

“From The Outer”

Round 4 (29/4/2017)



Essendon Ford Division 1 ~EKFC Seniors

Round 4 finally saw the Cougars return to Overland reserve to play our first home match for 2017. What a day it was, your columnist can report he thought he was at the wrong event as on arrival with the Gyros in full swing and at the unfurling of the senior flag for 2016, Miss Australia India, tossed the coin to start the game. At the end of the game I was thinking that poor lass has had a very long day only to realise that the lady in the rooms after the match having numerous photos taken with Branca was indeed Miss Australia *International*..... not enough for one Miss Australia on the day we had to have two! (She must have enjoyed the experience as she left in an EK Guernsey.)

Back to the footy.....The team again matched up very well until half time with Airport West five points up at the main break. Unfortunately the good news ended there as Airport West out played the Cougars for the rest of the day recording a 48 point win. Again some discipline issues undid some of the good work and this will be no doubt addressed during the week. If we can take anything away from the first three weeks we have played Hillside, Airport West and Glenroy who fill the top three spots on the ladder. Hopefully we can hit our straps for four quarters in the coming weeks and get some positive results.

Reserves Division 1

The reserves bounced back and recorded a 27 point win over Airport West. We sit 5th on the ladder (= 2nd on %) and it was a very good four quarter performance.

A number of players will put their hand up for senior selection this week on the back of that win as our depth is very good at this stage of the season.

Apprenticeships Group Australia Under 19 Division 1

The U/19.5s also unfurled their U/18.5 2016 premiership flag prior to the game. We played Moonee Valley and basically had them under control by half time to run out winners by 42 points. We sit second on the ladder on % to Westmeadows as the two undefeated teams of the competition. Whilst we play bottom of the ladder Taylors Lakes this week the boys will not take it easy as we attempt to consolidate our position on the ladder early in the season.