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Baker Park, Wyong

MAN FLU STRIKES

After the washout of Chittaway Oval last weekend, it had become another fortnight of waiting to play football for the 35DN squad from Wyoming. There was some relief of having two weeks off, namely for the return of the tips of this writer's fingers having had to write three installments of this nonsense over 8 days, and Ian who got another week to recover from his foot injury. As the team query sms went out on Thursday afternoon, Ian was one of the first to respond. "I'm In". That good news however was quickly countered with fear and dread. Jason Burke and Chris O'Connor were in doubt! The worst affliction in the history of humankind had struck! MAN-FLU!! Had the Central Coast been hit by a wave of ebola-like proportions? Would the rest of the team be okay? Would guarantine procedures need to be actioned? Thankfully no. The majority of the team had affirmed their availability by night's end, no one else afflicted. Meady's response included some nonsense about only being available for the first half - as if that was gonna happen. As per usual there's always a few stragglers you have to chase up on the Friday. One was a Mr. Aaron Quill but if you start the follow-up message with the words 'Punter's Club!' you'll get an instant response. Jason Cottier was the last to respond but good news, he said he should be there in time ... and he was ... although he forgot to pack his underwear. The team photographer was promptly advised to avoid taking any photos whenever Jase hit the ground or attempted a scissor kick.



MEADY makes a joke about the ref having three balls / PETER & LUCA reunite.



An early chance by ANDY set up by IAN & LUCA

REVENGE OF THE EMU

The last encounter with Wyong - only three and a half weeks ago - was a seven goal feast where the Tigers came from behind and snatched a late victory. Now on their home turf, the Emus were ready to avenge that loss against a desperate Tigers outfit who'd since has a disappointing draw and heartbreaking loss. At first, it seemed like it could be a tight contest. End to end stuff. Luca started particularly strong in the midfield creating chances and some excellent early deliveries could've put the Tigers into an early lead. At the other end, Meady was doing his utmost to block anything that came his way and saved an early goal when he raced back and cleared a net bound goal just before it reached the line. Andy came close with a curling corner shot that was also goal bound if not for a header clearance at the back post and Ian made a solid run that saw him clipped just before the goal line. Sadly the linesman didn't see enough to rule a spot kick. Eventually Wyong scored on a quick counterattack. The boys went into the sheds / shade of the grandstand of half time down 1-nil, though Dave was convinced it was 2.



ANDY's corner kick comes close.



COTTIER takes a shot



MEADY's goal line heroics.



ANDY's free kick.



A quick counter attack and WYONG takes the lead.

HALF TIME:





IAN almost gets the ball and himself into the net.



AARON thwarts another Wyong shot.



LUCA attempts an equaliser.

THRICE BITTEN

Dave's self-fulfilling prophecy eventually came true. Wyong made it two with a fast break down the middle of the field. Frustrations ensued. Yellow cards brandished out for half the team - though Steve disputes his claiming it was Dave - and Wyong had a third when they were awarded a penalty. Another poor second half showing that sees us now sunk to 7th position, albeit with a game in hand from last weekend's washout.



WYONG's second goal.



Another free kick from ANDY edges close.





Another attacking effort from LUCA.



LUCA attempts an equaliser.



STEVIE G fouls a Wyong player ... inside the box apparently ??







Another solid save from AARON.

FULL TIME:







REFEREE FUN TIME



GREGG'S 100TH GAME !!

Gregg Marlow was rewarded with a plaque to commemorate his devoted efforts for the past 7 years



JULIA presented with a citrus tree by the team, a token of the cycle of life.

DIRTY SHIRTS

Andy (#11) and Luca (#8) caused controversy by "accidentally" taking their jerseys home and sending in their own photographs. Stevie G's jersey (#15) submission meanwhile has been queried as to how much dirt formed on his from this game or from the team photo the weekend before when Meady threw it into a pool of mud. Therefore, Ian (#21) gets the three points today whilst the other three candidates each get a single point.



IAN's crowning moment / MEADY enjoys his handiwork.



THIS WEEK'S STATS

GREGG



FORDO





















ANDY does his MR. BEAN impression / JASON hits the wrong ball(s) / JASON spreads for a nice southerly breeze





GOAL SCORING TALLY



<u>GOALS</u> Andy - 4 Chris, Luca - 2 Brad, Meady, Stew - 1

<u>ASSISTS</u> Chris - 4, Andy - 3 Brad, Dunn, Flanno, Stew - 1

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #21 (Ian) 1PT - #11 (Andy) 1PT - #8 (Luca) 1PT - #15 (Steve)

TOTAL POINTSCORE Andy, Meady - 6pts; Brad - 4pts Dave, Fordo, Ian, Gregg, Steve - 3pts Stew - 2pts; Chris, Luca - 1pt



<u>YELLOW CARDS TALLY</u> Flanno - 4; Brad, Chris, Meady - 2 Luca, Steve, Stew - 1

BEST ON FIELD This Week's Judge: COLIN GEORGE 3PTS - Cottier

> 2PTS - Luca 1PT - Steve



WEEK 7 WRAP-UP

The weekend before saw Wyoming vs Berkeley Vale's game postponed but the remaining three fixtures went ahead. Killarney suffered their first lost of the season.

WEEK 7 (ROUND 7)									
	HOME	HOME			GROUND	DATE	TIME		
0	WYONS	VS	TOUKLEY	1	Baker Park 2 (Wyong)	May 20	14:15		
2	TERRIGAL	VS	TUGGERAH	0	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	May 20	14:30		
1	KILLARNEY	VS	KANWAL	3	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	May 20	14:45		

WEEK 8 WRAP-UP

Toukley continue their undefeated ways. Berkeley Vale made it three wins in a row with a victory over Kanwal. Wyong jumped to 3^{rd} spot on the ladder with a big win over Wyoming.

WEEK 8 (ROUND 8)									
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME		
3	WYONG	VS	WYOMING	0	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	May 27	13:00		
3	KILLARNEY	VS	TUGGERAH	0	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	May 27	14:15		
5	TOUKLEY	VS	TERRIGAL	1	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	May 27	15:10		
2	KANWAL	VS	BERKELEY	3	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	May 27	15:10		

CENTRAL COAST - 35DN										
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1st	Ø	7	7	0	0	22	4	21	18	
2nd	(ALLANDARY (ALLANDARY) (ALLAND	7	6	0	1	18	9	18	9	
3rd		8	4	0	4	23	14	12	9	
4th		8	3	1	4	14	16	10	-2	
5th		7	3	1	3	12	14	10	-2	
6th		8	3	0	5	12	13	9	-1	
7th	Owner Contraction	7	2	1	4	11	17	7	-6	
8th	8	8	0	1	7	3	28	1	-25	

WEEK 9 PREVIEW

In form Berkeley face their toughest test against Toukley this coming weekend. Wyoming can catch Kanwal on points if they beat them again. Wyong has a good opportunity to entrench themselves in the Top 4 with an expected win over Tuggerah.

WEEK 9 (ROUND 9)									
HON	ΛE	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME				
TUGGE	VS RAH	WYONG	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	June 3	12:30				
TERRI	vs	KELLARNEY	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	June 3	13:30				
WYOM	VS VS	KANWAL	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	June 3	15:00				
BERKE	vs	TOUKLEY	Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	June 3	15:10				

Cya Saturday!!