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Match Program Strikers v Dingley Stars

Saturday 2nd May 2015 State League 2 - South East



President's Message

Welcome back to Centenary Park to all our supporters and to Dingley players and supporters alike. Today we face Dingley as we come off the back of two 4-3 thrillers.

One win and one loss.

Craig's attacking flare starting to show through on a group now starting to gel together.

Special mention to two cracking goals from last Sunday's clash with North Caulfield, well worth the trip to support the lads.

The Metro 5 team is up and running now and kudos goes to Dave Mckinney who is tireless in his efforts to get and keep these lads on the park.

Keeno has his celebrity team up and about as they search for more honours this season.

Stick with us – if the last two games are a guide you will get your moneys worth today.

A special thank you to our sponsors for their unwavering support.

We thank and recognize Michael Woodward for his efforts and wish him luck in the future.

If you feel you can give us a hand on game day or behind the scenes don't hesitate to let us know.

All the Best

Dave Reid

Senior Coach Report

Well what a two weeks it has been since our last home game.

Our home result against Mooroolbark 2 weeks ago was disappointing to say the least. Once again, we showed the best and worst of our game. We gave a poor defensive display, particularly the first half of the game and an attractive attacking display in the second half. Unfortunately we made the job of recovering from a 4-1 score line too late and although the final score was 4-3 to Mooroolbark, we could have snatched a draw in injury time. Our defensive display didn't warrant anything from the game and we cannot concede 4 goals at home. To make matters worse, we had two players sent from the field when we were chasing the game at the end.

Last Sunday we traveled to Caulfield Park to take on a Caulfield side that were sitting third bottom. A win in this game was of paramount importance, as it would enable us to maintain contact with the top half of the table. A loss would have seen us slip to third bottom. We approached the game with a very attacking formation to push Caulfield back from the offset. This approach worked well as we went in to the half time break 4-1 up. An impressive attacking display to say the least. Special mention must go to both Lindrium Tairi and Luke Presti who both scored superb goals from their central midfield positions. Into the second half and the intention was to kill the game off and although we had numerous chances at 4-1, our defensive demons came back again as we conceded 2 late goals to run out winners at the final whistle 4-3.

So, 7 goals for and 7 goals against in the last 2 matches. If we can shore up the defensive lapses, improve our concentration and discipline, and maintain our attacking play, we will give ourselves every chance to have a successful season.

Thanks for your support

Craig Lewis

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32	Alex Hopson	Mornington	Forward
31	Hayden Taylor	Seaford United	Midfielder
30	Aaron Vega	Peninsula Strikers	Midfielder
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28	Josh Simmons	Peninsula Strikers	Midfielder
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26			
25	George Wilson		Forward
24	Sean Whipp	Unattached	Midfielder
23	Ige Buccello	Peninsula Strikers	Midfielder
22	Ben Gamble	Rothwell Juniors	Midfielder
21	Liam Duff	Peninsula Strikers	Defender
20	Anthony Donaldson	Peninsula Strikers	Defender
19	Daniel Richardson	Peninsula Strikers	Defender
18	miya Duvica		ocal neeper
17	Rhys Davies	Langwarrin	Goal Keeper
16	Seun Yinka-Kehinde	Endevour Sporting Club	Midfielder
15	Luke Presti	Peninsula Strikers	Midfielder
14	Ali Osmani	Springvale City	Forward
13	Phill Greig	Mornington	Midfielder
12	- Connor Zyskowski	Unattached	Forward
11	Ben Meiklem	Mornington	Midfielder
10	Ibraimi Ibraimi	Dandenong South	Midfielder
9	Amir Ozmancevic	FK Sloga Kraljevo	Midfielder
8	Lindrium Tairi	Dandenong South	Midfielder
7	Josh Vega	Peninsula Strikers	Midfielder
6	Tasim Tairi	Unattached	Defender
5	Mark Szczesnowicz	Chelsea FC	Midfielder
4	Conor Keelev	Mornington	Defender
3	Adrian Pace	Chelsea FC	Defender
2	Marco Elhassan	Skve	Defender
quad Nur	mber Player Name	South Melbourne	Goal Keeper

Metro 5 - Endeavour / Glen Waverley

Our 2^{nd} game was away against Endeavour and not much to report other than we were out played losing 7-1. We are still struggling with numbers and only had 12 players for this game and we were reduced to 11 players from the 60min mark, with one of the boys having to leave to go to work. Hopefully our return match will see a much improved score line.

This game was at Home against Glen Waverley. They were like us and had won

One player pulled out 15mins before the game due to personal reasons, leaving us starting with 10, so we adjusted the team starting with a 3-4-2 formation hoping to pinch a goal and then defend. The game tempo was good and we started well and were holding our own. At one stage in the first 30mins, you would have thought we had 11 players! Then just before half time, they scored. Then, one of our new players, Thomas Fullaway, stretched for a ball and he pulled up lame hurting his groin.

The formation was changed after half time, and I asked Tom to sit up front and see if he could hold and pass off to our running midfielders. These guys had done a power of work. We went to a 4-4-1 formation and I asked the boys to try for a draw. They had played so well up until the goal and I believed we could get one back. To ask for the win with glen Waverley having 4 players on the bench and they were rotating every 10 mins, seemed an unfair and impossible task.

Tom was really struggling and he was really on only one leg but Glen Waverley was 2 man marking him, which allowed us to use the wings a little bit more. Ten mins in and Scott McKinney scored making it 1-1, aversome! But they hit back 10mins later from a Corner, making the score line 2-1 their favour. At this stage we were in survival mode. Kevin McCormick was playing the best game! have ever seen the lad play and he was also very impressive last week. With him and Zac Sargent repelling Glen Waverley time and time again, we were also looking a little dangerous. Scott was playing just behind Tom and his speed was worrying them. A ball that was chased down on the wing by Victor and with him getting a great cross in, Scott latched on to it, sending the ball into the back of the net for the second time, to make the game 2-2. In the last 15mins, I believed we were going to pinch it but tired legs saw us play out a magnificent draw with a mere '9 and a half men'.

I couldn't be more proud of this team of young men. Their resilience and positivity astound me time and time again. Once we have a full team, the season should prove to be very successful.

I'd like to officially thank the Glen Waverley team for supplying us with a linesman for the day, as we also didn't have anyone available to do this important job. They were a great team to deal with. Well played Glen Waverley.



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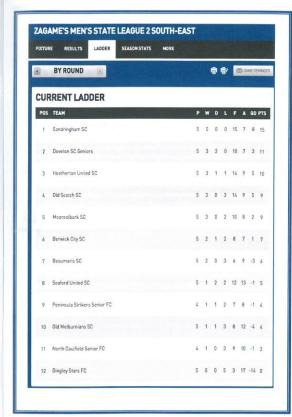






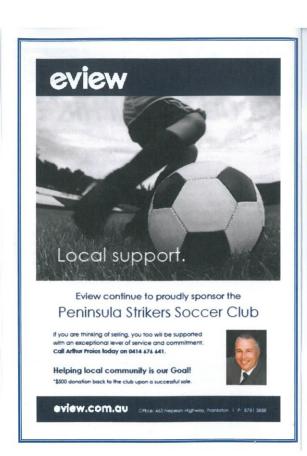














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