find shelter before being called upon for the second half. Plans were afoot for delay tactics such as hiding Aaron behind a tree, the game couldn't restart unless we had our keeper on the field ... right? Andy tried to instill hope in the squad with words of the imminent arrival of a fresh, keen Luca due shortly. Until then they'd have to get on with it themselves and that belief rose when Wyoming's 2nd goal arrived. Andy realized where he'd gone wrong with all his swooping long balls up front ... he'd been using his natural left foot. When he chipped one with his right, Brad controlled it beautifully and slotted it away. So good was Brad's first touch that the opposition defender pled with the ref that surely he used his hand to control it. After all, that kind of skill isn't possible in E grade. Mick suffered the same scrutiny during that second half with several precision slide tackles. You just can't do that in this grade apparently!! Insurance companies aren't gonna cover the crane costs to lift you back to your feet at this age. But whilst Mick was penalised several times for A-grade style tactics, Brad was thankfully awarded a goal for his efforts.



⤴ ANDY K sends BRAD away for Goal Number Two !

SCORE:



3



2

WHOOPSY WALLACE

Now was the perfect time for Luca's arrival. We were still in this game. Fresh legs and enthusiasm could be the difference in this sweltering heat but alas, no matter how many times Andy looked to the carpark, Luca did not miraculously appear. We could continue on as was and get an equaliser at least right? Right Marky Wallace? Okay maybe not. It was Mark's turn for a blunder. Rather than clear it wide, he opted to pass behind him. A mix-up between keeper and the other defenders allowed for a quick intercept and that deficit had increased again to two points.



⤴ WOONGARRAH racks up their fourth goal.



⤴ ANDY finds the side netting | ⤵ MICK makes another promising run down the right flank



We did have further chances of getting ahead. Ryan sent Dale down the line who put through a nice inside pass to Stew; Mick put a great ball across the goals from the right flank but nobody was in position to slot it through and it was 20 cms away from Billy (pictured two pages above) so yeah, oops; Stew and Nige collided canceling a chance of heading in Andy's corner kick; and Brad should've had a brace... Andy - who had a couple of wayward shots earlier - slotted a cross directly into the charging path of Brad. He controlled it fine and renowned for his composure in front of goals, it looked certain to be Wyoming's third for the day. But he knocked it wide.



⤴ STEW and NIGE get in the way of each other during an ANDY K corner | ⤵ BRAD's misses his brace



And that was that. Luca did turn up ... but about a minute before full time. Flanno also arrived with a big esky to help the team drown their sorrows. It was our first game wearing new jerseys so Flanno encouraged us by promptly ordering Andy to "Get rid off them!".

FULL-TIME:



4



2



⤴ MARK picks up the only yellow card in the game, AARON wraps up the ensuing free kick.



⤴ The referee just won't let MICK's sliding tackles, erm, slide.



⤴ MARK tricks his way past GREGG and one surprised Wildcat, but can't make it three from three.



⤴ LOVE !!



⤴ Um, not that kind of love BILL



⤴ Diving practice



⤴ Poor LUCA arrives just a little too late

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GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Andrew N - 1
Brad - 1

ASSISTS

Andy K - 1
Bill - 1

DIRTY SHIRTS (MUD POINTS)



This Week's Judge:

STEVE GEORGE

NO POINTS GIVEN

"Not a mark on any shirt ... I should of wiped a few shirts in the dirt before I washed them" - SG

TOTAL POINTSCORE

No points achieved yet.



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Mark - 1

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

MEGAN WALLACE

3PTS - Brad

2PTS - Andy K

1PT - Gregg



WEEK 1 WRAP-UP

Unless Kanwal were particularly bad, there's a strong stench of "trophy hunters" with Killarney 1 winning 6-0. Hopefully it's not a bunch of A-grade players slumming it. Killarney 2 & Wyong had narrow victories whilst Gosford and Berkeley had a 2-2 draw.

WEEK 1 (ROUND 1)						
HOME	AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME	
4 WOONGARRAH Football Club	vs	2 WYOMING	Hamlyn Terrace 2 (Hamlyn Terrace)	April 7	12:30	
1 WYONG	vs	0 OURIMBAH	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	April 7	13:00	
2 BERKELEY	vs	2 GOSFORD	Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	April 7	13:15	
0 TOUKLEY	vs	1 KILLARNEY 2	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	April 7	14:40	
0 KANWAL	vs	6 KILLARNEY 1	Edsacc North Field 3 (Bateau Bay)	April 7	15:00	

COMPETITION LADDER

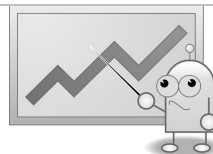
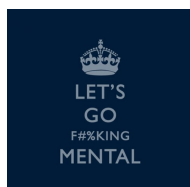
CENTRAL COAST - 35EN									
2018									
WEEK ONE									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st	KILLARNEY 1	1	1	0	0	6	0	3	6
2nd	WOONGARRAH Football Club	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	2
3rd	KILLARNEY 2	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
4th	TOUKLEY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
5th	BERKELEY Vale	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
6th	WYONG	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
7th	OURIMBAH	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
8th	BERKELEY	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
9th	WYONG	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	-2
10th	KANWAL	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	-6

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

First round winners Woongarrah and Killarney 2 battle it out; Wyoming takes on Ourimbah, both will be hoping to open their accounts with competition points; likewise for Toukley and Kanwal.

WEEK 2 (ROUND 2)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
WYOMING	vs	OURIMBAH	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	April 14	11:45
TOUKLEY	vs	KANWAL	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	April 14	13:10
WOONGARRAH	vs	KILLARNEY 2	Hamlyn Terrace 2 (Hamlyn Terrace)	April 14	13:15
GOSFORD	vs	WYONG	Gavenlock Oval 1 (Gosford)	April 14	15:10
KILLARNEY 1	vs	BERKELEY	Edsacc North Field 3 (Bateau Bay)	April 14	15:15

Cya Saturday !



NEXT GAME STATS

MEADY - 110 games

STEVE G - 80 games