

35/3's Emu Plains Football Club
Match report
26th April 2009

vs Springwood

This is the first match report for 2009. The report will focus on the team players and the first 3 rounds.

The core players in 35/3's have played together for a few years now but there are many new faces that have joined this year (me included). From my perspective, it's interesting to see how many players rocked up to the first game with various medical aids, including dencorub, Nurofen tablets, knee braces, ankle supports, wrist bandages and not to forget The Falcon's bandage----- best not finish this sentence.

Medicals aids aside, the team is focussed on playing well and giving their all for the year. Gordon M has backed up again to coach this year. We might be over 35's but we still need a firm voice to steer us around the park. Gordon has what it takes!

Round 1 against Band Club was a great season opener. Our fitness levels need some work but the quality of the game was high. We controlled the ball well and came away with a 2-1 win.

Round 2 against Warradale was a tough encounter. Warradale scored in both halves and won 2-0. Warradale controlled the ball better than our boys. They maintained their momentum throughout the game and were rewarded with a win.

Round 3 against Springwood was an interesting game. We played well in the opening 20 minutes and were leading 1-0 after Gavin slotted home the opening goal of the game. Our intensity seemed to drop towards the later stages of the first half. Springwood were building for a goal. That's exactly what happened late in the half. We went to the break at 1-1 and after Gordon's 'talk' at half time, we knew exactly what he expected in the 2nd half. The high winds played havoc with both teams but we managed to continually advance the ball forward and maintained possession better than our opposition. Justin scored a cracking goal late in the game to secure our 2nd win for the year.

It's great to play in a side with a bunch of knock-about blokes who just wanna play football. Looking forward to a great year.

All players will take turns at submitting the match reports.

Dave F.