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Eastern Rd Oval, Bateau Bay

THE OMEN

With almost all the troops available today - Cottier (back) and Ian (foot) absent through injury - the belief was high that we'd continue our winning ways against the winless Tuggerah. The stage was set, the sun was out, the strapping tape was on, and the ball was erm, signed by the whole team when someone gave Stevie G a permanent marker. With 14 players today, the team were obviously confused that they almost started the game with 12. Whether this was due to not expecting to see more than two players on the bench or the fact that Tuggerah had an additional man on the field, albeit he was in plain clothes and carried a rake. Was was going on here, were Tuggerah trying to swindle us with a tighter defence of two sweepers, one literal? No, it turned out there was a pile of dog shit on the middle of the field. And whilst this piece was removed, a lot more of the proverbial kind would remain for the next 80 minutes ...





EARLY ERRORS

It was only a few minutes into the game that things started to unravel. Expectations were high that we'd get a relatively easy three points today. In four games, Tuggerah had scored one goal and conceded 19. With 8 teams in an 18 round competition, the Tigers were dealt with a tougher draw than most. We play the current Top 4 teams three times and the lower placed sides only twice. We knew we had to make the most of today's game but commencing with an alternate starting 11 was no doubt the first of many mistakes. The second was giving Tuggerah an early lead.



SCORE:





ALTRO MERDA!

What ensued that first forty minutes was a lacklustre performance for the boys in yellow. Players bickered, passes failed to find their mark, and basically there was a lack of effort to get to that ball first. Tuggerah, bolstered by that goal, were energized to stay in front. Summing it up perfectly were several expletives (well I assume they were) yelled out in Italian during the course of the game. When you hear those, you know it's a bad day.



GREGG takes a early shot.



AARON leaps to avoid a second goal



FORDO takes a shot



LUCA has a dig.



AARON saves the day again

NO CLOUD NINE HERE

Frustrations and panicked plays summed up Wyoming's 2nd half. Throw in a grub player from the opposition and there seemed to be more effort made to get one up on him than play football. Poor interchange coordination didn't help either.







CHRIS comes close.

MIGHTY MEAD

Eventually though, Wyoming found their equaliser. After a few failed attempts, one of Andy's corner kicks finally found the perfect header from Meady to salvage a goal from this whole mess. The highlight of today's game, Meady's jubilant face upon scoring that goal. Well deserved too. He and Stevie G were the best on field today with a heavy workload to deal with against Tuggerah's dominant midfield.





FINAL SHOTS

There were a few chances for a winner. Chris worked hard and set up the perfect ball for Stew but his shot veered off target. As he did against Wyong, Fordo took another good shot on target but lacked the power to beat the keeper, that evasive goal will come soon mate, I know it.



CHRIS sets STEW up for one of the last shots in the game.

Perhaps the workload of three games in eight days strained and All in all a forgettable afternoon. drained us.







TRIBUTE TO ALLAN BROOKS

The teams observed a minute's silence for the passing of 35DN Berkeley Vale player Allan Brooks who died tragically last week in a car accident on the M1. To all who knew him, our sincere condolences.



DIRTY SHIRTS

Towards the end of the game, Luca fell to the ground with an agonised yelp. Initial fears were he'd pulled his calf or Achilles heel but thankfully neither and he was fine. On the plus, his fall almost did enough to get him the three points in Meady's Dirty Shirts stats. Serial offender Andy picked up the 3pts though and the Invisible Sniper's favourite victim Gregg, bagged the one.



MEADY looks at LUCA knowing full well he's going to have to buy another box of laundry detergent on the way home.







NIGEL VS NIGEL



JASON gets the leg over



MARK: Put it Away Fordo !



GREGG gets a bit dusty



Too much FORDO momentum



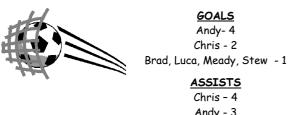
Not all doom and gloom







GOAL SCORING TALLY



Chris - 4 Andy - 3 Dunn, Flanno, Stew - 1

ASSISTS

GOALS Andy-4 Chris - 2

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #11 (Andy) 2PTS - #8 (Luca) 1PT - #3 (Gregg)

TOTAL POINTSCORE Andy - 5pts Dave, Fordo, Gregg, Meady - 3pts Brad, Luca, Steve G - 2pts Chris - 1pt



YELLOW CARDS TALLY Chris - 2 Flanno, Meady - 1

BEST ON FIELD This Week's Judge: ALISTAIR KENNEDY

> 3PTS - Meady 2PTS - Steve 1PT - Andy



NEXT GAME STAT(S) STEVE, MARK - 70 games DAVE, JASON - 60 games

WEEK 5 WRAP-UP

With Kanwal and Wyong falling to the competition's joint leaders, Wyoming's 1pt saw them ascend into the Top 4 on equal points with the Bulls. Berkeley Vale had their first win of the season to leapfrog Terrigal. Tuggerah picked up their first competition point.



| WEEK 5 (ROUND 5) | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|--|
| | HOME | | AWAY | | GROUND | DATE | TIME | |
| 1 | TUGGERAH | VS | WYOMING | 1 | Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale) | May 6 | 12:15 | |
| 4 | TOUKLEY | VS | KANWAL | 1 | Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley) | May 6 | 13:15 | |
| 1 | BERKELEY | VS | TERRIGAL | 0 | Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale) | May 6 | 13:30 | |
| 2 | WYONG | VS | KILLARNEY | 3 | Baker Park 2 (Wyong) | May 6 | 14:15 | |

| CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL | CENTRAL COAST - 35DN 2017 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---------------|--|
| WEEK FIVE | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Р | W | D | L | F | A | PTS | Differentials | |
| 1st | Z | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 3 | 15 | 13 | |
| 2nd | IS72 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 8 | |
| 3rd | | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 0 | |
| 4th | and the second second | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 7 | -1 | |
| 5th | | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 6 | 4 | |
| 6th | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 4 | -5 | |
| 7th | | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | -1 | |
| 8th | 8 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 1 | -18 | |

WEEK 6 PREVIEW

Finally, the undefeated Toukley and Killarney take each other on. Kanwal and Wyong will also battle it out, only one point separates them. Wyoming will be looking to climb the ladder with a win against Terrigal whilst Berkeley will search for back-to-back wins.

| WEEK 6 (ROUND 6) | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|--|--|
| HOME | | AWAY | GROUND | DATE | TIME | | |
| TOUKLEY | VS | KILLARNEY | Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley) | May 13 | 11:45 | | |
| TUGGERAH | VS | BERKELEY | Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Killarney Vale) | May 13 | 13:15 | | |
| WYOMING | VS | TERRIGAL | Alan Davidson Oval 2 (Wyoming) | May 13 | 14:30 | | |
| KANWAL | VS | WYON6 | Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal) | May 13 | 15:10 | | |

Cya Saturday!!