



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's Letter

Today we play the final round of the Premiership Competition, with the exception of Premier League who have 2 more games to play after today.

At this point in time we have 3 Premierships in the bag, namely: 14/1's, 14/3's and the 35/1's. With a bit of luck today we could have 12/5's and A/A13 join them.

In clear second position (and who can't get enough points today to improve their position), we have 11/5's, 16/2's, 21/2's and 35/9's.

I am sure you join with me in saying congratulations and good luck to those who are still in the race. We have the 9/7's, 10/1's, A/A18 and A/A22 who can finish in the top 4. As you can see, we have quite a spread over the competition.

Some of you may be a little disappointed but in this world game we always have some winners and those who lost. You are all part of the game and this Club – sometimes it's hard and on some occasions the competition bar is set too high. We can all learn from this and in the season ahead together we all can improve and enjoy the game together.

We now enter the Championship round robin competition. The top 4 teams over the

next 3 weeks (U/9 up) to play off, weather permitting to find the top two teams who will play in the Final.

The bottom four teams play off for the Pennant. I can tell you some results that emerge from these competitions can show the top team being relegated by a lower team within the group. It is competitive.

We should receive the draw mid week and will get it to you as quickly as we can. It will mean that the first week there will be short notice for ground dressing and canteen duties so please be understanding.

Our mini teams have 2 more make up rounds to go to complete their program. Once completed, your team managers will be collecting shirts etc ready to return them to the Club.

Presentation Day at Boronia Park will be Saturday 4th September. We will be providing a free BBQ lunch and trophies for U9 – U16's will be presented prior to lunch. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

You will see in this issue two reports covering our activities in 2 small sided games which we have been involved in and won! Congratulations to Peter Chapman and those others who have been so actively involved in putting it all together. The group

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is going for the trifecta this Sunday in another competition. Thanks also to the parents who are getting the players to & from games. It certainly gives these up and coming players a lot of experience.

Speaking of the "Chapman's", what a family of players and referees they have produced. Peter is a very competent referee and has been followed by son Luke, who plays in our 13/1's. He played last Saturday at Boronia, changed his gear and came out and refereed the 10/1's – the team his dad coaches – and did it in great style. In the stand as a mentor was David Anderson, who is well known and regarded by many of our senior players. It really was a family day at the park.

Let me remind you of the Club Dinner on September 18th. I am pleased to tell you our guest speaker will be Alex Tobin who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge

and I am confident his insights about the game and personalities will make for an interesting evening.

Tickets are now available at \$50 a single or \$80 a double. Once again it is open to all, why not invite a friend or your neighbour? It is a buffet style meal held at the Epping Club.

Let me finish this letter by telling you we are in negotiations with Parramatta City Council to have Boronia Park resurfaced. We are making good progress and I hope we will be able to report in our next issue further progress.

Till next we meet,
Best Wishes and Good Luck.
Go You Tiger's Go!

Regards,
Ian Kendal
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Please forward any comments to
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Annual Club Dinner

Saturday 18th September 2010, at The Epping Club

Guest speaker - Alex Tobin

Tickets

\$50 per single, **\$80** per couple

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4x4 Fun Tournament

(From the GHFA website)

Recently players from the Association enjoyed another great annual event, the 4x4 Fun Tournament.

Over 50 teams participated in the U8, 9 & 10 age groups and they should all be very proud of themselves.

There was some outstanding displays of skill and technique with some fantastic passages of play. The players all looked like they had a ball and the parents positively supported their team very well. We also had some outstanding displays of sportsmanship.

Probably the biggest winner was the NO COACHING rule where neither Coaches or Parents were allowed to give specific comments to players. They were however allowed to positively support their players. While some of the coaches said they found it hard initially many of the coaches commented how much they enjoyed just being able to watch the players do their thing, how much the players learnt by making their own mistakes without reminders about what to do and how they could use these types of games to assess what their players know.

In the U8's Kenthurst played Macquarie Dragons in Semi 1 while West Pennant Hills Blue played Saints United. Kenthurst and Saints made it through to the final with Saints winning a tight encounter to take out the tournament.

The U9's proved a top quality affair with some very tight results and some dominant performances. Redbacks A and Redbacks B

did well to both make the semi finals with Kenthurst and Dragons joining them. Kenthurst and Dragons also made the semi's and then the final. This proved to be a great game with Kenthurst edging out Dragons 2-1.

The U10's showed their skill and flair in a highly competitive draw. North Epping and North Ryde A made it through to semi 1 while Epping Eastwood B and Saints United got through to the hotly contested second semi. It should be noted that after a calculation error Normanhurst had thought they had made it through only to find out they had not. Their coach and team handled themselves with pride and their players will be better people due to the quality role modelling their coach and parents have shown them. It is great to see coaches who do indeed see the big picture. North Epping and Epping Eastwood B made it through to the final with the lead constantly changing and some outstanding play which shows just how good our best and brightest are becoming. Epping Eastwood B finished winners.

Another standout component of the competition was that the GHFA Academy U12-13 players were the referees. This gives them an outstanding stance to see what life is like on the other side of the fence but also may lead some of them into becoming quality referees in the future.

GHFA would like to thank Tim Thorne for all of his work in arranging the day and also the competition Administration Team of Sharon McMahon, Rosetta Shaheen and Yvonne Murray and the support cast of Brad Walker and the U12-13 Academy players for helping make the day run so smoothly. The Association would also like to thank all the players, parents and coaches who participated with such quality and sportsmanship.



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6x6 Tournament

Hot off our victory in the GHFA U/10's 4x4 tournament which saw our boys come from 1-2 down in the Final to eventually run out winners 3-2 in a thrilling match, we then entered the GHFA 6x6 Tournament last Friday. The boys started well winning the 1st match against Ravens 3-1. We then played tournament favourites Normanhurst and came away with a very hard fought 1-0 victory. Our next game was against Putney Rangers and we played superb football to run out winners 6-0. We then played Putney, again, in the 1st Semi Final and by half time the boys were a little shell shocked at 0-2 down. Putney were raging and their supporters were exploding with support. A few quiet words of encouragement from the coach and a few tactical changes saw a much improved 2nd half from the Tigers. At the end of the Semi Final the score stood at Tigers 6, Putney 2. They never knew what hit them. Not a bad 2nd half when you consider the halves are only 12 minutes each. The Grand Final was as expected against Normanhurst and unfortunately for them we were in no mood for 2nd place. We saved our best football till last. We hit poor

Normo with both barrels. At 1-0 up, Nomo took a shot that by all expectations and against any other Goalkeeper would have gone in and levelled the scores.... but not today. It produced an unbelievable save by our Goalkeeper that just seemed to spur the Tigers on even more. Another goal in the 2nd half, making it 2-0, and it was all over with the Tigers deserved Champions. Next up is the Canterbury Cup this Sunday 25th July at Croydon Park, Croydon. Our 1st match is at 9.55am for anyone passing through. You are most welcome to stop off and give a little extra support. Special Thanks to the boys and parents for their hard work and support. GO THE TIGERS!

Special mention to one of our boys, Jameson Hinwood, who has been selected to represent a Sydney junior team in Baseball and is off to Japan with the rest of his team next Thursday. We are all very proud of him and we will miss him in the time he is away as he is an integral part of our team. We wish you the very best of luck Jami.

Club Picnic and Presentation Day

trophies presented before lunch to each player (U/6 - U/16)

family

free

Coffee

Saturday

Jump Castles

4 September

fun

Boronia Park

Tea

Lunch

starting

family

at 10.30am

Lollies

free

fun

Ice Blocks

FREE - kids lunches, Juices, Jumping Castle, lollies, Ice blocks, Tea and Coffee.

Adults lunches with soft drink or glass of wine (at nominal cost).

**** TEAM REPORTS ****

We welcome match reports and team photos from all of our teams. Around 50 words would be great. We try to publish every 2 weeks. Send your reports and pics directly to michmagu@bigpond.net.au

U11/5 Wk 12

EEW 2 vs Redbacks 1

As much as we thought the game would have been called off, it stayed on. We had to play on a wet and muddy field but even with this disadvantage, we did exceptionally well. Eleven minutes into the second half, Nikhil scored a goal but, with our defence breaking up slightly, the Redbacks quickly got us back. In the second last minute of the game, Tejas made a good pass from the side line to Alister. Alister dribbled the ball close to the goal and scored the deciding

goal! A few seconds after Redbacks kicked off, the referee blew the whistle indicating the end of the game. We won the game 2-1! There was a lot of good cooperation going on with the forwards and there were some unlucky shots at goal. Player of the Match: Tejas

U11/5 Wk 13

EEW 0 vs Holy Cross 1

After having their photos taken early this morning the boys travelled to Holy Cross College for what was sure to be an interesting match. With no

reserves the boys were a bit sluggish to start which allowed for a swift attack from Holy Cross unfortunately catching our defence off guard and scoring the first goal of the match. From then on our boys picked up the pace with great defence from Nikhil, Hayden and Alexander and some great attempts at goal by Alan and a near miss by Tejas. The second half saw the Tigers on the attack with good runs by Dean and Alister. Alan, our goalie for this half showed his ability with some sensational clearing kicks. Despite being on the attack for most of the match and several

attempts at goal, the boys just couldn't get the ball in the net. All in all it was a great game with everyone trying their best. Man of the Match – Hayden Miller.

U11/5 Wk 14

Epping Eastwood went into this fixture knowing that a win would highly boost their chances of sealing a top 4 spot. We were spoilt with the choice of 12 players as opposed to the bare 11 we have had to cope with over the past few weeks. However the boys started in a lacklustre fashion which was not helped by some poor refereeing decisions. Some hard tackling by repelled wave after wave of St. Andrews' attacks until EEW finally succumbed to the pressure and conceded a goal from a corner. This woke the boys up EEW started seeing more of the ball and attacking with gusto. The match was evenly balanced until the ball fell to Alan who struck a wonderful shot from a tight angle to beat the keeper and level the scores. The game was locked 1-1 at halftime, but unfortunately St. Andrews really picked up their game and ran over a tired looking EEW outfit, scoring three unanswered goals in the second half. Special mention goes to man of the match Sam Walker, who was immense in defence and was determined in repelling every attack that came his way.

U11/5 Wk 15

EEW 2 vs REDFIELD LIONS 0

A great EEW team effort against a very 'pushy' Redfield Lions saw us victorious 2-0 today. The majority of the game was in our half with some terrific boots from Hayden Miller and attacking from Sasha and Alister who were both unlucky not to score in the first half. The second half was action packed with every Tiger touching the ball. 2 quick goals by Man of the Match, Dean Rosada rounded off the half. Great game – go the Tigers!!

U13/ 1 Wk 13

It has been a disappointing season this year, having no wins at all, but we had our hopes high, trying to grab a win against the West Pennant Hills.

The first half was dominated by us, the Epping Eastwood Tigers. We had several chances to score, but we could not seize any of them. Even though we monopolized the first half, we were not the first to score. West Pennant Hills snuck a ball in the right hand corner of the goal, and then we started to break down.

The opponent scored two more goals while had one, from our striker, Scott.

Another loss, but there are still more matches to face, and hopefully we will be victorious over the next matches.

U13/1 Wk 14

EEW 2 vs STU 1

Our first win of the season and it was fantastic! Matt was on fire in the first half, scoring two strong goals. There was some great team work, our boys held their cool and stayed in control throughout the game. Josh, the world's greatest goalie,

demonstrated his impressive range of skills today and deserved Man of the Match. Many thanks also go to Hayden Miller for filling in for the team today. A great effort from all of the boys! Well done and keep up the great work for the remainder of the season.

U14/3 Wk 13

On arguably one of the coldest Saturday's this year, the still unbeaten 14/3's played the Normanhurst Eagles at Thornleigh Oval. Last time we played these opponents we just prevailed 1-0, and from the kick off it seemed that the scoreline would be much larger this time. Normanhurst frustrated our attack and at half time the two teams went in level but the Tigers looked more likely to score, and midway through the second half from a corner Matt chipped the goalkeeper off his line to score the only goal of the game. We were unlucky not to score other goals with chances not taken, but the win was there. Mentions go to Nick, Andrew and David helping us to another clean sheet, and the Man of the Match was the goalscorer, Matt.

N.Ever Offside

U14/3 Wk 14

EEW 5 WRR 0

A top of the table clash today and before the game we were already in trouble with some key players missing. As a result we had to borrow Cameron and James to play against West Ryde, the team knowing that a win would put us 7 points clear at the top of the table.

We started well, with two goals from striker Mark and one from Nick putting us 3-0 up, but then came a scare with West Ryde one on one but James pulled off a great save to deny them.

At half time we were well in front but we didn't stop there, and we knocked in two extra goals by fill-in James to sway the momentum and the match, which finished 5-0.

A special mention goes to the entire defense especially Liam, Nick and Matt for their help in the midfield, fill-ins Cameron and James, and the Man of the Match went to Mark, playing a solid game up front.

N.Ever Offside

U14/3 Wk 15

EEW 3 WPH 1

In our first Boronia Park game since Round 2 and with the Premiership on the line, the boys were raring to go despite only having 11 players present, with two extras arriving later in the game. Damien gave us an early lead with two goals, but then West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook came back with the first goal conceded in 2 years by the Under 14's. Despite losing the goal in the second half the tide changed, and Damien finished off matters with his hat-trick coming from a neat chip over the goalkeeper, like the final goal he had scored in his previous Boronia Park game. Mentions go to Mark and Damien, finding his goal-scoring touch again, and Man of the Match went to Cyrus, with another

great game at the back.

N.Ever Offside

U14/3 (18/7/2010)

EEW 0 NRS 2 U14/3 18/7/2010

Our first defeat in two years, and first time we have not scored in a game but we are the Premiers of Division 3 for 2010, despite the stumble.

Having won 3-1 yesterday and the premiership in our grasp, we were looking for a competitive game against North Ryde in which we drew 1-1 last time. Things were looking promising before the game with Under 13 players filling in for unavailable players to boost our squad numbers, and still when we started with several half chances. Half time came with neither side looking the more likely to win.

The second half brought a change to the momentum in North Ryde's favour, and a penalty against the Tigers was given for a discrete handball in the box, which they converted. Straight after we were given a free kick and a one on one but both chances could not have been taken. North Ryde doubled their score with a bomb outside the box lobbing our goalkeeper, and that put the nail in the coffin with only a minute to play. A disappointing result, but not a disappointing performance and we look forward to playing our last game next week.

N.Ever Offside

AA20

AA20 came up against Carlingford Redbacks, who the last time we had met, Tigers lost 9-3. With a depleted team list and calling in Don Walker from O35/9 as reinforcement we walked onto the pitch at a very muddy Epping Oval. The game started as the last contest with Carlingford quickly on the attack and soon after getting a very sharp chance across goal past stand in keeper, Tim Bayl. That was the last score for Redbacks for the rest of the game as wave after wave was repelled by a great defense of Matt Bugyi, Jono Bayl, Damo James and Joe Perry. Epping started to build making runs through the muddy pitch and dry outsides. Franko Roubles was a stand out, controlling the midfield and passing balls to the forwards of Jose Venegas and Arran Painter. At halftime, only down by one, the Tigers felt good and close to scoring themselves. In the second half, with the drier half of Epping Oval to run into the game opened up with more chances. Charles Wang played as super sub and injected himself immediately with some strong runs towards goal. At last our effort was rewarded with a through ball for Jose to pass around the keeper and score. Many other close chances were missed including one by yours truly. Finally AA20 played as a team and can look forward to the two makeup games against teams we beat and confidence going into the Pennant rounds. Thanks go to everyone who has put in the effort and come to training and our coach who has helped us enormously to get better and work together. Cheers Charles Tibbits

The Tiger Talk is published every 2 weeks during the season, holidays excluded. Please email team reports and action photos directly to Michelle McCoy at michmagu@bigpond.net.au by Wednesday morning each week. 50-100 words max! Don't forget to include Team Age, Name and Week Number, ie. "U/6 Red Wk 1".