

Whiskeys v Vindaloos

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Friday night the rain came down, the southerly blew, the forecast was not good.

Saturday morning I woke to the rain pounding on my window. Have a lie in and take it easy today I thought. On with the radio for the cancellations. The game is still on. You've got to be joking.

The mood in the changing room was buoyant, except for Chafie who's 50th celebrations went into the wee hours and he looked like it. Ludo was looking forward to christening his new boots.

With the ground like porridge, the southerly blowing and the rain coming down, we approached our warm up less than enthusiastically.

The rain eased and the game proceeded. We had the wind at our backs. The ball came back to Paul, he had a plan and shot at goal, it went wide for a goal kick but we had them pinned in their half. A miss guided kick from the Vindaloos gave Doc the ball, without hesitation he moved forward and fired a shot like a tracer bullet at goal giving the keeper no chance. 1-0 and only 45 seconds gone, what a start. We continued to dominate the rest of the half with some great play from the whole team. Passing was slick with lots of running down the flanks and some great crosses coming over. We created numerous chances but luck was not with us, we went to half time only 1-0 up.

The wind was picking up and going into the 2nd half we knew we would have to fight hard to protect our 1-0 lead. We play well into the wind so were still confident. We still dominated and created some chances but the Vindaloos with the wind behind them proved to be stiffer opposition. We were fairly comfortable at holding them out but there was always the concern of a long shot hitting the target. A Vindaloo shot from 5 metres outside our penalty area came dangerously close but Russ had it covered all the way. We held on to complete an important win which keeps us within range of Western Suburbs at the top of the table.

All in all a great result for a local derby giving us 2 wins over the Vindaloos and bragging rights for the season.

For the awards. I duly presented the football for dummies book to Fraser for his many years of dedication to the team and to add him to the select group who share the secret. We defenders need to stick together.

I was awarded man of the match much to the consternation of a few. Was it the secret or was it to finally force a match report out of me. The latter I think.

Celebrations continued from the clubrooms through to Terry's place to watch the All Blacks v France game. Thanks Terry for your hospitality. A great evening was had by all with the highlights coming from commentator Russ "Peter Kelly" Licence and as Terry put it Kevin "Mark Richardson" Chafe, who had us in stitches when out of the blue we hear a loud piercing scream of pain with Chafie holding his leg rigid crying cramp cramp. I don't know why but it's always funny watching the other guy in pain.

In closing I feel we have plenty to take from the game and we can all look forward to next week if we continue to play as we did on Saturday.

Report By Bill Mullis