



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Firstly, let me apologise to those contributors who have sent team reports and have not seen them published. Hopefully we will be back to normal as from this issue. Likewise we are a little late with some information which hopefully will now be rectified.

Important dates – today, Saturday 28th is the first of 3 scheduled round robins called the Championship Rounds. The first round of Grand Finals for teams from Division 2 down will be played on grounds to be advised, on Saturday August 18th. Division 1 Finals will be played over two days, Saturday August 25th and Sunday August 26th at Christie Park. Premier League Grand Final day will be Saturday September 1st at Christie Park.

For minis, the last scheduled game is August 11th.

Weather will be the most critical factor to these dates. It is possible to extend the competition by one week if required.

The next important date is the Club Picnic Day. This will be held at Boronia on Sunday September 16th. Everyone is invited and team trophies will be presented. Your team manager will be checking off team lists and spelling today.

Congratulations and well done to the 4 teams who have won Premierships, namely the 14/3, 15/3, 35/1 & AA10 teams. To those who finished in the top 4 you all have a chance of winning the Premiership Round. All is not lost in the bottom 4; you are playing for the Pennant. These Pennants seem to be seen for a long time as they go on display in the back room. Let's get involved and finish the season together.

Sometimes it is disappointing to report on

some items, one of which is that some players/officials have experienced the loss of some valuables from bags when playing and/or training. I am pleased to say this has not happened at any of our grounds but that's not to say it won't. Please be aware & take precautions – do not leave valuables in change rooms.

I want to return to our 60th Year Dinner which was an outstanding success. This success was due in part to the level of support received from you our club members, from junior teams to our seniors. It was truly an outstanding evening and the feedback confirms this. I recently had the chance to view the 300 plus photos on the flicker site:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/eewtigers/sets/72157630557384288/show/>

If you have the time you can view the photos and get a real feeling for the evening, you will not be disappointed! As a club we are having prints made to go into our archives. These will join other photographs we have on file as part of the life of the Epping Eastwood Football Club.

Such an event takes a team effort (just like playing the game) and at the risk of forgetting someone I acknowledge the work done by Ian Smith and Stu Booty in the production of the outstanding programme produced for the event. It was a second to none production. When I review what was done for our 40th, which was good at that time, this for our 60th was truly diamond class.

To Craig Young and Scott McGoogan for the electronic presentation and to all those who supplied historical photos for the presentation, thank you. Once again it was just great and a

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great part of our history and it has been widely acclaimed.

To those who did the ticket sales and table seating, thank you. Well done to those who sold the raffle tickets and for the great support you gave (money). You are all part of the team. Last but by no means least our guest speaker Mr Mark Bosnich who could not do enough to accommodate us. He did everything we asked and more and we enjoyed his company as he did ours.

The entire committee and you made the night – I hope those who attended will remember it for years to come and that those who look at the photos get a feel for the best 60th birthday party.

At Boronia you will find an advertisement for the Indoor Soccer Summer Competition at the YMCA which comes highly recommended. Also, the canteen has a very colourful brochure available for the "Tigers" baseball Club. This organisation many years ago played at Boronia and the people running this club have links to

your club (EEW). Why not stop by and pick up a brochure for things to do in the offseason. If cricket is the go, contact our Chris Salmon.

That's it for this week. Keep those team reports coming. Here's an idea for our 4 Premiership winning teams, how about a "How we became Premiers"

report of about 50 words with a photo by next Wednesday – that's the Tiger challenge!

That's it till next we meet,
Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal



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Giant Slide for Juniors

**SUNDAY 16TH
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MATCH REPORTS

U7 GREEN VS EPPINGYMCA 30/06/12

Back on "home" turf for some of our school boys, West Epping ground, pitch which seems to be our unlucky one. The Tigers couldn't score a goal despite some great attempts from Lucas, David and Oscar in particular. I have to say the lack of luck has been rolling over the last 2/3 games now, with so much goal posts/near miss. Let's hope the school break will help to remove the monkey from our back. On a positive note, our Tigers start to play in the space, passing and going forward. Oscar and Chris were powerful as ever, Lucas, Alex and Jet ran cleverly around the opposition, David was threatening in his striker role, Jo and Eric were solid defenders. And again great commitment to have all the boys on board on a frosty early morning. Tigers, a win is around the corner, I would bet on it.

Arnaud

U7 GREEN VS WEST RYDE ROVERS 14/07/12

Gee the "beautiful game" can be cruel sometimes... the boys fought so hard to finally conceive a last 10s goal. But the coach and the parents are so proud of our Tigers. Both team started slowly, probably the consequence of the holiday break combined with wet trainings cancelled. But then the Tigers

found their groove and Lucas scored a raging goal. The opposition stepped up with some well structured movements and the battle really began. Oscar, Jo and Alex did their best in defence to push back the Rovers, Eric and Chris used their powerful game to control the middle and David was pressing high. The good work paid off with another goal from Lucas responding to the Rover's goal.

Despite all the boys working hard, West Ryde took the lead and for the last 5 mins seemed to push even further. But the Tigers resisted and with a minute on the clock our scoring machine Lucas got his hat-trick (and a deserving man-of-the-match). Cheers from the boys and the parents, rewarding goal to level the score for a never give up attitude. Helas, 30s to restart, 20s to move swiftly toward our goal and a heartbreaking goal just before the final whistle... nevertheless parents and Tigers were proud (as they should be) of their effort, pleased to be back playing footy and ready for another battle next week.

Arnaud

ONE GAME: TWO VIEWS: PREMIERS VS THORNLEIGH 1-1 21/07/12

A cold day was reflected at the start of play & both sides took time to

warm to the task at hand. Tigers looked more positive & after a spell of attacking pressure Brad Lewis was in the the right place to convert the first goal.

15 mins 1-0

The weather then started to warm up & Tigers fans were enjoying their afternoon. Tigers were playing more attractive football & Geoff Turner was giving the defence a few problems but a little too much football with a few mistakes allowed Thornleigh back into the game.

45mins 1-0

The second half was developing into dour affair with few chances created by either side when on 65 more good build up work from the Tigers broke down allowing Thornleigh to break away & score.

65mins 1-1

Play then seemed to become a little more heated as maybe Tigers realised that this may not be their day after all. On 70 mins Geoff Turner was yellow carded & on 75 mins Matt Peatey was red carded reducing the Tigers to 10 men.

Thornleigh were unable to press home their advantage but were on top for most of the remainder. Tigers defence held firm & the points were shared.

MOM Mark McLaren.



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PREMIERS VS THORNLEIGH 1-1 21/07/12

Another disappointing home performance in Premier League was made even worse with a second-half red card for Matthew Peatey. The ten-man Tigers held on for a point in a game which, on the evidence of the first half, was there for the taking. But once again we were punished for missed chances and Thornleigh, with a gritty second-half fightback, deserved their point. Some clever, individual touches, but not enough players prepared to do the unfashionable hard yards.

RESSIES:

TIGERS VS THORNLEIGH 1-6

Demoralising start to the day with one of the worst performances many have ever witnessed at Boronia. Conceded two first-half goals courtesy of unnecessary free-kicks, but defence went AWOL during four-goal second-half blitz. Woodwork spared us further humiliation and Liam Watson penalty the only reply. Remarkably, with three games left, finals football is still a chance, but some serious soul searching and tough selection decisions must be taken before next weekend's double header with Gladesville Ravens and St Andrews.

U9/5

Although we lost 1-2 last game, I am still very proud of our little tigers. In the cold and wet morning, we were short of one player and the boys tried very hard to play 8 vs 9 in the most time and two players were still not fully recovered. Roy played full game and never gave up, scored a goal at the last few minutes. Alex showed his new dribbling skill and "watch and cross" passing. Our twins, Chenchao

and Chenyue were always playing very well in middle field. Jacob, Henry and Lahiru made team defence and kicked the ball out of our own penalty area with first touch. Max was our goalkeeper for the full game and made some beautiful saving. Without his help we may lose more. In the second half, the boys created some opportunities and it was just unlucky not to make more goals. Lahiru was the player of the match. Well done, our team! Keep team play, run to the free space, receive the ball and pass to the free space. Do it again and again! Thanks to our coaches, David and Cyrus, for your awesome work. We are very sure we will be celebrating a good year with the boys.

Bo

U7 YELLOW B'S 21/07/12

Nice photo and well done on yesterday's performance young Tigers. Despite the result of 2-1 loss (which is not important) we played our best

game of the season yesterday! All the boys are showing a vast improvement every week and each player is demonstrating key signs that they are understanding the "simple" game both with the ball (pass to your player), and without the ball (first to the ball, and our defensive strategy of "CHARGE!"). Our ability to "close down their player" when defending our own half and running to the ball (as opposed to watching it) was a highlight. Well done Alex, Jay, James, Philip, David, Xavier and Ashton. You all share as players of the week! The fact that the boys turn up to Saturday soccer, nice and early (thank you parents) with BIG smiles ready and eager to play is a weekend highlight for their coach. Well done and look forward to next week's game!

Go Junior Tigers!

Des





SUMMER INDOOR SOCCER COMPETITION

Any teams keen to continue their soccer and player development over summer may be interested in the Epping YMCA summer indoor soccer competition that runs from Sept through to March. Registrations are being sought now with competition held weekday afternoons / evenings across most junior age group. They advise they are keen to find more teams in the mini age groups of U6 - U8 this season. Please go to the YMCA web site or contact Marty Bright at Epping YMCA centre on 9869 8966

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