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***Yet another successful season at Eastern Suburbs Football Club***

### **Pre-Season**

***The season commenced early April as usual, however the real work started in February/March, with administration and pitch work.***

***Thank you must go to Tracey and Dani, with an early bird reduced fees offer online we were inundated by new players, most of whom were individuals looking to join existing teams.***

***The first initiative was from Marsh and I to hold new entrant trials in early March, on two successive Sundays with no less than 50 new players turning up, resulting in three new teams being formed, and one player pushing thru to the clubs first team***

### **Gallagher Davidson 7- A- Side Tournament**

***For the second season in a row we held our now annual 7 A Side Tournament, this year at Madill's farm on pitch 1.***

***The weather was perfect, as were the grounds , with the "Newbies" one of our newly formed teams, taking the first prize***

### **Season Proper**

***With an increased number of teams in the Men's Division I am pleased to say we had a well organised season with good results***

### **Final Word**

***This season has had only one real issue, the condition of the grounds at Madill's farm. As the season approached the half way point the deterioration of pitches two, three and four***

*became obvious, and eventually approached the point where the grass had all but disappeared and the sand base was moving, and holes appeared.*

*This was the worse seen in decades at the club and the quality of football was much affected, causing numerous complaints both during the season and in our post season on-line survey to all members, another new initiative*

### **On Line Survey**

*Members were, for the first time, asked to answer a group of survey questions designed to ascertain the “general feeling” of being a club member at ESAFC*

*Overwhelmingly the results were positive with the general feeling that ESAFC is an enjoyable club to be associated with.*

*Several new ideas/suggestions were put forward by members and will be initiated in the near future.*

*However, as previously mentioned, by far the most common feeling was that the grounds at Madill’s Farm were overused by the Juniors each Saturday Morning, and an alternative must be found for them for next season*

### **Finally**

*As New Zealand’s largest club members are proud to be associated with ESAFC, and we look forward to the 2019 season and no cancellations*

***Paul Jackson***

**Senior Chairman**

**Men’s Football**

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