



### Media Centre

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### Senior Team Report – to April 2011

After 12 weeks of pre-season training starting back on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Senior and Reserve teams kicked off their Provisional League 3 S-E season last Saturday at Bailey Reserve. Steve Papaioannou has continued on as Senior coach, as well as Hans Anker as Reserves coach. With numbers not high enough to fill an under 18 team, many youngsters have been promoted to the senior ranks, which in turn has allowed the Thirds team to continue with total players at the mid-40 mark. Michael Lambos will be taking over as coach of the 3rds team.

This transition has given the coaches a chance to see some of these young men in action during pre-season games that have been played and it has been a positive experience. The average age for senior players at the Club is now 24 years old (down from 27 last year!), which goes to show plenty of young talent is moving up through the junior ranks to play for the seniors which is fantastic and in keeping with the Club's emphasis on junior development, and providing a pathway into senior football.

In another step forward for the Club, the senior team was entered into the Mirabella Cup - A state wide FA Cup style competition for all clubs in Victoria, including Melbourne Victory and Melbourne Heart. East Bentleigh was drawn in round 1 to play league rivals Brighton SC, and after a slow start conceding an early goal we fought back and dominated the game scoring an equaliser in the second half through veteran Joel Shaw, taking the game into extra time. A second goal by Joel in extra time sealed a 2-1 win, and a place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round at the Club's first attempt!

Unfortunately the fairytale ended there, as we were defeated the following week by a more disciplined and well drilled Bayside Argonauts team who are a division higher, but it was great to see the Club involved in Cup football again and the chance at mixing it with some big teams. There will no doubt be more interest next year to better this 2<sup>nd</sup> round effort!

It was also fantastic to see 5 players under 21 getting their chance in the senior team in the cup - Anthony McCarthy(20), Cameron Anker(18), Sebastian Oliver(18), Jamie Dimopoulos(17) & Keegan Stewart(17), all held their own against senior opposition and are setting the tone for the future of the seniors and club in general.

All players & parents are encouraged to come down to the Club on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> for the "Welcome Day BBQ" and to cheer the senior and reserve teams on as they take on Rowville Eagles in round 2 of the league season. Reserves at 1pm & Seniors at 3pm.

### Important Dates

Welcome BBQ Saturday,	9 <sup>th</sup> April
Soccer Clinic Starts Sunday,	11 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday, Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
ANZAC Day, Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> April
ANZAC Day, Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> April

### Season Kick –Off

- Men's Saturday,	2/April
- Goalkick, Saturday	30/April
- U7 Sub-Juniors, Saturday	7/May
- U8+, Saturday	30/April
- Juniors, Sunday	1/May

### Seniors Home Game Schedule.

R2 Vs Rowville Eagles	9 <sup>th</sup> April.
R4 Vs Old Brighton	30 <sup>h</sup> April
R6 Vs White Star Dandy	14 <sup>th</sup> May
R7 Vs Eltham Redbacks	21 <sup>st</sup> May



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### **Girls Girls Girls**

We have started a new team for 2011 and are still looking for girls turning 12 or 13 in 2011, plus there are some spots in the U11 girls.

If interested please email [serge.martini@boral.com.au](mailto:serge.martini@boral.com.au)

### **Total Girls Report, thanks to Gabe**

The Ballarat Total Girls Soccer Tournament was held on the weekend of 2-3 April 2011. East Bentleigh Soccer Club entered 2 teams in the annual competition; in the under 14 and under 11 divisions. The girls played their hearts out and achieved the best ever finish for the Club in this tournament.

After months of anticipation the girls and parents arrived on Friday night at our base at Sovereign Hill Lodge. Tired parents quickly retreated to the solitude of their private rooms while the party-mood girls excitedly converged to their shared dormitory.

Saturday morning came and cheery parents greeted one another while the only sound from the bleary-eyed girls was the dragging of their feet. "The noise didn't stop till 4AM", protested a sleep deprived parent (i.e. Club President Dean) whose room was too close to the girls. "I'm not going to blow my top this weekend", insisted a newly reformed Serge (U14 coach).

The U11's kicked off first and before the ball could gather any morning dew, we found ourselves a goal down. The silence from our group and the stunned looks were painting a devastating scenario. But full credit to the girls as they came back strongly to level and only an early finish prevented an East Bentleigh win. Our sleepless President was ready to challenge the referee's chronograph, but better judgement restrained him. The team finished the day challenging for 2nd position.

U14 Team

U11 Team

The U14's romped through their 4 Saturday games, rarely being challenged. Our opponents were left licking their wounds, as were passers-by who weren't watching the ball. At the end of the day the team was sitting in 1st position.

Saturday night the girls and their families celebrated with an appetizing BBQ back at the lodge. Despite the cool weather our mood was happy and jovial as we recounted the day's highlights and the teams' achievements. Clocks were wound back 1 hour to end daylight saving and enable us an extra hour to party.

Sunday morning and a beaming Dean was able to announce, "The noise stopped at 2 am". Where as, a resolute Serge declared somewhat unconvincingly, "No, I'm still not going to blow my top".

The U11's shattered all the myths about 'late nights before big games' and continued their remarkable performance. For the record they finished the tournament in second position with 4 wins and 3 draws in the very tough group A. Well done to the girls.

The U14's final game was against another undefeated team. Down 1-0 at half time, top spot seemed a distant dream. But the girls responded superbly to the challenge and dominated the second half. Despite a lack of sleep, but high on sugar, the girls won 3-1 to clinch 1st position with 7 straight wins. A terrific effort from the girls.

A great big thank you from all the parents and girls to the East Bentleigh Soccer Club, Serge and many others who helped organise and run such a successful weekend. Well done to all the girls, who enjoyed a fun-filled weekend, never gave up and partied as hard as they played.

Reluctantly, I have to report, before the final U14 game, Serge did blow his top! .

A great attaching goal in the making from Bronte.





*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April*



# Welcome

# BBQ

*Meet and Greet*  
*Sausage Sizzle*

Don't just drop the kids off, come watch the Seniors play, kicking off is at 1:00 pm (reserves) and 3:00 pm (seniors)

*...Come in and say Hello!!!*

*And...*

- Have a FREE sausage...*
- Meet the Committee...*
- Meet the Coach...*
- Your Team Manager...*
- Fellow club persons & parents*

Tea, Coffee and Soft drinks available for purchase from the canteen,  
plus FREE Sausages for everyone