

Goalkeepers Club

Since its inception in the early 60's, Eagles have been fortunate to have had a host of goalkeepers in their ranks who were also very talented on the field and vice-versa.

Formation 4-3-3

Goalkeeper:

John Michniewski – the team's penalty taker. In the early eighties, John was the club's penalty taker and was very successful at it. He had a habit of telling the opposing goalkeeper where he was going to place his shot, and famously received a yellow card from Basil Masters (for ungentlemanly conduct), for pointing out to the goalkeeper that he should have listened to what he had been told, and not dived in the other direction.

Back Four:

***David Kruijver** – old style, rugged defender who puts everything on the line.

***Sylvester Rakowski** - member of the foundation team. An old-fashioned centre-back, very strong, who also had a "kick like a mule". Could switch to a more central attacking role if required.

***Bobby Rybak** - quality player who could play anywhere. Was called upon by senior coach Glyn Jenkins in the '77 premiership season to take the place of Wally Bucher (who was dropped for disciplinary reasons) against Dnipro in a very important game at the back end of the season. He did not let the side down. A skillful, explosive player on the field, with a ferocious shot.

***Grant Nutting** - solid, no nonsense defender who likes to push forward and support the attack.

Midfield:

Gilbert Steenhuis – could play in midfield or up front. His best performance was 16 goals in the Division 3 side in 1998.

***Nathan Pitchford** - spent 2013 out of the goals with a hand injury and comfortably handled the move on to the playing field. Athletic, strong and with an eye for goal, Nathan scored 4 league goals in that season.

***Luke Ottavi** – versatile player who could also comfortably play in the back four. Good communicator and solid on the ball. Former senior best and fairest winner.

Forwards:

***Peter Wass** - A very fast, tricky player who delivered magnificent pin-point crosses.

Craig Jones - live-wire, very quick and skillful. Craig was the league's leading scorer in Division 3 in 2000 with 25 goals. Loved to get under the oppositions skin, and there a few New Norfolk players and spectators still looking for him.

***Bogdan Dora** - another foundation team member. Left footer with a strong presence. Focal point of the attack.

Substitutes:

Eddie Kempa – skillful, intelligent forward

***Peter Groenewoud** - rangy player who could deliver a decent cross

Montgomery Piesse – solid holding midfielder. Not flashy, but gets the job done. Hits a good long-range pass.

Sam Kruijver – another potential holding midfielder.

Rodney Bones – skillful left-footer who could play in midfield or in an attacking role

Zlatko Belanic – handy in a penalty shoot-out situation

**Have played at senior level on the field and in goals*



Grant Nutting – Good allrounder



Nathan Pitchford – 4 Senior goals in 2013