



WYOMING 35EN

CHRONICLES

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GAME #9



Vs



EDSAAC OVAL, BATEAU BAY

RISING ABOVE DESPAIR

The joy of last weekend's big win was soured by two suspensions but there was hope that the lunacy of Luca's infringement would be overturned. Unfortunately the mid-week battle to save Luca from suspension went pear-shaped in the appeal process and come Thursday, he accepted a one-week ban. What exactly went wrong is uncertain but despite being disappointed and crushed, Luca graciously came out to support his team. Not only did he stand on the sideline in cold, grizzly winter conditions but he also ran the subs; was the team official (probably just an excuse to wear the dashing fluro green); agreed to be the 3-2-1 judge; and even came up with a game plan in the sheds of putting Billy up front for some scissor and scorpion kicks. Luca, it's Bill not Bale, geesh.



(^) RYAN takes on tossing duties under the supervision of SIGNORE SCURI.



(^) KENNO's shot in the first minute veers wide.



THE ROLE CALL

You can never replace Luca on the field - for one, nobody else in the team knows Italian swear words - but we were able to borrow the talents of Michael Kennedy (from herein to be referred as Kenno) for another week. Stevie G, who also copped a one-week suspension, was nowhere to be seen. Word came later he was helping out a mate, most probably by a nice warm firepit and having a few beers. The other absences for today's game: Snorky vaguely said he was "out" (we learnt later he filled in for the DN squad again, tsk tsk); Andrew Newnham remains in the UK; and Gregg was called into work. Gregg was informed that his absence meant that Meady now equals him on most capped games for the team at 117 each. The response from Gregg: "Tell him to watch out for a stray ankle tap in future". Nige was actually one of the last players to arrive at the ground. Prior to his late arrival there were fears that Gregg had sent out his posse - The Retirement Hills Angels - for vengeance but it turned out Nige had gotten stuck volunteering at the BBQ at Alan Davidson for longer than he'd planned. We're not sure how true this was or whether his tardiness was more a matter of mustering up the courage to return to the scene of the crime where an old lady knocked him off his Harley at the nearby roundabout to Edsaac during the off-season. Whether this lady was in fact part of the Retirements Hills Angels crew has not been proven thus far. Moving on ... we welcomed back Mark Fitzpatrick from injury and Chris O'Connor ... but the player to get the most rousing welcome was Dale who arrived on time and with the jerseys. A round of applause ensued.



INTO THE COLD

Last season at this ground, we had to contend with a blinding sunset that caused all sorts of havoc in the second half. There was no danger in that happening today. Sun? What sun. Reluctantly removing their warm jackets, the boys got ready to battle an opposition who hadn't scored a goal in their past three games and conceded 12. We were hoping to add to their misery. Before we continue, a huge thank you to those who came to support us in the miserable conditions, especially Ngari for standing in the cold taking photos and Julia keeping her sheltered with an umbrella.



(^) ANDY takes the wrong option ... a failed cross rather than pass it to the unmarked dog.



(^) MICK wants another ball so tries to lose this one

(v) STEW feels the same way.



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(^) Some trickery from ANDY and CHRIS to give MICK a shot but he doesn't like this ball either ... nor this one (v)



OPENING FIRE

From the kick off, the two Micks were running the show beautifully from the middle. The attacking runs were coming thick and fast that surely it was only a matter of time before the Tigers opened their account. In the first stanza, a plethora of shots were made. Kenno, Stew, Mick and Andy opened fire. Some were on target but lacked the sting or curl to beat Killarney's keeper, others into the bushes beyond. There were some nice crosses and through balls but the final touch was letting us down.



(^) A quality cross from KENNO almost finds his brother ANDY ... and soon after, nearly CHRIS (v)





(^) ANDY's shot is blocked by the keeper (Repeat, Brad & Meady, that is a block not a shot sailing over the crossbar !!)

CHRIS CROSS WITH MAKE YOU JUMP, JUMP !

At last the moment came but it wasn't instigated through the midfield nor the backline. It started from a high, long clearance from our keeper Aaron. The ball bounced over Killarney's backline. Andy charged forward and took it up the left flank. There he found Chris waiting in the goalmouth perfectly placed. The cross arced at the right height for Chris to tap it in with the noggin and there it was, we had the lead.



SCORE:



0



1



(^) Two shots from STEWART WEBB that veer just wide.

CALLING FOR THE VAR !!

For the remainder of the half it was more of the same ... missed opportunities. Stew had some great chances but every shot gravitated to the exact same spot, just outside the left goal post. Mick had more shots as well but all he came away with in the first half was the offer of a hankerchief by the referee after refuting the ball had gone out. Wallace had a chance to re-live his glory at Kanwal when an Andy cross came his way. But Mark's shot wasn't on target, nor off target, as he had a swing and a miss and the ball rolled straight past him. Other than this though, Mark had a very solid game in defense as did Ryan on the opposite flank, both preventing a majority of Killarney's attacks on the wings.



(^) MICK re-calibrates and gets a shot on target (v) A VAR would've been in MICK's favour but the Referee was not



(^) MICK re-calibrates and gets a shot on target



(^) MARK WALLACE's swing & a miss (v) ANDY sends a cross hoping for a BILLY tap-in or scissor kick



(^) MARK FITZPATRICK takes a long shot.



(^) Some BILLY magic



(v) HOWZAT!! STEW appeals on a foul on KENNO.



(^) Déjà vu !! ANDY's shot veers just wide.



(^) MEADY & AARON thwart a Killarney threat



(v) MARK WALLACE makes an nice tackle and feeds it to STEW.





KRIPPLED BY KENNO

The second half was marred by worsening weather and more frustration on not being able to capitalise on attacking chances. Andy was cursed for the third week in a row with a shot that just curled wide of the right goalpost. Chris has a good dig. There were quality crosses from Mick & Fitzzy, and Nige almost had a chance with a header from a corner. Perhaps too many shots for glory were taken over inside passes but it was Stew who turned this around. Starting at the halfway line, Flano and Wallace combined to send the ball back up the line to Chris. He sent it to Stew who almost at the goal line cut an inside pass across the goalmouth where Kenno was waiting. He made no mistake in slicing it past the keeper and giving us some breathing space on the scoreboard.



SCORE:



0



2





REFEREE RIVALRY

The blight on the effort was too many referee calls being futilely challenged. A losing battle there but thankfully only one yellow card was issued over the course of the game for our team. Fitzy!! We were worried he'd get another after looking incredulous at the ref's decision to declare a throw-in rather than a corner kick. Thankfully he did not. Flanno and Mick both got given a good scolding, unfortunately for Mick the experience was too close for comfort, catching a strong whiff of the Ref's lunch. A few minutes before game's end, the annoyed ref declared "If you think you're gonna win the comp, I can tell you now, you're not". Gees thanks buddy.



(^) MICK is almost given another hankerchief | MARK FITZPATRICK skips the hanky and straight to a yellow (^)



(^) & (v) Quality crosses from MARK FITZPATRICK





(^) MEADY's header attempt.

CLEAN SHEET SHREDDING

Killarney 2 didn't pose a threat too many times but a late break saw them get a consolation goal in the final minute. Boo!!



FULL-TIME:



1



2

MID-SEASON STANDINGS

All in all not the most clinical of results but three points is three points. We sit in outright third spot as we reach the mid-season point. Six wins, three losses. We already have more competition points than what we finished with last year. Let's hope we go on with it as the competition resumes in two weeks. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable long weekend off.

DIRTY SHIRTS

No Dirty Shirts points provided but thanks to Mark Fitzpatrick for taking them this week for the wash. Here's some of the game's dirtiest contenders: STEW, BRAD, WALLACE & BILL.





STATS



MARK WALLACE
[2013-2018]



MICHAEL KENNEDY
[2012, 2017*, 2018*]



* Cameos Only



(^) Cue the 'Jaws' theme as BRAD AVERY approaches.

COLLISIONS



(^) CHRIS gets gagged

(^) Searching for Direction

(^) Spirit Fingers





GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Mick M (8); Andy K (5);
Andy N (3); Brad, Kenno, Stew (2);
Ben, Chris, Mark W(1)

ASSISTS

Andy K (7); Luca (4);
Brad, Mick M, Nige, Stew (2)
Ben, Bill, Gregg, Mark W,
Ryan, Snorky (1)

DIRTY SHIRTS (MUD POINTS)



This Week's Judge:
MARK FITZPATRICK
NO POINTS PROVIDED

TOTAL POINTSCORE

Andy K (6pts); Gregg, Nigel (4pts);
Brad, Mick K, Ryan (3pts); Mark W, Mick M (2pts)
Flanno, Luca, Stew (1pt)



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

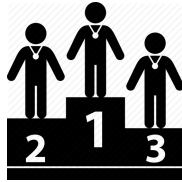
Mark W, Nige, Steve (2)
Fitzy, Flanno (1)

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

LUCA SCURI

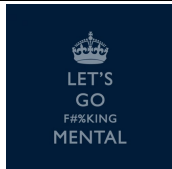
3PTS - Flanno
2PTS - Kenno
1PT - Chris



WEEK 9 WRAP-UP

Gosford increased their lead with a big win over 2nd placed Killarney 1, the Dragons have now won 8 straight; Wyoming are now in outright third; Wyong remain in 4th despite their loss to Berkeley; Woongarra's win sees them jump into 5th spot.

WEEK 9 (ROUND 9)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
0	OURIMBAH	vs	TOUKLEY	0	Ourimbah Oval 2 (Ourimbah)	June 2	12:30
1	KILLARNEY 1	vs	GOSFORD	5	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	June 2	13:00
2	BERKELEY	vs	WYONG	0	Kurraba Oval 1 (Berkeley Vale)	June 2	14:00
1	KILLARNEY 2	vs	WYOMING	2	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	June 2	14:40
2	WOONGARRAH	vs	KANWAL	1	Hamllyn Terrace 1 (Hamllyn Terrace)	June 2	15:00



COMPETITION LADDER

CENTRAL COAST - 35EN									
2018									
WEEK NINE									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		9	8	1	0	38	8	25	30
2nd		9	7	0	2	21	11	21	10
3rd		9	6	0	3	25	15	18	10
4th		9	5	0	4	16	12	15	4
5th		9	4	1	4	19	16	13	3
6th		9	4	1	4	14	17	13	-3
7th		9	4	0	5	9	22	12	-13
8th		9	2	3	4	9	13	9	-4
9th		9	0	2	7	4	15	2	-11
10th		9	0	2	7	3	29	2	-26

WEEK 10 PREVIEW

Now that every team has faced each other, it's time to start the loop all over again. Gosford host Berkeley, the only team to have clinched competition points from them thus far; Wyoming host Woongarra, hoping to turn around their disappointing loss in Round 1; Wyong will be out to hold onto 4th spot against winless Ourimbah; whilst Killarney 2 and Toukley will be desperate to stay in reach.

WEEK 10 (ROUND 10)						
	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
	GOSFORD	vs	BERKELEY	Gavenlock Oval 1 (Gosford)	June 16	12:30
	WYOMING	vs	WOONGARRAH	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	June 16	12:45
	KILLARNEY 1	vs	KANWAL	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	June 16	12:45
	KILLARNEY 2	vs	TOUKLEY	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	June 16	14:15
	WYONG	vs	OURIMBAH	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	June 16	14:30

Cya Saturday !

UPCOMING STATS

FLANNO - 100 Games
RYAN + DALE - 10 Games

