

The Insider...



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NODIS were again locked and loaded and made their way to Milperra for a change of Paintball scenery and some adrenalin fueled action and adventure.

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Gunfight at the Milperra Corral by Running Bull Andy

Many stories have been written about great battles such as Agincourt and Custer's last stand at Little Big Horn, but none compare to the great gunfight at the Milperra Corral.

The day started like many Sydney days in July with blue skies and a crisp morning breeze, but history would be made on that fateful day on 28th July 2013.

The paintball posse met for coffee at Dee Why bright and early (for a Sunday) at 8am. There was an air of excitement and anticipation amongst the posse as they drank their morning Joe at Bacino. They set off in a convoy with Captain Finbar leading the charge followed by Andy, John and Jeff driving the other 3 wagons. Thankfully the Gods must have been smiling down on them, since their journey across the plains to Milperra was uneventful and they avoided any ambushes by the local natives. Once arriving at the Milperra Corral they were met by Mick and Kathy, where everyone signed their waivers and swore allegiance to protect the innocent and stop the lawless. They were briefed on the art of marksmanship, provided with guns and ammunition and then divided into teams.

On the green team was Captain Finbar, Fast Hands Aaron, Eagle Eye Abby, Two Guns Tenile, Kathy the Quick and Mad Mick. On the yellow team were Colonel Cook, Django Jeff, John 'True Grit' Wayne, Calamity Kel and Running Bull Andy.

The first encounter was in the block maze and the Green team were caught off guard and met with a swift defeat by the yellow team, who only lost one man in the exchange of gunfire. The second foray in the maze was more closely matched and ended with Aaron Fast Hands and True Grit John still left standing when the whistle was blown.

Once the teams regrouped, the injured were nursed and ammo was replenished to levels that would sink most battleships. The next incursion was to be hamburger hill at Milperra's own Dong Ap Bia. The rules of engagement were different this time, with the green team defending a flag, whilst the attacking yellows were given feline like magical abilities and if shot would be given another life by heading back to their base. The yellows descended upon the greens like Valkyrie and in a matter of a few minutes there was only Captain Finbar and two of his battle ravaged team remaining. Running Bull Andy saw a gap and made a successful dash for the flag to grasp victory for the yellows.

The tables were then turned and it was the greens to be given the power of multiple lives and the yellows turn to defend the flag. The greens quickly had the yellows pinned down under fire and had them on the backfoot, providing cover for Fast Hands Aaron to run down the hill. Unfortunately for Aaron a pellet found its mark on his family jewels and no magical power could restore the impact of such a devastating shot and he was out of the game. This lifted the spirits of the yellows who managed to rout the greens and hold them off until the whistle was blown.

The battle score was Yellow 2, Greens nil.

The next battle was a game of cat and mouse where the yellows would be snipers bunkered down and not allowed to move whilst the greens where sent in to ferret them out. After 6 minutes the greens eventually had taken out all of the snipers and the roles were reversed. By now the masks on both sides were seriously steaming up and confusion reigned as blind shots were exchanged. The yellows in the end were the better ferrets and left the greens in a despondent position of being 3 - nil down.

A well-deserved lunch was served, stories exchanged and thanks to Bronwyn fluid levels were replenished with icy cold drinks. Her home made biscuits were the most delicious ever served to a battle weary bunch, but all too quickly it was time to move into the second phase of this bloody battle.

With both stomachs and guns replenished it was time for the inflatable tournament ring, where only leg and arm hits were counted as kills. With renewed energy and ammunition levels, the pellets were flying thick and fast and the air was full of paint spray. The yellows yet again were driving hard, leaving Captain Finbar on his own into a pincer movement in a brave last stand, just like Custer at Little Big Horn.



Unfortunately Finbar took some close range hits from Django Jeff, so was left with some welts to remember the battle by. The second half of the game faired no better for the greens, so it was now a straight 5 losses against the yellows.

The penultimate team battle was to be around a building with the yellows having Django Jeff and Andy Running Bull as Generals who could only be killed with head-shots. The Generals plan was to draw the greens out of the building and take them out one by one. The greens came out strong and had the Generals pinned down. Slowly the yellows picked off the greens but Django was down with a headshot, so Andy Running Bull lived up to his name and made a dash through the building to set a reasonable time to win. Tables were again turned and it was now time for the greens to have Finbar and Aaron as Generals. Under their leadership the greens made a quick powerful push and the first victory was theirs, which was longingly savoured and gave them a new level of confidence moving into the final team battle.

The best battle was left to last in tombstone city and it could have gone either way with both teams being tightly matched. There was little room for error as players were pinned behind tombstones, but only head and body shots counted as hits in this battle, so many shots were wasted. The yellows prevailed again in the first round and it was in the very final game that Calamity Kel and Eagle eye Abby were the only ones left to fight tooth and nail. It was Eagle eye who spotted an opportunity to sneak upon Calamity Kel, so the last game went to the greens giving a draw for the final battle of tombstone.

The team scores were Yellows 5 to Greens 1, so Yellows were victorious, happy and glorious!

The final battle was every man for himself back in the stone maze where Colonel Cook was seen running around the perimeter, chuckling like a man possessed and firing at all players in the Maze. Unfortunately for Eagle Eye Abby, she was caught in a vicious crossfire between Andy and True Grit, who were the final 2 to have any ammo left.

With all ammo spent the weary gunslingers returned back to base and assessed the damage their bodies had taken. There were many sore welts; Aaron took his top off to show his but thankfully did not show the money shot he had received in the family jewels. However, Captain Finbar had the angriest welts of all, but unlike Colonel Custer he will live to tell the tale of the Gunfight at Milperra Corral!

So the die was cast and history was set, and all agree that the NODIS battle at Milperra was far more than the OK Corral and was in fact bloody brilliant!!

Cheers

Andy!

