



## U9 White

FTG Eagles def Chirnside Park

**Best Players:** Cameron Hill , Riley McIntyre , Corey Beare , Dylan Moore, Trea Humphries

**Goal kickers:** trea humphries 3 , dylan moore 3 , cameron 1 , liam breen 1 , connor nicolopoulous 1 , corey beare , anthony ronalds 1

**Presidents Medal:** Josh Zealand Riley McIntyre

**Next Game:**

**Match Report:** Super effort from the boys , loys of team things , smothering , handballs and shepards . Could have gave everyone an award . Well done Josh Zealand , very couragous . Riley was everywhere as well as Trea , Cam Hill and Corey Beare taking marks all over the ground . Great effort from everyone , well done boys

**Coaches Name:** Darren Hill



## U10

FTG EAGLES 7.7 – 49 **def** CROYDON 2.1 - 13

**Best Players:** Brodie Wise, Dillon Reed, XMan Palamara, Luke Smith

**Goal kickers:** Thomas UhrHenry 2, Liam Chown, Spencer Richards-West, Brodie Wise, Jake Walker, Thomas Brady

**Presidents Medal:** Spencer Richards-West & Dylan de Silva

**Next Game:** Vermont @ Koonung Park, Springfield Road, Blackburn North

**Match Report:** Congratulations to the Captains for 2013 – Liam, Rorey & Charlie.

Our boys played a great game against Croydon on a fairly big ground in great weather for footy. Without naming some of my support staff that were complaining that it's too hot, (Tim Craig & Sam), it was perfect day for footy.

When selecting the players positions this season I am looking to have key tallers up the spine and rotate our key runners and inside tough units through the midfield. Our outside smalls, flashy forwards and tough dour backmen were chosen on the flanks and pockets.

We couldn't have started the game any better and dominated from the 1st clearance. Big Sauce (Spencer) smashed them in the ruck giving 1st use to our on ballers. Rorza, Liam & Crusher (Charlie) bulldozed the ball forward and linked up well with handball to win all of the clearances. Thomas U was on fire on the wing, running hard and using quality skills to kick two goals.



The 2nd quarter was tough hard contested footy. Croydon really stepped up the pressure and the ball was in packs for most of the quarter. Our super hard midfielders Dmac (Deklan) & Tank were winning the footy, Dillon Reed was running hard placing great pressure on numerous opponents whilst Keg, Xman & Luke Smith were busting into packs and winning lots of free kicks and marks by putting their bodies on the line. Jacko Newsome was particularly tough as although he broke his arm in a tackle he continued to play for the rest of the quarter and showed his team mates his amazing pain tolerance. We hope to see you back at training soon Jacko.

Into the 3rd quarter and our starting backmen got a chance to show their skills in the forward line. Nick, Jye & Jarron dominated the clearances giving opportunities for Will – i – am, Jake & Brodie to star in the forward line. Dylan deSilva down back read the play beautifully whilst Jayden & Tongue Man attacked the footy and kept the ball in our forward line. We were going so well that Croydon hadn't hit the scoreboard at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.

Early in the last quarter we were out marked and outrun by Croydon who managed to get the ball out of the middle and kick a couple of goals. Whether we dropped off the intensity or they lifted I'm not sure but they played very well before we steadied to kick another couple of goals. Thomas B and Macca McGuigan showed how good they are as forwards whilst another new player Tyler played smart defensive footy, taking marks and kicking long out of the backline.

**Coaches Name:** Andrew Wright



## U11 Blue

Ferntree Gully 14.10.94 def Scoresby 3.2.20

**Best Players:** Joshua, Tanner, Ben & Max.

**Goal kickers:** Joshua 5, Nathan & Nick 2, Jordyn, Ethan, Max, Thomas & Sam 1 goal each

**Presidents Medal:** Geoff Brock.

**Next Game:** Lilydale, Home.

**Match Report:** For our first game of the season the boys played fantastic. We only had 17 players but each boy stood up to the challenge. The boys made a great start to the game kicking 4 goals in the first quarter. They went into the half time break with a 7 goal lead. After half time the team continued to play some great football and went on to win the game quite easily. Special thanks to our Vice Captain, Joshua Connelly for stepping up and playing in our third team.

**Coaches Name:** Darren Jacobson.



## U11 Blue

FTG Eagles 5.9.39 **def** Glen Wav. Hawks 2.3.15

**Best Players:** Mitchell Pendergast, Thomas Gasparroni, Alex Peacock, Jacob Bourke-Doggett, Luke Varney, Mitchell Tucker, Jake Simpson, Jay Wagner

**Goal kickers:** Nathan Hart 2, Jacob Bourke-Doggett 2, Ryan Smith 1.

**Presidents Medal:** Mitchell Pendergast

**Next Game:** Home vs Glen Waverley Rovers Black.

**Match Report:** The weekend started with jumper presentation on Friday night, all the boys were in attendance including 3 new players to the club in Alex Peacock, Aaron Williamson and Jacob Bourke-Doggett. Another 3 players were honoured with the roles of captain, Billy Krieger, Nathan Hart and Lachie Zealand. These boys were voted in to be the team leaders by their team mates. I am sure that all 3 will do the jumper and their team mates proud during the upcoming season.

The team travelled to Glen Waverley Hawks for their round 1 clash. We could only field 17 players so all 3 U11 teams had even numbers (thanks a lot to Jack Andriessen for playing in the U11 Gold team for this match). Then we had the unfortunate situation of one of our captains (Lachie Zealand) injuring his foot earlier in the weekend and unable to move as freely as we would expect to see - consequently we 'hid' him at full forward for the majority of the match.

The match started in warm conditions with the Eagles looking the stronger team, unable to show their dominance on the score board, but



providing plenty of pressure in our forward half. Nathan Hart was able to slot through the first goal of the season and the backline held strong all quarter allowing only 2 points to be scored. A special mention must go to Jacob Hearn who was stung by a bee during the quarter, but battled through the pain to keep his direct opponent touchless. At 1/4 time the scoreboard read, FTG 1.3.9 GWH 0.2.2

The 2nd Quarter was one that the Hawks showed much improvement. We found ourselves chasing the tails of the Hawks a lot and fell behind on the scoreboard after they scored the first 2 goals of the quarter. The Eagles seemed to be showing fatigue seeing it was a warm morning, we were one man down to start with, no bench for rotations and had an injured player from the outset. Right at the end of the quarter Jacob Bourke-Doggett was able to kick his first goal for the club and we headed for the change rooms with a 2 point lead at the half. FTG 2.5.17 GWH 2.3.15.

Half time was spent pleading with the boys to lift, and that is what they did - tackling intensity, shepherding and hard running came into the game and the Eagles yet again dominated the quarter. Due to the Hawks having up to 15 players flooding our backline we were only able to put 1 more goal on the scoreboard during the 3rd quarter, once again off the boot of Nathan Hart. Most impressive was the backline again, holding the Hawks scoreless during the quarter. Mitch Pendergast was allowed off the leash and used his running skills to break free a number of times, having many bounces down the coach's box wing. At 3/4 time the scores were FTG 3.7.25 GWH 2.3.15

The final quarter went all the Eagles' way. We managed another 2 goals - one each to Ryan Smith and Jacob Bourke-Doggett for his 2nd of the



day - and yet again the backline consisting of Mitch Tucker, Tristan Borg, Jake Simpson, Jacob Hearn, Jay Wagner and Ryan Smith held the Hawks scoreless. The final score was 5.9.39 to 2.3.15.

There were many impressive things about this performance - the fact we had only 17 players for the game which meant no bench for a rest, Lachie Z and Jacob H both had reasons to come from the ground and battled through adversity. Every player got a few touches of the football and the backline held strong all game, taking care of their direct opponents. It was great to come through for a win in their first ever match for premiership points, still with plenty of improvement to go. Hopefully we get to hear another great rendition of the club song next week against the Rovers,

**GO EAGLES**

**Coaches Name:** Michael Hearn



## U12

Ferntree Gully [def](#) by Scoresby

[Best Players:](#) Abraham,White,Broderick,Mcintyre

[Goal kickers:](#) nil

[Presidents Medal:](#) Billy Franes

[Next Game:](#) Chirnside Park

### [Match Report:](#)

Today we came up against Scoresby. Scoresby got away from us in the first quarter but we held our own in the next three quarters. Ferntree Gully's tackling and intensity at the ball picked up and we started to get free a lot more. We managed to keep Scoresby down to 9 goals for the rest of the game after they kicked 10 in the first.

Bailey Abraham was challenged in the second half to go from full forward to full back and he held his opponent goalless in the second half. Macca led from the front encouraging his team mates to lift and they responded well. Ethan white and Daniel Broderick ran hard all day. Billy Franes took on 3 opponents t one stage and beat them all. Well done to all the boys for their great effort and we look forward to next week

[Coaches Name:](#)



## U14 Blue

Ferntree Gully Eagles (13-11=89) **def** Blackburn (8-9=57)

**Best Players:** Jess Uren, Jaidyn Stephenson & Matt Hill

**Goal kickers:** Jaidyn Stephenson 8, Nick Hallo 2, Riley Nicholas, Cody McDonald and Joshua Mazins 1

**Presidents Medal** Riley Nicholas

**Next Game:** Ferntree Gully Eagles vs. Norwood

### Match Report:

Today's game was a replay of the 2nd semi final last year which Blackburn took the honours. This game would provide some insight into how competitive we are going to be this year, as Blackburn finished 3rd last year.

From the first bounce Blackburn came out fast and with clean hands moving the ball around with ease, however with inaccurate kicking only managed to have a 2 point lead at quarter time. The second quarter started with the same pace and pressure of the first quarter, but Ferntree Gully's defence stood firm and rebounded several attacks to out score Blackburn and take a small lead into half time.

With the game still in the balance, the boys were set the challenge to increase the ball pressure and improve the effort across all positions, working and support each other. The third quarter effort from Ferntree Gully was consistent across all players which resulted in a 5 goals to 1 quarter and now a comfortable lead heading into the last quarter. The last quarter was again an even tussle across all positions with Blackburn outscoring Ferntree Gully by 3 points, however today's honours went to our boys – 32 point win.

**Coaches Name:** Danny Cassidy - U14A (Blue)



## U15B

Boronia 12.8.80 **def** FTG 7.11.53

**Best Players:** Steele, Wright, Seiwart, Black, White

**Goal kickers:** Barton –Smih2, Steele, Seiwart, Wright, Gleeson, Kalisperis.

**Presidents Medal:** Ryan White

**Next Game:** Ferntree Gully Eagles vs. Donvale @ Donvale

**Match Report:** Round 1 saw us take on Boronia FC at a hard and dry Miller Reserve. This was the first game together as a team and we had a few new players that have only joined the club in the last week or two. Unfortunately, Boronia jumped us and kicked the first 3 goals in 3 mins, however after that initial burst we held our own for the remainder of the day.

We were not rewarded on the scoreboard for our hard work and the big guys of Boronia proved to be the difference in the end.

Lots of positives to come out of the game and I'm sure we will improve in coming weeks.

**Coaches Name:** Paul Giannopoulos.



## U17 BLUE

### FTG Eagles Under 17 A vs Norwood Black at FTG Reserve #1

<b>Score:</b>	Norwood Black	17	16	118
	Ferntree Gully	6	2	38

**Best Players:** Dane, Brodie, Hayden, Perry, James, Mark

**Goal kickers:** James 2, Lachlan 2, singles to Lewis and Jarrod

**Injuries:** None

**Presidents Medal:** TBA

**Next Game:** North Ringwood at FTG

#### Match Report:

Our step up to A grade is going to be a big challenge this season. The boys matched Norwood in general play and endeavour in the first half, however their disposal and decision making let them down a little and wasn't as good as Norwood's. A lack of options up the ground saw us repeatedly kick to the opposition. At half time we were three goals down.

It was noticeable during the game that Norwood used their large bench well and in the second half, it showed. We only had 19 and we ran out of legs. We were about 6 goals down at three quarter time and got overrun in the last.

On a positive note, new players Brodie and Jarrod played their first game for the Club. Brodie in particular had a great game and he provided



great run off half back.

Dane and Lachlan came up from the bottom age team and more than held their own, with Dane in particular being a stand out.

Hayden, with limited pre-season, also had good game.

To be in the hunt, the boys need to put some hard yards in!

**Team Manager:** Peter Cole



## U17 White

def

**Best Players:** Nick (in till injured) Jordan bass, Brayden and Rhys

**Goal kickers:** Brayden 2, Jordan Mitsou 1, Dylan Eacott 1, Jordan Bass 1, Tim Black 1, Matt lawson 1, Nick La marca 1 and Josh Barber 1

**Presidents Medal:** Jordan Bass

**Next Game:** Blackburn at Blackburn

**Match Report:** First quarter against the wind took 5 minutes for matt Lawson to put the first goal on the board who was getting out in front and starting to become damaging. With Boof taking control of the forward line we kept kicking points to keep the scoreboard ticking then Jordan Bass popped up with a goal. Couple of minutes later great play from nick la maraca at the end of handballs from new player Luke, Brayden, Jye, Rhys to nick for a goal. Quarter time saw us 3.4.22 to 0.1.1. Second quarter was our most damaging quarter, goals to brayden, Jordan mitsou, Boof, and a marvellous goal to Tim Black! Great to see our backline hold up. Marcus, Rhys, Luke, Shaun, Jackson and Mitch all holing up well. Unfortunately our captain nick went down with a severe injury in which had stopped the game for a while. Good luck nick for your recovery hope it all goes well. Boys were always thinking of you through the whole time through out the game. So there was no play during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We finished the last ten minutes of the game with south Croydon kicking one goal and Brayden and new player josh put on a major goal each to have us out run winners by 42 points.

**Coaches Name:** Graham Gardiner