

TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Well, the major topic for discussion is the weather. We are all saying the same thing – we have had enough of the rain. Some of our readers day to day activities are being affected. People like builders and gardeners and of course mums with small children having to keep them amused indoors.

Closer to home our football activities over the last 2 weeks has been hopeless as the grounds have been closed for training and I suspect this is going to continue. We are, as indeed are all clubs, affected by the weather and none of us can do anything about it.

Last week we moved all the morning games, along with some other clubs and managed to open for the afternoon games. The day after it poured down and Boronia, along with other grounds was under 50mm of water and since then it has not had time to dry out and recover. As I write this I have doubts we will play this Saturdays games (16th June). I hope I am wrong.

These conditions affect the competition. If it is a complete wash out this weekend there is enough time built into the competition to make up the round. If it happens again then the



Eastwood Oval

playoff rounds are affected and are reduced. If it becomes really bad you could see $\,$ I $\,$ v $\,$ 2 for the Championship.

The games lost last weekend (Sunday / Monday) will become double headers down the track.

I am grateful to our team managers who pass the information out as changes are made and also to you the players and parents who manage to adjust to the changes.

At this point I/we acknowledge the work that GHFA do to accommodate the changes. The timeframe they have is short as they have to await advice from 3 different councils as to what grounds are available. Sometimes it is as late as 3pm Friday before they can reschedule matches.

Council decisions are based on safety and possible ground damage. They take their responsibilities, particularly in regards to player safety, as we do, very seriously.

Enough about the weather. The 60th Birthday Dinner is Saturday 23rd June and bookings close this weekend. We have 260 people attending so far. If you wish to be part of the celebration phone me now on 0468 718 056 or 9858 1605.

Thanks for the team reports. Keep them coming.

In the Club Championship (that is all teams in the GHFA) we are currently ranked 11th spot and have been moving up in the second half of the competition.

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

Ian Kendal

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MATCH REPORTS



EEW 10/1 V NORTH RYDE 3-0

It was great to see the Epping Eastwood 10/1's we know back on the field this weekend after a 3 losses during which time the boys seemed to lack their normal level of enthusiasm. We were determined to win the ball today and every boy was enthusiastic to get involved. Cam had without doubt his best game of the year winning all his 50/50 challenges and threatneing regularly in front of goal. Our first goal came early following some prolonged pressure in front of the opposition goal - a goal mouth scramble resulted and Tom was first to the ball and pushed it over the line for our first goal. In the second half the coach threw Millsy up front and after recieving a well weighted pass from William A, Millsy held off a couple of opposition defenders and hammered home past the keeper to make it 2-0. Late in the game after some good build up play Charlie received a pass outside the box and finished off the 3-0 win with a well placed lob over the keeper. Man of the match this week was awarded to Will C for his tireless work at the back to keep a clean sheet, but in truth the whole team deserved the award after getting the season back on track today with a good win. As the coach keeps telling the boys we are as good as anyone in 10/1's and can play an attractive brand of football provided we turn up every week, get first to the ball and win our challenges. We look ahead now to a tough encounter against the undefeated Kenthurst who sit top of the table and have not dropped points all year to anyone - except us. Good luck boys.

EEW 10/1 V KENTHURST 0-3

A tough game today for the boys against the undefeated competition leaders Kenthurst who we managed a draw with first round. After a long drive out to Kenthurst on a cold wintery morning we also learnt our star goal keeper Aaron had sprained his wrist and could not play. Liam willingly stepped in to fill the role and did a great job all game, pulling off a couple of valuable saves. The game started promisingly and we spent the first 5 or 10 minutes camped in the Kenthurst half, having a couple of great opportunities which went agonisingly wide. The boys again showed good enthusiasm and strong determination throughout the game but Kenthurst are a dangerous team and slowly but surely got themselves back into the game. At half time we were down 1-0 but had without doubt been very competitive. Gareth reminded the boys of the need to stick with our players, not jump in against some of the skilful Kenthurst strikers and to keep winning our challenges. We pushed another player forward in the second half in an attempt to get oursleves back on level terms, however Kenthurst managed to score 2 break away goals and ended up victors 3-0. The end scoreline was not neccessarily a true reflection of the game and didn't show how competitive our boys actually were. If a couple of our early chances had gone our way we could have easily taken the points in todays game. Not to worry - we'll no doubt get another chance to play Kenthurst in the semi finals later in the season. Well done to Charlie today who earnt player of the match for his tireless work all across the field both in defence and attack.

EEW U9/5 V NORMANHURST

The Epping Eastwood Tigers under 9s played great football and brought home their second win in 2 weeks at Ruddock Park, Westleigh. Both teams put on an entertaining first half and went into the break 1-1 with a lucky goal by Normanhurst and plenty of pressure being applied by the Tigers attack. The second half saw a more spirited effort by Normanhurst but the Tigers defence stood firm and kept them out. A brilliant team effort by the Tigers finished with a driving goal from 15 meters saw the Tigers make the decisive move of the match and bring home a well earned result from a tough morning on the paddock for the boys who only had one substitute to work with compared to Normanhurst's 6. The result puts them on 16 points and in 2nd place on the ladder. Well done to our coaches, David and Cyrus. Thanks for your great job.

Paul

EEW U14/3 V YMCA 2-1 WIN

It was a chilly morning on the 8th game of the season. We were up against a team we defeated easily in the first game of the season. But it wasn't a easy game this time. They constantly pressured us with long balls into danger areas. Because of this tactic they managed to clinch a goal in the first half. The coach's inspirational word at half time inspired us for the extra "bite" and energy we lacked. Ekam knocked in 2 goals and also won the Man of the Match award for his efforts and hard work.

Dylan

EEW U7 GREEN V ROSELEA B 2/06/12

This weekend, the boys had a good fight against a very strong Roselea team, especially 2 players with advanced foot works for their age. As usual we started on a high tempo even with 4 players to begin with and we were rewarded with great goals from David and Jet. Talking about foot works, Oscar did a smooth run through the opposition



defence and scored our 3rd goal of the day. Unfortunately we became under increasing pressure during the second half and Roselea was able to equalise by the end of the game. Our game started really to shape up nicely with the wings/striker combination in progress. Chris used his powerful kicks and defended like a true Tiger, Lucas was hassling their defence and made some good runs, Jo and Eric run their guts off to contain the opposition. Same place, same club (well the "a" team this time), nearly same time next week, Tigers let's continue to improve our team display next Saturday.

Arnaud

EEW U7YELLOW B V U7YELLOW A

Once again we met up against our EEW Tigers "yellow a" team and what a great contest it was with both teams showing much improvement and showing great team play. The "yellow b's" were much more focused on the basics this week in chasing down the ball, passing to team mates and being first to the ball. Alex showed great defensive skills and has really taken a step up in his skills, even putting his body on the line a few times and still pushing through to keep defending. Philip chased down a few long balls and kept the opposition at bay. Ashton continued to show his eagerness



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Successful construction with PERI 116 Glendenning Road, Glendenning 2761 ph: (02) 8805 2300 Web: www.periaus.com.au to be first to the ball and Xavier put in a good kick out the back line to save a goal. James showed some great balls skills this week and certainly attacked very well amongst the pack. Jay continued to show his long kicking skills with a long range goal and some large sideline kicks. David demonstrated improvements in all areas earning him player of the match this week. The game was very even through

out with one team scoring and then the opposition, ending in a 4 all draw, both teams should be proud of their achievements this week.

Sharon

.... date to be announced! ...

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