



# TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## President's letter

Today (12th) is photo day and in many respects it is an historic day as today's photos will go into the archives of the club as they represent the 60th Birthday of your club.

Sixty years is a long time and I am sure back in 1952 the last thing the founders of the club would have thought about was where the club would be down the track. So, here we are, the senior and respected club within GHFA and you are a part of that. Sometimes we feel life in our world is difficult – how must it have been back in 1952 when you start with nothing except a desire to get a club up and running which we now call the Epping Eastwood Football Club. We are indeed fortunate to still have some among us who played for the club in 1952. We hope they are as proud of us today as we are of their efforts 60 years ago.

Last weekend we commenced a mentoring program directed to our mini and junior teams which has been well received. This has been devised and implemented by our Premier League players and they are to be congratulated for their efforts. The program is being co-ordinated by Mark McLaren. The main objective is to provide additional assistance to players and coaches by making suggestions for improvements to how and what we do and to feed back to the management of the club on what services need to improve and identify potential talent that would benefit from additional assistance. All of the Premier League players are committed to the program and it is hoped that all teams will be visited at least 3 times during the season. We can all be part of the concept, it is called "putting back" into the club one's talents and experience and that is to be applauded.

Moving on to some house keeping matters, parents are not allowed to enter the field of play under any circumstances to treat an injured player. The referee will call on the coach or manager to attend to a player. We appreciate this can be difficult.

Likewise, you cannot question a referee's decision after or during a game. In the case of a player receiving a card, only the team manager at the conclusion of the game can talk with the referee.

The role of the referee is to apply the rules of the game and to protect the players. It is not always easy and the last thing the referee needs is someone in his face. As a wise man once said "If it was that easy we would all want to do it". Let's make the referee welcome. There are procedures in place if we want or need to question their actions.

Tickets are now available for the Club Dinner on June 23rd and I urge you to take advantage of the early bird discounts that apply. Full details are in the last Tiger Talk. It is pleasing to report some teams are combining to make a table. Everyone is welcome. See more details later in this issue and on our website.

We also have an extensive range of merchandise to offer starting with key rings at \$6:50, polo shirts at \$30:00, coffee mugs at \$10:00 with bottomless coffee – conditions apply, caps at \$12:50 and umbrellas at \$35:00. Call in to Boronia and have a look. All are quality products, celebrating 60 years.

Thanks for all the team reports and the photos in this issue – keep them coming!

That's it till next we meet,

Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal

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# MATCH REPORTS 2012

## UNDER 7 GREEN

Holly molly, what a game: a 3 zip lead which slowly turned to be a tense 3-2, a poor little supporter on the side who was literally swept away by the force of our defence kick (ball in the face, body on the horizontal and down for the count), some great defence (how the Redback did not score with the ball flirting on our goal line??), an action pack game in front of Josh, our premier league player who kindly came and cheered for the boys. Great effort from all the boys: Oscar was everywhere and specially in defence, Lucas and David scored goals following tenacious chase, Alex was able to run out and kick the ball in the net, Chris and Jet shown their solid kicks to propel the team forward, Jo and Eric fought hard in the middle to stop the opposition and turn the ball in favour. Fantastic camaraderie among the team, supportive parents who enjoyed their sunny Saturday morning, let's continue to roar Tigers, the Green (& yellow) machine is on the roll.

**Arnaud**

## UNDER 7 YELLOW B'S

It was a crisp morning at Ron Payne Oval when the Tigers got together to play against the North Epping Rangers. The game took off but the Tigers were caught in defense. There was some jaw dropping moments and "Ahhh"s from the sidelines as the team worked their defense strategy. Ashton powered through the Rangers with the ball only to lose it at the last minute. Then the boys would race back with Alex setting off to tackle the first player he came up against. Jay would come in close behind and use his powerful kick to turn the ball away from the goal. By half time the boys were down 3-0 and were feeling disheartened, but Super Coach Des fired them up by telling them how good they had been and to make sure they were "first to the ball". The second half started and David had listened and was first on the

ball, passing it onto James who used the footwork he had learnt this week at training and took the ball all the way into the goal! The Tigers cheered and whooped as they now knew they were back in the game. Xavier then showed off his new tricky footwork and kicked the ball so that his teammates could take it. David again raced after it with Phillip close behind. He passed it to Phillip who with one of his tremendous kicks scored our second goal. The team was elated. They then went back and tried again and again to score those other goals only to be pushed back by the Rangers. Philip was named Player of the match for his fantastic defensive skills and footwork in scoring our second goal. It was a great game to watch and we look forward to more to come. Go you little Tigers!!!

**Michael**

## UNDER 7 YELLOW A'S

U/7 Yellow a's enjoyed having premier league player Mark at their game against Roselea on Saturday. Mark's focus was to encourage passing between players and the second half saw great improvement. Thanks Mark for taking the time to come to our game.

**Susan**



## UNDER 18

4 games into the new season and the Under 18's are starting the look the goods. The squad was "promoted" to Division 1 this year and, despite some apprehension at first, have started to look like a Division 1 team. 2 wins and 2 losses is the net result and we have demonstrated that the squad is learning from the losses when confronted by lesser opposition.

14 of 15 players in the squad are busy doing HSC this year, so soccer has become a great outlet away from the books.

Commitment to training has been high as has the focus when game day comes around. Highlights of the season to date have been the wing play of Josh Jenkins and the goal celebrations of Nick McFarlane (The supporters want to see more handstands, Nick)

**Garry**

## U8S REPORT

Feels nice to report that the undefeated run of the U8s continues this week, with a level game against Thornleigh at the Ron Payne Park, North Epping. In contrast to the last week, we had the luxury of 2 subs. We started with Bryan defending our goal - the first half saw some intense soccer, with Thornleigh finding the nets on a couple of occasions. Eric did a great job in the second half.

The break saw our Mentors from the Premier League team, Mark and Alex, giving the team a pep talk and some important tips. The team was asked to focus more on Marking, with one of the members to stand as a Defender at all times, and one as a Striker, to make most of the moves. It was great to have the Mentors around for these insights. Thanks guys - please join us again - we value your input.

And you know what, our little Tigers did follow the advise from the mentors to the 'T', and we saw the Tigers levelling scores

after some brilliant attacks, and defence. Not to mention, our Tigers made many more attempts, a tad unlucky to find the post or just miss the nets. All in all, it was a delight to see the team coming together as a unit, and the players enjoying the game. Alex was our "Player of the Week" for the hard work he did defending as well as creating the opportunities.

The season is picking up, and boy, its looking more exciting by each game!!!

**William**

## UNDER 10/4'S



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