



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Greetings! At last we are into Season 2014 with the holidays of Easter & ANZAC Day behind us. Every season these holidays cause disruption to teams and we experience a high rate of players being absent. I am sure other clubs have the same problems.

I want to revisit a few points. At the Tigers we talk about "commitment & friendship". You cannot play the game without commitment. Football is by nature a team sport and without commitment to training and turning up on game day you are not only letting yourself down but you are disadvantaging fellow team members which in turn reflects on results and the reputation of the Club. Sure there can sometimes be a reasonable reason but don't leave it till the last minute to tell the team manager or coach. At least show support and commitment to fellow team members – we want you – yes, we need you every week.

We have had a lot of rain and we have lost some training sessions due to ground closures. These decisions are made by either the local Council or the Club or both. On game day only the Association or the Club can cancel a game – we do play in wet weather. Team coaches and managers can't cancel on game day. Just think, you have a game scheduled and your team decide not to play – the other team turns up and may have had to travel quite a distance to get there and your team fails to appear – that's at best lack of commitment. We have procedures in place which we are obliged to follow and yes we are committed to do so.

On the friendship question we note that some parents are delivering players to training and games, leaving them and eventually return to pick them up. We want you to stay and support your coach and manager and more importantly support and encourage your child and their team. Get involved with the other parents – experience the friendship – it is part of being a

member of the club. We are Epping Eastwood, the family club. Let's treat each other as part of the family and look after one another.

We currently have in stock this year's Entertainment Books – these have proved to be very popular with our members and they are available from the Boronia Canteen.

Our Club Secretary is on holidays for the next month so anything you would direct to Ian Smith can be sent to ewtigers@tpg.com.au and it will be looked after.

Team Photo Day is scheduled for Saturday May 24 at Boronia. Always a busy day. Please be on time and have the correct money. Your team manager will send you further details shortly.

Last weekend saw the start of the State Cup. We have 3 teams competing – All Age 2 who lost and our U17's and U21's who are yet to play. Our Premier League managed to get to the second round of the GHFA Cup before being relegated. These competitions create extra interest and give the players more experience.

Chris Salmon our Vice President has also been busy with Coaching for the Coaches classes.

We are about to place an order for the heavy weight Club jackets. Our stock is limited. We have some sample sizes you can try to ensure we have your correct size. Once again, come try and place your order in the next week. They have the Club logo on them and are \$60 each.

That's it till next we meet,

Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal

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MATCH REPORTS

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ROUND 1: 5/04/14 EEWV NER

First game of the year and all six players turned up and were very excited to play. Good hard tackling by Jay-Yun and new recruit Jayden. Solid cover defence and big clearance kicks from Lachlan. Great dribbling from Rewhenua and Emily. Exhilarating runs from Joel all meant we were unbeatable. Most of the goals came from Jay-Yun & Joel. Man of the Match went to Jay-Yun due to his all-round effort in attack and defence. Tigers 5 v Rangers 0.

ROUND 2: 12/04/14 EEWV WRR

Week 2 and the team seems to be gelling quite well. All the players seem to be playing to their strengths. Same as last week, good hard tackling by Jay-Yun. Jayden and Joel didn't stop running all game. Lachlan seems to have taken up the role of the last person in defence and again was solid. Great dribbling runs from Rewhenua and Emily. Man of the Match went to Jayden who scored a goal just inside the halfway line. Great Goal Tigers 6 v Rovers 0.

ROUND 4: 3/05/14 EEWV LEA

After a Bye and the Easter break I would have thought everyone would have been keen to play. We only had the bare minimum. This included a new player who only rang about the game the night before. Well done to Daniel. He had a good first game. With Daniel was Jay-Yun, Rewhenua and Emily. All 4 players ran tirelessly without a break the whole game. Well done to all of them. They let their first goal in for the year but still managed to run away with the game. I lost count on the amount of goals Jay-Yun scored. Well done to him. Future Soccerroo player in the making. Tigers 6 v Roselea 1.

ROUND 5: 10/05/14 EEWV WRR

Beautiful weather and a full squad of 7 players put a smile on the coaches face. The game was a goal fest consisting of 11 goals. Rewhenua did some great dribbling runs up the sidelines. Jayden and Daniel did some good tackling and some big clearing kicks up field. Jay-Yun scored a few goals as usual. Solid effort again by him. Joel scored a couple of cracking goals. I think the goal posts might need some repairing after one of his shots. Emily ran all game even

though she had a sore foot. Man of the Match this week went to Lachlan for his solid defence and at one stage nearly scored from halfway with one of his clearance kicks. Well done Lachlan. Tigers again far too strong for their opponents. Tigers 8 v Rovers 3.

Match reports by Coach Jarrod Mitchell

EPPING EASTWOOD TIGERS 15/2S

The boys have worked well as a team for over 4 years reaching the grand final for the past 2 years but with glory comes a harsh reality - finishing as the victorious 14/3 Premiers for 2013 put our team up to Division 2 for 2014. Round 1 has been tough but the boys have given it their all and whilst a win has eluded us so far, we have given these Division 2 teams a run for their money.

The loss of a key player, a step up to Division 2 and a new coach - the team is to be congratulated for their tenacity in meeting this head on.

Bronwyn Rosada

EEW 14/1S VS NORMANHURST 10/05/14

The 14-s's are on the board with their first points of the season. It has been a tough start to the year playing games with as little as 9 players due to injuries and sickness. We had a full squad of players (13) to take on Normanhurst in our first home game of the season at sunny Boronia.

From the whistle the boys really took the game to Normanhurst applying sustained pressure for the first 10 minutes, the break through came with great play down the left from Daniel Singh who beat 2 players and in cutting the ball back for Nathan White to smash the



ball home 1-0.

We were playing a very attacking brand of football and had Normanhurst pinned in their half for the majority of the 1st half. Sam Collins and Nathan were winning crunching tackles in the middle of the park, Gordon Hessel was running ramped down the right wing and Mark Pelle and Alex Yu up front where giving the Normo backs a horrid time. Yahyah Saeedi and Harrison off the interchange bench provided much needed fresh legs.

Normo had one chance in the first half and scored from a cross which sailed into the top corner so we headed into the half time break locked at 1-1.

The 2nd half was much the same with most of the game being played in Normo's half. Our back four of Callum Pavich, Ethan James, Connor Salmon and Lachlan Mewburn where solid throughout the game and hardly gave the opposition time to play. It was a relatively quiet day for our keeper Rohan but he was called into action in the last 10 minutes of the game with the Normo attacker in a one on one situation, Rohan stormed off his line and put his body on the line to make the save.

In the end with the flowing attacks we just couldn't find the winner and the game finished 1-1, Disappointing not to win it considering how well we played. Man of the Match went to Sam Collins.

Matthew Peatey

U9/2 VS REDFIELD LION FC 10/05/14

What a beautiful morning to play football, sunny and nearly warm. All the boys were keen to score for their mums over this w/e, meaning headache for the coaches to fit 8 strikers in one spot.

The Lions showed good skills from the kick off and applied pressure early on, which paid off with 2 quick goals. But despite the setback, our Tigers continued to play from the back, with Oscar and Toby combining to push forward with

support from our midfielders Nathan and Philip. Lucas did a few runs on his left side but was turned down by an effective Lion's defence.

The fresh legs of Jay and Ilyas and the constant movements from Will and Oscar in front contributed to a more offensive display in the 2d half. And the boys were rewarded when Lucas finally broke free from his defender and powerfully stoked the ball into the net.

The goal triggered a fierce reaction from the Lions (and

JUNIOR REFEREES

We have received advice from the GHFA that junior referees are being subjected to abusive and offensive comments. While we hope that this is not reflective of any of our club it is timely to remind everyone that all referees are to be treated with respect and common courtesy.

Every year GHFA brings around 130 new referees into the system. The vast majority are young boys and girls around 13-14 years old.

We should expect them to make mistakes. We all learn from mistakes and they are no different. Players make mistakes and no one abuses them so let's treat our young officials the same way. If it was your child how would you feel? All spectators have someone involved in the game.

Anyone who has refereed a game knows how difficult it can be. Sometimes you just don't see the things that a spectator sees because a player blocks your view or you are just in the wrong position. Remember we need these boys and girls to develop their skills so they can keep refereeing. Without these young referees more parents will be asked to take centre stage.


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their coach), and as a result, our Tigers had to fight to defend their goal; Toby was heroic as the goalie, James and Philip showed great defensive skills, Ashton was so desperate that he was about to pick the ball with his hand before booting out on his line. And they hold on to a narrow defeat against a very skillful Redfield team.

All the mums who came in numbers were very proud of their cubs as were the coaches. The team is definitely going in the right direction, structure, intensity and ball skills improving each week.

Arnaud

TIGERS ROAR OVER KENTHURST CAMP 10/05/2014

It was a scoreless first half, but after the interval the tigers were on a rampage just attacking all corners of Kenthurst backyard winning more line outs and corner kicks. Finally they stepped out from the arena by scoring three goals when the referee blew the final. That was fantastic soccer from all players. There were much improved skills and team work paid the prize. Although Kenthurst made their single attempt to penetrate through Lahiru's defence, that went away as he stood behind strongly to push it away. Attackers were well supported by midfielders by making very good moves through midfield. It is remarkable that the passes initiated by Annabelle from midfield were picked up by our attackers which finished in a favourable manner.

Max, Ashish, Ethan K, and Ethan T they were really on fire, and were unstoppable.

James and Jaryd made sure that ball will not go pass them and to always be in opponents back yard.

Darren and Tony were identical barrier reeves where Lahiru had much relaxed time to spend in front of posts.

Good work Tigers.

Jagath Leelatane



A memorable night for Shiji Ono, Epping Eastwood Tigers U9 Tigers and the Western Sydney Wanderers.

Our Under 9s Tigers showed Shinji Ono and the rest of the WSW how to play "Tigers Football" at half time during the AFC Champions League game, Western Sydney Wanderers v Guizhou Renhe on 22 April 14. The boys soaked in the atmosphere singing with the "RBB" ("Red & Black Block") and were quickly into the spirit of the night demonstrating all their skills learned from Boronia Park.

Inspired by our Tigers, Shinji Ono made the night all the more memorably with a fierce half-volley from the edge of the box in the 2nd half.

It was reported that some of the boys were skipping back to their cars yelling ... "WHO DO WE SING FOR!!!!!"



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