



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

As I write to you it is raining yet again and training will be interrupted. We have doubts that we will play on Saturday – it is beyond our control. Last weekend I inspected Epping Oval, which has turned into a lake! I found other grounds soaked, as is our beloved Boronia today. Sun & wind are in short supply at this time of year so we will have to wait and see what will happen. It certainly looks like the round robin part of the competition is in trouble; we may find that the Final will be One versus Two.

We are now at the half way point of the competition and while some teams are going well, indeed very well, others have room for improvement and that is the way we see results each and every season. It is important from a team point of view that we all strive to improve our position – easily said, sometimes hard to do.

Could I suggest a couple of facts worthy of consideration? Firstly, when you have training that you make sure you attend. If you can't, give your coach a call. Secondly, on match day, be at the ground at the time requested by your coach for warm-up – not 5 minutes before kickoff. At the risk of repeating myself, football is a team sport and we need to have you as a team player, ready to play.

Another problem that is emerging within clubs is sportsmanship and respect to players, match officials and in some cases, parents. We can do without some of the comments and some of the attitudes that prevail.

We are part of a large organization, GHFA, we have codes of conduct that covers most aspects of the game and we all collectively agreed when we signed on to uphold and maintain those rules. So, for our part, i.e. Epping Eastwood, join with me to ensure we maintain and improve our attitude to all

we come in contact with.

Having reached this point in the season, could I just pass on our thanks to the many helpers who have helped in ground dressing, service in the canteen, the BBQ chefs - you have all done a great job and your Club appreciates the effort.

What is it they say? "Many hands make light work" and I get the feeling you are getting enjoyment (maybe not at 7am) but we need to encourage more people to participate. We cannot always expect the same people to do it all the time. So parents, if you have not as yet put your hand up – please do it and do it now.

Both our 11/1's and 15/1's have been eliminated from the Sydney Cup competition. As I always say, the experience gained is worth the effort and we can have another try next season. Our Under 12's played in a day competition organized by The Kings School and did very well, reaching the quarter finals.

The last of our Entertainment Books are just about gone. If you want to secure one I suggest you contact Ian Smith before they are all gone.

Some of our members, players and parents have not had the best of health lately. No need to highlight them, other than to say we hope you all return to good health quickly.

I would like to say thanks to the group of our senior players who all played together at Epping Boys and joined together to say farewell to a fellow player who was taken so young and so tragically from us. May the memory and friendship that our sport offers give you support.

Till next we meet,

Go You Tiger's Go!

Regards,

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Match Reports 2011



Boronia at 7am

EPPING EASTWOOD 1 - 2 PENNANT HILLS 21/5/11

Not even a spirited second half fight back could right the wrongs of the first half, leaving the boys without a win to our names so far this season. With so much possession we were unable to put the ball in the back of the net, with Robbie hitting the post our highlight of the first half. Against the run of play Pennant Hills took the lead as a corner flew over the goal mouth and fortuitously for Pennant Hills, bounced off Ryan for an own goal. 1-0. As we continued to press for an equaliser in the first half it was Pennant Hills who again scored, as a shot from outside the area flew through a tangle of legs leaving Michael unsighted as the ball slid in to the bottom corner. The second half saw a change in attitude as 50-50's were contested hotly with Michael not losing a single one as we

began to pile on the pressure. It was all Epping Eastwood, in the second half, as we remained in Pennant Hills half of the field for almost the entirety of the remaining 45 minutes. Shots were raining in on the opposing goal keeper and soon that pressure began to tell. Lyndon sent in a magnificent corner which Michael emphatically glanced past their goalkeeper to give us a real chance of clawing this match back. However time proved to be detrimental as we were unable to score a second in the remaining minutes with Sam putting our hearts in mouths on more than one occasion. Overall it proved to be too little too late, however if we can continue the performance from the second half into our remaining games I'm sure 3 points is only just around the corner.

Cameron Laundry.



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U12/S4 - 21/5/11 - EEW 6 VS GHN 0

Yesterday, we played against Glenhaven who were 3rd on the table. We played them at Boronia Park at 8:15. We scored a goal in the first couple of minutes. Then we put another one in goal in. That was all for the 1st half. In the 2nd half we scored another four fantastic goals. Although the opposition did make a few runs we held out and won 6 nil. Player of the Match - Nikhil Chaudhary for his sensational goal keeping

U12/4S - 28/5/11 - EEW 2 VS WPH LIONS 0

On what is becoming a regular cool start to Saturday sport, the Tigers today played the Lions at Thomas Thompson Reserve, and perhaps the team was feeling the effects of the cooler weather. The first few minutes saw the boys pushing the ball around, however forward progress was hard work. Then as if the "warm" switch was turned on, the Midfield took control and mounted numerous raids into the Lions goal area, resulting in some very close shots on goal. The Midfield led by "Man of the Match" Jack continued to maintain possession and in the 10th minute a nicely passed ball forward, saw centre forward Patrick find the back of the net, for his first of two goals for the game. The momentum that the goal created ensured the Tigers maintained territory and possession advantage for the remainder of the first half. The second half started where the first half left off, with the Tigers in top gear. Again possession of the ball by the Backs and Midfield created numerous opportunities for the Forwards to score, resulting in another goal by our tirelessly attacking centre forward. With the game "in the bag", our Backs ensured that our defence closed down any opportunity the Lions created in our goal area. In summary, the Midfield controlled the game, the Forwards launched repeated attacks in the Lions goal area and the Backs ensured no goal would be scored against the Tigers today, however the Tigers "man on man" marking was the difference between the two teams.

RND 5 U/11-V'S KENTHURST. LOSS 1-4

A disappointing day where we were the better team and spent 90% of the game in Kenthurst's half, but lost the game 4-1. A good start, after 5 minutes Ethan scored with a powerful long kick 20metres out from goal. Then all the luck went to Kenthurst, from when Brian's goal was disallowed because it was kicked a split second after the whistle was blown (for a Kenthurst hand ball) and then went on to miss the spot kick. 5 minutes later Kenthurst scored via an own goal and then scored from a direct penalty kick. Before the end of the first half Kenthurst managed to score via a good cross that landed right in the box where their forwards were. The second half EE attacked and attacked and spent nearly the entire time in Kenthurst half, but could not manage to score a goal, and to make things worse Kenthurst scored another goal on the counter attack. Yes, a disappointing game, however, a good lesson for the boys, they learnt they need to put in their best effort for every game, against every team, every week.

Pat

RND 6. EEWV'S NTH RYDE LOSS 0-4

We are proud of the boys for playing their best in a very tough situation. A fast paced game from start to finish with tight defending from both sides. North Ryde SC were rewarded during the first half with 3 goals as Epping Eastwood in Lachlan G and Brian, with their several chances unfortunately could not find the back of the net. Ethan, Nathan, Sam, Slater and Connor with their full determination have all worked tirelessly in the back and so as our midfielders Riley, Lachlan M, and Alex, applying their ball skills and lots of fighting spirit. The second half continued as the first had finished with an immediate goal from North Ryde making it 4-0. A brave and strong comeback from the Tigers in the late second half but it was not meant to be for us. A fantastic effort from Gordon

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and various display of ball skills from Harrison, had the opposition on their toes. Throughout the game, our goal keeper Jacob had a terrific day. His outstanding skills prevented a bigger scoreline from North Ryde. Excellent job Jacob! Despite the disappointing result, North Ryde had been a fair opponent and deserved to win the day.
Ruth

SYDNEY CUP RD 2

U/11-I V'S BANKSTOWN SPORTS STRIKERS. WIN 1-0

I've heard people say "It looks like the wheels have fallen off" but Rome wasn't built in a day and getting these boys to "bond" is taking longer than expected. The Easter break and the weather playing its games has not done us any favours. Today's result was a brilliant combined effort by a very focussed team. Bankstown are top of their table so this result is hopefully telling me that the boys have turned the corner and are on the road to bigger and better things. After a hair pulling hissy fit by the coach (me) the previous day, the boys turned up fully motivated and determined to show my efforts have not been in vain. Bankstown had their moments but in reality, from the opening whistle we created chance after chance but it seemed that no matter what we did, the ball was not going to hit the back of that net! Our distinct lack of luck in front of goal was the only

thing keeping Bankstown from throwing in the towel. We literally swarmed all over them. Defensively, Ethan, our Man of the Match, was absolutely outstanding. Nothing got past or was going to get past him, on the ground or in the air. Superb performance. Gordon is really hitting his straps and his tackling was perfect, winning just about every challenge he made. Riley is proving to be a very determined player and never stopped running for the entire match. He was also rock solid in defence and is terrifically reliable. So too is Connor who I don't believe I've ever seen put in a below par performance. Nathan in the middle is a very hard worker and probably covers more ground than any two players combined. He seems to have cemented his place in Centre Mid. Brian made many excellent runs down the line and was continuously getting the ball to the front and his corners were "inch perfect." I'm not sure how we didn't manage to put one of them away. Harrison is proving to be a player who will play any position asked as if he has played there for years. He never stopped working and was, finally, rewarded by scoring our goal. Jacob made some wonderful saves in the 1st half before moving up front in the 2nd half and it was his powerful shot which was spilt by their GK which enabled Harrison to pounce and score. Lachlan G is another boy who is capable of playing anywhere on the park, including being a very safe deputy for when Jacob comes out of goal. Lachlan M is another whom I admire



Future Premiers: Mighty Under 6 Green A's, from left: Phillip, James, Alex, Ashton, Jay and Xavier

for his work rate and understanding of what is required from him every match and I predict big things for him the longer the season gets. Alex has great technique and showed pure class in both yesterday's match as well as today. He will be instrumental in us starting to score more goals throughout the remaining matches. Sam is one of the hardest tacklers I've seen for his age, in fact that THE hardest. I have nick-named him "Rattles". This kid eats nuts 'n' bolts for breakfast. With 1 minute 20 seconds of the game remaining, Sam made a tackle on the opposite side of the "Box" that as I speak, has talk of a Movie script being written about THAT tackle. How he got to the player and made THAT tackle only Sam and the powers that be can explain. I'm sure I saw a tear in his Dad's eye when he saw Ethan jumping all over him and hugging him because he knew, as did we all, Sam had just saved us. That's what it's all about! Team mates. Maradona may have the "Hand of God", we have "The foot of Sam". We only needed a reassuring pep talk from the coach and a few of the parents and 4 extra minutes to score a very well deserved Golden Goal Extra Time winner. The boys came off with massive smiles and suddenly believe in themselves again.

Pete

RND 7. U11-1 EEWV'S WEST PENNANT HILLS LOSS 1-4

It was always going to be a tough match with table toppers WPH. WPH kept constant pressure in the first half and kept the defence and goalkeeper very busy. The boys were 3 goals down at half time and could have been more if not for the brilliance of Jacob in goal.

The second half was more evenly matched. The boys stepped up and brought the game to WPH opening up more chances at goal. Although WPH scored first, Jacob who swapped the 1 shirt for the number 9 shirt scored after a brilliant through ball from Alex. The boys showed a lot of determination and never gave up. Well done.

U15/2 MATCH REPORT- EEWVS BEE

The U15/2's were keen to break an unprecedented 3 game losing streak against Beecroft, in which they had beaten 2-0 in the first game of the season. This game was at Boronia again and the home support was really behind us today. The first half didn't create too many chances, but

the Tigers looked the goods and were unlucky to not go ahead after being camped in their half for the majority of the first period. Meanwhile for the second half, the Tigers continued their dominance after Justin scored through nutmegging the keeper, and John's effort was cleared off the line. However the game was getting more physical and after a free kick was given about 25 yards out Beecroft scored to equalise after a scrimmage in the box. Dave's long throw-ins were continually dangerous, and we continued to let John and Mark go on runs but we couldn't find the vital goal and it ended 1-1, better than a loss.

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Thanks Splash, our professional BBQ chef

ROSELEA 1 - 0 EPPING EASTWOOD

28/5/11

A spate of shocking and at times biased referees decisions hampered our dominance in possession as we looked for our first win of the season. Playing the top side it was always going to be a difficult encounter, however, we contained them for most of the first half creating numerous opportunities with both Ryan Swilks and Adam Evans going extremely close to putting us in front, the latter hitting the post after seeing his first effort saved spectacularly. It seemed though, that the referee was adamant to prevent us gaining momentum, as time after time we were pulled up for petty infringements such as false hand balls (unintentional ball to hand is not a foul) and were hindered by his unusual approach to advantages, allowing play to go on with no attacking opportunity present, nor blowing his whistle for the foul. That said though, we struggled to keep the ball on the deck in the second half, and with a poor amount of passes finding the opposition we eventually conceded after our defensive line allowed the ball to bounce behind them, which their forward dully scored. It wasn't for a lack of trying though, as we continually pressed forward with Michael having a shot blocked on the line and their keeper saving them for the most part as we held them in their half of the field for most of the game. All in all however, it wasn't the performance from the Tigers that we have come to expect from this team and so it ended 1-0. An all round physical and tough effort, congratulations must go to John for a Man of the Match performance. Hopefully 3 points next week lads!!

Cameron Laundry

UI2/4S - 4/6/11 - EEW 2 VS NORTHERN HFC 0

A well deserved 2-0 win made the trip out to North Ryde all worth it. The grounds were wet but the boys still enjoyed themselves on a cold Saturday morning. We played Northern HFC at Santa Rosa in North Ryde who obviously improved since the last time we met them. As usual, our midfielders played outstanding football, they were wherever the ball was. Our defenders were very strong and all did a great job on keeping HFC scoreless. Our forwards also played an excellent game; they gave each other many options to create a great goal by our Man of the Match,

Sam. A goal from Jack just short of half way had us all screaming and cheering and left the opposition speechless when it hit the top left corner of the goal. The boys are a great little team and are improving every week. I believe we are serious premier contenders. Thanks to our Coach Gavin and Manager Dianne for the many hours of work they put in for our boys. Go the Tigers!

EPPING EASTWOOD 11 - 1 ROSELEA 4/6/11

The lads carried out a demolition job on Roselea at Boronia Park on the weekend smashing home eleven goals without reply before a late consolation goal, for Roselea, was conceded. We made numbers count on the day as Roselea had only 9 and we outclassed them all over the park as slick passing and excellent build up play saw Ryan Swilks with a quick double already putting the game beyond doubt. Michael Lynch then added a third shortly after as a quick free kick taken by Adam, sent Michael through uncontested and rightfully so it was 3-0. Ed added a fourth midway through the first half with a superb shot from the edge of the area giving the keeper no chance as we continued to amend our goal difference on the table. Nathan then made it 5-0 just before half time with a sweet header and then, moments before the whistle, it was 6, as Kieran found space in the box to finish into the bottom corner. 6-0 at half time and game over in terms of a contest, however the boys went out for the second half with Coach John's words of "its 0-0 again" firmly in their minds. Our goalie, Michael Simpson, was finally called into action, in the second half, expertly tipping a goal bound free kick over the bar with the sun in his eyes keeping our hopes of a first clean sheet alive. The second half proved to be much of the same as we continued to emulate Barcelona's passing game from the Champions league final. It was 7-0 shortly after as Robbie was sent one on one with their keeper and he coolly placed his shot into the net without the post, often his tormentor, interfering. Goals continued to rain in, in the remaining half an hour, as Nathan rounded off his hatrick, after returning from injury, with Kieran (a centre back mind you!) earning himself a brace as well. 10-0. There was even time for the Captain himself to score. After incorrectly having a goal ruled out for offside by a ref and linesman who couldn't comprehend the offside rule, Adam made it eleven and made our goal

difference +5 on the table. However with time running out we lost focus and let a Roselea player rise unmarked to head in off a corner. A mere consolation. Well done to the boys on an excellent display. We are all hoping for more of the same in the future and look forward to even more 3 points!

Cameron Laundry.

EEW VS WRR 11/6/11

Having not gotten three points for 2 months now and sitting in a rather dangerous position at 5th we were now playing West Ryde Rovers that were also hovering mid-table and like us, had been promoted last season. It was to be our last home game of the regular competition, and the Tigers wanted to be quick from the off. We almost certainly were, with the kick off finding John on the left that was unlucky not to trouble the goalkeeper, and the dynamic duo of Mark and Dave were causing problems in the Rovers defense. However the first half showed plenty of promise but no goals to either team, a story repeated many times in our season so far. In the change of halves we were now charging home towards the home supporters, and with some of the momentum we began troubling West Ryde's goal again. But as usually happens attacks come from the other end and the Rovers scored their first goal from a header off a corner - slightly disappointing considering the amount of goals conceded from set pieces this season. Dave nearly scored after a mad scramble in their box and as the clock slowly ticked down we seemed to create but not be compensated for our effort, as the Tigers fell just short again.

U9/2 11/6/11 JAMES HENTY RESERVE WEST PENNANT HILLS EEW 2 - WPH 0

What a game this was. Under coach Gareth's guidance the boys have developed into a cohesive tigers outfit, and dispatched with West Penno with relative ease. To West Penno's credit they did turn up to play, and the boys had to pull out some very slick moves to get the ball past the not so polite WP goalkeeper. The team's football awareness has really stepped up a notch since last year's small sided games. The highlight for me was the end to end football. Last week we pipped the competition leaders Hills Hawks and this week we kept WP in the cellar. Ouch !!!! A goal to Charlie Workman, who lived up to his name in the midfield, and a long range cracker from Cameron in the second half saw off the hapless hosts. Man of the Match Connor was brilliant with his distribution of the ball in attack.

Ian Harris

U12/4S - 11/6/11 - EEW 0 VS EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 2

It was the much anticipated top of the table clash between the Tigers and Eastwood St Andrews. The boys began the first half playing defensively as they repelled many opposition attacks. Unfortunately after about 10 minutes of play, and a bit of a scramble in the box, Eastwood St Andrews went 1 nil ahead. This was followed up later in the first half by another goal which saw the Tigers down 2 nil at half time. The second half was a much more even affair with a few good chances to both teams but no goals and the Tigers looking forward to a rematch in the coming weeks. Player of the Match - Alan Wang, who has really developed his skills this season, reading the play well.

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