After almost a month of nearly every other ground experiencing Central Coast football, it was now Alan Davidson's turn to get in on the action. The fields were finally dry enough for Groundskeeper Gavin to toot on his bugle declaring the sacred grounds of Wyoming to be open! Hope and relief had returned now that his nemesis of the past month, Meady, had hung up his rain dance boots. Poor Meady. For the past two months he felt like he was working at the Wests Tigers but not anymore as he'd finally accomplished what had eluded him for so long - the signing of new recruits!! Wyoming veteran Jason Cottier (who played in this team back in 2012) had pledged loyalty and Senior Rep Chris Large found a keen ex-Rugby League player in the form of Ian Marshall. Ian has vowed that he knows the rules and won't get confused between codes. Will he echo Stew's first few games last year of making barging tackles and catching bomb kicks? Time will tell. Welcome aboard Jason and Ian!!

With Luca in Italy, Flanno on a cruise and Stew's foot still swollen, we were again down in numbers. Having heard the call of desperation, Stevie G escaped his family holiday up at Nelson Bay for a few hours to strap on the boots and continue his reign as King of the Tossers. He won the toss again ... well he said he did but the opposition chose what direction to face and kicked off ... so, I'm confused.
OUTGUNNED
Sadly, the Tigers were chasing their tails from the get-go today. Toukley struck early with a header from a corner kick and by midway through the first half were up 2 nil. There were few opportunities to hit back. The closest was a Jason-to-Jason combo where Cottier sent Burke up the wing. Burke put in a stellar cross that found Chris's header. Unfortunately it sailed over the crossbar. Chris did the same with a later shot too. Andy - who found himself in the center mid spot when Cottier took a breather - had a chance with a free kick that beat the wall but lacked the sting to trouble the keeper. There were several nice through balls but the forwards were either ruled offside or swamped by the opposition. Another goal to Toukley early in the second half sealed the result. Chris, Andy, Brad, Fordo and Ian all had their chances but lacked the rub of the green. Other than needing a break for a ciggie midway through the first half, Cottier worked tirelessly in the middle. Dave had some nice plays, particularly sending a nice through ball Brad’s way. Sadly any chance of Dave picking up an assist was bodged by Brad.
COTTIER about to send it to JASON BURKE out wide ... BURKE's cross finds CHRIS's header.

CHRIS takes another crack

DAVE sends BRAD in for a shot.

ANDY's free kick beats the wall but not the keeper.

Heads up for DAVE & IAN as CHRIS's free kick swings past.

**HALF TIME:** 0 2
GROUNDED TIGERS
At the back, Aaron was kept busy again and picked up his second consecutive MVP. Meady gave the ailing back and hamstrings a good workout as did Stevie G, both going that extra distance to stop the scoreline from getting any worse. Marky and Fordo were endlessly falling over but not through lack of effort. Gregg put in a stellar performance finding himself in the midfield at times again this week. Burkey made a welcomed return spending time on both flanks. He kept quiet around the ref but that potty mouth did make an appearance after he was the victim of a late tackle. In the end, a disappointing and frustrating result … and another foot injury, this one to our debutant, Ian who looks to be sidelined for 3 weeks. As we approach an upcoming three games in eight days, fingers are crossed that Luca is homesick enough to want to return this week and that Flanno doesn't get told to walk the plank on his latest journey through the seas. The latter is set to miss the next two fixtures regardless.
The kids on the sideline learn a new swear word as BURKEY falls victim to some lazy tackling.

The many wrestling techniques of MARKY “THE WALL” WALLACE.

FALLING FORDO

One of STEVIE G’s many last-ditch defensive efforts today.

BRAD battles through the line.
ANDY takes a shot from a BRAD cross.

JASON COTTIER offers quality service from the flank.

BRAD narrowly misses a cross from ANDY.

OnField Coaching: AARON & his goalkeeping guru / STEVIE G tries one of MARK's wrestling moves.

FINAL SCORE: 0 3
DIRTY SHIRTS
One positive out of today, our jerseys have been found! Thanks Snorky. And as per usual, there was the usual riff raff vying for attention in the Mead Machine’s dirty shirts campaign but today Dave stood above them all, literally. He went with the blood and mud combo and bagged three points. Former champion Stevie G came in 2nd and Chris got onto the board with 1.

BLEEDIN’ DAVE and his posse.

THIS WEEK’S STAT
ANDY
90 GAMES
GOAL SCORING TALLY

**GOALS**
- Andy - 2
- Chris - 2

**ASSISTS**
- Andy - 2
- Chris - 1
- Flanno - 1

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)

3PTS - #16 (Dave)
2PTS - #15 (Steve G)
1PT - #13 (Chris)

TOTAL POINTSCORE
Dave, Meady – 3pts
Gregg, Steve G – 2pts
Andy, Chris – 1pt

YELLOW CARDS TALLY
- Chris - 1
- Flanno - 1

BEST ON FIELD
This Week's Judge:
DEAN SINGLETON

3PTS - Aaron
2PTS - Gregg
1PT - Jason Cottier

NEXT GAME STAT(S)
AARON – 60 games

WEEK 3 WRAP-UP
Killarney and Toukley remain undefeated, giving themselves a healthy gap from the rest of the pack. Kanwal and Terrigal had their first wins. Wyoming and Wyong still have a game in hand.

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WEEK 4 PREVIEW
Toukley look to continue their fine form as they take on cellar dwellers Tuggerah; Wyoming will have to be at their best to end Killarney’s winning run; whilst Kanwal and Terrigal battle it out for a Top 4 spot.

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