



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC

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President's letter

Greetings to all of you. I hope you have managed to avoid the winter colds & flu.

One thing you have not managed to do is suffer the loss of both game & training time due to the adverse weather conditions. The season is to some extent in turmoil and as a result some games will be lost as we run out of time before grounds are reconfigured for summer sports. The GHFA have been working very hard with both Ryde & Hornsby Councils to secure extra time on available grounds. We will see some night time games scheduled on fields that can provide reasonable lighting. Boronia is not such a ground, North Epping & Epping Oval are two that may come into play. Yes, it is inconvenient but we have to work as a team. That means clubs, players and officials. The leadership from GHFA is to be applauded not criticized. They are doing their best to bring Season 2015 to a satisfactory end.

In the last few weeks much has appeared in the local press about ground closures. Much of it has been rubbish. I have written about this in past issues of Tiger Talk in some detail so I will address a few issues. The main concern has & is player safety. Councils, indeed clubs have to keep this in mind. Consider if a player has a serious injury and it is alleged to have been caused by a problem with the ground. People may want to take legal action. Likewise our player's insurance scheme may withhold paying accounts on the basis of the ground condition being poor. I'm sure you can appreciate that councils, clubs & insurers want to protect themselves from possible legal action.

The grounds are owned by ratepayers. We as clubs lease them. The councils have a duty of care to protect them for the use of the entire community, not just football clubs. I can assure you we as a club work closely with Parramatta Council in the management of Boronia, which is leased directly by us and has been for 64 years, unlike the majority of other clubs whose grounds are leased by GHFA. Thus the standard response on wet days "we are awaiting Ryde & Hornsby Councils to make a decision". Some suggestions made recently is that Councils should inspect on the day of the match rather than Clubs being told Friday at 3:00pm.

How stupid would that be? Consider – what time would inspections occur – 7am? How many inspectors would be needed? The result is ground closed. What's next? GHFA are informed who then inform referees and clubs who then must inform managers who then inform players. Say for example EEW 14/1's are playing KEN at 8:30am at Kenthurst Park. EEW coach requires players to be at the ground at 8am & they have probably left home at 7:15am. How do we turn you around and tell you the ground is closed? No, I am sorry, if that is the best we can come up with give yourself a red card. Finally on this, what do the canteen managers do with their supplies, it is impossible to freeze 300 bread rolls! Some other aspects I may comment on in the future.

Moving on to some more immediate Epping Eastwood news, the Club Dinner tickets are now available. Everyone is most welcome to attend, likewise the Picnic Day at Boronia.

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Speaking of Boronia, you may have read in the NDT plans to revamp the park as a whole including the playing area. It includes a facelift & upgrading of facilities. Submissions closed at the start of the month and your club put on record its objections and put forward suggestions for consideration. We await Councils response and will keep you posted.

You may have noticed an upgrading of the seating adjacent to the canteen and we are expecting a partial turf of the ground to be done by October. Both of these improvements are indeed welcome.

Also in the news this week has been the behavior of senior players and spectators towards referees and, like you we are disappointed that these things happen. It is time in sport that we draw a line in the sand. This is equally true in our sport and it happens close to home within the GHFA of which we are a part. The vast majority of cases that come before the judiciary (GPT) are cases relating to abuse and intimidation of referees not as you may expect by players, but from coaches and managers coupled with spectators and if it is allowed to continue we will find ourselves in a position that more games will be uncovered. Currently GHFA cover more than 90% of games played which is one of the highest of any association in NSW. We are fortunate to have a few of our younger players also working as referees – who knows they could get to the highest level in the fullness of time. When dealing with minors, that is people doing games under 18, it can be intimidating when someone who is older is in the young person's face and going off about a something that in his view the referee missed. Referees make mistakes. They have to call it as they see it. They are in the middle of the action and in most cases have only a second to make the decision. So abusing them is of no help. Likewise, players make mistakes. On balance it is part of the

game. Coaches and managers on the sideline in most cases have extra time to evaluate what they observe and there is no place at the end of the game for abuse or intimidation of the referee. A wise man once said 'If it was that easy we would all want to referee'. Think about it. Let's take the other position and praise and thank the referees because without them we don't truly have a game.

Finally, to be a good player you have to be good in all aspects of the game and likewise a good referee needs to be consistent in their decisions and quickly gain the respect of the players. Easy to say but we all have a part to play. EEW's record this season has been good – let's keep it that way!

Please be aware of the changed driving conditions around the Kent St entrance to the park – Boronia Ave has the right of way. Please be careful.

We have a few Entertainment Books still available. They have been extremely popular this year.

The next couple of weeks are going to be critical for many of our teams as they head to the Finals and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well. I will restrain myself from mentioning them just in case I jinx them! The important thing is to play the game to the best of your ability and to enjoy yourselves. It is an honour to wear the black and gold. So many have done so and today we share that honour with pride, friendship and commitment. Why, because we are the Epping Eastwood Football Club.

Go You Tigers Go!!

Ian Kendal

PS Managers should check the GHFA web page as changes to the draw will occur. We suggest you do so every few days.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK PROFILES U10/3s



Player of the Week 27/6/15

Name: TOBIAS WALKER

How long have you been playing with the Tigers?

5 years

Why did you get player of the week?

"Coming out of the goal box to defend the goal"

Comments about the game:

"The team went well"

Favourite soccer team:

Socceroos

Favourite soccer Player:

Tim Cahill

Player of the Week 27/6/15

Name: LUCAS GARIN

How long have you been playing with the Tigers?

5 years

What was the highlight of the game for you this week?

"When I dribbled past the players on the other team and scored a goal"

Comments about the game:

"Our team put a lot of effort into the game"

Favourite soccer team:

Real Madrid

Favourite soccer Player:

Cristiano Ronaldo

Favourite Lolly: Sour strips

MATCH REPORTS

EEW U10/3 VS NORTH RYDE SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2015

Under blue skies and with a westerly zephyr blowing, the small but appreciative crowd witnessed an entertaining match. From the opening whistle the tigers were immediately on the attack. Some excellent forward pressure by Lucas resulted in a corner to the home side although this was thwarted by the visitors' defence. North Ryde were soon in attack with Lily making a number of expert saves worthy of a call up to the Matildas' squad. Lucas again made some attacking runs deep into the enemy territory but the tigers came up empty handed. This was followed by some dogged defence by Nathan, Rohan, Tim and Oscar. Again Lucas made a run up the right hand side of the field only to see a goal kick as the result. A well organised tiger defence kept the visitors at bay, with Toby, David and Oscar leading the way. Defence transitioned into attack with some spirited work by Rohan and James. The tiger defence finally cracked with 2 quick goals just prior oranges. So at half time it was EEW 0, North Ryde 2. A well-directed half time pep talk and some positional changes by the tigers coaching staff must have been effective as the tigers started the second half with much renewed enthusiasm with fine passages of play resulting in shots on goal by Yasemin and Philip, both saved by the North Ryde keeper. The visitors again attacked the tiger goal with James defending with determination on a number of occasions. Will, aiming to keep a clean sheet, kept the visitors out with some fine saves. The tigers attacked again with a corner kick the result. Both Toby and Tim displayed some excellent heading skills near goal, yet still the tigers could not find that elusive reply. The visitors, despite some scrambling defence by the home side, scored their third. The tigers, not to be outdone, finally scored with a long throw by 'keeper Will to Yasemin who passed to Lucas and GOALLLLLLL!!!! Final score EEW 1, North Ryde 3. Keep your

heads up tigers! The player of the match for the tigers was Rohan.

EEW U13/2: 27TH JUNE VS DURAL UNITED (HAYES PARK)

A bitterly cold morning out in the hillbilly hills for a mid-table clash against Dural. As kick off loomed it became apparent we only had 9 players for the game, against a team that put the Tigers away 3-0 in the previous round. Tigers started well, moving the ball around, using the width and putting players into the forward third. A brilliant corner kick by Liam Bowden, to the far post, landed smack bang on Ben Tsuei's boot. BACK OF THE NET. The Tigers continued to dominate the mid third and contain the back line, although Tom Grinham was certainly tested with some decent shots. When the final whistle sounded, it was EEW 1-0 way to go boys !!

EEW U13/2: 4TH JULY VS GLENHAVEN (BORONIA)

School holidays are pretty much a manager's nightmare, and poor Gabby was again begging for some players from our nearest teams. At the start of the game we had 7 of our regular squad on the park. Thankfully the 13/5's who were playing after us, loaned 4 of their best. In the previous round the Glenhaven boys put the mighty Tigers to the sword 7-0. Once again our passing game and positional play through the mid third was superior, but there were some anxious moments in front of goal as we struggled to clear with purpose. Liam in goals was called upon to make some diving saves, and thankfully he read their shots well. Marina Zhang was taking on some of their best players, working the ball nicely and laying off when support was at hand. There were chances for the forwards, Ben, Corey and Cohen, but nothing in the net. EEW 0-0. A massive thanks to Neil, Ethan, Eric and Terry from the 13/5's who played out of their skin.



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