



# TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## President's letter

Well, here we are at the halfway point of the competition. As they say, "time flies when you are having fun". I hope that we are all together having fun and making new friends along the way. If we are then we are achieving one of our objectives.

Last Sunday, along with the Vice President and others we went along to watch and encourage our 45/1's who had won their 2 most recent outings. Today unfortunately, against the leading team they came home with a loss. That really doesn't matter, (the coach would disagree with me), what is important is that one, we can field a team and two, they enjoy playing the game. We have here a group who exhibit a strong (and growing) bond with each other who are playing in the highest grade, giving their all to the game and each other. You can't ask for more and there are lessons for us all to be learnt from their efforts. The game ended and the mini bus from the "the twilight home" turned up. We packed the 2 zimmer frames and the oxygen bottles and away they went. Recovery takes a while but they will be back to do it all again as only a Tiger player can.

The next game was the 18/1's and in comparison the game was played at lightning speed and the result a stunning 4-0 victory. As I watched I could see potential players for Premier League. Who was that No 13 – he never stopped and that kid, No 4 who drilled one in along the ground faster than a speeding bullet, from 20 metres or was it 30 metres out, into the net and left everyone else standing. Of course, there were others but my eyes are not that good. They don't have to be because what I saw was a team effort on the field and the same off the field as the coffee and lamingtons

were enjoyed by the spectators. Great stuff – yes I am a Tiger and you the reader are fortunate to be a part of that experience. Enjoy it and be part of it!

On the same theme, our overall results are pleasing. If you look at the Junior 9's – 16's we have 10 teams out of 13 in the top 4 with one right at the top with a handy margin – should I say who? – don't want to put the mocca on them, so better not, maybe next letter.

Looking at All Age U18 to Premier League, some of these teams are only 1 point short of the top 4 and we have a couple of teams who are well out. Easy for me to say it doesn't matter for I am aware it matters to them. The main point is they are trying – what more can you ask? Maybe one factor is we are playing in the wrong grade – that's not going to stop the effort to improve their ranking.

A big thanks to all of you who have taken advantage of the early bird pricing for the dinner on June 23rd. Numbers at this time exceed 250 people and as I write we are still issuing tickets. Your support will make it a fantastic evening for the Epping Eastwood family. You still have time. Early bird prices end this Saturday, June 2nd.

As I write this I am acutely aware that some of you are going through some difficult to extreme family problems. Words don't help but I would like to believe that our Epping Eastwood family's thoughts and wishes are being channelled to you and yours at this difficult time.

That's it till next we meet,  
Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal

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## MATCH REPORTS 2012



### EEW 12/4'S THE SEASON SO FAR...

The 12/4's are a brand new team most of whom not having played for EEW before, so the evolution of the team has been interesting. We've seen the team grow from a group of boys with varying abilities, to now starting to show the attributes of a team that can win. It has been melded into a more cohesive unit under the direction of experienced coach Maurice Doria who is ably assisted by assistant coach Chris Grinham.

They started the comp with a 3-1 loss, but did create many more opportunities than Kenthurst in that match.

The following week saw the team front up to the Carlingford Spiders where they had too many chances to count where despite dominating possession & attack the team ended up with a 2-2 draw with goals from Marcus and Lachlan H.

Round 3 saw them face a much tougher (top of the table) All Saints, there were few chances for either side in this match, but Marcus created the best, hitting the woodwork in the top right corner. It unluckily bounced the wrong way, end result was a scoreless draw.

Round 4 was WPH at home @ Boronia where the team



drew inspiration from mentor Liam. The passing particularly in the second half saw them play most of the game in the opposition half. There were 2 runaway goals by Tom in the first half and a third by Marcus in the second half which was setup by Lachlan M. 3-0. Rounds 5 & 6 were local derby's against NER & Roselea. NER were bottom of the table so the boys were expecting an easy win. A 2-1 win it was, but easy it wasn't with NER getting the first goal & our team just managing to get 2 with the decider coming a minute or so before full time. Roselea we thought would be a harder task, however our teamwork was much better than in the previous game earning us a 4-1 win with 2 goals to Lachlan H, 1 to Marcus & a first goal for the season to Lachlan M. Everyone in the team has made valuable contributions in defence, midfield, goal keeping, passing, etc all of which are just as important as the exploits of the goal scorers which were all I could mention in a short catchup article. The next couple of weeks may be tougher with a couple of injuries, but that is the test of a good team. Let's see the improvements continue, the team continue to grow & the number of dogs wearing the EEW jersey multiply!

**Stephen**

### U7 GREEN VS YMCA (19 MAY)

The battle of the school yard... Epping vs. YMCA, so many players from both side are school mates at West Epping or Epping Heights, and as a result the pre-game high-fives/jokes turned quickly into a real tense game as soon as the whistle, tough but fair.

The Tigers opened the score from a great strike from Jet, YMCA replied pretty soon. The boys turned up the heat with Lucas scoring again. Then it was a great battle with two committed teams on the park. YMCA got a lucky blocking tackle to level the score and the momentum carried them with another two goals. The boys felt a bit shattered after the game, some egos will be

tested Monday morning in the school yard, but hey that's football. Another great commitment from all the boys, we appreciated that Chris even sick came over to cheer his teammates. C'mon Tigers, heads up, we will again enjoy our footy next Saturday.

**Arnaud**

### **UNDER 7 YELLOW B'S**

It was a blustery, cold day at Meadowbank Park. Today we were up against a team of old rivals in the West Ryde Rovers. The Tigers were determined this time to give them a good game and were ready for battle. The Rovers were first to score but no one could beat Jay's strong, straight and true kick from midfield that scored our first goal of the game. The team was fired up now as we drew 1-1. James followed shortly after by tackling the Rovers and headed straight for the goal and scored! The fans cheered on the sidelines as we were in the lead. The Rovers then used some tricky maneuvers and scored again. It was a tit-for-tat game. The boys banded together and passed the ball to Jay who with another of his great kicks scored again. At one point in the game the boys were concentrating so hard they didn't even hear the whistle blow! Just before half time Phillip made his first of many attempts at the goal but missed with only centimetres to spare. We were 3-3 at half time. At the break Super Coach Des encouraged the team and told them they were in with a chance to beat their rivals but had to keep strong. The Rovers came out strong and hard. David stopped the ball from the goal using his chest. This took the wind from his sails but not for long. Xavier too tried hard to save the ball from the goal by great passing to his team. Ashton then took the ball and kept the ball close to him using his dribbling technique. Amazing, no one could get it from him and he took the ball all the way to the goal! Yay the players all cried! The Rovers then made their tactical move and we were again caught

chasing the ball in defense. Alex made some great passes to his team to try and score more goals but to no avail. In the end we were again defeated by our foes. It was an amazing game to watch. All the boys showed great improvement from the week before. Ashton for his defensive moves and great technique was named our Player of the Match. Look forward to next week. Go you little Tigers!!!

**Naomi & Evelyn**

### **U14/3 VS WPH (19 MAY)**

#### **SCORE: 0-1**

This game was our first defeat of the season. The score was 1-0 to West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook. We were down by one player for most of the game due to an early red card. Considering that, the Tigers pulled off a fantastic game and we may be able to beat them with a full team the next time we meet. The player of the match was Alex Zheng, for fantastic defending against a continuous onslaught of attackers.

**Jongsuk**

### **U14/3 EEW VS GLENHAVEN**

#### **SCORE 2-1**

With the 7th game of the season and having lost our only match the previous week, this game was important for the confidence of the Epping Eastwood Tigers to win again. All the team were in high spirits and there was a feeling of can do.

Glenhaven had beaten West Penno in their earlier league match and this made the task more daunting. We had to win to stay in the lead. The match was at Boronia Park, our home ground. This gave a great moral boost as this season we had not lost any game on our turf. The game started and there was continued pressure of Glenhaven attack.

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*They dominated possession of the ball throughout the first half. As our defence was in constant pressure the team fell back to save goals. This resulted in no forward available to attack and made our defence tired, eventually resulting in a goal in favour of Glenhaven. The first half ended 1-0 against us.*

*This first half disaster did not deter our spirits and we regrouped during the break. The midfield and forwards took charge of the ball in the second half and we were able to break through to strike twice with Richard scoring both*

*goals. To the relief of all the game finally ended 2-1 in our favour. The Coach's advice to go wide and attack played a vital role in our victory.*

*The team really missed our regular goal keeper, Kasia, but Matthew did a great job filling in. Player of the match was Alex F whose aggressive defence kept us in the game.*

**Rick**

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