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Alan Davidson Oval, Wyoming

THE FINAL ROUND-UP

The final game of 2017. The first time in seven years that we weren't in contention for finals in the last round - yes we'd blown that chance a while back. Nevertheless as the previous weekend had shown, we had the potential to end the season on a high. Still buzzing from the win against the competition leaders Toukley, the focus was now on the 2nd placed team Killarney, who were still a slim chance of seizing the League Championship! Could we get back-to-back wins for the first time this season and earn the moniker of Giant Killers? The ravens were sent (sorry, been watching too much Game of Thrones) to see whom we could assemble for this last battle. Andy's hopes of the 15As winning their Major Semi last weekend to get this weekend off did not come to fruition so his brother Mick and Jason Burke weren't available starters (both pledged they would turn up for the second half). Ye of little faith for finals football, Fordo had hung up the boots for his annual Frasier Island fishing trip; Stew had said his farewells as he packed house in prep for a trip to Europe; and Chris, whilst confirming he'd play, would arrive a little late from his Sydney trip; but the good news ... Cottier had replied immediately and gave the thumbs up to play ... nah, just kidding. So with those calculations, we only had 11 to start the game ...



LUCA leads the away team on erm, home soil / Our loyal supporters





LUCA sends ANDY for an early shot that rebounds off the goalpost ... a second attempt goes high.

MINIMAL IMPACT

It was looking like another dream start for the Tigers when Luca sent Andy the perfect through ball. Andy sped into the 18-yard box and took the shot. It was low, it beat the keeper, it ... hit the sticks and bounced back across an open goalmouth ... so close!! Was it back to those sort of afternoons for Wyoming this season, near misses, lost opportunities? Fret not you loyal readers you. Soon we would be on our way. Dave took the throw-in and sent it to Andy prowling on the right flank for a change. With a quick turn he sent it across the goals where Laurel and Hardy, err Brad and Ian, were loitering / clowning about. It skipped past Ian and Brad barely got more than the side of his calf to it. It was minimal impact but it was enough to beat the keeper and find the net.



BRAD puts it away with the slightest touch.







MAXIMUM IMPACT

There was nothing soft about Brad's next effort. Catching out a lazy Killarney back pass, Brad stormed ahead. The keeper ran out, it was one-on-one. Brad wasn't letting this opportunity slide. Well technically he did slide as he got to the ball a split-second before Killarney's custodian could and rocketed that ball into the net for his second goal.



COLLISIONS AND HECKLES

Killarney did have their moments. They'd won several corner kicks. Aaron though was at the ready to catch the curling ones whilst the rest of the pack defended admirably. Stevie G was again a brick wall in defence and some poor Killarney attacker learnt it first hand when they collided. Whilst there was no malice involved, Stevie G did pick up a yellow for apparently taking out both the ball and the player. Other times, Killarney did not have their moments and some of Wyoming's players were quick to commentate. Their keeper wasn't particularly thrilled by this, promptly retorting "At least we're in the finals!". He just needed a ner-ner-ner to make it complete.





BRAD'S HAT-TRICK

Just before half time. Andy was on the charge after a great through ball from Brad. The defender charged in, collision inevitable. Before his ankle took the brunt force of 120 kgs of Killarney beef, he got the ball away and who was there to annoy the Killarney keeper once again? Well Brad of course. Echoing his Tuggerah game last season, Brad had picked up another hattrick.



BRAD makes it three.

HALF-TIME:





GOLDEN BOOT RIVALRY

If there was a motivating voice during Killarney's halftime chat, it fell on deaf's ear. This was particularly evident when Gregg sent a long ball into Killarney territory and caught the opposition napping. At first Andy thought it was out of reach, bound for the keeper but no, it veered down the left flank and furthermore, none of the boys in black and white were chasing it. Putting the afterburners on, Andy raced down the line and reached the ball about a foot away from the goalline. He sent it to a charging man in yellow ... oh no, what had he done it was Brad! ... When Brad had scored his third goal today, Andy - who before today led the golden boot tally with six goals for the season - realised that he now shared that lead with Brad. Had he now passed the torch? Thankfully not. Under pressure, Brad drew the keeper out wide and chipped the ball over the gloved one to where Ian was standing unopposed in front of the goals. Cool and collected, Ian headed it in for Wyoming's 4th of the day. If the season had've lasted a few more games who knows, Ian - picking up his third today - could've challenged for that golden boot. He certainly had the best goal scoring average of 3 in 10 games played.



GREGG's long ball, ANDY's cross, BRAD's chip & IAN's header.

SCORE:



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We started the game with the bare eleven but by full time we'd been boosted to fourteen. Chris arrived halfway through the first half whilst Jason Burke and Mick turned up in the second. The latter two were instrumental in the goals to come. For Burkey, it was a great assist to the next goalscorer ... sadly an opposition player. Aaron's dreams of accruing another clean sheet had evaporated. Least Burkey finished the season on the field this year ... as did Flanno despite picking up another yellow card for some excessive cuddling.



Oops, BURKEY unintentionally sets up a Killarney goal

ALLARNE

SCORE:



Quality delivery by CHRIS almost connects / NIGE sets up CHRIS for a shot.



CHRIS's corner.

POSITIONAL CHANGES

With the considerable lead, a few positional changes took place. Flanno took a run up front and Stevie G and Brad switched places. Much to Andy's relief, Brad joined the backline - surely less chance of him scoring more goals from there. Brad switched goal scoring to goal saving for this second half, making an impressive chase on an attacker who merely needed to get it across to an unmarked player ... but not on Brad's watch, an outstanding defensive effort. Up front Stevie G looked set a couple of times to open his account. He was just shy of reaching one through ball and in another instance looked like he was away only to be ruled offside. He almost got a second yellow when dismissing the linesman's decision.



STEVE caught offside.

WRONG FOOTED

Pre-game. Andy had figured that if they could keep this a tight contest at half time, his brother's arrival could make the difference in giving the team that added confidence and stability. He never dreamed they'd be up 4-1 before Mick took to the field. Mick got into the action pretty quick. On the attack, he stretched out and sent the ball into the goalmouth. Killarney were able to block it only for it to bounce favorably towards the other Kennedy, Andy. His ensuing kick sailed towards Dave who like late last season had another chance for a tap-in but was caught wrong footed. He vows to practice scissor kicks in the off-season.



DAVE misses a chance / the ensuing corner.

HIGH FIVE

Putting in yet another strong performance, it was only fitting Luca would end up on the scoresheet. Placing the ball out to Andy on the left, Andy's shot took a deflection and Luca was there to back up. Yes that lovable Italian stallion netted goal number five. Off went the shirt as he made a celebratory run that would've made Tim Cahill proud as he gave the corner post a quick 1-2 jab. Best yellow card of the season !!



WARNING: THE FOLLOWING IMAGES CONTAIN NUDITY, VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED !!!



SCORE:







THE SIX SHOOTER

Stevie G may have missed some opportunities to get on the scoreboard but he would end up with the next best thing, a goal assist. Retrieving a cross from Andy (whom Steve had sent up the left wing) that went too deep, Steve chipped it to a waiting Mick Kennedy. Knocking it to his feet with his chest, Mick coolly took a shot on the volley. The keeper got his gloves to it but fumbled it across the line. What an afternoon of football it had been. Six goals to one against a team who were still in with a chance to get the League Championship today. The Giant killers had stuck again, a shame this type of form didn't happen earlier in the season, who knows where we could've finished up.





FULL-TIME:





MARLOW'S SCHOOL OF DANCE: TOP PERFORMERS





Killarney's No. 19 going for the casual look: board shorts & sneakers. No shin pads ? no worries !!



DIRTY SHIRTS

Gregg, Mark and Andy picked up points today. Thinking he'd get bonus points, Gregg went that extra distance by adding some blood as he rummaged through the bushes to retrieve a ball. Sorry mate, three points is all you get. Fordo took out the prize this season and now has to provide a box of Omo and fork out the repair costs for the Meads washing machine that broke down a couple of weeks back.





GREGG adds a bit of claret to proceedings.



MARK finally gets back on the board / Season Runner-Up MEADY tries to close the gap for more points.

EPILOGUE

So, that was it. Season 2017 has finished. A huge thank you to all those who read these throughout the season, to those who cheered from the sideline, and my teammates turning up each week and playing on despite the injuries. To Julia for patching us all up; Burkey for keeping me updated on yellow card tallies; to Ngari for the fantastic photos each week, particularly those for Gregg Marlow's School of Dance; and to Nige for keeping us all hydrated after each game, washing the shirts, and taking the time to manage this group of misfits. Even though we finished second-last this year and missed the finals, I still feel like a winner being in this team and sharing these adventures with you all.

<u>STATS</u>





Julia Barry 16 mins · Gosford, NSW ·

After 1440 minutes of football, 80 metres of tape, 1 can of adhesive spray, 1 litre of my magic oil, 300mls Of imported sports gel all delivered with tender loving care that's a wrap. To my boys, as always thank you for trusting me with your injuries and for all your support you've given me over the last 3 years but especially this year xx Andrew Kennedy Nigel Mead Luca Scuri Wayne Fordham



"That's five mate" ... IAN helps Killarney keep count / Julia's "Wrap-Up"



























GOAL SCORING TALLY



<u>GOALS</u> Andy, Brad - 6 Chris, Luca - 4; Ian - 3; Meady - 2 Ben W, Fordo, Kanwal's #14, Mick, Stew - 1

<u>ASSISTS</u> Andy - 12; Brad, Chris - 4; Luca, Steve - 2; Dunn, Flanno, Ian, Meady, Stew - 1



NUDIE RUN LIST Dave, Gregg, Burke, Cottier, Mark

THE MEAD MACHINE (MUD POINTS)



3PTS - #3 (Gregg) **2PTS** - #4 (Mark) **1PT** - #11 (Andy)

FINAL POINTSCORE

Fordo - 15pts; Meady - 11pts; Andy - 10pts; Gregg - 9pts; Brad, Chris - 8pts; Luca - 6pts; Ian, Mark - 5pts; Dave - 4pts Jason, Steve - 3pts; Stew - 2pts



RED CARDS TALLY Flanno - 1; Stew - 1

YELLOW CARDS TALLY Flanno - 7

Luca - 4; Meady - 3; Aaron, Brad, Chris, Steve - 2 Andy, Fordo, Mark, Stew - 1

BEST ON FIELD This Week's Judge: JULIA BARRY

3PTS - Brad

2PTS - Andy 1PT - Luca



WEEK 18 WRAP-UP

Toukley wrapped up the League Championship with a victory over wooden spooners Tuggerah. Berkeley ended Wyong's season with a comprehensive 3-0 victory and wrapped up 3rd spot. Terrigal's draw with Kanwal was enough for them to qualify for the semis.



CYA IN 2018 !!

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2	KANWAL	VS	TERRIGAL	2	Kanwal Oval 1 (Kanwal)	August 26	11:45
2	TOUKLEY	VS	TUGGERAH	0	Harry Moore Oval 2 (Toukley)	August 26	13:30
1	KILLARNEY	VS	WYOMING	6	Alan Davidson Oval 1 (Wyoming)	August 26	13:30
0	WYONS	VS	BERKELEY	3	Baker Park 2 (Wyong)	August 26	15:10

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - TOUKLEY



THE FINALS

Toukley had their second loss of the season falling 3-1 to Killarney in the Major Semi Final whilst 4^{th} placed Terrigal knocked out Berkeley in the elimination minor semi final ... Toukley then edged out Terrigal 3-2 in the Preliminary Final by way of a penalty shootout ... The Grand Final saw the semi final rematch between Killarney and Toukley, a much tighter contest this time and again Killarney triumphed with a 1-0 victory taking out the Premiership.

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PREMIERS - KILLARNEY



TEAM RESULTS PAGE

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