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# **GAME #16**





Kanwal Oval

#### THE RSVP LIST

Three rounds to go. No chance of finals but we had at least confirmed after last weekend's results that we couldn't get that dreaded wooden spoon. A fortnight's rest meant a few of the players had a nice chance to recover from niggling injuries: Chris was back ready to test that sore calf and Fordo had made a remarkable recovery - his back was not broken after all. Cottier still remains out though. Stew took an early quilty plea to get his suspension knocked down from 2 games to 1 so he'll be back next week. He made the trek to support us though not sure about his choice of outdoor furniture. The turtle shell seat design was cool but did it have to be in the same colour spectrum as that of the opposition team jerseys? 13 players had confirmed they'd be in attendance ... and Marky Wallace turned up despite not rsvp'ing. He arrived early and had his boots on so we decided to let him play ... off the bench.







CHRIS & FORDO back in action / FORDO wins the toss.

#### FORDO'S WINNING TOSS

Here we were back at Kanwal Oval, where the season began for us. Whilst some remembered this ground as the one where Aaron's bomb kick accidentally hit a kid on the sideline, Aaron preferred to have nicer memories, such as us coming back from a two nil deficit at half time to win 4-2. Part of that memory was that we were running downhill for that second half. As Fordo represented the team for the coin toss, he had strict instructions from el presidento - go uphill first half. And he did just that. Well done Fordo.













"Only I'm allowed to hurt him!" MEADY pipes up and is carded after protesting a dangerous challenge on AARON.







IAN attempts a left footed cross.







ANDY's free kick on target but knocked away for a corner.





MEADY & IAN combine / collide for a corner kick.







CHRIS appeals after his charge forward is hindered.







ANDY finds LUCA in the middle.

#### ANOTHER MISHAP

To describe the first half I could easily just copy and paste half the reports from this season. We started strong, dominated possession, had more attacking chances ... and as usual the opposition were more opportunistic when their chances came. An early mishap at the back and a dreaded bounce had us chasing our tails early ...







SCORE:



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#### A DASH OF LUCK ?

Andy's crosses. Some found their target, one even zoomed inches away from the goalposts. Others misfired. Frustrated, he tried a new tactic - aim it at the opposition. Upon doing so, one cross made its way seemingly towards Fordo. A defender was there to stop it. His attempted clearance on the volley did not sail forward but backwards, beating his own keeper and sailing into the corner of the net. Sheer luck or the calculated deflection that Andy had planned? You be the judge! (Unless your name is Brad Avery... you don't get a say!)













SCORE:



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Three minutes later, KANWAL take the lead again ... boo!! ③

SCORE:



2



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After a brief lie down, MEADY gets back in the action ... and pulls a Robert "You talking to me" De Niro impression.



ANDY & IAN with some quick tap and turns.







MARK sets up CHRIS for a shot.







CHRIS sends ANDY out wide ... his cross sails directly across the goal frame.







IAN sends a perfect cross to LUCA whose shot steers wide.

### ON THE COUNTER

Following on from Wyoming's unlikely equaliser, Kanwal resumed the lead less than three minutes later. Desperately trying to achieve parity again, Luca and Chris worked tirelessly in the middle, Ian and Andy combined for several crosses each, and Mark Wallace was a revelation with his tenacious defence. However, after a near miss at goal by Luca, Kanwal hit the counter through a goal kick and just like that, they had their third. As the Tigers prepared for another kick off, Luca was incredulous "I can't believe we are losing this game".







HALF-TIME:



3



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ANDY's intended cross just misses the goal.

#### PREMATURE JUBIL(UC)ATION

Despite being down two goals at half time and Flanno's feelings being hurt by being called a moron by one of the Kanwal players, Wyoming were still confident they could get out of this mess. The solution: score more goals (like they did in the Game #1 comeback) and have someone give Flanno a cuddle. I'm not sure if someone took care of the latter but judging from the cheer by one of the players during an attacking play, it seemed certain we'd gotten one of the former. Andy had made a cross to Chris who in turn got a quick shot away. Luca roared with delight as the ball was goal bound ... only for it to be blocked at the last second. For those whose view was obscured, Luca's cheer had raised their spirits ... yet heartbreak quickly followed. The dangers of premature cheering, tsk tsk Mr. Scuri.



CHRIS comes so close !! / BRAD takes a shot.



ANDY's corner causes havoc / Like father, like son: JASON BURKE takes a "Kaelan-esque" shot.







Kanwal's keeper blocks another shot by Brad on target.

#### COLLISION CORNER

Luca was hesitant to let out another early cheer and remained silent when Brad took two solid shots on target and Jason had a long range - that would've made his son Kaelan proud - shot. All failed to increase Wyoming's score. One of Andy's corners curled in on target but again Luca opted not to make a noise unless it made contact with the net and this too was punched away. Still jittery, he decided the only way he would get the cheer just right is if he sent it himself. Andy took another corner and up Luca leaped. As the ball came through, down Luca dropped. Andy was the one making the noise this time. "Penalty!" he yelled as he saw a player in yellow drop to the ground, obviously he'd been fouled, right. When his view became less obscured he saw that both Meady and Luca were both down, they'd collided with each other. The hope that the ref would still point to the spot quickly faded. Andy made another appeal shortly afterwards when he was elbowed away from the ball but whilst this one looked like a genuine claim for a penalty, perhaps his premature appeal earlier had inadvertently caused the "boy who cried wolf" effect.







A MEADY / SCURI combination? No ... a MEADY / SCURI collision.







ANDY makes an appeal for a penalty.







MEADY's header from another corner kick goes wide ... poor LUCA.

#### STEP UP !!

If there was one word to define Kanwal today it was opportunistic. When they got their chances they took them. Aaron had a quiet second half but when Meady yelled out for the backline to "step up!", he didn't expect Jason to literally raise his foot as a step whilst defending. The missed tackle gave Kanwal's No. 14 - who'd scored at this end in the first half (the own goal) - a chance to sprint into open space and narrowly edge the ball past Aaron. Unbiased, I must say I preferred his first goal.







# SCORE:



4



1

#### GOAL LINE OR SIDE LINE?

Despite now four goals down, Wyoming still kept the ball in Kanwal's half. The shots weren't getting better. Andy's wide shot had Meady quipping it almost resulted in a throw-in. Flanno did one better though. Brad tried his best to stop such embarrassment.





BRAD tries to keep FLANNO's shot at goal from crossing the sideline.





ANDY's corner kick punched away.







#### IAN'S GOAL

This report would've been a lot shorter if I had've taken Stevie G's recommendation on what to write. At full time he summed it up as "That was shit ... that's all you have to write". Shortest Chronicles ever. To do so would've left out his part to play in the one moment of joy for Wyoming in the second half ... Ian's goal! Sending it from his own half, Stevie G's long ball took a header deflection from a Kanwal defender and found its way to Ian who weaved past one player and calmly slotted it past the keeper.



Cool and composed, IAN puts away a late consolation goal.

# **FULL TIME:**



4



2

#### **DIRTY SHIRTS**

Special Thanks to Alison Stanbury for washing the shirts from this game as the Mead Machine broke down midweek. Only two contenders this week. Andy picked up the 3pts whilst Fordo has wrapped up the championship with another 2 pts that puts him at an unassailable lead of 15pts. Luca got written in the back books with his shirt delivered inside out.



ANDY & FORDO in the points / Poor MARKY still can't get any points !!

# <u>STATS</u>



KEVIN FLANAGAN





AARON QUILL





DAVID STANBURY



MARLOW'S SCHOOL OF DANCE: TOP PERFORMERS





















CLOSE ENCOUNTERS













#### GOAL SCORING TALLY





Chris - 3 Brad, Ian, Luca, Meady - 2 Ben, Fordo, Ian, Kanwal's #14, Stew - 1

#### **ASSISTS**

Andy - 7, Chris - 4, Brad - 3 Dunn, Flanno, Ian, Luca, Meady, Steve, Stew - 1

## THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #11 (Andy) 2PTS - #7 (Wayne) 1PT - No Points

#### TOTAL POINTSCORE

Fordo - 15pts

Andy - 9pts, Brad, Chris, Meady - 8pts

Gregg, Luca - 6pts

Ian - 5pts; Dave - 4pts

Jason, Mark, Steve - 3pts

Stew - 2pts



#### YELLOW CARDS TALLY

Flanno - 6 Luca - 3; Aaron, Brad, Chris, Meady - 2 Fordo, Mark, Steve, Stew - 1

# BEST ON FIELD

This Week's Judge:

## STEWART WEBB

3PTS - Luca 2PTS - Andy

1PT - Ian





#### UPCOMING GAME STAT(S)

GREGG - 110 games MARK - 80 games

### WEEK 16 WRAP-UP

Only two rounds remain. Toukley are one step closer to wrapping up the League Championship with a 2-0 victory over their only rivals for the top prize, Killarney. Berkeley Vale dropped to  $4^{\text{th}}$  after a high scoring loss against the comp leaders. Wyong jumped to  $3^{\text{rd}}$  on goal differential. Kanwal still has a sniff of a Top 4 chance.







WEEK 16 (ROUND 6)										
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME			
2	TOUKLEY	VS	KILLARNEY	0	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	August 5	13:00			
WEEK 16 (ROUND 16)										
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME			
1	KILLARNEY	VS	TERRIGAL	1	Edsacc North Field 2 (Killarney)	August 12	12:15			
4	TOUKLEY	VS	BERKELEY	3	Harry Moore Oval 1 (Toukley)	August 12	13:00			
4	KANWAL	VS	WYOMING	2	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	August 12	13:30			
2	WYONG	VS	TUGGERAH	0	Baker Park 1 (Wyong)	August 12	14:15			

CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL	CENTRAL COAST - 35DN 2017								
WEEK SIXTEEN									
		Р	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Differentials
1st	8	16	13	3	0	45	15	42	30
2nd	TO THE PARTY OF TH	16	12	2	2	40	20	38	20
3rd		16	8	0	8	39	31	24	8
4th	THE REAL PROPERTY.	16	7	3	6	40	37	24	3
5th		16	6	4	6	25	21	22	4
6th		16	6	3	7	34	30	21	4
7th	San	16	3	2	11	21	43	11	-22
8th		16	0	1	15	6	53	1	-47

#### **WEEK 17 PREVIEW**

Berkeley have another tough task ahead against Killarney; Terrigal can get back into the Top 4 with a win over Wyong whilst Kanwal with be favoured to join the logjam with a win over Tuggerah. Toukley will wrap up the League Championship if they defeat Wyoming.

WEEK 17 (ROUND 17)									
	HOME		AWAY		GROUND	DATE	TIME		
	BERKELEY	VS	KILLARNEY		Chittaway Oval (Berkeley Vale)	August 18	18:00		
	WYOMING	VS	TOUKLEY		Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 19	11:45		
	TERRIGAL	VS	WYONG		Duffy's Oval 2 (Terrigal)	August 19	12:00		
	TUGGERAH	Vs	KANWAL		Eastern Rd Oval 1 (Bateau Bay)	August 19	15:00		