



WYOMING 35DN CHRONICLES

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GAME #13



Duffys Oval, Terrigal

THE GRUDGE MATCH

Of all the disappointing games this season, the first game against Terrigal was particularly painful. What looked to be a hard fought 1-1 draw ended in heartbreak as the boys in the 'Where's Wally' jerseys put two goals away in the final four minutes. It was the beginning of a four game losing streak. Today, in our second and last encounter with the beach boys this season, it was time to make amends ... if we could field a team! Things were looking particularly slim in the center back position with Meady, Flano and Steve all out with injuries. Hopes were high that perhaps Cottier -who has missed the past 5 games - might make an appearance and fill that void but sadly he was nowhere to be seen, again, and with conflicting kick-off times we couldn't rely on any players from the DS or ES squads. The good news, Ian was back but his confirmation came with a "start on the bench" clause as he was returning from a hamstring injury ... um, yeah sorry mate, you're starting ... and when Meady arrived with the jerseys - well two thirds of them, the rest were left on the clothesline - and learnt we only had one sub, he put on his game gear and added an extra number to the bench.



IAN returns from injury / MEADY puts on the boots despite his facebook post mid-week.

STEWPENDOUS

Ahh, Duffys Oval. It had been a while. Whilst it was notorious for wash-outs in the past, it also held good memories for us. Since the team's inception in 2011, we'd never lost here. For Luca, this was where he first put on the boots for this team back in 2014. Today he was playing his 51st. When Mark ascertained what field we were playing on, Stew was particularly excited, it had rugby posts attached to the goal frame. Andy did not share this optimism. Firstly, any shot off target and he'd be sure to hear Brad's jibes about aiming for the black dot, and secondly, what if former rugby player Stew got confused, picked up the ball and dived over the goalline? As a precaution, team selector Andy opted to put Stew up the back with Brad. Other than his first touch where the ball slipped back between his legs, Stew was a solid choice there all afternoon, getting into the grind.



STEW takes on Meady's usual position and almost does a typical Meady-styled play by nearly knocking out Aaron

THE PUSHER MAN

Wayne "Fordo" Fordham. What can you say? Last week he picked up a goal and a yellow card. And upon kick off he was ready to do it again ... well, score goals I mean ... doing his utmost with every opportunity to get to the ball. The Terrigal backline had no doubt heard of his recent glory and feeling threatened, started making appeals to the referee. Upon a quality pass from Luca, Fordo attempted to break through the defensive traffic and almost made it, almost. Terrigal's big bald stopper bemoaned, "He keeps pushing me". Surely a tactic to get this threat sent off early. After complaint number 3, the referee stopped play so the defender and Fordo could make up. They shared a laugh and another push, or was that a backslap? I, confused.



FORDO giving the backline and keeper grief all game.

BEYOND THE STICKS

Along with Fordo's tenacity there were plenty of opportunities up front in the first half for the Tigers. Jason Burke was very close to getting on the goal stats today. His shot from an Andy pass sailed just wide whilst his perfect cross found Andy's head but that also went wide of the sticks. Luca put in yet another tireless performance delivering quality passes but sadly no luck in the shot department. His free kick almost found its way through though. Andy's first shot of the day naturally went high and wide and as predicted brought on the mocking tongue of Brad. He decided to stick to crosses after that giving both Luca and Chris good chances, the latter got his hands in the way as he weaved towards goal.



LUCA gives FORDO an early opportunity.





ANDY slices it through to CHRIS who attempts a basketball play.



ANDY's conversion attempt



LUCA has a dig.



FORDO comes agonisingly close !!



LUCA's free kick gets blocked.



FORDO, ANDY & LUCA combine



JASON & ANDY combinations.

THE WRATH OF NO. 10

Early into the game, Andy asked one of Terrigal's players how his teammate was recovering from the injury he'd sustained last time they'd played. For the uninitiated, back then Meady and this bloke had a sprinting battle along the right edge. They collided and the latter ended up on a trip to the hospital with a suspected broken collarbone. Turns out he was back, starting from the bench in the No. 10 jersey. And upon entering the field, he was seemingly looking for trouble. Aaron was at the whim of his fury when he took a swing at Mr. Quill's legs after he'd cleared a back pass. Aaron wasn't having any of that in a later encounter where No. 10 chased after the ball in the far right corner. Aaron opted to pursue and gave him a good shove for good measure. Thankfully out of the box to not receive anything more than a yellow. Mark also found himself in a scuffle but someone avoided any punishment from the ref. Maybe the ref was confused which side Mark was on after one of his throw-ins went straight to the opposition. No. 10 would've no doubt been nervous when Meady entered the fray and they raced against each other down the edge side by side yet again. No. 10 survived this bout this time.



MARK pushing above his weight.



AARON's ongoing battles with No. 10



MEADY in pursuit: "Oh no, not again!"

HALF-TIME:



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SCURI MAGNIFICA



WYOMING survive a dangerous cross.

CLIP OR DIVE

No. 10's theatrics would pay off in the second half. One of several battles with Brad ended in the penalty area. Was he clipped or did he take a dive. It seemed an age before the referee made a decision - was he consulting with a video ref ?? Unfortunately, he pointed to the spot. Fortunately, Terrigal's appointed kicker hit it wide.



No. 10 dives to get a penalty; AARON dives to stop a penalty ... nevertheless is goes wide.



STEW puts up the bomb.

THE PLIGHT OF MATTHIAS

In some teams, there's a whipping boy, that one player who tends to cop the abuse from everyone else. Sure, we have our own, but that tends to happen only during the end of season trips away. In our defence, despite all the threats of getting him tied to a tree and leaving him somewhere, this has not happened ... yet. For Terrigal, their scapegoat was a nice chap named Matthias. "Get back Matthias!" "Go forward Matthias!" "Clean my boots Matthias!" Poor Matthias. Brad came to his defense early. "You go where you wanna go Matthias, don't listen to them". "Gees, they like picking on you" Andy said to him at a quiet moment. "That's because they're all rascist" retorted Matthias. Yet despite copping the abuse, it would be Matthias who would stand tall as the hero amongst his teammates. A short kick from a Terrigal corner, curled towards the back post. There Matthias was at the ready - possibly offside - for a quick tap in to put his team in the lead. "That'll shut them up" encouraged Andy shortly afterwards. "No, that won't stop them". Poor Matthias. Mate, if you ever read this, you're welcome to join our team, especially if we lose a player to a tree in the off-season.



MATTHIAS puts Terrigal in the lead.

SCORE:



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ANDY's free kick hits the crossbar (of the soccer goal - Brad!!) ... LUCA's rebound shot went wide.



MEADY almost gets to an ANDY cross.

CORNERED !!

It was a hard pill to swallow for the boys in black and yellow. They'd survived the penalty only to succumb to a goal shortly after. Was this yet another day of the scoreline not reflecting the effort made? A positional change occurred. Brad was now up front. Had Aaron sent him away to avoid any more encounters with Terrigal's No. 10? If not, he may claim he did as it was a masterstroke. Brad's tenacious runs up front started giving the defenders headaches. Well metaphorical headaches unlike the ones Fordo gave them by literally running into them. One such push by Brad led to a welcome corner for Andy on his preferred side. The threat of his curling kick however was quickly extinguished with a Terrigal head, putting it over the goal line. Four minutes still remained. Andy had another chance here. He lined the ball up in the exact same spot but put a bit more oomph into this one. It went high and curled towards the front post. If the ball was traveling two feet from the ground then Mark was perfectly placed to head it in. But it wasn't going to be his moment. Behind him stood Luca who amongst the defenders leapt as the ball approached. Despite Brad's attempts to ruin Andy's moment claiming it took a deflection, the ball beat them all, ducked underneath the crossbar and into the net. 1-1 biatches!!



ANDY's corner kick curls in to tie up the game.

A BLOCKBUSTER FINISH?

In the remaining minutes, Wyoming fought desperately hard to steal a victory just as Terrigal had done to them the last time. Stewy, perhaps confused by the rugby posts and going for a field goal, put up the high bomb. It might've bounced its way into the nets if not for their man in gloves. The final chance was from Meady who took a strong run up the left flank. He had Chris, Brad and Fordo charging up on the right. All he needed to do was get it across to them ... sadly his left foot wasn't up to the task sending it into the side netting.



MEADY's last minute run ends up as a left-footed shot at the bin - rubbish!!

FULL-TIME:



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What's wrong with your feet" - Julia to Dave as to why he kept using his forbidden head.

FEAT OF THE DAY

Ian has now played two full games in a row without injury !



IAN freaks out the opposition with his Pan's Labyrinth-esque eye-hand trick ... and earns a round of applause.



WAYNE FORDHAM



ANDREW KENNEDY



DIRTY SHIRTS

Fordo continues his late season surge with another 3pts and a commanding lead over the rest of the competition. His closest rival is Chris who jumped to outright 2nd with 2pts. Ian picked up another point after seemingly driving over his jersey in the carpark.



Get up FORDO !! / MARK makes a valant effort to get on the scoreboard.



Even GREGG picks on MATTHIAS / No. 10 gets a well earned yellow card / STEW sporting some new head gear



Havin' a laugh / IAN gets tangled up / Not quite an appropriate time for a prostate exam.





GOAL SCORING TALLY



GOALS

Andy - 6
Chris - 3
Luca, Meady - 2
Brad, Fordo, Stew - 1

ASSISTS

Andy - 5, Chris - 4, Brad - 3
Dunn, Flanno, Ian,
Meady, Stew - 1

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #7 (Fordo)
2PTS - #13 (Chris)
1PT - #17 (Ian)

TOTAL POINTSCORE

Fordo - 13pts
Chris - 8pts
Andy, Gregg, Meady - 6pts
Brad - 5pts
Dave, Ian, Luca - 4pts
Jason, Steve - 3pts
Stew - 2pts



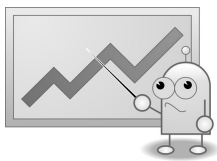
YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Flanno - 6
Aaron, Brad, Chris, Luca - 2
Fordo, Meady, Steve, Stew - 1

BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:
KEVIN FLANAGAN

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

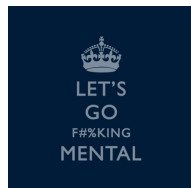


NEXT GAME STAT(S)

BRAD - 80 games

WEEK 13 WRAP-UP

Killarney and Toukley met for the first time this season and had 2-2 draw so the undefeated Toukley remains on top. Berkeley Vale jumps into third spot with a convincing 4-0 win over Tuggerah whilst Wyong returned to the Top 4 with a 2-1 win over Kanwal.



WEEK 13 (ROUND 13)						
	HOME	VS	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
2	WYONG		KANWAL	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	July 15	12:30
2	KILLARNEY		TOUKLEY	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	July 15	12:45
4	BERKELEY		TUGGERAH	Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	July 15	13:30
1	TERRIGAL		WYOMING	Duffy's Oval 2 (Terrigal)	July 15	15:10

CENTRAL COAST - 35DN									
2017									
WEEK THIRTEEN									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st		12	10	2	0	36	12	32	24
2nd		12	10	1	1	35	16	31	19
3rd		13	6	2	5	31	28	20	3
4th		13	6	0	7	34	28	18	6
5th		13	5	2	6	26	23	17	3
6th		13	5	2	6	20	20	17	0
7th		13	3	2	8	17	33	11	-16
8th		13	0	1	12	6	45	1	-39

WEEK 14 PREVIEW

Kanwal and Wyong will be tested when they take on the competition leaders. If both lose, Terrigal has a strong chance of leapfrogging both into the Top 4 if they defeat Tuggerah.

WEEK 14 (ROUND 14)						
	HOME	VS	AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME
	KANWAL		KILLARNEY	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	July 22	11:45
	TOUKLEY		WYONG	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	July 22	11:45
	TUGGERAH		TERRIGAL	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	July 22	12:45
	WYOMING		BERKELEY	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	July 22	14:10

Cya Saturday!!

