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# WEEKEND SCUM

## THE WHATSIT OF THE ANU FC

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### Sex May Or May Not Be Better Than Winning A Game

In a recent opinion poll conducted by Buxom & Buxom, it was found that 50% of ANU members preferred having sex to winning a football game. Sampling 2 members from various positions within the Club, the poll was sponsored by Club President, Jose Del Rio, after a power meeting with Premier League guru, Rod Lynes.

“We were just discussing how the season was going, when suddenly I thought about sex,” said Mr. Del Rio. “Actually, I’d been thinking about sex all night, when Rod started talking about getting players motivated and winning games, so I put two and two together, and that’s when the idea for the poll popped into my head.

“I figured, and Rod agrees with me, that if we put the question to the players, we’d be able to gauge how committed our Club is towards football.”

Mr. Lynes was not so sure. “I don’t agree with anything Jose says,” he said. “I actually think the man is psychologically unstable.”

The raw data from Buxom & Buxom show that Rod Lynes preferred sex with his partner over winning a game, but would prefer to do both. Jose Del Rio said that he would much rather win a game.

It seems that just thinking about sex is enough to satisfy the President.



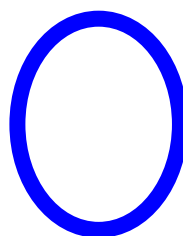
### Division 1 No-Name Wins ANU FC Crest Design Competition

A no-name from Division 1 named Dave has won the ANU FC Crest Design Competition. His design, which consisted of little more than an e-mail suggesting a blue border for the crest, was the natural choice in a competition that has proved about as popular as a pineapple up the rear.

The design for the new crest will still need to be ratified by the Committee, but many in the Club see this as just a formality.

“We hope to see the new crest on all strips and merchandise next year,” said Treasurer Dunn. “Budget wise, this new crest will be a boon for us. I foresee exciting times ahead.”

Jim Dawson, super-coach and erstwhile personal trainer to Oprah, doesn’t see things in the same light. “Give us a strip and



The winning design for the new ANU FC crest by No-Name Dave.

maybe some officials during a game first, and then we’ll see about this new crest. And while we’re on the subject of what’s wrong with those bastards out in Soccer Canberra bureaucracy wonderland, how about we get to play against someone other than pissant private school wankers with volcanic zits and bad breath?”



### Inside The Rest Of This Issue

- More mayhem and madness from your *Touchline Tosser*.
- *Player profiles* – the stuff they *didn’t* want you to read.
- Erroneous rumours – why things are the way they are and what your Committee is doing about it.
- Top goal scorers and keepers – the numbers are in... has the wait been worth it? Can we believe them? Is there a more equitable way of deciding the Golden Booty?



### Weekend Weather

- Current playing conditions: wet; cold; generally f\*cked.
- Outlook for training: more of the same.





# TOUCHLINE TOSSER

## PL Team Defeated 5-0 by Canberra Deakin

The Premier League team crashed to their worst loss on Sunday since returning to the Premier League last year. There is certainly plenty of talent in the team but their inability to translate promise into results on the pitch is a growing concern. There were some notable absences on the weekend, however, including Jon Ely and Chris Chartres who had work commitments, Gianni Guglielma and Steve Kaleb who were injured, and Rohan Telford who has been overseas. With seven rounds to go Rod's boys find themselves at the bottom of the ladder and two points behind Tuggeranong, who have now lost six in a row including to ANU a few weeks ago. The last match of the season will be ANU FC v TUSC which could decide who is relegated!

## Greece Triumph in Euro 2004

Bloody unbelievable! Greece was around 100-1 to win the tournament yet they beat the holders, France, and the hosts, Portugal, on the way. Having said that, their single loss was at the hands of Russia, one of the worst teams in the tournament and who were already eliminated. In fact, Greece's tournament would have been all over if Russia had scored just one more goal in that match. While it's refreshing to see the underdogs get up the Touchline Tosser believes that victory by such a plodding team reflects the continuing relegation of national team football to second tier status behind club football, and more particularly, the Champions League. Europe's top footballers are too exhausted after a full club season to lift themselves for the World Cup and European Championships, which evens out the field. The likes of Nikopolidis, Dellas, Zagorakis and Seitaridis had good tournaments but they won't be making big waves in future. The overall impression when watching Greece play was that they were competitive with everyone and hung around long enough to take advantage of some luck or score from a set piece. Look at their results: 2-1, 1-1, 1-2, 1-0, 1-0 and 1-0. And losing to a team as poor as Russia while beating Portugal, France and the Czech Republic indicates that the Russians succeeded because they had nothing to lose and played with freedom. Maybe the way to play Greece was to do something unconventional – accept that they would sneak a goal somehow so go all out to attack by playing with two or three dedicated strikers from the start. That way you can draw the Greek midfield out of their own half and then swing the ball quickly to your forwards before they have time to reset. The Greek midfield was very good at swarming back and defending in their own third which made them so hard to break down. Congratulations to them but they won Euro 2004 because they were able to stifle their opposition, not because they dominated with attacking football.

## Mark Latham Caught Breaking Soccer Canberra's Zero Tolerance Policy

A Current Affair has reported that Opposition Leader, Mark Latham, was heard saying one cold, Canberra morning, "It's so cold I'm freezing my fucking man-boobs off". While denying the government had any role in a muck-raking campaign against Latham, the PM John Howard said, "Did you hear what he said? He said the F-Word! If I swore like that Mumsy would send me to bed without any dessert."



## Golden Booty

It's the middle of the season (or thereabouts) and it looks like the race is over. Wendell is pulling away at the top, and barring a season-ending injury (touch wood), it will be difficult for any of the contenders to catch him. However, the S.C.U.M. is still hopeful that Own Goal will finish strongly, and a top-five spot for this little battler is still on the cards.

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|-----------------------|----|
| Wendell Zwiers        | 18 |
| Jeremy Murray         | 13 |
| Nick Lawler           | 12 |
| Rod Lynes             | 11 |
| Kelven Hawke          | 9  |
| Scott Barsley         | 8  |
| Dave Spence           | 7  |
| James Coe             | 7  |
| Karl Brightman        | 7  |
| Liam Nield            | 7  |
| Liviu Mihov-Nicotodis | 7  |
| Own Goal              | 7  |



## Ben Paul Golden Gloves

A potentially close race may be over, with CoatC having allegedly bruised his knuckles in a fist-fight outside the Potty Inn in Queanbeyan last Friday night.

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Nick Young                | 0.20  |
| John Coates               | 0.44  |
| Simon Twisk               | 0.73  |
| Graeme Dunn               | 1.20  |
| Dave Collings             | 1.29  |
| Stephen "Wilko" Wilkinson | 1.63  |
| Mat Grieve                | 1.78  |
| John Ely                  | 1.89  |
| Bruce Fuda                | 2.69  |
| Ryan Hamilton             | 25.00 |

“You should see the other guy,” CoatC taunted as he was led away by the local police. *The other guy*, it turned out, was CoatC himself. Ageing Andy Allen, who witnessed the incident, said, “It was the funniest thing I’d seen in weeks. He [CoatC] was hitting himself in the head like in that Fight Club movie. I didn’t see the knockout punch, though, because I had to go back inside to get myself another beer.”



## MEET THE STARS OF ANU FC Player profiles

Want to tell the rest of the club how good you are? Want your fellow players to know the real reason you can’t play soccer particularly well? If you answered yes, then drop a completed player profile to me at [steve.kininmonth@customs.gov.au](mailto:steve.kininmonth@customs.gov.au). I’ll make sure that the real you is out there.

So anyway here are the first of many. Read them and weep. Two from SL2, one from SL 4 and one from SL 5.

**NAME:** Alexander Abel  
**NICKNAME:** Sandy  
**CURRENT TEAM/POSITION:** SL4, pretty much everywhere at one time or another but mostly at the back  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Poverty stricken student  
**YEARS AT ANU:** 5th  
**PREVIOUS CLUB/S:** Belsouth Juniors  
**BEST KNOWN FOR:** Whinging about being stuck at the back  
**BEST SOCCER MOMENT:** Axeing the whining prick from Fyshwick two years ago and doing a community service  
**MOST EMBARRASSING SOCCER MOMENT:** Scoring an own goal with my face after a rebound off our keeper  
**FAVOURITE TEAM/PLAYER:** Sharky, he covers up when I f#@k up  
**OTHER INTERESTS:** Uni and making money  
**MY BIGGEST SECRET:** I can’t really play anywhere other than defence  
**MY GREATEST REGRET:** Not being able to leave the back line  
**VIEW ON CURRENT COACH:** He won’t let me leave the back line, or admit that Maradona was over rated, other than that he’s pretty damn good  
**IF I WON A MILLION:** I would buy a car that doesn’t make unsettling noises every time I change gear  
**NEXT YEAR:** Still playing for ANU, still at the back  
**OTHER COMMENTS (eg. star sign, personality, relationship status etc):** Muchachos will win the lot this year and they guy who serves me coffee on campus will finally stop thinking Olympic can beat us

**NAME:** Matthew Clissold  
**NICKNAME:** Matty - stay away from Wisey  
**CURRENT TEAM/POSITION:** Ball boy for Ageing Andy Allan  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Shepherd  
**YEARS AT ANU:** 4  
**PREVIOUS CLUB/S:** The Mighty Belco, BelNorth Juniors

**BEST KNOWN FOR:** Red Card for swearing last week. My career is so whirling-dervish that a 'best known for' category its almost a weekly contest.

**BEST SOCCER MOMENT:** Celebrating Jimmy McHogthball's winning 13th penalty in the 2002 final.

**MOST EMBARRASSING SOCCER MOMENT:** Missed a sitter last year after a magic run up half the field only to see Bernie To pick up the rebound and smash it home. Made me look the fool.

**FAVOURITE TEAM/PLAYER:** If I wanted to emulate just one player this season I'd make it a Gordo (at a stretch a Channing).

**OTHER INTERESTS:** Saving Battery Hens, Esperanto

**MY BIGGEST SECRET:** I'm a natural blonde

**MY GREATEST REGRET:** Being Vegan, my plastic boots always fall apart after one season. It would have liked to grow old with a favourite pair of leather boots.

**VIEW ON CURRENT COACH:** Great - better than Jose - although he thinks Wisey is a champ. Channing is a Champ - Wisey's a Chump.

**IF I WON A MILLION:** Put it all on the Visa card and take off across the globe with my Ducati, very small back pack, some jeans, a 'Vegan's do it better' T-shirt and Jack Kerouac's 'On the Road'.

**NEXT YEAR:** Back again, an also-ran somewhere mid grade and mid-table

**NAME:** Dr Régis Tripoli

**NICKNAME:** none. Or doc. That will do

**CURRENT TEAM/POSITION:** ANU 5<sup>th</sup>/ dedicated Canberra soccer official (formerly overlapping left back)(well, started off as an overlapping stopper when we were playing this mysterious 3-5-2 that no one had any idea where to be, where to go and what to do)(I would love to be wide midfield though, I am sure I would do good. It’s hard to play worse than –censored-)

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** researcher at the RSC

**YEARS AT ANU:** first (hopefully not last after the load of shit I give in this profile)

**PREVIOUS CLUB/S:** Coqs Rouges de Bordeaux, Union Sportive Laglorieuse-Mazerolles-Bougue. Glasgow Green player as well. We used to play and beat the Greeks on Saturday afternoons. These glorious days look over though...

**BEST KNOWN FOR:** over-supportive encouragements. blind optimism (faith?) in our chances of making the finals.

**BEST SOCCER MOMENT:** victory in the Norbert Duffaut tournament back to Bordeaux, 1999, and best striker of the competition (ehehe). And scoring two goals to the first team back to Bordeaux, game we won 2-1 and then selected to that same first squad (spent 91min on the bench, before coming in for 30sec, which goes then for worst moment).

**MOST EMBARRASSING SOCCER MOMENT:** taking out the beloved only son of my school teacher. He got a knee injury and was out for 6 months. And then he quit. (football is for real men). She was angry with me for the following 3 years.

**FAVOURITE TEAM/PLAYER:** les Girondins de Bordeaux / Zinedine Zidane or Bixente Lizarazu. Well, both.

**OTHER INTERESTS:** Climbing, socialising

**MY BIGGEST SECRET:** I don’t like my boss

**MY GREATEST REGRET:** I cannot tell him

**VIEW ON CURRENT COACH:** He is our great beloved leader and he will take us on the way to glory. Our names won't be forgotten. God bless him.

**IF I WON A MILLION:** Quit my job and do nothing for the rest of my life

**NEXT YEAR:** still at the RSC, hopefully back to full fitness. And maybe even enjoy the football we play (hope I don't ask for too much)

**OTHER COMMENTS (eg. star sign, personality, relationship status etc):** born the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 1975, that makes me a Gemini. I think I am great. (God and mom know I am). Time is running out for me -I am 29- to have exciting football moments. I guess that's the reason why I became slightly competitive. I wish I were good enough to play in better categories: we play really shit football in that team. And I hate losing. It looks like I am the only one sometimes. French and single (if interested, drop me a line). Last but not least, I wish I were born in England (quoting another famous smart French living legend).



**NAME:** Lee Gordon

**NICKNAME:** Galloping Gordo

**CURRENT TEAM/POSITION:** Division 2 "Smart Tools" (defender and bucket boy).

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** A servant of the public.

**YEARS AT ANU:** Six (although I'm yet to get my five-year medal - who's running this club anyway?).

**PREVIOUS CLUB/S:** Belwest,

Murdoch University

**BEST KNOWN FOR:** Throwing up on the return bus trip from Sydney after viewing the mighty Socceroos savage a sad and sorry All Whites squad. I blame it all on Jens Light's singing (the 800 bourbons I drank had nothing to do with it).

**BEST SOCCER MOMENT:** Savouring a sweet 14:13 victory over Canberra Shitty in the 2002 Grand Final after possibly the longest penalty shoot out in Canberra soccer history (the score was two apiece at the end of normal play). And we did it with a stand-in keeper after wild man Richard Munstermann broke his arm in the final minutes of extra time (hats off Benny Munstermann!).

**MOST EMBARRASSING SOCCER MOMENT:** Playing for Belwest.

**FAVOURITE TEAM/PLAYER:** All the ANU FC teams I've played in have been great. Heaps of fave players: Richard Munstermann for the brutishness of it all; Andy Allan for the trash talk; Tue Vu for always being sleepy on game day; James McKay for his fully developed alter ego; Mick Wiseman for the unrelenting anger; Benny Munstermann for slide tackling straight out of a John Woo film; Naohiro Aoki for his magnetic first touch; Shane West for never getting out of second gear; Scott Channing for his schizophrenic skills; and Steve Kininmonth for the reality checks.

**OTHER INTERESTS:** Trying to figure out the Dockers' game plan and completing surveys.

**MY BIGGEST SECRET:** I've always wanted to play in Jose Del Flog's revolutionary 5-1-1-1-1 system (oh, and I'm actually gay).

**MY GREATEST REGRET:** Playing for Belwest.

**VIEW ON CURRENT COACH:** He manages to keep Mick Wiseman in line so I think he's a bloody genius. The committee should scrap the soccer-specific facility idea and invest all the club's money in getting CSIRO to try and clone Rob Bennett!

**IF I WON A MILLION:** I'd start my own boy band (possible names would include: Take This, Just Take It, Take It Or Leave It, Take The Lot... something like that).

**NEXT YEAR:** Did someone say "masters"?

**OTHER COMMENTS (eg. star sign, personality, relationship status etc):** I can't believe we call ourselves a "football" club. It's "soccer" people, just get used to it (who's running this club anyway?!)



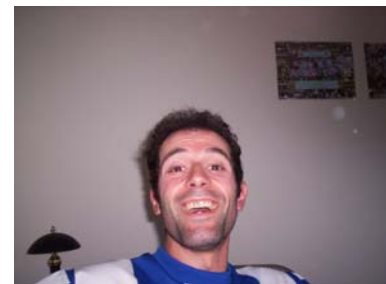
### Foreign Correspondent

### PLASTIC'S STANFORD RAVE PART 3 "LIFT IT, THE F\*CKING TROPHY"

Dispatch: 4 July 2004, 11.30pm US Pacific Time; 5 July 2004, 4.30pm AEST



*10 mins to go: The agony...*



*Full time: The ecstasy...*



*2 seconds later: The love...*



*The victory...*

Greetings SCUM devotees,

Please excuse my ramblings but I have only just regained the use of my higher brain functions.

It is with great pleasure that I write you today as the newly-crowned Champions of European football. And you dared to doubt? Honestly, it all feels like a big dream. A huge, wonderful, moist, sticky, wet dream. Someone hand me a tissue. Heck, gimme the whole box. Damn, this is gonna leave a stain, shit.

Seriously though, I can assure you you're not the only one who may be shocked. Unfortunately no, I can't claim to have been as confident as PL Res stalwart Grimace who remarked to me soon after Captain Zagorakis hoisted the trophy that "it was all a foregone conclusion after the France game". Or maybe I'm just not as cocky ;)

Was it a case of pragmatism winning out over romanticism? Call it whatever you like, but (a) I have seen far more dour football in my time, (b) Greece did score some sweet sweet goals, and (c) at the end of the day it was damn effective and that's all people will really remember, who WON.



*The imitation...*



*The comrades...*

My own experience started with a phone call a couple of hours before kickoff from my brother in Greece. He was planning on watching the game in the town square, the town of Florina in the north of Greece where I was born. He said win or lose it will be a celebration (and this is something we all agreed on more than a week ago when Greece had merely qualified for the second round) but here's hoping it was the former.

I watched the game with Jo and with two real Greeks, "full-bloods" as Sigo would call them, "not just wogs", fellow Stanford postdoctoral fellows Meletios and Ioanna who are here from Patras. They came round with a Greek feast comprising of salad with fetta cheese, olives, tzatziki dip, strong coffee, etc. which we ate over lunch (the game kicked off here at noon).

With ten minutes to go and Portugal throwing everything at the Hellenic goal, I thought "fuck, what happens if we pull an Italy in the final of Euro2000?... I gave Dom so much shit at the time, I won't be able to live it down... And, unlike Italy, this may turn out to be our only real shot at it." The agony had well and truly set in.

Soon after though came the relief, the ecstasy, and the love. Ahh, the love. Passionate. Emphatic. Forbidden. Meletios tells me his arse is still quite sore but I'm sure he'll recover...

Phone calls were made. I remember Macca screaming down the



*... and finally the only number you need to know.*

line on Dom's mobile from the Ari. Though excited, I was strangely quiet. Guess I was still in shock, it felt like a dream. Not to mention the difference in the way the final ended

compared to the dramatic instant silver goal winner in the semi - you couldn't shut me up after that.

More phone calls were made, this time to my dad at the Hellenic Club. He reported that apparently 2000 people were there the morning of the game. Now this may have been an huge over-exaggeration (my dad was very excited at the time) but just to be safe I advised Dom to head down there quick cos it was probably his best chance ever to score an easy root.

Even more phone calls were made, this time to the winning country itself. I am surprised we were even able to get through, the lines were so jammed. People going berserk, waving flags, jumping on car bonnets, firing gunshots into the air, shagging in the streets... and that was just in Lonsdale Street in Melbourne. Meletios and Ioanna said that could they immediately jump on a plane and go to Greece, they would. I felt quite sorry for them, they clearly wanted to experience the celebrations first hand, such long-awaited celebrations.

Late last year I remember remarking to ex-Div 1 hardman Silvano Sommacal that should Greece so much as *qualify* for the Euros (note: I definitely said "qualify", not "win"), I'll run a lap of South Oval nude. At the time of course I was so overwhelmed with finishing my thesis that I had no clue what was even happening in the qualifiers. The run never happened. But I guess now with how things have worked out I have no excuse when I next visit Australia. I better make sure it's during the summer months.

The only regret? That it wasn't the f\*cking World Cup!!! (see you in 2006!)

I wish the ANUFC all the success of the Greeks in the 2004 season,

Plastic  
Stanford University, Palo Alto, California



P.S. The front page of a popular daily Greek sports paper the day after the big game. The headline:

<Whatever it is in Greek...>

(pronounced: "SIKOSE TO, TO GAMIMENO!")

is the first line of the song the Greek fans were bellowing around the Luz Stadium. The full chant is

"SIKOSE TO, TO GAMIMENO, THEN BORO NA PERIMENO!!!"

which is translated to

"LIFT IT, THE F\*CKING TROPHY, I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!!!"

I can't believe they actually got away with this headline. Then again I can - pretty much anything goes in Greece right now.

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## Fergo's Soapbox

*All the way from WA, time again for Fergo's say*

Dear esteemed readers of SCUM,

Just thought I'd share a recent Singapore adventure with you. During my visit to the S'pore History Museum on Sentosa, I was suddenly drawn to answer an urgent call of nature. Now, S'pore, being somewhat caught between the old world and the new, has kindly deemed to offer its lavatarians the option of defecating in either a western or an eastern khazi. Well, thought I, when in Rome...

The eastern "look mum, no hands" receptacle lay before me welcoming, its elongated ceramic bowl beckoning my bowels. I dropped my strides and squatted forthwith, and proceeded to curl one down, Oriental style. But not before I had paused to take a prior photo of the receptacle, gleaming in the morning light.

The resultant dog's egg was an absolute corker, I assure you. I was well proud of my efforts. It was thick and solid and at least 12 inches long, and ponged like a bastard. I was only sorry I hadn't thought to bring the digital camera into the water closet with me, I could have taken an afters shot to complement the former shot. However, I don't think the local Kodak centre would be too impressed if they were asked to develop a piccy of my fecal pride and joy, so I desisted.

Note to self, when using Eastern bogs, it is wise to choose the daks completely off option, lest one is left with a reminder of the ablutive visit attached to the end of one's shorts. A lesson well learned my friends.

Love,

Fergo Perth, Western Australia

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# Match Reports – You Write ‘Em, We Print Some

**State League Division 2**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July ANUFC 3 : 1 Belconnon TAFE aka UC**  
**By Ben Charles**

It was a bright sunny day perfect for a game of football, Pete was running his laps, Matty was dancing round in the goal, Channers was smiling, Andy was Yelling and Wisey was getting a preemptive talking to from the referee.

ANU was feeling the pressure from injury and holidays but as it seems not as much as UC which could only field 10 men. ANU took full advantage of this early in the first half creating many opportunities, UC looked a little dangerous through their lone striker on the odd occasion when the ANU make a mistake in their own half. UC defended quite well one defender marking like a shadow as some of the fans on the bench picked up. Through some great passing from the back to Tue held on to a heart stopping run down the right wing followed by an even better cross which the goalie got a few fingers to but it wasn't enough to prevent Channers finding the spot, 1-0 ANU.

Straight after the restart ANU were on the attack but against the run of play ANU made a crucial mistake handing the ball to UC's striker who had no hesitation in putting it away leaving the keeper without a chance. The ANU's offence continued to cut holes right through the defense, Channers was put through turning the defense inside out, he lined up the goal the out of nowhere the goalie took him out not even looking like taking the ball, it seemed as if the ref left his red card at home settling for a yellow and awarding a penalty. Unfortunately the keeper's outstretched fingers taped the ball of course, this may not have been the game breaker this time but it may be the goal that decides the golden boot this year.

It was straight back to business for ANU until a seemingly simple header turned to disaster. The UC striker must have forgot that he wasn't playing back home in bare feet and as Rob stuck his head out he stuck his studs out. The head came out worse off; ANU lost a player to the hospital and much to the disgust of ANU the ref presented a yellow card, the estimation that the referee lost his red card was put beyond doubt – he is currently looking for donations to replace it, but just to make sure it is recommended that a spare is taken to the next game.

There were many mixed emotions in the ANU team and to begin with they looked like a flock of sheep without their Shepard, but the leadership group stepped up in an attempt to focus all the negative energy into a small ball to release on the oppositions ankles. It didn't really work and it mainly was released on fellow teammates.

After the break ANU had many opportunities to score unfortunately both uprights were found before Wisey found the net with a well-timed chip. Throughout this frustrating time Channers still found time to release some frustration at fellow teammates, it seemed a bit out of character and the comment from some hardcore ANU fans was "he'd never have winged like this 5 years ago, must be learning from Wisey, Allan, Bennet and co, they're the best".

With a few injuries late in the half UC were left with 8 men giving Wisey the perfect opportunity to extent the lead to 3. Many opportunities were had and lost but 3 points will be taken anyways.

**PL Reserves**  
**ANU 1 : Deakin 1**

ANU PL Reserves draw away to Canberra Deakin.

On Sunday ANU PL reserves played out a hard fought draw away to Canberra Deakin. The game was a very hard one as both sides played very well and produced a high quality game. At the end a 1-1 draw was probably a fair result as there was not much between the two sides on the day.

The game started well for us and we really took the game to Deakin in the first ten minutes with some great attacking play and some solid tackling. In the first five minutes we had three good chances including a missed penalty which we were unlucky not to take.

After this good start by us Canberra Deakin got back into the game and played some creative football with great passing and strong running. From this play they created three clear chances but thankfully for us our goalkeeper Wilko made important saves that kept us in the game.

Going into the break we regrouped in the sheds and came out on a mission. The first period of the second half was an arm wrestle and Deakin took the lead following a shot that was deflected into the net. Despite this disappointment as a team the ANU troopers rallied and really put Deakin under the hammer. We created a few chances that narrowly missed but thankfully for us Simon Gemmell scored a great equaliser with five minutes to go. In the last few moments we had a good chance to win it but the shot went narrowly wide.

At the end I think 1-1 was a fair result and I was very happy with the teams performance. On the day we had a number of players who were away, some were carrying injuries and flus but the ANU spirit came through and the lads lifted and got the job done. I must acknowledge this good effort and thank all the players for a good performance. We had three great helpers from the div one side and a big thankyou must go to Wilko who had a great game in goal making some great saves that kept us in the match. Also Westo had a solid game at the back and Jose came on as a sub and did a good job.

The game was an impressive performance and from a coaching perspective I was pleased with our performance and the result as the point was a valuable one for us.

Great performance lads.

## **Division 5**

Despite having beaten Fyshwick convincingly in the first round we were expecting a much harder game this time as we were now playing their SL2 team. With about 7 of our regular team out we had been reinforced by a number of the ANU4 team and

it was one of those fellas, Sandy, who opened the scoring with a sensational slow motion half-volley that snuck inside the upright. I was impressed by the shot, but I'm not so sure about the aeroplane celebrations afterwards! Fyshwick were clearly more skilful than us and had most of the ball for the rest of the half and they went to the break with a 2-1 lead.

Jens came on at half time and put in his usual 150% effort and made quite a difference in the midfield, as did Christian from the fourths. Everyone of our mob were playing like men possessed and midway through the second half we were able to pull a goal back to 2-2. With about 10 minutes to go they had a free kick outside the box. It was a slow curler and about 15 players dived, swung and flicked at it but it beat everyone and bounced into the corner.

We had a few half chances to finish the game but it ended at 3-2. While a loss is always disappointing, this game was far more satisfying than our draw to Tuggeranong a few weeks ago that we should have won easily. When we play with commitment we can match it with the best teams in our league and whether we make the finals or not, is not as important as playing to our ability which we did on the weekend. Well done fellas.

PS. Did Gus have plastic surgery on his shnoz or did he just go to Mark Latham ALP branch meeting through the week?

### **6<sup>th</sup> Div Match Report Fyshwick Pornstars 0 – 4 ANU Pelicans**

## **SREMA COMPLETES FIRST SUCCESSFUL ONE-ON-ONE**

On an unseasonably warm day, the ANU Pelicans defied both the odds and the critics to turn around the defeat of the previous week and valiantly struggle to register only their 10<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

Fyshwick was, apparently, an in-form side. Flush with top players, following the disbanding of their Div 2 team, and sitting just outside the top four at seventh on the table, Turpsie assured us all that they would be a tough side.

In comparison, and dressed in the Greek national strip, the Pelicans were always going to be underdogs in what was a tight competitive affair. For about 1 minute.

As much as I would like to talk up the drama and tension of this game, the reality was that it was a stock-standard win for us. The Fyshwick team were always going to struggle. With no midfield to speak of, a flat and slow defence, and two stumble-bum forwards, the Fyshwick boys really had a big job ahead of them. Our new 4-4-2 line up pretty much just ripped through them from start to finish.

So too it was that Marcus' seemingly optimistic cry from the sidelines of "Put one away in the first five minutes!" at kick-off, was duly fulfilled.

A couple of minutes into the game Srema was awarded a free kick a few yards in from the touchline, out wide on the left. Probably feeling that a goal was more useful to us at this stage in a knife-edge game, he elected to score from the tight angle available rather than risk the inconstant mercies of the queue of ANU players looking for the simple tap-in. With the Fyshwick keeper being closer to the standard expected of 6th Div Keepers, the goal was duly scored: 1-0 to the good guys.

After that the result was never in doubt. Fyshwick rarely troubled the Pelican defense, and our midfield of Warren, Glen and Dale, dominated, with Dale continuing his superb form of recent weeks, willing the ball and distributing it with ease.

You didn't need Nostradamus to predict the end result – a few more goals in the first half placing ANU in a commanding position, with the pressure easing up, as always, in the second half, as the forwards and a majority of the midfield take a holiday leaving it up to the defensive minded players to keep the clean sheet.

And sure enough, it was 3-0 at half time, with a smooth finish from Benny, and another goal from Srema, neither of which particularly stick in my mind. I'll just check my email to see if anyone has sent me a good, believable account of the goals yet.

Nope, nothing... Except this rather dubious account from Srema:

"goal two - Lawler beats seven players down the right hand side, does a 'ronaldinio' past the sweeper before miraculously flicking the ball high in the air and doing a bicycle kick into the top right hand corner.

Benny's goal - Nicholls trips over his own left foot, propelling the ball past a would-be 28 stone defender, before the ball ricocheted off a tuft of grass up into the well represented groin region of Nicholls past the blind keeper (recently substituted on after Lawler's goals), into the net...just!"

Benny's account seems to back this one up:

Someone, I think Srema passed it to me. The ball hit my leg and went into the goal.

Oh here we go, a more reasonable account – also from Srema:

"My second goal was just running onto a through ball down the right hand side (cant remember who from). Cut back in towards goal and shot just outside the corner of the six yard box, and the ball went into the top of the net above the keeper. Probably could have crossed it to Nichols [but why would you risk it?], but it was my first successful completion of a one-on-one this season!!

Benny's goal was a clinical finish off a low cross/cutback from the right hand side (again I can't remember who it was - maybe Michael or Woz??). He hit the ball first time low into the corner from about the penalty spot, surrounded by defenders...the 'iceman' strikes again."

The fourth goal come from a second half penalty, professionally slotted by Srema to give the boy his 17<sup>th</sup> hat-trick of the season.

Benny felt a bit hard done by not being allowed to take the penalty, given that he was in on his way to goal, but after his performance a couple of weeks ago against Lanyon, the best outcome occurred for everyone. Except Fyshwick of course.

Benny covered up his demotion from the penalty taker position by graciously averring that he just wanted Srema to complete his hat-trick, but the fact was that I would have stepped up to take it before we let Benny near it.

Anyway, good play from all concerned – congratulations to Srema on the successful one-on-one – and overall another easy win for the Pelicans as our complacent run to the finals continues.

### SL4 Los Muchachos v Canberra City

The Los Muchachos have now completed a whole half of a season without losing a game and were determined not to lose this encounter. We had defeated Canberra City 2-0 in round one, however the victory was hard fought, with two late goals to seal the victory. As a result, the clash was always going to be a tough one for us. We were even more determined not to concede anymore than the two goals we have thus far, as well as build on the forty-two already scored. Before I begin to explain the day's events, I would just like to say that I'm thrilled at the fact that we have remained so focused, particularly with regard to turnouts at training as well as our desire to continue winning. Many teams would drop their intensity with some of the results that we have achieved, yet we haven't and I hope we continue to do so, because I'm not losing in a another semi-final!

Anyway, the game started slowly as usual, however not as slowly as previous games. I hope that means that we have broken that 10 minute "a sleep" period that we have become accustomed to in most of our previous games. The first half was typical – we had plenty of opportunities to score, but didn't. We went into the sheds with our heads held high. There is something about this team which I still can't get my head around, the comfort of knowing that we will score goals. That is exactly what happened with Gregi slotting the first from the six yard line, and Dima "Ruski" Lobanov slotting the second in typical Russian fashion. This happened to be Dima's first goal for the team, so well done commrad. I'm still keen to know whether the shot was actually intended for goal or a cross, because if it was a shot, Dima obviously used plenty of that mathematical knowledge from studying Actual Studies (good to know your degree is useful for something), to judge the acute angle needed to score. It seems now that Dima is one up on Remy, who is, mind you, a long serving member of the team, in the battle of the 'hobbits' Just as Napoleon couldn't defeat the Russians, it looks like the Russian will remind on top, asserting his authority on the team. Dima is now well and truly into his 'Purge' of the team, with the Frenchman gone, and if history is any guide, the he will turn his attention to his Polish counterpart. Dima, I'll tell you now, you've got no hope, you need at least another three goals to topple the Pole, and that's assuming he doesn't score anymore, which is a big call, since he is clearly in the race for golden boot.

For any of you that actually got this far without scrolling down and want to know how the game ended it was 2-0, contraire to what the Soccer Canberra website is saying. But hey, who's to argue, if they do award us with an extra goal, maybe they will accredit Remy with the goal and he'll actual be able to back up that French arrogance with something! Vamos Muchachos.



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