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## **GAME #15**





Alan Davidson Oval, Wyoming

#### THE BARE ELEVEN

Last weekend was unprecedented. We had all 16 players all present and accounted for. Even man-flu sufferer Aaron was there to cheer and cough from the sideline. That was more than any other game this season including the team photo shoot !! Could we be as lucky this weekend? The first shock to the system was that the first reply to confirm availability was --- Aaron!! You generally have to send a follow up message to get a response and it usually has to contain the words 'Punter's Club' to mislead him into But not this time, our custodian was back and ready to don the gloves. Yet as the other replies trickled through it was becoming frighteningly clear that we may only have eleven. The worst news to arrive was that Fordo was out. He'd torn ligaments in his back. Not from all his attempts to get on 'Meady's Mud Points' pointscore but due to an accident at work. Here's hoping for a quick recovery buddy. Chris was also out injured, still struggling with a calf ailment he suffered from last weekend's The early kick-off at 11:45am meant Flanno (calf still playing up as well) and Burkey had commitments to the junior teams. And Cottier, who we weren't sure if he was turning up, ran into Meady earlier that day and unfortunately broke a rib. This tends to happen to people who run into Meady ... oh, pardon me, news just in ... it wasn't Meady but Cottier's home gate that caused the damage. Meady, but an honest mistake to make. Jason, hopefully a quick recovery to you too mate.













#### LUCA'S NEMESIS

So it would be a full 80 minutes for all involved on the Wyoming side - well not for one but we'll get to that shortly. Luca stepped up for the coin toss. He'd been given directions by Aaron on which way to face for the first half but often you have to win the toss for that to happen, Luca did not. O from 1 thus far but early days, he still had 3 more battles ahead. 1) The obvious 80 minute battle on the field; 2) The post-game drinks, ie. which team stays the longest - usually a shoe-in; and (3) For Luca in particular, the facebook bragging rights against his former teammate Peter Seaborn who'd been heckling him during the week that his Wyong squad were going to get us again.







LUCA vs the Toss / LUCA vs former teammate PETER

#### STARTING STRONG

Pete would've been biting his proverbial tongue during the first few minutes when it was all Wyoming. Wyong started clumsily and Luca almost made them pay with quality service that saw Andy in particular have a couple of early chances.







LUCA sends ANDY away.

#### ROBBED!

Things went pear shaped for the Tigers - a running theme this season - when Wyong made a break down the left flank. Unmarked - and seemingly offiside - a Wyong player was there for a simple tap in from the cross.



SCORE:



0



1







ANDY's pass almost connects with IAN.







a shape of things to come ...

## CAUGHT IN A STEWPOR

As with last weekend - a goal down despite dominating possession - confidence was still high we could turn it around. But then the odds went against us further when Stew and Wyong's No. 19 became entangled in a bit of push and shove. No. 19 dropped to the deck clutching his head. The referee declared violent conduct and gave Stew a straight red. Was it a push? Was there a simulated dive? As the game progessed, the behaviour from No. 19 indicated the latter as he resorted to cheap antics and childish jeers throughout the contest. "Sucked in!" he yelled after Wyong picked up their second goal on the stroke of half time. Thankfully, despite getting under the skin of a couple of our players and breeding further hostilities across the park, there were no further dramatic incidents. The damage though had already been done.











STEW given his marching orders.







LUCA takes a shot.





Wyoming survive a close call.







DAVE and LUCA combine.







WYONG get their  $2^{nd}$  in the final minute of the first half.

# HALF-TIME:



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#### RUBBISH !!

As the boys prepared to run on for the second half, former teammate and sponsor Dean Singleton quipped from the sideline "I can see things haven't improved since last time I saw you guys play". Sadly, he didn't bring his gear to show us how it was done and he was dreadful as the substitution co-ordinator for the game. Okay fine we only had 10 players but if we had've jumped in front 3-2 it would've come in handy to slow the game down. "Ref! Sub! (wait a few seconds) Oh nevermind, play on". Anyway ... the second half thankfully simmered down and showed that the majority of people out there - on both sides - just wanted to get on with it and play football. In saying that, Luca and Mark did pick up yellow cards. Luca got pulled up for lingering dissent after questioning why he was penalised for handball whilst on the ground, and Mark's last ditch tackle just outside the box took more of the attacking player than the ball. Whoops! Andy attempted to lighten the mood by declaring one of Wyong's shots at goal that hit the bin behind the net was a "rubbish shot". (insert canned laughter here).



LUCA and MARK pick up yellows.





ANDY's free kick.





AARON's quick reflexes get him out of trouble.



BRAD with two very good chances.

#### MARLOW'S MELANCHOLY

There were plenty of chances for the Tigers in the second half. Andy managed a couple of shots but like that rubbish joke he'd made, they veered off target. His set-ups to Brad were more promising. Brad, perfectly positioned, had two very good chances of finding the net. One narrowly missed, the other hit the woodwork. Luca worked tirelessly today and was almost rewarded when a curling cross just missed connecting with the approaching Ian. And Gregg, still lamenting that own goal last week, was perfectly placed to use his head for good (Tiger goals) and not evil (Opposition goals) when the ball curled his way from a corner kick. As it neared closer he imagined what type of pun or alliteration would be associated with his name in the upcoming Chronicles? "Gregg's Glory", "Mighty Marlow", "Bald Brilliance? Whatever that writing hack came up with, he knew at least he wouldn't be the running gag this week, he'd be the guy that scored a goal. 'Gees, I hope Ngari is positioned perfectly to get the sequence of photos right' Gregg pondered. She seemed distracted earlier when that Singo guy was assisting the removal of her jumper, or was it her shirt? Whatever! Concentrate Gregg, here comes that ball. Noggin ready. Heels lifted for a jump if need be. And then, just as the ball was nearing its target, in comes the f\*#king party pooper - Nigel Mead. That glory hog leapt forward and his head got to the ball instead. Dejected Gregg could only watch as the ball spiraled out of play. Recalling last weekend when Meady's head almost netted an own goal and Gregg saved him from that embarrassment, he quickly regretted that decision.









## THE FINAL NAIL

Wyong came close several times, one shot even hit the crossbar. Unfortunately they did manage a third to put this contest to bed.







**FULL TIME:** 



0



3













IAN narrowly misses respective crosses from ANDY and LUCA.







#### **DIRTY SHIRTS**

Despite the many times Mark makes contact with the ground, it was until Round 15 that he hit paydirt with a well earned three points. Serial offender Meady was back in the spoils and Ian's recent purple patch of appearances is making its mark.









MARK puts in a desperate effort to get the three points.







MEADY and IAN earn their points / ANDY makes an appeal to the judges ... denied.

### **STATS**



STEVE GEORGE









AARON satisfied that the Wall of Wallace is all he needs.







This Week's Top 3 Movers & Shakers (Proudly Sponsored by Gregg's School of Dance)













#### GOAL SCORING TALLY



#### GOALS

Andy - 6

Chris - 3

Brad, Luca, Meady - 2 Ben, Fordo, Ian, Stew - 1

#### **ASSISTS**

Andy - 6, Chris - 4, Brad - 3 Dunn, Flanno, Ian, Luca, Meady, Stew - 1

## THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #4 (Mark) 2PTS - #29 (Meady) 1PT - #17 (Ian)

#### TOTAL POINTSCORE

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



#### YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Flanno - 6

Luca - 3; Aaron, Brad, Chris - 2 Fordo, Mark, Meady, Steve, Stew - 1

#### BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

## MEGAN WALLACE

3PTS - Meady 2PTS - Aaron 1PT - Mark







#### **UPCOMING GAME STAT(S)**

FLANNO - 90 games AARON, DAVE - 70 games

#### WEEK 15 WRAP-UP

Despite undefeated, Toukley were held to a draw for the third time this season meaning Killarney now lead the comp after their victory over Tuggerah. Terrigal slip out of the Top 4 on goal differential with Wyong leapfrogging them with their 3-0 win over Wyoming. Kanwal kept their finals hopes alive with a draw over 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Berkeley.







WEEK 15 (ROUND 15)							
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME
0	WYOMING	VS	WYONG	3	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	July 29	11:45
3	BERKELEY	VS	KANWAL	3	Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	July 29	13:30
0	TERRIGAL	VS	TOUKLEY	0	Duffy's Oval 1 (Terrigal)	July 29	13:30
0	TUGGERAH	VS	KILLARNEY	2	Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	July 29	15:10

CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL	CENTRAL COAST - 35DN 2017								
	WEEK FIFTEEN								
		Р	W	D	L	F	А	PTS	Differentials
1st	IB72	14	12	1	1	39	17	37	22
2nd		14	11	3	0	39	12	36	27
3rd	WILLIAM COM	15	7	3	5	37	33	24	4
4th		15	7	0	8	37	31	21	6
5th		15	6	3	6	24	20	21	4
6th		15	5	3	7	30	28	18	2
7th	Marie 100 Jake	15	3	2	10	19	39	11	-20
8th	<b>E 3 9</b>	15	0	1	14	6	51	1	-45

#### **WEEK 16 PREVIEW**

It's a fortnight break for most teams except the competition leaders. Toukley and Killarney who have their catch-up encounter next weekend that could well decide the League Champions title. The following weekend Terrigal and Berkeley do it tough against the Top 2 whilst Kanwal and Wyong take on the bottom 2. The race is well alive for  $3^{\rm rd}$  and  $4^{\rm th}$  spot.

WEEK 16 (ROUND 6)									
	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME			
	TOUKLEY	VS	KILLARNEY	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	August 5	13:00			
	WEEK 16 (ROUND 16)								
	HOME		AWAY	GROUND	DATE	TIME			
	KILLARNEY	VS	TERRIGAL	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	August 12	12:15			
	TOUKLEY	VS	BERKELEY	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	August 12	13:00			
	KANWAL	VS	WYOMING	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	August 12	13:30			
	WYONG	VS	TUGGERAH	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	August 12	14:15			