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GAME #9



Vs



Harry Moore Oval, Toukley

THE BARE ELEVEN

It was yet another fortnight's wait of playing football. With last weekend's scheduled game against Berkeley being delayed again it meant that Meady's 100th outing for the team would now be against the competition heavyweights, the undefeated Toukley Gunners. "F#%king Great!" bemoaned Meady. After three straight losses, the odds of turning things around and giving Meady a well-deserved milestone victory were already heavily against us ... and then monumentally worse when by Friday evening it was discovered that we'd only have 11 players available. No subs at all !! Luca had work commitments in Victoria; Chris was on a bucks night in the City; Mark was at a family event in Newcastle; Cottier had injured his shoulder at work; and Flanno, that bastard had copped a suspension for last game's red card. Meady's efforts to have the game postponed failed. His rain dance merely caused a sprinkle during the week and his drive across the Harry Moore pitch last one night doing donuts on the surface was not enough to get the ground closed. (To the legal authorities: that last bit was a joke). Andy had tried to lure his brother Mick to the cause but he'd developed a bout of man flu and so there was only one option left, Framey. He reached out to his former teammate asking if he or any of his Toukley teammates would be willing to switch jerseys for the day. Framey said he wouldn't be playing due to a back injury but guess who was dressed up to play for the Gunners that following afternoon and ready to mark Dave, hmm!!





LUCA partying in MELBOURNE / FRAMEY turns up in yellow ... but also blue \otimes











Too soon MEADY to be making jokes about the surface

THE GHOST RIDER

2:45pm, Harry Moore Oval. The boys were in their Wyoming attire, warming up and kicking the ball around. Andy was too busy harassing spectators looking for his latest willing - or rather unwilling - victim to do the 3-2-1 points that he'd failed to notice an omission in the squad, Gregg Marlow. He reached for his phone and there it was, a missed call and a message: "I've broken down at Lisarow, I'm not going make the game". Turns out the team's most capped player had decided to go with a different type of pre-game warm-up today. En route, his bike had caught on fire! If only Stevie G had've spotted his teammate amongst the flames when he'd driven past earlier he could've given him a lift. Thankfully a good Samaritan drove Gregg back home and he was now in his car bound for Toukley.





GREGG warming up before and during the game.

TEN MEN, TEN MINUTES OF HELL

So here we were starting the game with only 10 players. Childhood memories of those "Nigel no friends" chants when nobody turned up to his birthday party were now echoing through Meady's ears, could his 100^{th} game get any worse? Well quite simply, yes. Fordo losing the toss was a minor blemish but conceding three goals in the first 15 minutes was not. The Tigers were barely able to get the ball out of their own half during this time and after Stevie G left the field to get his aching knee strapped, we were down to 9 ... though apparently whilst he was off we didn't concede, coincidence? Hmm.







TOUKLEY takes a very early lead







Time delaying tactics as the net needs to be fixed.







Toukley's third goal.

SCORE:







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LEGS ELEVEN

Finally Gregg arrived. You'd think he'd be warmed up enough after sitting on a burning bike but no, he still needed to do his pre-game exercise routine - thankfully he did this whilst on the field, capitalizing on the moments the ball was kicked out. With eleven on eleven, the opportunities to attack become more frequent. Andy and Brad were thrown into the center midfield positions today, unfamiliar spots for both but eventually they were able to do more than just chase Toukley players around. Stew and Ian made some good breaks up front and finally we were getting some shots at their keeper who could've had a nap for the first twenty minutes. Stew had the best opportunity but it sailed wide. He appealed for a corner kick thinking perhaps it took a deflection, his shots usually go much wider. When it came to Andy getting a shot in, Framey was there to help. His first touch found its way to his former teammate who took aim at the goal. If it was successful, Framey would've been given an assist in the stats page below and his game tally would've gone from 49 to 50. Oh well, not to be. Andy took another shot after he'd been called offside. He kicked the ball anyway and sent it into the goal. Flanno on the sideline heckled the referee for not punishing Andy with a yellow card. "That's bullshit!" he yelled.





ANDY gets a couple of shots in, the second a kind assist by FRAMEY

MEADY STRIKES BACK!

Finally some good luck came our way. A free kick just outside the box. Andy took it, Ian came close to connecting. As Meady went to retrieve it he was taken down. Penalty! Meady stepped up to the spot and competently put us on the board.



MEADY wins and finishes a penalty shot.

SCORE:







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THE TWELFTH MAN & THE ESKY

The defense for Wyoming strengthened after the early onslaught despite both our central defenders - Meady (groin) and Steve (knee) - both copping injuries. But along with Gregg and Jason on the flanks they were able to limit Toukley's shots to further out where Aaron had more time to block their chances. Speaking of strong defense, Flanno must be singled out for putting in his best 80 minute performance for the year thus far - guarding the esky. The only cans of beer that got out during that time were his own. Great effort mate. Unfortunately, on the field, Toukley did break through again and led 4-1 at half time.







HALF TIME:



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ANDY makes an attacking run and cross.





AARON makes a save.







BRAD almost connects with a MEADY free kick.

MARSHALLING A SECOND

The second half was a tighter contest. Stevie G and Meady battled on with their injuries. Aaron and Fordo too bravely fought on with their own niggles. Aaron copping a twist to the ankle whilst Fordo picked up a bruise to the arse when he mistimed a long through ball headed his way. What a bummer. Thankfully we finished the game with 11 men on the field and even managed another goal. Ian got fouled inside the box whilst shielding the ball. Andy's penalty shot collided with the base of the crossbar. Thankfully the angle was enough to put it over the line.



MEADY sends IAN into the penalty area where he is fouled ... ANDY narrowly puts it away

SCORE:



4



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JASON BURKE busy at the back.

FROM BEYOND THE GOAL LINE

Could they win the second half?? Sadly not. Toukley made it 5 from a controversial corner kick that went out before it curled back in. The appeal went on deaf's ear with the referee.







FULL TIME:







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MEADY'S 100TH GAME CEREMONY

Congratulations to Nigel Mead, team manager and the second player to reach the 100 game milestone for this team that started in 2011. As well as being presented with a plaque, he also received a post-game torture treatment / massage from team nurse / strapper, Julia.







DIRTY SHIRTS

Unfortunately no pointscore this week as Meady left it too long to get around to washing the shirts...







FORDO's effort for dirty shirt points wasted after Meady's text comes through Thursday morning.



NIGEL MEAD





BRAD AVERY





STEWART WEBB

























































GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Andy - 5 Chris, Luca, Meady - 2 Brad, Stew - 1

ASSISTS

Chris - 4, Andy - 3 Brad, Dunn, Flanno, Ian, Meady, Stew - 1



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Flanno - 6; Brad, Chris, Meady - 2 Aaron *, Luca, Steve, Stew - 1 (* Aaron picked up a yellow against Kanwal for handling the ball outside the box)

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge: KATRINA MEAD

3PTS - Meady

2PTS - Andy





WEEK 10 WRAP-UP

Killarney ended Berkeley Vale's purple patch with a 7-3 hiding. Kanwal and Toukley also had big wins whilst Wyong surprisingly lost at home to Terrigal.

WEEK 10 (ROUND 10)									
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME		
7	KILLARNEY	VS	BERKELEY	3	Edsacc North Field 1 (Killarney)	June 16	18:00		
5	KANWAL	VS	TUGGERAH	1	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	June 17	13:30		
5	TOUKLEY	Vs	WYOMING	2	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	June 17	15:10		
2	WYONG	V5	TERRIGAL	3	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	June 17	15:10		

WEEK 11 WRAP-UP

Wyong's slump continues being thrashed 5-1 at the hands of Berkeley Vale who are now just one point out of the Top 4. Terrigal are also pushing forward holding Kanwal to a 1-1 draw. Wyoming and Killarney's game was washed out and has been postponed till July 4 (Tuesday night) at Pluim Park.

WEEK 11 (ROUND 11)									
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME		
5	BERKELEY	VS	WYONG	1	Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	June 24	13:30		
0	TUGGERAH	VS	TOUKLEY	2	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	June 24	13:30		
1	TERRIGAL	VS	KANWAL	1	Frost Reserve 3 (Kincumber)	June 24	13:40		

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3rd		11	5	2	4	23	18	17	5	
4th		11	5	0	6	31	24	15	7	
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6th	MALINET DON	11	4	1	6	17	18	13	-1	
7th	OPHIO SOOLS ALL CTOR	9	2	1	6	13	25	7	-12	
8th		11	0	1	10	6	40	1	-34	

WEEK 12 PREVIEW

Kanwal and Wyong get to test their mettle against the team leaders this week as they take on Toukley and Killarney respectively. Wyoming will be hungry for a result against Tuggerah after being held to a draw last time. Berkeley Vale and Terrigal battle it out for a potential Top 4 spot if Wyong lose.

WEEK 12 (ROUND 12)									
	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME			
	KANWAL	VS	TOUKLEY	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	July 1	13:30			
	KILLARNEY	VS	WYONG	Edsacc North Field 3 (Killarney)	July 1	15:00			
	WYOMING	VS	TUGGERAH	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	July 1	15:10			
	TERRIGAL	VS	BERKELEY	Paddy Clifton Oval 1 (Narara)	July 1	15:10			
	WAOWING	VS	KILLARNEY	Pluim Park 2 (Lisarow)	July 4	20:00			

Cya Saturday!!







GOLF DAY























