



WYOMING 35EN CHRONICLES

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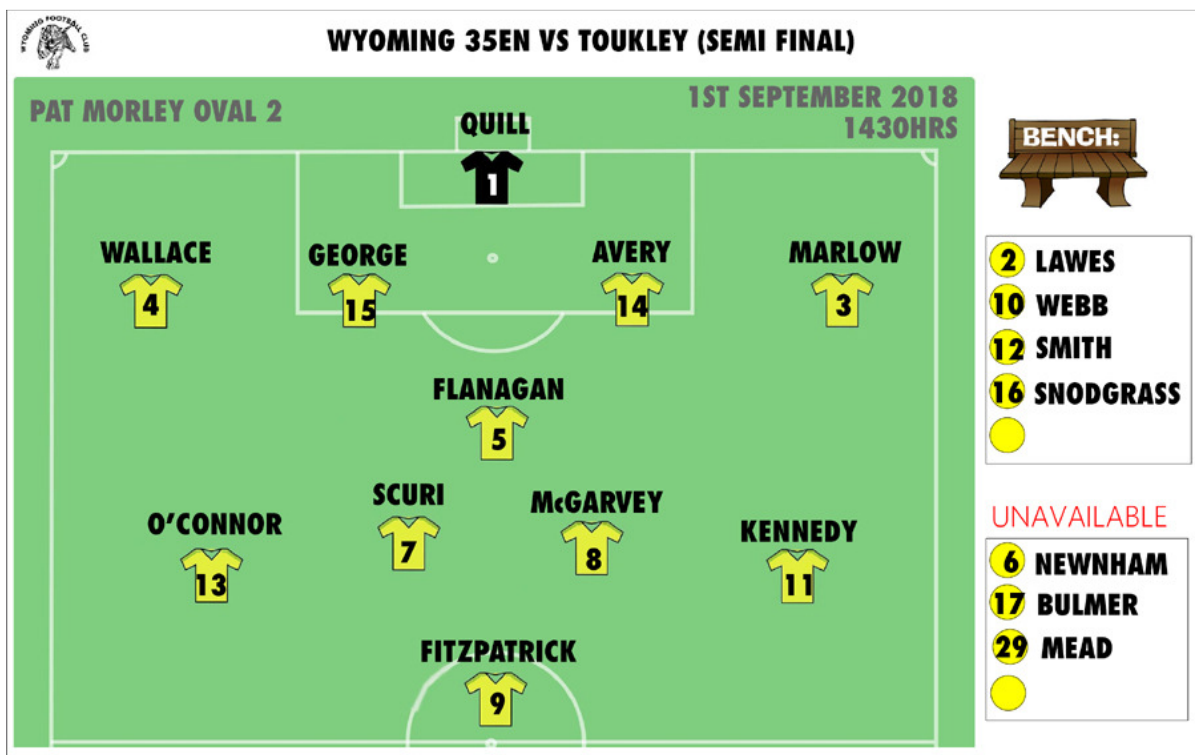
MINOR SEMI FINAL



Vs



PAT MORLEY OVAL 2, BATEAU BAY



THE STAPH MAN

Finals football had arrived. The week began nervously as Snorky recruited Mick McGarvey for a cold Tuesday night do-or-die game for the Wyoming 35As up at Bloodtree Oval. Unfortunately, the 35As drew and failed to qualify. Fortunately, neither Mick nor Snorky picked up injuries. Thursday afternoon, the call-out was sent. Dale, as usual, was the first to respond saying he'd be there with bells on (if Andy has to hide his fitbit and a few of the boys get their wedding rings covered in tape, I'm not sure he'd get away with bells but anyway the Ref could decide on that); It was the good weekend for Gregg so no work conflict; Ryan - In!; Brad - good, and willing to sit out if too many; Returning from injury, Stevie G offered the same; Fitzy responded with a "signing in" - though on game day he forgot to bring his shorts; Flanno was "In" as were Stew, Mick and Chris; Wallace affirmed his availability by responding in third person as usual; Aaron confirmed after being sent an additional "Punter's Club" message to get his attention; and Luca responded with a "yes" after 10 o'clock that evening having had a long day at work. Only Newnham was out due to babysitting duties, Billy had yet to respond and Meady, well we thought he was joking when he responded with a "probably out". Whaaaaatttt? Was he still concussed from last weekend? Had the grannies from the local retirement home tracked him down on his bike again? No, seems he'd picked up a

staph infection in his elbow that was continuing to swell. The doctor said if he took a knock to it he could lose his arm. Many questions ensued. Firstly, would it be worth losing his arm for Over 35s E-Grade Football glory? Next, "Would it grow back?" "No" was the response from the Doctor when Meady asked that one; Third; would it be likely that Nige would make impact with another player during an 80-minute game. Well, considering the number of players he's sent to hospital in his career, um, yes quite likely. So sadly, Nige, one of our best players, would be sidelined for the Semi Final. With all three other finalist teams at the venue that day we did ask if Nige could visit their change rooms prior to the game and infect them all with staph but something about it being unethical stopped him. The worst thing for Nige however would be Flanno breaking out into song calling him "The Staph Man". Yep, that might stick.



(^) ANDY makes the call whilst AARON supervises .



(^) The Semi Final kicks off

EARLY YET DELAYED

An hour before kick-off and almost the whole team had already arrived, even Meady was there!! Whilst the Major Semi Final between Gosford and Killarney 1 kicked off on time on the opposite field, ours would be delayed due to an Over 45s game extending into a penalty shootout. As Toukley gathered around at the other end for a team photo, Mick asked whether we should do the same. He was promptly advised one of the team's superstitions is not to have a photo taken before a finals game. Andy won the toss and elected to go in the direction that Aaron had advised. Now, could we win the game as well?



(^) MICK's free kick



(v) AARON saves a couple of early shots.





(^) LUCA tries to find ANDY

THREATENING TIGERS

Toukley would have the best of the early chances. Aaron was tested with a couple of shots and a free kick. At the other end, Mick had an attempt with a free kick. Luca was busy in the middle sending some long balls. The best opportunity for Wyoming started when Mick sent Andy out on the left edge. His cross almost found Chris. Fitzzy, loitering behind, got a shot in. The keeper blocked it. Mick then charged in with his own shot, only to also be blocked.



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(^) LUCA prepares for cricket season.

(^) JULIA re-attaches MICK's nose

THRICE THE PAIN

They say bad things come in threes and that's exactly what happened in the space of a couple of minutes. It began when Luca tenaciously stretched out to make a tackle and strained his hamstrings. He had soon collapsed on the sideline where Julia patched him up. His day wasn't over as he bravely returned countless times giving his all. Our other key midfielder, Mick McGarvey also took a knock, his was a stray Toukley elbow smacking him in the nose and teeth. He was soon supplying claret but not the type Luca would try and sell in his day job. Mick too returned to the field with a handful of tissues but the Darth Vader-esque breathing noises really disrupted his stealth efforts when pursuing Toukley defenders. The third hit was an injury to all 15 players, injured pride, when Toukley found the net and took the lead.



SCORE:



1



0



(^) Toukley's next shot sails just wide.



(^) AARON contains a high shot.



(^) STEW gets a quality pass through to LUCA



(v) LUCA tries to return the favour



(^) ANDY connects to a SNORKY long ball



(v) SNORKY and LUCA combine for some DEJA STEW.



DEJA STEW

Apart from another Toukley chance that sailed just wide about a minute after their goal, Wyoming began to get the belief an equaliser wasn't far away. Stew sent Luca through for one chance. Luca repaid the favour with a cross to Stew not long after. Snorky made an impact as soon as he joined the fray putting a couple of long balls into the box, one which Andy got a foot to but sent over the crossbar. The one that really got away was a beautiful cross from Luca. Stew was in the perfect position to put it past the keeper but just couldn't get the right touch on it echoing two chances he had against Toukley last time.



(^) ANDY tries to find MICK



(^) RYAN keeps the pressure on to limit an attacker's shot.

GREGG THE GATEKEEPER

Scares did continue down the other end but Aaron was on hand (pardon the pun) to end most of their attempts on target. The shot that did get by him was well on its way into the net but there was Gregg poised on the goal line. Connecting with it perfectly, Gregg headed the ball away to keep the margin at one going into the half time break





(^) FLANNO makes a solid tackle and lays it off to RYAN

SIDELINE PESTS

The teams weren't the only ones switching sides at half time with our photographer Ngari moving to the opposite sideline to take snaps. The reason for this was not due to piercing sunlight nor the notorious magpie that is known to swoop at this ground but a much worse kind of pest ... the Toukley supporters. They didn't take to kindly for our stationary lens lady obscuring their view at times. One of their supporters had been told to remove himself during the game before, if only the referee had sent more of them away or at least provided muzzles. An early attacking raid by the Tigers to start the second half gave the hope of upsetting said crowd as we came close to erasing the memories of the first half. Mick managed a couple of shots and offered some quality service to Snorky and Chris for them to get shots away; free kicks from Andy and Flanno also threatened; and Steve sent a quality ball down the line for Chris who couldn't quite get the touch to beat a keeper well out of his box.



(^) MICK takes a shot

(v) ANDY's free kick is contained.



(^) Not having rested enough during the half-time break, RYAN has a little lie-down.



(^) LUCA and MICK combine to give SNORKY a shot.



(^) MICK connects with an ANDY free kick. (v) SNORKY's shot veers wide.



(^) MICK finds CHRIS but runs out of space to cut it back. (v) FITZY crosses to SNORKY for another shot.





(^) ANDY gets fouled by serial offender No. 8

(v) FLANNO takes the ensuing free kick.



(^) STEW makes a solid tackle.

(v) STEVIE G sends CHRIS on his way, just misses out on chipping the keeper.



GUNNED DOWN

In the end the difference between the two teams came down to chances taken. Dale almost felt the wrath of Aaron when he made a sliding tackle inside the box. Thankfully he didn't connect, and a penalty was avoided. Unfortunately, an ensuing corner kick saw a failed clearance bounce fortuitously in the path of Toukley's captain who blasted it into the net for their second.



SCORE:



2



0



(^) MICK goes down in the box.

(v) Where are you NIGE? CHRIS's corner eludes the pack.



(^) MICK gets ambitious with a long shot

(v) ANDY gets poleaxed by surprise, surprise, No. 8



THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Not only did Wyoming now have to contend with a two-goal deficit but also a referee who had baffled all with some of his decisions. He wasn't bias to one team just consistently made mistakes. Goal kicks given as corners, fouls being ruled in favor of the culprits, etc. There was a chance for a penalty when Mick tumbled over inside the box, but the ref brushed it away. Our biggest enemy however became the clock. The last attacking plays of note: a threatening corner kick from Chris, a long shot from Mick and in the last-minute a cross from Andy that both Chris and Stew took air swings at. The full-time whistle was blown and so were our chances of playing next weekend. Julia in particular was distraught as she'd hoped to escape her daughter's sleep-over party next weekend by being away from the house as much as possible, sorry Jules. The other big regret ... we forgot to get a team photo!!!



CODA

Today was not our day but, as a season as a whole, one to celebrate. We made the finals for the first time in three seasons, even breaking Stew's curse. We welcomed seven new players to the squad, all whom complimented the team with their camaraderie, spirit and humour. Fitzzy said he enjoyed it so much he told his management to cease negotiations with Celtic FC and Nottingham FC - Luca had the three-year contract quickly drawn up. We shared the joy of victory, the frustration of defeat, the empathy of injury and the mispronunciation of the Italian language. We shared laughter, jibes, songs, rolls of strapping tape, and an esky full of drinking cans that Billy would promptly poach. Regardless of the result, we stuck around afterwards and I'm pretty sure we won the drinking battle after (well Flanno won a couple during) every game. We should've been crowned Champions for this at least as of the four finalists playing at Pat Morley today, who was the last team to leave? Wyoming Tigers that's who!! Thank you to everyone who was a part of this team this year: the players, the partners, the kids, the pets, the friends, the extended family members and the even the invisible snipers who provided us copious amounts of laughter every time Gregg went down. We salute you! A special thanks to Ngari for her awesome photos each week; Megan for covering those times Ngari was getting her nails done; and Julia Barry the team strapper who kept our limbs attached and minds deluded into thinking we could still play. Thank you. Hopefully we see you all again in 2019. Take care and enjoy the off-season. Cheers, Andy.



MARLOW
DANCE ACADEMY



DIRTY SHIRTS

After missing a couple of games for a dirty mouth, Stevie G returned and re-directed the filth to his shirt instead picking up the three points today; Andy came in second courtesy of Toukley's No. 8 knocking him down a couple of times; Mick picked up the remaining point but kudos to adding a bit of claret to the Singo's logo at the front of his jersey.



STATS



GREGG MARLOW
[2011-2018]





MARK WALLACE
[2013-2018]



STEWART WEBB
[2016-2018]



(^) BRAD cops a friendly elbow.



(^) FITZY appeals the ball is still in play.



(^) "Are they prescription glasses?"





GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Mick M (16); Andy K (10); Stew (5)
 Andy N (4); Brad, Chris (3);
 Chris, Fitzy, Kenno, Luca (2);
 Ben, Wal, Nige, Ryan, Scott (1)

ASSISTS

Andy K (16); Mick M (9);
 Luca (6); Stew (4); Fitzy (3);
 Brad, Gregg, Wal, Nige, Steve (2);
 Ben, Bill, Chris, Ryan, Snorky (1)

DIRTY SHIRTS (MUD POINTS)



This Week's Judge:

ANDREW KENNEDY

3PTS - STEVE (#15)

2PTS - ANDY K (#11)

1PT - MICK M (#8)

TOTAL POINTSCORE

Andy K (16); Mick M (15); Nige (10); Ryan (8);
 Brad, Gregg (7) Fitzy, Steve (5); Stew(4);
 Chris, Mick K (3); Mark W (2); Flanno, Luca (1)



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Fitzy, Flanno (4) Wallace (3)
 Mick M, Nige, Steve (2)
 Chris, Luca (1)

BEST ON FIELD

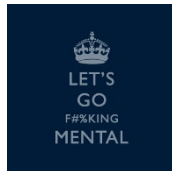
This Week's Judge:

NIGEL MEAD

3PTS - STEVE

2PTS - LUCA

1PT - AARON



When playing as a full back and
 a midfielder says he'll cover you..



THE FINALS

The Semi Finals saw Toukley advance to the Preliminary Final, ending Wyoming's season with a 2-0 victory; On the opposite field, Gosford sealed the first Grand Final spot being too good for Killarney 1 ... The Preliminary Final saw Killarney 1's shock exit from the finals with Toukley continuing their winning run and advancing to ... The Grand Final. Having lost only one game all season, Gosford fell again to Toukley on the big day losing 1-nil and gifting the Gunners the 2018 premiership.


SEMI FINAL (MINOR)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
2	vs	0	Pat Morley Oval 2 (Bateau Bay)	September 1	14:30
SEMI FINAL (MAJOR)					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
3	vs	1	Pat Morley Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	September 1	14:30
PRELIMINARY FINAL					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
1	vs	3	Pat Morley Oval 2 (Bateau Bay)	September 8	14:30
GRAND FINAL					
HOME	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME	
0	vs	1	Pat Morley Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	September 15	12:00


2018 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - GOSFORD CITY F.C.





2018 35EN PREMIERS - TOUKLEY-GOROKAN S.C.





BERKELEY VALE																						
	WK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	--	GOS	KL1	TOU	WMG	KL2	KAN	OUR	WOO	WYG	GOS	KL1	TOU	WMG	KL2	KAN	OUR	WOO	WYG			
	F	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	7	4	2	2			
	A	2	2	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	2	2	0	0	2	3			

GOSFORD																					
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KILLARNEY 1																						
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KILLARNEY 2																						
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TOUKLEY-GOROKAN																						
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Wyoming Football Club

M35EN ~ 2018



Second Row: Andrew Newnham, Andrew Kennedy, Luca Scuri, Stewart Webb
First Row: Ryan Lawes, Dale Smith, Nigel Mead, Brad Avery, Chris O'Connor, Mark Wallace
Absent: Aaron Quill, Gregg Marlow, Kevin Flanagan, Michael McGarvey, Mark Fitzpatrick, Steve George, Scott Snodgrass, Billy Bulmer



Michael McGarvey

28 Jul. at 4:46pm

I got a yellow card today...the referee rudely told me to shut up so I politely asked him to say be quiet next time. He pulled out the yellow card and both teams were laughing! Football can be so much fun, even when you lose!



Luca Scuri

31 mins

Regular Season done and dusted! 3-2 wine over Killarney 2. We are finally over the Alan Davo 2 curse, we could Wine on the secret ground for over 2 years! As soon as the whistle blow the heavens open up with a much needed rain but there rest of the games were called off cutting in dramatically on our drinking time....🍷🍷🍷

Great work every one in particular **Dale Smith** and **Michael McGarvey** great game the pair of ya!

Let's not talk about the missed chances in front of goal by the Wyoming #7 please!



Julia Barry is with Luca Scuri and 4 others.

1 hr

So we have reached the point in the season where I need to do an inventory. I have quite literally dealt with blood, sweat and tears today as my big boys lost their minor semi. So after 130 metres of tape, 500mls of imported anti-inflammatory gel and 3 packets of red frogs my Football season is officially over. I've received a lovely thank you card today but really as always it is me that needs to thank you! Thank you for the laughs and the friendship and above all thank you for trusting me with your injuries both real and imagined 😊. Thank you for trusting me to get you on the field and not arguing when I say your game was over. I hope to see you all again next season. Slangevar xxx



Michael McGarvey

5 hrs

Thanks to all my Wyoming Tigers team mates for a great season. A stray elbow to the nose and mouth is not the way I hoped to end the season but a big thanks to **Julia Barry** for patching me up. Huge thanks to **Andrew Kennedy** and Ngari for all your organisation and photos throughout the season. Not the result we wanted today, but there's always next year!

Scott Snodgrass

🍷🍷🍷🍷 We got 2 games together Gattuso and I am thankful for that 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Thanks to the rest of the lads for letting me play a part this year even with my awkward schedule 🍷🍷 i didnt lose my temper too many times of which Im proud of. Nor could i when I saw the effort blokes put in week after week. If thats happening whilst having a laugh at 40+ then it will always get my applause.

Mark Fitzpatrick

It's been an absolute privilege to play football with you boys this year. I've instructed my management to cease negotiations with Celtic FC and Nottingham Forest and concentrate solely on getting me back into Wyoming FC 35EN for another season. Can't wait to play with you blokes again.