

THE NEST

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THE NEST VOLUME 2

Happy August Eagles! Thank you all for the great amount of feedback we've received from this new initiative. We are approaching the end of our seniors season and our Reserves are in poll position with two games to go! Make sure you come down and enjoy what is bound to be an exciting end of the season for all of our teams! One last thank you to our U13 Girls and our U12 Boys for the interviews we did! They were a lot of fun so we hope you enjoy reading them! You'll start seeing our junior interviews from this edition onwards!

As the season is approaching its end, you still can contact us for any queries regarding the newsletter at calebanderson734@gmail.com. For those looking to sponsor the club, you can contact Zach at Zach@elevationsports.com.au or Craig at Vicepresident@esc.com.au.

Caleb Anderson

PLAYER PROFILE: GYPSY



Team: Under 13 Girls

Position: Left Midfield

Favourite food/drink: Chicken Tenders

What team do you support: The Matildas

Best playing memory: My first goal scored against Casey

Favourite player (Famous or at Sommie): Myself

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Teleportation

PRESIDENTS REPORT

To all Members and Supporters of the Somerville Eagles Soccer Club, It was great to hear all the excellent feedback on Caleb's effort and hard work to produce the Newsletter, further connecting our members and supporters to the wide range and depth of the club.



July/August has been a busy time highlighted by the fantastic turn out at the Eagles Cup from all of the peninsula a great day that unfortunately didn't go our way however the opportunity to put a spectacle in front of that many fans was a great promotion for the club.

I'd like to welcome Ryan O'Connor and Woodards Real Estate as a gold sponsor of the club and the Somerville Hotel as a Silver Sponsor, we'd also like to thank Village Meats Somerville for their donation of a fantastic meat tray we used for the raffle. Big shout out to Conor McFall, Tom Simmons, Joe Simmons, Craig Dawson, Brandt Mulholland and Sam Beadle for their work in putting up the new signs around the club.

Reverse draw is fast approaching on the 19th and I'd love to see everyone attend, it's one of my favourite nights of the year. 120 tickets up for sale and a prize of \$1200 plus a number of surprises on the night, please get in contact with myself or Haley if you haven't purchased a ticket.

Clare Garrow did a great job with the Pie Drive, and a thanks to Conor, Jordan Lunt and Nick Simmons for refereeing junior games, while Mick Nicholson and Brandon McDonnell for assisting at Junior training.

Safety upgrades at Tyabb with the roller shutter and tinting of the doors/windows have been completed and new locks have been installed at Barber, this along with a recent council meeting confirming some developments at both Barber and Tyabb Central have confirmed our progress with the Shire, we will continue to provide updates on the improvements over the next month.

A month to go for the Senior Mens and Womens programs with the reserves in a great position to secure some silverware, while the juniors are passed the half way point, plenty of exciting times at the Eagles ahead!

Zach Peddersen
President
Somerville Eagles SC



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PLAYER PROFILE: FREDDY

Team: Under 12 Boys

Position: Right Wing

Favourite food/drink: Carrots & Water

What team do you support: Manchester City

Best playing memory: Scoring a header against Rosebud Heart

Favourite player (Famous or at Sommie): Noah

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Super Speed



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PLAYER PROFILE: BEN SCHMIDT

Nickname: Schmitzy

Age: 20

Position: Centre Back

Your greatest strength as a player is: Positioning

Favourite Type of Pasta: Fusilli

Worst Injury You've Done: Spraining my ankle

Favourite player: Lionel Messi

JUNIORS REPORT

From Vice President Craig Bozelle

As we near the end of the season, we are getting some much better weather which is great. I'm still receiving positive feedback from all the coaches about the development our players are showing.



We still have one eye on our Under 13 Girls who are still in the chase for the title after a draw against the top team. We need a few results to go our way, so good luck girls and keep the wins coming to put pressure on Pakenham.

In other good news it was great to see a few of our junior boys and girls start refereeing and helping Jack out. I have received really positive feedback, even some from other clubs, which is great. The kids enjoyed doing it too, which is massive going forward as they are keen as mustard to continue doing it next year.

Our Junior Disco and Pie Fundraiser were huge successes, with much thanks going to Clare Garrow & Haley Wilson for organising these events. With the money raised, it has allowed us to keep the Junior Presentation Night costs at a bare minimum. I know a lot of other clubs put on lacklustre presentation days for their kids. As a club we have always been proud of the success our Junior Presentation Nights have been. To hire out a whole venue and provide dinner and drinks for \$5 each is a massive effort and without important fundraisers we can't do that, so thanks for everyone who for contributing.

All of you should have received your presentation forms by now, so lets get them filled out and back to your TM's ASAP. That way it gives us plenty of time to organise the running of the night. I'll no doubt see you around over the next few weeks, otherwise, I'll see you all at Presso Night.

Cheers All and Go Eagles

Craig Bozelle



PLAYER PROFILE: KYLAH

Team: Under 13 Girls

Position: Sweeper (and Captain)

Favourite food/drink: Sushi and Powerade

What team do you support: Real Madrid

Best playing memory: Goal line clearance against Berwick

Favourite player (Famous or at Somie): Sam Kerr

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Teleportation

RESERVES REPORT

The reserves have kept their fantastic form up since the previous newsletter. We have not lost a single game since the halfway mark of the season, we've only conceding 3 goals and, after getting a solitary draw, this has put us in poll position to win the league. We are needing 4 points from the last 3 games to lock it in.

The recent rise in form of a few players has been instrumental. Ewan Barford holding down his place on the wing with his tireless running, and Cameron Dingley sliding into Fullback and holding his own has been fantastic to watch. It's great that a young Somerville player has worked his way into the reserves from Sundays.

The Centre back pairing of Kevin McCormick and Craig Dawson proving to be the toughest in the league has also been a joy to watch, as well as leaders Jordan Lunt and Sam Beadle doing there thing and keeping us ticking.



PLAYER PROFILE: GEOFF PICKERING

Nickname: Pickles

Age: 30

Position: Centre Back/ Left Back

Fondest memory at the club: scoring my first club goal! (Editor's Note: He ran from our defensive box past the entire other team and scored! It was one amazing goal)

What do you think your greatest strength as a player is: Speed

Favourite player: Probably Jude Bellingham at the moment

Mundane thing: Great at falling asleep anywhere anytime in about 2 seconds

Favourite Pasta shape: Lasagna sheets because lasagna is delicious



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INTERVIEW WITH GORDON CHARTERIS

Eagles, this month I had the pleasure of being able to ask our Women's Coach Gordon Charteris some questions about himself, the season and football. A big thank you Gordon for answering some of our questions! We hope you all enjoy.



When did you get into coaching and why?

I started coaching in 2014. I previously had a couple of seasons as a player/coach (Senior Men's) but after completing a full pre-season training, I broke an ankle (for the third time), the day before the season was due to start. A few weeks later I was asked if I would consider coaching a junior team. Once I agreed, they told me ("There is one problem - it is a girls' team"). Seriously, that was how it was sold to me- as a father of a daughter my answer was easy- when do I start.

What is your fondest memory as a coach?

Tough question. There have been many memories created - In 2016 I started as the Women's Coach at Rosebud. They finished second bottom in 2015 in the Bayside Women's Premier League winning only 2 games. In 2016 we lost only 2 games. Taking out the League Championship and the Bayside Cup (doing the double). Over the three-year period we won two cups and were runners up in the third, one league Championship and runner up in the other two years.

In 2019 I was invited to assist in taking a Squad to China, an under 16's girls Squad, on behalf of the City of Casey. There for a fortnight we played 3 games and was introduced to the 100-year plan for Football in China. Truly a remarkable experience.

What football team do you support?

I presume you mean other than the Sheagles. I have never exclusively followed one team. I love the game and will watch any team play.

Who is one football coach you've been inspired by?

In 1978-79 my coach was Nick Van-Egmond. (Mornington). A hard man who convinced players that they could be better than what they thought they could be.

Who is one footballer who has made you fall in love with the game?

Football was my first love. I received boots and a ball when I was four years old long before any single player influenced me. I would practice every day - and would take both my boots and ball to bed with me each night.

Outside of football, what are 1-2 hobbies you enjoy doing?

Working with animals- we have two horses which take up hours every day and I am a qualified dog trainer- and proud owner of a black Labrador, the smartest dog I have ever had.

It's been a difficult first season for you, how have you approached it to keep up team morale as well as develop the team?

I believe that most of the squad have seen the passion I have for the game and for them. Lessons are usually better learnt through adversity and this season has provided many opportunities for learning. To their credit their enthusiasm has not wavered, their commitment to the game, the club and themselves is strong and they are simply an excellent group of women to work with.

What is the biggest challenge faced this year?

Working with a new group is always challenging- and this year has seen the introduction of at least six fresh players into the Squad. We lost a couple of experienced players from last season and that also takes a toll. We have experimented throughout the season, trying players in positions that are new to them and recently we have been seeing dividends from this approach.

What are your long term goals for the future of the team?

My focus is more on the individual- develop the person and you develop the team. My goal is simple- encourage them to be the best they can be. I'll give you an example- I undertook a driving instructor's course which enabled me to teach a couple of my players how to drive. On gaining their licenses it opened new job opportunities for them -develop the person.

How important do you feel having a Women's World Cup in Australia is going to be for the development of the sport?

They say any publicity is good publicity, and what great publicity the Matilda's have received -creating new records for women sporting attendances, new television rating records and capturing public attention like nothing before it. The challenge for Football is to ensure we capture this newfound interest in our sport and build on the opportunities it presents.

PLAYER PROFILE: ISLA



Nickname: Islana

Team: Under 13 Girls

Position: Right Midfield/Right Back

Favourite food/drink: Sushi

What team do you support: The Matildas

Best playing memory: Getting hit on the nose

Favourite player (Famous or at Somie): Sam Kerr

OLD BOYS REPORT

.....and that's a wrap. What started off as a huge success, has ended in injury upon injury. But... I think it was still a successful season after all. We went undefeated for a good portion of the season, then fell away and ended up finishing 3rd at the end of the regular season.



At the start we had players such as, Pags, McKenzie, Scholes, Curdy, Dido, Bjorn, Carlo, Gab, Cal Richardson etc and were doing great....and at the end we had me and Zach hahaha!

I want to thank all the players that played in this team, especially the ones who have filled in a lot for us. For the most part, it was an enjoyable season. See you all at Vote Count & Senior Presso...first beers on me cos I promised you all the League Winning Bonus of \$3k

Hope to see a lot of you back next season, for what will be a much easier assignment in a lower league, where the old boys, can finally come back and just have some fun!!!

Thanks all.

Go Eagles

Craig Bozelle

PLAYER PROFILE: NOAH

Team: Under 12 Boys

Position: Central Defensive Midfielder

Favourite food/drink: Water

What team do you support: Newcastle

Best playing memory: Played up a year level, scored 4 and helped the team win

Favourite player (Famous or at Somie): Freddy

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Invisibility



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DEV SQUAD REPORT



Another month of the season has shot by in the blink of an eye, with not many games played. With the season in the final stages and the division split into top and bottom half, it is great to see the team retain its 3rd position. The opposition is of a high calibre and the games are much tougher.

With the exception of the two teams above us, which lets be honest, should not really be playing in Div 1, we have outplayed all others. Even against those two we have held our own, the score lines don't always reflect the effort and dedication of the team.

There are always lessons to be learnt and improvements to be made from every win and from every loss. You should all be proud of the way you conduct yourselves on and off the pitch.

We approach the last game of the season with determination and grit, win, lose or drawer, we will play it the Sommie way.

Paul Robinson

PLAYER PROFILE: BEN SIMMONS

Nickname: Back Post Benny

Age: 25

Position: Centre Midfield

Fondest memory at the club: Eagle Cup win at home last year

Greatest strength: scoring terrible goals

Worst injury: every ankle sprain, get a new one every couple of months

Favourite player: Jakob Gurney

Favourite Pasta shape: Fettuccine



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REVERSE DRAW



Reverse Draw

19th August 2023

6:30pm - 11pm

Tyabb Recreation Reserve

120 tickets for sale at \$20 each

Bar and Canteen open for dinner and drinks

\$1200 prize money

Wear your best, worst or funniest hat!!



The Reverse Draw is this Saturday! Make sure you've purchased your ticket to go into the running for the grand prize of \$1,200! 120 tickets available at \$20ea! The Canteen and Bar are open for dinner and drinks and don't forget to wear your best, worst, or funniest hat!



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