

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC. ISSUE 3 MAY 2011

President's letter

It seems to me to have been a long time since the last Tiger Talk, mainly due to the Easter holidays and the loss of 2 rounds due to the rain which made the grounds unplayable. Those 2 rounds will be added on at the end of the scheduled games as per the draw you have.

Any further lost games will cut into the Round Robin competition. Let's hope this doesn't happen.

I must say we should all be encouraged by how our park (Boronia) handled the wet period. Remember, April set some records for rainfall and we suffered some training closures. This was nowhere near as bad as we have experienced in past seasons. I have no doubt the fact that work in the off season done to improve the playing surface, along with the drainage, has contributed to the overall improvement and instead of being closed for the week we were able to resume far more quickly.

It is also most gratifying to myself and the Management Committee to receive the very positive feedback about the park, be it the surface or our new nets and other cosmetic changes that have been made. I thank you.

In the next few weeks you will see some new fencing behind the goal post at the canteen end of the ground which should stop balls ending up near the canal and also some supplementary fencing at both ends. Once again, this is a joint venture by Parramatta City Council and the Epping Eastwood Football Club and is all part of trying to improve things for our membership.

One great thing that has happened this season is that the morning games at Boronia Park are all Epping Eastwood teams – in the past we would see mid-morning two non-EEW teams playing. Thus we now see more of our teams and they get the advantage of sharing the facilities we have to offer. This is a result of the GHFA computer system – long may it favor us! On the down side, some 17/21 teams have drawn Sunday games which was not expected. One solution for 2012 is to maybe start these games at 11:45am on Saturdays.

I have had the chance to see some of our All Age teams at play and I must say it's a great joy to watch the effort and enthusiasm that these people are putting in representing your club. Well done!

Our UII Division I along with the 15/1's are about to start in the Sydney Cup Competition and we wish both teams success. Just as important they will gain great experience.

Congratulations to all of our team managers who look after the paperwork. They are doing an outstanding job – the results show – NO fines – that's great news. 10 out of 10 to you all. It would not hurt to give your manager a kind word of thanks.

Team registrations for 2011 U9 through to All Age close with Scott McGoogan next Friday.

Team photos are scheduled for Saturday June 4th at Boronia Park. Please help by being on time and having the correct money for your order. Till next we meet, Go You Tiger's Go!

Regards, lan Kendal 98581605

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Match Reports 2011

12/4S - ROUND I - EEW 6VSWPH I

What an awesome start to the season! This year we welcomed five new players to the team and it seemed like they had been playing together for years. Great teamwork was displayed by all including fabulous passing, and with a sensational backline, we only conceded one goal. New to the team, Patrick showed us what he could do by scoring 2 or was it 3 goals?! He certainly earned the Player of the Match award and all the boys showed they will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Go The Tigers! By the Miller Family

12/4S - ROUND 2 - EEW 3 VS NORTHERN HFC 1

The match between Epping Eastwood Tigers U/12 4s and Northern HFC took place at Boronia Park on Saturday. The Tigers took the lead with the first goal scored by Jack. The Tigers played their positions well and had the ball up most of the time. The second goal, scored by Patrick, had given the Tigers a comfortable lead. Yet again the Tigers scored by Alister putting them in a 3-0 position. During the second half, the Tigers maintained the lead playing well. The opposing team scored a goal toward the end. Overall it was a fantastic effort by the Tigers, each and every player was outstanding. Go the Tigers!! Player of the Match was Marcus for his great defending. By the Alam Family

12/4S - ROUND 5 - EEW I VSYMCA I

The game between Epping Eastwood and YMCA started with our boys kicking off. The first half was even, with both sides making their way up and down the field, but in an unlucky corner, YMCA got the first goal. The Tigers were 1-0 down at the break. When the second half started much of same happened. Each team went up and down the field trying to score. Our boys were passing very well with the ball travelling up the field very quickly. With a couple of minutes left we won a corner, which resulted in a kick going right into the centre. This was the perfect opportunity for Patrick to kick the ball straight into the goal. At full time the game was a draw, 1-1. Player of the Match was Hayden was unanimously voted for by the boys. By the Chaudhary Family

U9/2'S - VS - REDBACKS

This season has seen the boys mixed and matched for the first time and we are starting to see them gel as a team. The trek out to Kenthurst saw us take on old rivals the Redbacks. Confronted with the biggest field the boys have played on, it was apparent from very early in the game that the hard work Gareth has been putting in was starting to pay off with the boys holding a nice structure and knocking the ball around. A tight first half saw the boys go to oranges 1 - 0 up thanks in no small part to some great goalkeeping by Millsy. We had conceded a couple of late goals in the last couple of weeks but the boys have obviously learnt some lessons from that and with concentration and hunger the Tigers got on top and finished with a good 3 - 0 win. Everyone did their job but Joel Anderson in a new sweeping role had a great game and took out MOM honours. Well done boys. By the Bowden Family

ROUND 6 - U12/4 EEW 3 VS CARLINGFORD UNITED 2

With Easter and weeks of bad weather, it had been some time since the boys had played a game in earnest. It was great to see them back on the park. You could see

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everyone was keen to give their best. They started energetically and after only 7 minutes Nathan had posted the team's first goal. With that you could see the team grow in confidence. There was good talking in both attack and defence. Alan took a couple of excellent corners, but good scrambling defence prevented additions to the score. At the other end of the field, Marcus covered well to terminate a couple of good breaks by the Carlingford forwards. At the 18 minute mark, coach made a couple of changes with immediate effect. With his first touch, Jack powered the ball into the net from outside the box. A great shot! 2-0. Not to be outdone, Carlingford replied quickly with one of their own. 2-1.A strong first half by the Tigers. The boys continued to try hard in the second half, although legs were getting weary. Alistair inserted himself tellingly into the game in the second half and was

rewarded with a good goal halfway through the half.Again, Carlingford came back a couple of minutes later with a strong high shot into the back of the net.The score remained at 3-2 to the Tigers to the end of the game. It was great to get a win and satisfying to see good communication, good passing and through-balls, and generally solid defence throughout.Well done, boys. Man of the match for this week was Marcus. Go the Tigers!

We welcome your comments and team reports (no more than 50 words). This year we would like to incorporate some action photos. Please email your comments to eewtiger@tpg.com.au by Wednesday morning each week.

Make a note:

Friday, May 27th

Registrations close

Saturday, June 4th

Photo Day at Boronia

Saturday, September 17th

Annual Club Dinner



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