



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

In the last issue of TigerTalk, I wrote about the Finals being reduced to 1 vs 2 because of the number of washouts we have had this season. We are all aware of the rain we have had in the last week and how slowly the grounds are drying. Combine this with the lack of grounds available and you have a recipe for a shortened competition. The next few weeks could be difficult. We can control many things but not the weather and we have to vacate grounds for summer sports by August 30th.

In reviewing Junior team performances to date, U9 – U17's, we are overall pleased with their performances and the remaining games in some cases could lead to Premierships. By and large, our team gradings have proved to be correct.

Our 35/1's have again won the Premiership with a few games up their sleeve – can they go on to the finals & Champion of Champions. That's the objective. This is a very talented group of players. What they lack in speed they more than compensate for with their skills.

Likewise the 35/7's are in a strong position in the run to the Premiership. This is particularly pleasing as we are looking at a group made up mainly of dads from within your club who, under the watchful eye of Mr Madden are enjoying themselves and importantly believe they can put themselves into the Grand Final – why not?

To all of our teams in the run home – good luck and remember, Tigers never give up!

The Club's Annual Dinner will be held at The Epping Club on Saturday 17th September. Tickets are available now at \$50 each or \$70 per couple. The Committee has decided to hold the pricing as last year and was encouraged by the increase in the

number of ladies who attended. We hope this will continue. We have an excellent guest speaker and a great menu. Book now through the canteen or phone 9858 1605 or through your team manager. Payment by cash, cheque or credit card (minus merchant fees) is accepted. Why not make up a table – it is open to all from minis through to All Age.

Back to football. We really appreciate the favorable comments we are receiving from visitors and our own membership about the improvements to the playing surface at Boronia along with the recently completed high fencing. These improvements are as a result of the outstanding support of our sponsors. We are currently seeking further advice on what further work can be done to make the playing surface even better and don't forget those unique coloured box nets – yes Tigers you have never looked so good.

The Club Picnic and Presentation Day is scheduled for Sunday September 11th at Boronia Park. This is a family day with trophies for U6 through to U16's. We plan to have a giant slide and jumping castle for the mini teams along with the usual icecreams & treats. There will be a sausage sizzle for everyone. It is open to all our Epping Eastwood family and it is free.

In the next few weeks your team manager will be collecting shirts. Please ensure you have a spare shirt on collection day and give the manager every assistance as they get ready to return them to the club.

I am delighted to report after much activity by your committee, over a long period of time, that all the plumbing in the sheds has been renewed – taps, shower heads, toilet pans & cisterns. The savings in water and repairs will more than pay the costs. These

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items were originally installed in the early 90's.
Finally, our thoughts are with our Treasurer, Darren Freeman who recently lost his father. Some of our senior players would remember Greg Welsh (Winston) who tragically lost a baby girl last week. From our family (EEW) to theirs, we extend our sympathy.
Till next we meet,
Go You Tiger's Go!

Regards,
Ian Kendal
98581605

HAVING A GO

The name "Lewis" like many others such as French, Harris and Corringham to name a few are an institution within the family club so we are pleased to report that one of our family has started up a new business to which he brings a massive amount of practical experience.

David Lewis has played for the Tigers since U6 and is still playing today in our over 35/5's.

Maybe he can be of help to some of our readers.

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MANCHESTER UNITED GURU VISITS EPPING EASTWOOD FC ANNUAL DINNER AT THE EPPING CLUB SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Tiger Talk Editor,

It is good to see that the Epping Eastwood FC tradition of attracting both highest quality and very interesting speakers to their Annual Dinner is continuing in 2011.

And what a story this years speaker has to tell.

It is a real coup to have a speaker with experience as the Academy Director for the official Manchester United Youth Development Program throughout Oceania, as Co-ordinator of the NSW Olympic Athletes Program, with senior coaching appointments with the Queensland Soccer Federation, Soccer Tasmania and the New South Wales Institute of Sport, at this event.

Not only does Tony Walmsley have all of this experience, he is currently Academy & Development Manager and NYL Head Coach at the Mariners, having previously been Director of Football at the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association (GHFA).

The story of Tony's football journey and the insights that he can give, linking the experiences of Epping Eastwood FC, through the GHFA junior and senior ranks, to the A-League, on to opportunities for juniors with the mighty Manchester United, is unique indeed.

Congratulations on securing another quality speaker to Epping Eastwood.

I trust that the evening will be the success that it deserves to be.

With Best Regards,

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MATCH REPORTS 2011

2/7/11 21/2'S EPPING EASTWOOD 2 - 1 WEST PENNANT HILLS

The boys continued their winning ways making it three from three against the top team on Saturday, however it wasn't without incident as more poor refereeing saw the tigers reduced to 10 men in the second half. The game started off with all the early proceedings indicating that it may not be our day as, first, Sam hit the post when one on one in the opening minute before Adam also hit the post from the same position before having a penalty saved. The game proved to be a more even fixture than our last two and with tackles flying in thick and fast it proved to be a physical and dogged performance that saw our boys come away with three points. With the possession evenly split it was the tigers who scored first, Sam finishing off a neat move from a quick free kick directed by Nathan. More chances came our way however credit must go to the opposing goalkeeper who kept them in it with spectacular save after save denying Sam, Adam and Nathan again. The second half display was overshadowed by a poor series of refereeing mistakes as offside's and free kicks were



somehow directed against us, and when Haj was crudely tackled and the referee blew the free kick in the other direction, not only did Robbie receive his marching orders, but two unruly injured players were also dismissed from the tigers bench. The second tigers goal came briefly before the incident as a Nathan shot ricocheted off the crossbar to Robbie's feet for him to sweep it home, 2-0. After being reduced to 10 men, defensive lapses became evident and when West Penno's number six was left unmarked off a corner he dully headed the ball home to make it 2-1. The remaining minutes were a nail biter for all Tigers fans as we defended courageously and kept West Penno at bay despite being reduced to 9 men at times as players received treatment for cramps. What a relief it was when the full time whistle sounded as the Tigers continued their brilliant form at the latter end of the season beating the top placed team in the comp. Well done to all the boys for their spirited defending and play against the odds, job well done.

Cameron Laundry.

25/6/11: 21/2'S EPPING EASTWOOD 10 - 0 HILLS HAWKS

Another week, another thrashing, as the boys continued their good form in the latter half of the season. Coming off the back of an 11 - 1 victory almost 3 weeks ago (thanks to a lot rain!!), the boys were full of confidence going in to today's game. And so it proved as braces from Sam, Kieran, Nathan and Adam coupled with a goal each from Robert and Michael (and what a goal Michael's was!!) saw another handy three points bolster our position, and goal difference, on the table. With only ten men Hills Hawks struggled to retain possession as the Tigers slick passing play made for a joy to watch. And with barely 5 minutes on the clock we struck first, as Sam broke into the box and tucked away a nice left footed goal. It was Michael Lynch's turn to score next, and what a goal it was! A poor goal kick from the Hawks goalie landed at Michael's feet far out on the touch line, and without hesitation, Michael superbly chipped the ball back over the keeper leaving everyone amazed and stunned. From then on in the game never looked like turning, as one after the other the ball hit the back of the net. Long throws from Nathan proved a danger the whole game and Kieran took full advantage nodding in from 6 yards twice. Robbie again scored, proving the demon of the post was long behind him, and the captain himself, Adam, contributed to the romp with two goals as well. Nathan, fresh after being just subbed on also scored a brace (either side of the interval) leaving the tigers 8-0 up at half time. The second half was marred by a terrible injury as Kieran's knee gave way seeing him leave the field for hospital in some pain, not a pleasant sight. Sam scored his second after a beautiful cross from Adam left him unmarked in the box. And Nathan rounded out the scoring late on. 10 - 0 at full time and what a one sided game it was. The teams thoughts go out to Kieran as we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the field soon.
Cameron Laundry.

25/6/11: 12/4'S EPPING EASTWOOD 1 - 0 EPPING YMCA

After not playing their best and drawing with the Y earlier in the season, the boys were determined to show just what they could do. Our defence held up against their fast and furious forwards, and after an uncountable number of attempts at goal, the Tigers had their first and only goal. How sweet it was and a fabulous effort from all the boys!

2/7/11: 12/4'S EPPING EASTWOOD 1 - 0 CARLINGFORD UNITED

Everyone arrived bright and early at Boronia and ready for the challenge against one of the fairly solid teams - Carlingford United. The game started off with a bang as the only goal of the game came in the early part of the first half by the fantastic skills of Alister. Throughout the game our team had quite a few shots at goal but the other team's defence held strong. They also had a few shots at our goal but to no avail as our team defended very well. Even though the result indicates a game that was fairly even, it was our team that was in control for most of the match so the 1 - 0 score line doesn't show the great play that was made by all of our players. Overall the game was an attacking one but the defence was also brilliant. It is clear to see the team is working together better week by week and it is showing in their great results.

9/7/11: 12/4'S EPPING EASTWOOD 2 - 0 GLENHAVEN

Against an under-strength yet resilient Glenhaven, our game began with an early intense midfield duel with neither team offering any scoring chances. Eventually the combined pressure of our Tigers proved too much for the opposition and Hayden, playing up front, made a cross into goal from right wing which confounded the keeper and Hayden as well, by going into the net! Glenhaven wasn't to be discounted though as their forwards made some



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dangerous forays into our half, but it was great flying defence from Nathan and some determination from Sam which kept them out. Josh made a great run up the left wing and was unlucky not to score, but after that the game devolved into some rubbishy football where neither side seemed to put any thought into a passing game. As often happens against under-strength teams, they often play above their weight and Zander in goals was required to pull off a massive diving save in his goal box to stop a certain goal. I think this sparked the team up a little and you could see Jamie go the muscle outmanoeuvring his opponents. This led to something I have not see before, Jake on a breakaway in midfield with a perfectly weighted through pass to Hayden who was able to get his second for the day. The second half started with a rise in tempo with an early strike on goal from Dean on the counter and Allen mixing it up there as well. Robin came through with a last man defence on a Glenhaven run, but really the screws were tightening on them as persistent tackling by the likes of Jamie, Alister and Marcus, was key to foiling any further Glenhaven aggression. Of particular note were Robin and Jamie working well off each other in defence, covering for the other when one committed to a tackle.

While our second half wasn't rewarded with a goal, the Glenhaven forwards were pretty much neutralised and didn't have any more impact on the game. Alister, Josh and Jamie pretty much had it all wrapped up there. Zander could pretty much pick his nose for the last 20 minutes of the game. The last memorable play on our part was an example of the beautiful game at its finest, Dean to Allen to Nathan to Jake to Allen again and the only thing missing was the ball going into the net at the end.

Well done to all and a well deserved Man of the Match to Jake.

16.7.11: U9/2 EPPING EASTWOOD 0 – 0 WEST PENNANT HILLS

The Tigers 8-match winning run finally came to an end in an entertaining 0-0 draw with West Pennant Hills. With Charlie ruled out for 5 weeks with a broken wrist and top scorer Cameron away on international duty, the boys had to step up and they started strongly with a couple of good chances to Adam and Ryan drawing excellent saves from the WPH goalie. It looked like a matter of time before we scored to continue our great run but the WPH defence stood strong. WPH are a much improved team from earlier in the year and the game evened out in the second half. A strong defensive performance was needed from Aaron, Will, Luke and Joel to shut out the WPH attackers. At the other end Liam and Connor both came close to scoring after good assists from Millsy and Tom H. Overall, a fair result which keeps the mighty Tigers on top of the ladder with two games to play.

16/7/11: MAKE UP GAME FROM ROUND 3: 12/4'S EPPING EASTWOOD 0 - 5 EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS

School holiday games are always difficult but the Tigers put up a brave defence against our old foes, Eastwood St Andrews. They seem to be the only team who can get the better of us. We had lost to them earlier in the season and unfortunately the boys were unable to correct this record going down 5-0 at Boronia Park. The score line, however, does not reflect the heroic efforts of our goal keeper, Nikhil, nor the dogged defensive play of many members of the team. The Tigers did not put on their best performance of the season and they all know the team is capable of turning the tables on Eastwood St Andrews. We hope we will get the chance to do so as the finals draw closer. Man of the match went to Alexander Lyndon - well done!



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