

All-Abilities team kicks off new era in winning style

Proud day for Eagles



The Ferntree Gully Eagles all-abilities team takes to the field for its first game, at Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully.

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FIDA football | Conor Ryan

FERNTREE Gully Reserve had never seen so many smiles.

The first match for the Ferntree Gully Eagles All-Abilities team, last Sunday, couldn't have gone any better.

The sun was out, the crowd was in and the Eagles delivered a great win against Rupertswood.

The match was the culmination of three years of hard work by members of the Ferntree Gully Junior Football Club, which began on the suggestion of disability worker Tim Beare.

Last Sunday, Beare coached the Eagles to their maiden win.

Sam Cavarra, a former president of the junior club, has been responsible for much of the behind-the-scenes work in getting the team up and running.

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PETER RYAN
(FIDA general manager)

He said the match was the culmination of a long planning process. "We didn't know where to start," he said.

"Tim had an interest in it, and he's very passionate about providing opportunities to all people, regardless of ability."

"Sunday was a fantastic day for the local community."

"There was a great attendance from our club members, our sponsors, local councillors and MPs, who've provided their support all the way through."

The All-Abilities Eagles, for footballers with an intellectual disability, will compete in the Football Integration Development Association, which has been providing all-abilities football opportunities for more than 20 years.

The Eagles' team comprises players ranging in age from 15-40, and Cavarra said the team was also open to women.

Ferntree Gully is the first club in the Knox region to offer an all-abilities football option.

Previously, the closest option for Knox residents was joining the Ringwood Spiders.

FIDA general manager Peter Ryan said he had been impressed by Ferntree Gully's efforts on and off the field.

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Ryan said FIDA provided far more benefit than just a game of footy.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

POOL

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

First Division: Stamford Rams 24 V Manhattans 24
Eastern Rangers 28 V Ringwood Rsl 20 Roomers 32 V Matthew Flinders 16

Second Division: Whitehorse 22 V Manhattans 26
Ringwood Rsl 36 V Dorset 12 Roomers 31 V Fastbreak 17 Eastern Rangers 19 V Potters 29
Croydon 36 V Village Green 10 Stamford Rams (Bye)

Third Division: Stamford Rams 24 V Ringwood Rsl 12 Gully 21 V Mountain View 15 Bayswater 18 V Roomers 18 Fastbreak 16 V Matthew Flinders 20
Daisey's (Bye) Eastern Rangers 12 V Manhattans 24

Fourth Division: Manhattans 19 V Stamford Rams 17 Cutters 16 V Whitehorse 20 Mountain View 14 V Dorset 22

NETBALL

VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE

Championship Division: UB Ballarat Pride (34) v Boroondara Genesis (59), Yarra Valley Grammar Aries (45) v VU Western Lightning (23), Monash University Central (25) v Geelong Cougars (47), Peninsula Waves (36) v City West Falcons (54), North East Blaze v Southern Saints (to be played Sunday, May 6)

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Division 1: UB Ballarat Pride (32) v Boroondara Genesis (51), Yarra Valley Grammar Aries (43) v VU Western Lightning (32), Monash University Central (72) v Geelong Cougars (33), Peninsula Waves (42) v City West Falcons (46), North East Blaze v Southern Saints (to be played Sunday, May 6)

19A Under: UB Ballarat Pride (44) v Boroondara Genesis (49), Yarra Valley Grammar Aries (45) v VU Western Lightning (23), Monash University Central (25) v Geelong Cougars (47), Peninsula Waves (36) v City West Falcons (54), North East Blaze v Southern Saints (to be played Sunday, May 6)

SOCCER

MELBOURNE CHINESE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Premier League

Results: Kooyong United SC (3) Odyssey FC (1); Think Asia (1) CYSM FC (1); Monash United Senior (2) Burwood VN 1 (7); J United FC (3) Master FC (0); Taylors Old Boys FC (1) DC United (1)
Ladder: Burwood VN 1 9 J United FC 7 Odyssey FC 6 Kooyong United SC 5 DC United 4 Taylors Old Boys FC 4 CYSM FC 3 Think Asia 2 Monash United

Senior 1 Master FC 0

Multicultural Football Community Champions League

Results: Redwings FC (3) AA United (2); DLS United (7) K-Team (2); VSA FC (2) Clube (2); Melbourne United (2) Monash United Youth (3)
Ladder: Clube 7 Redwings FC 7 DLS United 6 VSA FC 5 AA United 4 Monash United Youth 3 Melbourne United 1 Funboys 0 K-Team 0

Division 1

Results: Eastern MCU (3) Hong Kong United (1); Fearless FC (1) Hong Mart United (5); CYSM United (2) PA United (0); New Century (0) Holland Park Rangers (3); MUSSC (2) Clube 2 (4); Thai FC (3) Princes United (2); REVO (0) MCU Junior (4)
Ladder: Holland Park Rangers 12 Hong Mart United 10 Clube 2 10 Thai FC 9 Princes United 6 Hong Kong United 6 CYSM United 6 Fearless FC 6 MCU Junior 5 REVO 4 PA United 3 Eastern MCU 3 New Century 1 MUSSC 0

WOMEN'S FOOTY

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Premier Division: Melbourne Uni 12.10 (82) defeated Scoresby 3.7 (25)

Goals: Scoresby : Melissa Kuys 1, Kim Ebb 1,

Rebecca Ouchirenko 1

Best Scoresby: Kerry Anderson, Meaghan Ebb, Melissa Kuys, Alison Downie, Hayley Anderson, Jordan Head

DARTS

EASTERN DISTRICTS DARTS LEAGUE

Round 8: Dales 10 v 1 Tigers, SportsStars 2 v 9 Roosters, Ramblers 10 v 1 Cobras, Rebels 6 v 5 Flyers, Sharks 4 v 7 Anglers, Ram Rods 7 v 4 Rear Guards

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BASEBALL

MELBOURNE WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, May 5

A: Melbourne 9 Croy 1, Heath 0 GMBC 0, Knox 0 Nth Bal 0, Resch 9 Greens 3, Wats 3 Ring 3
AR: Croy 10 Melbourne 7, Heath 14 GMBC 5, Knox 4 Nth Bal 1, Greens 8 Resch 1, Wats 5 Ring 1
B: Lat Uni 8 Bund 6, Mon Uni 7 Ess 1, NC Rebels 1 For Hill 1, Ring 10 SK 2
BR: Bund 8 Lat Uni 2, Dia Ck 2 Mon Uni 1, For Hill 14 NC Rebels 2, Ring 9 St K 0
C: GMBC 9 Heath 2, Melbourne 11 Greens 0, Wh Hill

8 Nth Bal 2, Pan Hill 8 Knox 5, Ring 6 Wats 2

CR: GMBC 14 Heath 3, Greens 14 Melbourne 6, Nth Bal 7 Wh Hill 6, Knox 25 Pan Hill 0, Ring 9 Wats 3

D: Resch 13 Croy 7, Donc 21 Mon Uni 2, For Hill 14 West 6, Knox 0 Bund 0.

DR: Resch 16 Croy 4, Donc 9 G Iris 8, West 9 For Hill 6, Knox 13 Bund 1

DZ: Foots 14 Donc 6, NC Rebels 22 For Hill 7, Ring 16 Nth Bal 8

EL: Knox 12 St K 5

EE: Heath 14 Melbourne 8, Nth Bal 18 Lat Uni 4, Wats 22 Dia Ck 3

UI: Wats 14 Donc/Resch 2, Knox 4 Greens 2, Resch 9 Nth Bal 8, Ring 10 GMBC 4

U15: GMBC 6 Nth Bal 4, Heath 8 Resch 5, Wav 13 GMBC 4, Ring 11 Wats 3

DV U15: Greens 13 Bund/NC Rebels 12, Dia Ck 7 West/Donc 3

RD U15: Nth Bal 14, Croy 9, Ring 7 Knox 3

DV U15: GMBC 11 Wats 7, Greens 24 Resch 3, Bund/NC Rebels 24 Resch/Dia Ck 3, West/Donc 23 GMBC/MM 10

RD U15: For Hill 9 Wav 8, Knox 9 Nth Bal 5, Croy 12 Nth Bal 10, Ring 17 Nth Bal 5, Heath 3 Knox 1, Nth Bal 8 For Hill 3, Wav 9 Croy 0

