



## WILDCATS SUFFER HANGOVER AS THEY SUCCUMB TO THE GARGOYLES

With a big win over the Broadview Hawks in round 7 the Wildcat lads were looking to better their season ledger with a win over the Guelph Gargoyles. Guelph were coming into the game without the confidence of the home town boys, suffer the leagues first ever loss to the Ottawa Swans in round 7. With many results going down to the line in recent years, it was set to be a close game, one of which the boys from Steeltown thought they were more than capable of winning.

With the loss of backmen Nick "Does this raft come with a paddle" Dirago, Chuck "My career *should* be more important than footy BUT..." Thompson not being able to make it to the game aswell as Kris "Every 400 series traffic was hell" Mckillop the backline was a different outfit in the first quarter. Greg "Pluggger / Juggernaut" Young came out for a cameo appearance in a call to arms and suited up for his first game of the year, and busted every skull he came across. But as Hamilton did against the Hawks, they got off to a really lackluster start. From the first bounce the boys from the other side of Hwy 6 came out hard, and wanted the ball more. The visitors piled on the first 3 goals of the game before the home team could trouble Craig 'Watto' Watt running the scoreboard in the goals column. Things looked ordinary to say the least as Hamilton looked a shadow of their former self from weeks gone by. Going into quarter time Hamilton was already looking down the barrel being down 28 to 9.

The second was once again when the Wildcats woke up a little. Crouch was firing down forward and the lads in the middle were winning plenty of the footy to give their forwards a chance. Again it was the infamous "Mohawk Park 5 goal wind" that helped the home team claw their way back into the game, kicking 4 goals to 2 to go only 7 points down at half time. Much the improvement from the quarter time score.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter new father Mike "Abs" Nolan nominated himself into the ruck to try and turn the game. His consistent hard work definitely paid off as Guelph had "the wind" and were barely able to get the ball forward. Again it was some wasted opportunities from the home side that cost them but were lucky enough with a few free kicks that went their way to Luke "Just ask me what I did in Thailand" Main (which resulted in a 50, and goal) aswell as a free to Bulldog in the center that were able to keep the Gargoyles at bay. Going into the last quarter only letting through a 5 point deficit in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the cats were confident that they could bring it home in the last.

With many players wondering what they had to do to win the game very few stood up in the last quarter. Being only 12 points down with a strong wind in the last, things should have been self explanatory. Use the breeze, win the ball out of the centre, kick long, rely on the forwards to work hard for the footy and the goals will come. But goals didn't come for the Wildcats, but instead a great many points were to follow. Pete "I shouldn't have dropped those 8 pills last night" Hryhoric missed one from the pocket, while Johns and Crouch both missed from well within 25 metres. Meanwhile the Guelph team went forward only twice, of which resulted in 2 goals. Timmy Bulldog Wilson worked hard off the wing creating a good wall on the dead side of the ground winning plenty of the ball as he did all day, but it proved not enough. The visitors walked away 2 point winners in a game that could have been won by the home team, but they simply didn't want it enough. Guelph were more determined, harder at the footy, and simply had better footy smarts.

**GUELPH GARYGOYLES 9.11.65    *def*    HAMILTON WILDCATS 9.9.63**

GOALS: Crouch (4) Rutten (2) Brake, Johns, Main  
BOG: Mike Nolan, Tim Wilson, Justin Settle, Terry Brake, Brett Hill  
HARDHAT AWARD (Hardest Working Player): Tim Wilson  
INJURIES: Nil  
REPORTS: Nil  
Crowd: 67



## ROUND #9 PREVIEW

(5-3) Hamilton Wildcats vs. (1-7) Toronto Rebels

Coming off a ridiculous hang over vs the Hawks you would hope the cats will come out a little stronger against the Rebels this week than they did against Guelph in Round 8. With varying results in recent times (in 2008 the rebels one the first game by 1 point while Hamilton won the 2<sup>nd</sup> game by 100) this will be a game that will either help cement Hamilton in the top 4, or see them drop into the lower six fighting to stay in the race for the finals. The rebels have not fared well this year and will be coming off smashing from the Dingos and will be out with something to prove. Lets hope the cats show a little more heart and spirit that the boys from Hamilton have been known for. C'arn the Catters!!

Club	GP	W	L	D	PF	PA	%	P
Etobicoke Kangaroos	8	8	0	0	767	307	250	32
Toronto Eagles	8	7	1	0	806	397	203	28
Toronto Dingos	8	6	2	0	566	335	169	24
Hamilton Wildcats	8	5	3	0	617	398	155	20
Central Blues	8	5	3	0	567	393	144	20
Broadview Hawks	8	4	4	0	564	494	114	16
Guelph Gargoyles	8	2	6	0	402	591	68	8
Toronto Rebels	8	1	7	0	327	705	46	4
Ottawa Swans	8	1	7	0	209	592	35	4
High Park Demons	8	1	7	0	228	841	27	4



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