

## TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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### President's letter

The World Game is over for another 4 years and what great exposure the game has received. It is great to be playing in a sport that has a 'world' following. It is inspiring to us all. Let us dream that one day in the future a junior player from a local club can aspire to play at the level of a World Cup — a dream yes, but possible. What a challenge. As a nation we are gaining experience to face this sporting challenge.

Last Saturday, Epping Eastwood faced our challenge with our Premier League journeying down to Eastwood to play St Andrews, a team that statistics show we have not managed to win on that ground for 14 years. Some of us thought that the 'purple' patch of the last few weeks was about to come to an end. St Andrews have been a team that for a number of years have travelled 'under the radar' but achieved many awards along the way. Reserve grade in the dying minutes of the game scored to get a 2 all draw making them third in the competition ladder. First grade took to the field and the dark clouds started to roll in but to the delight of the Tigers supporters we broke the drought and put in 2 unanswered goals. We are now 4th on the First Grade ladder.

I don't write team reports, that is up to others but I want to share with you something not many people would be aware of. One thing I never do is go into the change room, unless invited, that is the team space. It is where they can do whatever and not be in view of a club official — it is their private space. It is an experience to be invited to join the players in

the change room. The sight, the looks and expressions of joy, let alone the voices is a great experience to be part of. I know it's not the World Cup but it had been 14 years since we have won at Eastwood and while we have more games to play to cement our position in the top 4 it is a great credit to all of our players and the team management. It is not so long ago that we were down at the bottom of the ladder facing relegation and let me assure you that is not a good place to be when you are a Premier League Club. It takes years to recover, but today it's a grand club to play for and if you go down to Eastwood you can hear the voices coming out of the brickwork.

Now let's look at the Premiership tables. With a few making up washed out games this weekend (19th/20th) where are we? The results are made up of highs, lows and points in between. The most important factor to be remembered is 'we all did our best' and hopefully enjoyed being part of the world game within Epping Eastwood and now we move into the Championship Round (Top 4) and the Pennant Competition (Bottom 4).

Premiers: 11/4, 11/6, 45/1

Top 4: 10/5, 12/3, 13/4, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 18/5, AA10, AA11, AA2, AA6, 35/4, 35/6

Added to that we have a number who finished 5th: AA12, AA16, 35/3, 45/4

History shows that the bottom 4 teams can win the Pennant and conversely the team that comes first can finish down the pack in this next round, the Championship.

Two other comments. Our 10/5's finished 3rd

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and that is significant as I: they are a new group to our club and 2: 40% of them are new to the game and their finish to date reflects well on all those involved.

Our 45/1's team (formerly 35/1's) have had a frustrating season having not played a game in the past 6 rounds due to teams for whatever reason forfeiting. The records show they won 15 games scoring 77 goals for and 4 against them. The second team won 10 games, scored 49 goals and had 23 against them. Where we go from here in 2015 is something that will have to be addressed. We have played according to the rules and these guys have conducted themselves with dignity. Some of this

team have played for the Tigers since Under 6!

Finally, the date for the Club Picnic Day at Boronia Park is 14th September. The Club Dinner at The Epping Club is Saturday 27th September and this will be a different function to those of past years.

Good Luck to all in the remaining games.

That's it till next we meet,

Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal

### **MATCH REPORTS**

### **TEAM 11-6 VS WEST RYDE ROVERS**

The hungry Tigers leapt into action straight after first whistle. The ball was quickly moved up right wing, dodging defenders and attempts their first shot at goal. But the Rovers goalie was quick to catch the ball.

Our 2nd goal came from a beautiful set piece. It started with a short pass from Lahiru to Jaryd from corner kick. Then passed back to Lahiru at base line and took a quick pass towards Max inside the penalty box. Max tabbed the ball to Annabelle, who then put it straight into goal net. The Rovers did not give up and made numerous counter attacks. But only to meet our team's strong defences of Darin and Ethan Tran, who tracked back quickly at the attacking player, and had the situations under control. The Tigers maintained their momentum throughout the game, with goals from Tony, Ethan Kwok's header, Ashish and Max.

With great improved passing, strong defence and teamwork, the Tigers secured another convincing win, 7-0. Well done Tigers!

Matthew & Angeline Kwok

### U9/2 VS KENTHURST: EPPING OVAL 28/6/14)

The clouds disappeared from Epping Oval just before kick off for this fixture, although it was not long before they reappeared for the home team. With some measured passing directly from the opening kick off and some deft ball control in the centre of the field, the Kenthurst team drew first blood with a goal in the first 30 seconds of the game. The visitors endeavoured to repeat the dose by out pacing the Tiger's defence but were thwarted time and again with strong defence from Jet and Oscar. The home team then attacked strongly through excellent teamwork by Sam and Lucas down the left side of the field. Ilyas, on a number of occasions, exhibited some fancy and well balanced foot skills

to place the Tigers in further attacking positions.

The visitors repeatedly made their way down towards the Tiger's goal and were left without further success due to excellent saves by James in goal and by some defensive pressure from David and Ashton. Jet then exhibited some of his skills in "shielding" the ball in defence to prevent another successful raid on the Tiger's goal.

Unfortunately, the relentless attacking pressure cracked the Tiger's defence and they scored two further goals late in the first half. The home team had one last attacking raid on the Kenthurst goal due to some fine work in the midfield by Nathan and a determined, angled run by Lucas. Sadly, no score was the result and the teams went to oranges at 3 nil to the visitors.

The Tigers started the second half with increased purpose and vigour, with some excellent support play and accurate passing. Again, the visitors attacked the Tiger's goal and were turned away by determined defence by Jet, Toby and Nathan and some fine saves by Ashton in goal.

We then saw a great exhibition of passing from Oscar to Nathan down the right side of the field only to see a fine save from the Kenthurst keeper. This was then followed by some skilled work in the midfield to see shots on goal from Lucas, with another shot by Oscar going agonisingly close to the top right corner of the net.

Sam continued to press strongly in attack, showing excellent speed and ball control, only to see the visitor's defence save the day. The Tigers were unable to keep the visitors out once again and the final score Tigers 0, Kenthurst 4. By popular demand, two players were awarded "Player of the week", Sam and Nathan.

Keep your heads up boys.

Special thanks to Alex, David and Tyran from the Tigers U9/6 for stepping up to assist the U9/2.

**Arnaud Garin** 



### **TEAM UII-6 VS NORTH RYDE SC**

A top of the table clash with North Ryde saw a very close entertaining match. An early goal to North Ryde was soon matched by a Tiger's reply from Lahiru and then another from Ethan K. North Ryde fought back strongly with another goal until 2 quick goals from Max and Ashish put the result beyond doubt.

All the kids played very well and it was good to see some passes being strung together. Darin, Ashton, Tony, Jaryd were stoic in defence, the Bailey siblings Annabelle and Nick were solid in midfield and Max, Ethan and Ashish terrorised the North Ryde defence particularly in the second half. Late in the second half Ethan K scored another goal to top off a famous victory. Max is the man of the match this week.

**Scott Bailey** 

### **EEW SHINE AGAIN: EEW VS KENTHURST**

The drive to Kenthurst Park even though absolutely beautiful was stressful with two accidents on the way.

But the teams were ready on time to battle.

Good passing strategies, team play and a strong defence line saw the Tigers beat the Kenthurst team on their home ground. Both teams had strong boots, displaying some amazing kicks across the grounds. Ashish, Tony & Baxter's powerful kicks, took the ball right across the field, and the Kenthurst team had trouble stopping the goals.

Max scored the first goal in the 7th minute and from then on their seemed like no stopping the Tigers.

Team work was evident in the first half with Lahiru, Baxter, Ethan Kwok all working hard to keep the ball in and around the opponents goal which saw Lahiru score the second goal. The defence line was also strong with Darin, Annabelle, Jaryd and Ethan Tran making sure the ball was redirected towards the opponents goal as soon as it made its way down the field at all times. In the second half Ashish's amazing kick

almost saw the EEW score again. The team worked hard with team play being evident and the opponents struggling to get the ball back. Max top scored with 3 goals, whilst Ashish scored 2 goals, Lahiru scored one goal, but the goal of the day and man of the match went to Ethan Tran for his strategic passing in the 40th minute and finishing the game with a goal. Shine on Tigers!

Jessica Fay

### **UII-6VSTHORNLEIGH SC**

Today's game was the last game in the second round. Tigers were playing against the second best team in 11/6 table — Thornleigh SC.As expected it was a very close match. In the first half, Thornleigh defended very well until Ethan K made a superb pass into opponent's box and Max struck the ball straight into the goal. Although Thornleigh SC tried very hard to match the goal but our goal keeper Lahiru just wouldn't let it happen.

With only one point behind, Thornleigh SC wouldn't give up easily. They kept attacking and gave a lot of pressure to Tigers in the second half. Our defenders and goal keeper Max played closely and saved several goals. With supports from midfields and strikers, Tigers didn't leave any chance to opponent and won the game by I-0.

Again Tigers proved themselves as the only unbeaten team in the second round and James is the man of the match this week. Well done Tigers!

Hung-Hsin

### U13/4S

We would like to thank our Coach SAINT DANIEL BUTTREY who took on coaching the boys this year. He has been so encouraging and teaching the boys new skills and how to play as a team and it shows. The boys game last week was enthralling. We needed a win to put



us into fourth position and the boys took it in their strides and won the match 2-1.

Well done. A special mention also for our Manager Ping who has tirelessly keeps all us parents up to date with match details/changes, it is not an easy task.

We have our last game for the season this Saturday 19th July and with a win will put us into third position but either way the boys are in the Semi Finals.

WELL DONE on such an outstanding achievement.

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# **SCHEDULE 2: TABLE OF OFFENCES**

# OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND CLUB/TEAM OFFICIALS AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS

| Send        | Description   | Suspension |             |
|-------------|---|------------|-------------|
| ЭŲ          |   |            |             |
|             |   | Minimum    | Maximum     |
| R1          | Serious Foul Play   | 2 Fixtures | 12 Fixtures |
| R1 Expanded | pap   |            |             |
|             | <b>R1(A1)</b> Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent   | 3 Fixtures | 10 Fixtures |
|             | R1(A2) Rugby Tackle or violent charging   | 2 Fixtures | 8 Fixtures  |
|             | R1(A3) Over the ball tackle   | 2 Fixtures | 12 Fixtures |
| R2          | Violent Conduct   | 1 Fixtures | 2 Years     |
|             | Excessive force or brutality when not challenging for the ball (May occur either on or off the field, against an opponent, team mate or any other person. |            |             |
| R2 Expanded | papı  |            |             |
|             | R2(A1) Head Butting   | 5 Fixtures | 2 Years     |
|             | R2(A2) Punching/Fighting  | 2 Fixtures | 8 Fixtures  |
|             | R2(A3) Kicking  | 2 Fixtures | 12 Fixtures |
|             | R2(A4) Pushing, grabbing or holding   | 1 Fixtures | 6 Fixtures  |
|             | <b>R2(A5)</b> Running in to become involved in a melee, fight or other incident   | 2 Fixtures | 12 Fixtures |

|             | R2(A6) Elbowing to the head   | 4 Fixtures | 16 Fixtures |
|-------------|---|------------|-------------|
|             | R2(A7) Elbowing to the body   | 1 Fixture  | 10 Fixtures |
| R3          | Spitting at an opponent or any other person   | 1 Year     | 2 Years     |
| R4          | Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area)                                      | 1 Fixture  | 4 Fixtures  |
| R5          | Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick   | 1 Fixture  | 6 Fixtures  |
| R6          | Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures  | 1 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
| R6 Expanded | nded  |            |             |
|             | R6(A1) Swearing – moderate (ie in frustration and not widely audible) not directed to any specific person and nonthreatening  | 1 Fixtures | 8 Fixtures  |
|             | <b>R6(A2)</b> Using offensive, insulting or abusive language  | 2 Fixtures | 8 Fixtures  |
|             | R6(A3) Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures of a discriminatory nature (includes racist or sexist remarks or remarks regarding a person's religion, ethnicity or physical/other disability) | 4 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
|             | <b>R6(A4)</b> Indecent, threatening or abusive actions or gestures  | 4 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
| R7          | Second caution in the same match  | 1 Fixture  | 1 Fixture   |
|             |   |            |             |

# OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND CLUB/TEAM OFFICIALS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS

| Send<br>Off | Description   | Suspension |             |
|-------------|---|------------|-------------|
|             |   | Minimum    | Maximum     |
| R2          | Violent Conduct   |            |             |
| R2 Expanded | papı  |            |             |
|             | R2(B1) Offence not covered below  | 6 Months   | 10 Years    |
|             | <b>R2(B2)</b> Threatening or intimidating a Referee or Asst. Referee by word or action  | 6 Months   | 30 Years    |
|             | R2(B3) Tripping a Referee or Asst. Referee  | 1 Year     | 30 Years    |
|             | <b>R2(B4)</b> Pushing with an open hand, arm, shoulder, hip etc. with intent  | 1 Year     | 30 Years    |
|             | R2(B5) Striking with a ball or other object   | 1 Year     | 30 Years    |
|             | R2(B6) Striking: Punching, kicking, elbowing etc  | 1 Year     | 30 Years    |
| R3          | Spitting  | 1 Year     | 2 Years     |
| R6          | Use of offensive, insulting or abusive<br>language and / or gestures against a Match<br>Official  | 2 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
| R6 Expanded | papı  |            |             |
|             | R6(B1) Swearing – moderate (including expressions of frustration) not widely audible and no-threatening –overheard by, but not directed at a match official   | 2 Fixtures | 8 Fixtures  |
|             | <b>R6(2B)</b> Using offensive, insulting or abusive language directed at a match official   | 4 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
|             | R6(B3) Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures of a discriminatory nature directed at a match official (includes racist or sexist remarks or remarks regarding a person's religion, ethnicity or disability) | 4 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |

| R6(B4) Indecent, threatening or abusive | 4 Fixtures | 20 Fixtures |
|---|------------|-------------|
| actions or gestures towards a match     |            |             |
| official                                |            |             |

# MISCONDUCT

This section deals with offences by spectators and all participants where an incident has occurred and no red card sanction has been imposed.

| Offence Description   | Minimum<br>Sanction | Maximum  |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| Misconduct (a) Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional conduct  | 1 Fixtures          | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (b) Brings, or may bring the game into disrepute   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (c) Engages in violent behaviour or actions  | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (d) Is improper, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or discriminatory, whether by word or behaviour, regarding a person's ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability or any other reason | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (e) Knowingly or wilfully engages in the "ring- in" of a player or players in any match or plays in any match while suspended or knowingly plays a suspended player in any match   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (f) Is disrespectful or abusive of Match Officials or of their decisions   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| <b>Misconduct (g)</b> Takes or makes action (physical or by word) against a player or team official   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (h) Hinders the proceedings of the DC or a Tribunal  | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| <b>Misconduct (i)</b> Breaches any of the obligations imposed by GHFA or FNSW By-Laws   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |
| Misconduct (j) Breaches GHFA's or FFA's Code of Conduct   | 1 Month             | 30 Years |