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GAME #11





Pluim Park, Lisarow

DEFROSTING

The middle part of this three-games-in-eight-days sandwich had us sent to Pluim Park under lights for a Tuesday night clash against 2nd placed Killarney. Two pertinent questions stood out leading up to this encounter. Would it be as freezing as it had been the past few nights and two, would we have enough players? Firstly, mother nature had kindly flicked the switch to the defrost setting giving us a double digit temperature and secondly, whilst barely scrapping by with 11 of our regular players, we were kindly blessed with the addition of a trio from the 35DS squad: Ken Melvin, Scott James and Clive Harrison





SCOTT, KEN & CLIVE come to our aid.

THE ABSENTEES

So where were the remaining 5 from our team? Well, Mr. Luca Scuri had work commitments, a wine dinner. When news of this hit, Andy suggested this event be moved to the lush halls of the Pluim Park clubhouse. Sadly the powers that be did not share this vision. Steve remains on the injured list with what could possibly be a torn PCL. He dares not get it scanned to confirm though. Not enough days had passed for Ian to recover from his hamstring strain though he kindly braved the cold to cheer us on. Jason Burke was another omission, his wife Tanya refusing to sign his permission slip. And, who is the other guy, oh yeah, Jason Cottier ... remember that guy? I think he played in Game #3. Work commitments again sadly.







FREE UPGRADE

Originally planned to be on Field 2 - that paddock at the back where they usually shove the lower grades so no one can see when driving past - we were given the news prior to kick off that we'd been moved to the front field. This excited not only some of the players who hadn't ran on this field but also the spectators as they could watch from their cars. All they needed was a nice dinner and glass of wine - Luca!!!



















CHRIS's first shot / A Wyoming hand almost connects with a corner.













SCOTT & ANDY combos.







KILLARNEY's first goal

SCORE:















Desperate defence stops a second.

JUST OFF THE MARK

Our opposition looked like a completely new team to the one we played last time. They may call themselves the Kripples yet they were anything but with plenty of skill and pace across the park. Nevertheless, we had our chances. Scott James made some great runs. Andy connected with one of Scott's passes but wasn't able to chip the charging keeper. Ken took a couple of long shots but the best chance was had by Mark Wallace, yes Mark Wallace. Having a run up front, Mark had two successive shots. One took a deflection for a corner and the other - with an open goal in front of him - well it was a shocker. Andy, already copping it for wearing new white boots, got another ribbing from Aaron by being asked if he'd been giving Mark shot practice, hmm.



MARKY WAL's two consecutive shots.

KEN & KEV

Ken was a very welcome addition to the squad with plenty of movement in the middle of the park and talk. Though the ref probably didn't appreciate the latter when Ken suggested he'd be warmer if he left the center circle now and then. Assisting Ken in the middle was Flanno who played his best game in an age. The magic was back with quality service, awareness and believe it or not, no grubby play! Unfortunately he was sidelined in the second as his niggling calf injury returned. We went into the dug out - yes there was a dug out - at half time down one nil.



KEVIN & KENNY take some long shots

SECOND HALF F-F-FRUSTRATIONS

To sum up the second half, there's one word that Aaron yelled upon conceding the second goal, "F*#k!!!!". There was plenty of that profanity spoken throughout by many. Killarney ended up putting another two away in the final 40 minutes. Again, the Tigers had their chances. Ken was too honest by giving himself up when the ball clipped his hand on a run through the middle. Andy had a few desperate frustrating shots but he did make two solid deliveries for Chris. One shot by Chris came very close but just edged over the crossbar. Brad was outstanding tonight in defence even though his fouls did cause a few moments of stress on Aaron in coordinating defensive walls. And Mark caused further stress by continuing his trend of passing it back to the opposition. I know you're short but try and look up buddy. Alas, it was yet another defeat but as Ian said at full time, the scoreline did not reflect the game. I'm pretty sure he meant we didn't deserve that heavy a loss, rather than Killarney should've won by more. Yeah, the former. Team Philosopher, Sigmund Fordo also made an astute assessment on the game, "If we had've won, we'd be the winners". In the end it was Wyoming who looked more like deserving the moniker "the Kripples" with Meady, Andy and Flanno all limping back to the carpark. So slow were they that the stadium lights switched off as they were halfway across the field. Rude!!







KILLARNEY's second goal



KILLARNEY puts us to the sword.

SCORE:











CHRIS comes agonising close







CHRIS takes another shot.







SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the boys from the 35DS squad, Ian and Ryan Wallace for coordinating the subs, Ngari, Julia and our spectators for braving the cooler conditions.

DIRTY SHIRTS

All those tumbles whilst taking shots at goal paid of for Chris at least in the Dirty shirts tally picking up an easy three points here. Fordo's consecutive rounds of two pointers means he now leads the competition. Gregg gets a point without any invisible sniper intervention this week.







FORDO becomes very protective of KENNY





MEADY gets some TLC treatment at half time / GREGG picking up some more dirty shirt points.





ANDY finds a friend with white boots / MELVIN bows to the audience.

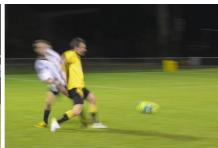






MOTION BLURS



















GOAL SCORING TALLY



<u>GOALS</u>

Andy - 5

Chris - 3

Luca, Meady - 2 Brad, Stew - 1

ASSISTS

Chris - 4, Andy - 3, Brad - 2 Dunn, Flanno, Ian, Meady, Stew - 1

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #13 (Chris) **2PTS** - #7 (Fordo) **1PT** - #3 (Gregg)

TOTAL POINTSCORE

Fordo - 7pts
Andy, Chris, Meady - 6pts
Brad - 5pts
Dave, Gregg, Luca - 4pts
Ian, Jason, Steve - 3pts
Stew - 2pts



YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Chris - 2 Flanno, Meady - 1

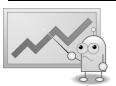
BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

IAN MARSHALL

3PTS - Brad 2PTS - Flano 1PT - Mark





NEXT GAME STAT(S)

ANDY - 100 games CHRIS - 80; LUCA - 50

COMPETITION UPDATE

Killarney's victory sees them trail competition leaders Toukley by only one point. Whilst, still one game in hand, Wyoming are now six points shy of the Top 4.







WEEK 12 (ROUND 11) HOME AWAY GROUND DATE TIME O VS VS (Lisarow) VS (Lisarow) July 4 20:00

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| WEEK TWELVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1st | 8 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 10 | 31 | 24 | | | | |
| 2nd | MILLANDON (1972) | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 14 | 30 | 19 | | | | |
| 3rd | | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 21 | 17 | 4 | | | | |
| 4th | | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| 5th | | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 32 | 27 | 15 | 5 | | | | |
| 6th | THE REAL PROPERTY. | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 26 | 14 | -3 | | | | |
| 7th | O C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 28 | 10 | -14 | | | | |
| 8th | # S S S | 12 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 41 | 1 | -35 | | | | |

NEXT ...

After two washouts of this fixture, will it be third time lucky for Wyoming and Berkeley Vale to finally meet? It's a battle to stay within reach of the top four for both teams.

| WEEK 13 (ROUND 7) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| BERKELEY | VS | WYOMING | Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale) | July 8 | 15:10 | | | | | |

Cya Saturday!!

