



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Greetings to all! We have reached the halfway point of the Premiership rounds, my how time flies when you are having fun. Seriously, I hope that you are having a great time in playing the game and making new friends along the way whether as a player, coach, manager or importantly as parents. This last group are often forgotten and not given the recognition they deserve in sport. Without their support and encouragement games such as ours at park level would fail to exist. So let's hear it for the mums and dads who do so much along the way.

I thought we would look at the report card for the season so far. As a club we are sitting in 9th position. We have 28 teams who are in "competition" i.e. teams which compete for a premiership starting at U10's through to Premier League. Of the 28 we currently have 12 teams in the top 4 followed by 9 teams in the 5th or 6th position. Sure we have some who from a points standing are not doing that well – but hang on and watch this space. We have weeks ahead of us to improve our overall position, so "Let's Go Tigers"!

While results are important sometimes you have to look past them and measure other benefits such as meeting people, developing social skills, building friendships, getting away from electronic games and making the body work. These are but a few. You can add to this list yourself – but in the end you play for the reason best suited to what you want. And that's the important criteria – YOU.

I don't often single out teams in my letter but as this is a "report card" let's congratulate our 11/4 and 11/6 teams. Both teams have played 7 games and won 7. At the other end of the ages, our 45/1's have also done the same scoring 49 goals and on a bad day have conceded 1.

It is good to see that at both ends of our club we are at this time posting positive results. Let me repeat – that is not to say others are not. It

is also a matter of perception and I also acknowledge that we have got some incorrect team gradings and on that point all clubs would agree they also suffer in this situation.

The weather has also been favorable. It has been described as an Indian Summer (whatever that is) and our much loved Boronia Park whilst showing signs of wear has done very well to the halfway point of the season. In the last 10 days it has again been fertilized. This makes 4 times since the end of the previous year. Our Council (Parramatta) have been very supportive.

Last Saturday Premier League First Grade played the competition leaders, Kenthurst, at Boronia. Unfortunately one of our favorite sons, Matthew Corringham, suffered a season ending injury, a broken/shattered patella (kneecap) very early in the game. Not caused by anyone, he just fell down. The game was stopped until medical attention arrived and he had surgery Saturday night and is on the long road to recovery. We wish him well. Matthew is well known and respected within the sport and the messages of support from those outside of the Epping Eastwood Family have been thankfully received.

Just on that point, it is worth remembering if a player is injured and on the ground and unable to show signs that they can recover with some assistance – we must not move them. All we can do is make sure they can breathe and keep them warm until medical help arrives. The referee must stop the game. There are protocols in place as to how the game can be restarted after the player's wellbeing has been attended to. The player's needs are our first and top priority.

In Matthew's case we are indebted to the assistance of Kenthurst's physio who provided care and attention until the ambulance staff took control. I am sure that his recovery was assisted by the news that EEW won the game 1-0. The best on the ground was Daniel Buttery

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who pulled off some magnificent saves in goal. Kenthurst boasts some very talented players (including an ex-Socceroo) and are a very well organized club. It was a "David & Goliath" effort on Epping Eastwood's part overshadowed to some extent by Matthew's injury.

We have 2 teams playing State Cup this Sunday June 1. Both games are at Epping Oval. Our 17/1's kick off at 9:00am and

our U21/1's kick off at 1:45pm. Both teams would appreciate some EEW support so head to Epping Oval if you can.

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

Ian Kendal

MATCH REPORTS

EVENTUALLY THUNDERS BOW DOWN TO UNBEARABLE TIGER ROAR

Tigers become the only unbeaten team in end of first round in 11/6 table.

Attackers on top with no room for opponents to move. Mid fielders are doing their expected job. Defenders are almost rock hard to break through. Could someone penetrate through them rather than bow down to their accurate defence.

Tigers 11/6 have finished their first round in style retaining as the only unbeaten team. Last week they applied brakes to North Ryde SC winning streak. Today they almost out played the much fancied Thornleigh Thunders adding more taste to their first round match winning habit.

I cannot name any one as special. It was a bunch who ran over the Thornleigh Camp to achieve today's outcome by

demolishing all hopes of Thunders. It is remarkable performance from all of them.

First half was scoreless. That gave some relief to Thunders. After the interval attackers Ethan K, Ethan T, Lahiru were on fire. Mid fielders made so comfortable moves. Well done Jaryd, Ashish, James and Annabelle.

Let us ask someone to make attempt to penetrate through great barrier reef of tigers. Excellent job you have carried out throughout the first round. Well Done Tony and Darin. Our professional character in front of bars Max you made everything possible to make sure that they will stay in "ZERO" until the final blow.

Overall fantastic end to first round.

Final score was 2 – 0 in favour of Tigers.

Let us start second round where you have finished off.

Jagath Leelaratna



UNDER 6 WHITE

Our team played against Beecroft FC and all our players put in a great effort. Our new addition Joseph is really starting to be a great team player and add value to the team. Aarush as normal was very skillful on the ball. Armaan with his great energy was everywhere on the field and had a great game. Daniel was great in defence and attack and Jonah played a very gutsy game which earned him player of the week. Well done team.

Cale Sammons

UNDER 21 SEASON REPORT

2014 saw a squad rebuild for the Under 21's with 7 players moving onto greener pastures i.e the EEW Premier League squad. The squad has taken some time to gel, but strong attendance at training and a good bunch of guys has seen some vast improvement from the trial games.

Hayden, Luke, Jag, Jake and Josh have welcomed Seb, Dan, Kyle, Mitch, Max, Cameron, Zee, Desmond, Zach and Keith to the squad and we promoted Adrian from the youth league to make up a full team. Tammy also joined us as Manager extraordinaire to keep us fed and keep the language clean.

Unfortunately, the Under 21's squad does not play much at Boronia. However the squad is 100% behind the club sponsors and their products. The team is a regular at the Epping Club on Friday and Saturday nights and may also be seen at Pedro's pizza shop in the early mornings for pre and post-match carb loading.

The squad has had some cause for celebrations, with recent good wins against West Pennant Hills and Hunters Hill and an undefeated streak (2 byes) in the Under 21's State Cup. We also celebrated the birth of our first child and watched Josh attempt his elusive diving header many times with a 0% success rate.

Saturday's match against WPH was another big step forward. A strong game in midfield from Zach, Dan and

Max saw 3 goals scored against a tiring defence. Another strong performance in goals by Keith saw the opposition limited to a single goal resulting in another 3 points to the good guys.

Garry Marsden

14-1'S VS PACIFIC HILLS SAT 24/05/2014

The 14-1's chalked up their first win of the season against Pacific Hills on Saturday the 24th at a sunny Boronia Park. The boys had to be up nice and early for team photos starting at 7:30am.

We started the game well and had a lot of possession for the first 10 minutes and with the attacks rolling in it didn't take long for the breakthrough. Some good work down the left hand side saw the ball fall to Yahyah who smashed home the opener.

After about 25 minutes the two substitutes combined brilliantly with Ben's first touch of the game was to provide an assist to Daniels first touch of the game to hammer the ball home. We went into the half time break leading 2-0. Half time seemed like it came at a terrible time as Pacific Hills started the 2nd half strongly and capitalised on that pressure bring one back 2-1 and we were under pressure.

We settled into our rhythm again mid-way through the second half and with some great work again down the wings Harrison popped up to make it 3-1.

It was a great win from the 14-1's and the boys will enjoy their first 3 points of the season and take it into a big game against North Epping next week.

Man of the match went to Alex Yu for his tireless work rate throughout the game.

It was also good to see a lot of the junior teams coming down to Boronia to watch the 1st grade team knock over the league leaders Kenthurst with a gutsy 1-0 win!

GO YOU TIGERS!

Matthew Peatey


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MATCH REPORT FOR RND 3 - 26/04

EEW VS KENTHURST 9/2S

Wow!! What a game! It really was great to see the boys play today! I know the boys might be a little upset that they lost but I have to say how happy I was to see that the training is really starting to show. The best thing about today's performance was how the boys were very often looking to pass to one another!! The other thing that was noticeable was how they were holding their positions! WELL DONE KIDS! Great team effort today! Now in saying that I can't not mention a few individual performances.... I really couldn't help but notice the brilliance breaking down the right wing! Wil Collins was on fire, he didn't stop all day, again the best part about his performance was the fact the he would make these breaks and then look to cross the ball as best he could into the middle. I'm sure a couple of these would've been goals if it wasn't for a very good opposition keeper. Another player worthy of a mention.... and if there was a player of the match award to give, I think I would have given it to him, what a game SAMUEL YUN had!!! He was unbelievable! He owned his position today, anyone who tried to get passed him was STOPPED or chased down and dispossessed! And when he was given the ball, the opposition rarely got near him! I had to rub my eyes and double check, I thought I was watching Tim Cahill!!! He really was THAT good. The other little champion that impressed me today was our grease lightning Right Back!

Jay Lee! Wow he can run. If anyone was able to get passed him it didn't matter, he turned and caught up with them within 10 metres!!! And he did it several times over! Well done Jay. If I'm not careful here I'm never going to finish this report but I need to mention one other and that's Ilyas Umar, what a great game he had! especially the 2nd half he had in goals, he made some beautiful saves, and a couple of very brave ones too, great stuff mate. And to the rest of you guys, keep up the great work, you're definitely on the up and up.

Andrew Collins



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