



Eagles Dominate the Southern Leagues in 2021-2023

League Champions

Championship – Men - 2021, 2022, 2023

Championship – Women - 2023

Championship 1 – Men 2021 - 2023

Southern Division 1 – Women - 2023

Southern Division 4 - 2023

Southern Division 6 - 2021

Under 15/16 - 2023

Final Winners

Summer Cup – Championship Men - 2021

Summer Cup – Championship 1 - Men 2021, 2022

K O Cup - Southern Division 6 - 2021

Championship Men - Final Series - 2023

Championship 1 Men - Final Series -2023

Final Runners-Up

Championship Women - Final Series - 2023

Championship Men – League Cup - 2023

Championship 1 Men – League Cup - 2023

Heading into 2021, expectations were again high, for a successful season and a premiership to help celebrate Eagles 60th Anniversary not being out of the question. The search for a replacement for Leszczynski commenced in late November 2020 and the quality of candidates for the top job was a testament to how the club has gone some way to regaining its stature in the soccer community as a “big” club with a long history and ambitions to play at the highest level again. Former senior player Tommy Fotak was the successful applicant for the senior job, to be assisted by Adam Shackcloth, who had stepped in to coach the Championship 1 side in 2020 and would continue to do so in 2021.



Fotak in action in the Past v Present Game 2011 – Clare Street Oval



Eagle's President Grant Nutting welcoming Tommy Fotak (Walter Pless)

Tommy Fotak appointed as coach of Eagles

By WALTER PLESS 2021

Tommy Fotak was yesterday announced as the new coach of Southern Championship side New Town White Eagles. Fotak will lead the club into its 60th anniversary year alongside newly appointed senior assistant Adam Shackcloth. A former White Eagles player, Fotak was most recently NPL coach at Hobart Zebras. He returns to football after an absence focused on family and the operation of a successful Tasmanian technology company.

White Eagles president Grant Nutting explained: "To have an individual of Tommy's quality leading our club into its 60th season is extremely exciting. Alongside his technical attributes, Tommy brings with him great character and his appointment is significant step towards our club achieving great things in 2021 and beyond". Fotak said: "I am really excited by the opportunity to build on the work that Dreamer [Andrew Leszczynski] and the coaching staff have done over the past seven years. "Performances on and off the field demonstrate this is a club on the rise and that is a credit to Grant and the committee, and everyone involved at Eagles.

"I'm honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility to lead this group and the club in their anniversary year. "I can't wait to get out on the track and get to work. I encourage anyone that wants to be part of the journey to come along and get involved however they can." Further coaching appointments and player signings are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

I spoke to Tommy today about his coaching background and the task he now faces.

Walter Pless: Which clubs have you played for?

Tommy Fotak: I played a season with Olympia in the 1994/95 summer State League, but the bulk of my years were spent playing with Eagles and Zebras.

WP: Which clubs have you coached?

TF: At senior level, Zebras and now Eagles.

WP: Have you won any trophies as a player, and as a coach?

TF: As a player, I won the premiership with Eagles in 1998, Lakoseljac Cup with Zebras in 2003, and a premiership with Zebras in 2004. These were in competitions that were considered the top-flight at the time. As a coach I haven't won anything at senior level yet.

WP: Why are you coming back to coaching?

TF: I've always enjoyed coaching and wanted to get back involved at some stage. I see it as a way of contributing to community. For football to be played competitively, we need coaches, referees, committees and match-day helpers, as well as players. Coaching is my preferred way of being involved. It also engages my competitive appetite! Timing is a big factor. was thinking about what I would like to do if I could retire tomorrow and, no joke, what came to mind in terms of keeping me mentally active was coaching and keeping bees. No time is ever perfect, and I realised that I could do one of those things now, so why not? I had really good conversations with Eagles, and they understood my concerns about my time commitments with football, my business and my personal life and they were incredibly open about working with me to manage all that to try to ensure that we all get good outcomes.

WP: What will your coaching philosophy be?

TF: I went back and re-read my Coaching Manifesto I put together in 2013 when I first got involved in coaching at senior level. It was a good reminder of the ideals I have when it comes to coaching and the expectations, I have of myself and any group of players that I work with. From a playing perspective, I prefer possession-based attacking football, but who doesn't? I love tempo football, being able to take your foot off the gas, be composed, but when the moment is right, really apply pressure and intensity for sustained periods. From a practical point of view, I want players and supporters of the club to be able to objectively see that the team and individuals - including myself - are continually improving, that we are always moving forward, not necessarily in a straight line, but forward, nonetheless.

WP: What do you hope to achieve at Eagles?

TF: Ultimately, the title and promotion. That's what is being asked of me and it's a fair challenge, and that's what I've joined to do. That will be based on hard work and continual improvement. If we don't win the title but we have improved by certain metrics, like total points or goal difference, then that is progress.

WP: Why did you choose to go to a second-tier side?

TF: In this case, the challenge of promotion is a reason, but for me, it's not really about tiers. It's about where I think I can do my best work, where I think I fit and add value and where I think a club sees value in my efforts. A big factor was the conversations we had around my time commitments in other facets of my life and how we can manage that as a club and coaching group. Grant [Nutting] and the Eagles committee were really understanding and supportive and we all believe we have a setup where I can do my best work and deliver really good outcomes for the club.

WP: How do you rate Tasmanian football at present?

TF: This is a really nuanced question and any answer really depends on your perspective. The game has tens of thousands of stakeholders and they each have different perspectives. My daughter plays AFL, and I would say that at a grassroots level football is streets ahead of AFL. Our challenge is to turn those fields of grass into forests of trees if I may wax philosophical for a moment. Pragmatically, the game faces all the same challenges that other sports in this State face, and I don't think we are doing any worse or better than them. From my personal perspective, I think, it is in a transitional period and has been for some time. This is not a criticism of any people in the game. It is due to societal changes that have occurred over the last twenty years. To move out of that transition we need to look at our strengths as a sport and as a community and

Island State and aim for a future built on the unique value those vectors combined bring. This is far easier to say sitting here than it is to achieve. Call me a starry-eyed optimist, but I do think it is achievable.



A solid squad was made even stronger with the return of Eagle old boys Ben Whitehall and David Cox, plus the addition of Henry Fagg, Henry Lush, Rowan Heggie and Luke Huigsloot. Whitehall, Heggie and Huigsloot in particular, gave Eagles a significant boost to their goalscoring options, and provided star striker Sam Leszczynski with much needed support, not only in the goalscoring department but in the creation of goalscoring opportunities as well. It also meant that competition for senior places would be fierce, the perfect scenario for the Eagle's coaching staff. By seasons end, Leszczynski, Heggie and Huigsloot would end up as three of the top four goalscorers in the league.

Victories in the pre-season Summer Cup (the club's first senior success since 2000) for both the Senior and Reserve sides provided the perfect start to the club's 60th year, and had the supporters excited about what the season would bring.

Eagles collect the chocolates on Saturday

Walter Pless – 15/3/2021

New Town Eagles last won the Summer Cup in 2000, but they deserved the 2021 trophy with a 3-2 win after extra-time against South Hobart at KGV Park on Saturday.

Eagles began well and Sam Leszczynski was unlucky to see his shot come back off the base of the left-hand post after just 4 minutes after being put away down the left by Toby Butler. The physically aggressive South Hobart side almost took the lead in the 14th minute, but Eagles keeper Mitch Stalker saved Thomas Walpole's shot.

Butler misdirected a difficult header and later blazed wide when he should really have scored from close-range, and the first half ended goalless. Ronan Longden finally broke the deadlock when he gave Eagles the lead in the 63rd minute, converting an accurate left-wing cross from Butler at the far post. South Hobart drew level with 15 minutes to go when Joshua Divin took advantage of slack defending by Eagles to make the most of a cross from the right by Sam Tooze. In the 83rd minute, Eagles regained the lead when Butler's free kick from wide on the left was headed home at the far post by Rowan Heggie.

With Eagles appearing as the likely winner, Tooze popped up for South Hobart 2 minutes from the end to make it 2-2 and take the game into extra-time. In the 9th minute of the first period of extra-time, Leszczynski found new signing Luke Huigsloot and he hit what proved to be the winner from close range.

Referee Alfonso Giusti was kept busy dishing out yellow cards throughout the game in what was a heated and physical contest at times.



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2021 Championship Summer Cup Winners

Back: P. Palmer, H. Moore, S. Leszczynski, L. Huigsloot, J. Vernon, D. Cox, J. Clamp, J. French, T. Madzikanda

Front: M. Free, T. Butler, R. Heggie, A. Clark (Capt.), M. Stalker, C. Back, R. Longden



Heggie Scores to put Eagles up 2-1



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Summer Cup Final 2021 Supporters

Back: Chris Brown-Price, Scott Young, Andrew Leszczynski **Front:** Bobby Rybak, Peter Wass, Chris Leszczynski



The league campaign didn't get off to the expected start with a disappointing 3-1 loss to South Hobart. Eagles produced a very lacklustre display, but this was to be a temporary setback as they then proceeded on an 11-game unbeaten run (including 10 wins). The loss of Jakob Clamp to a season ending knee injury spurred the players on to keep the winning momentum going and Eagle's improved depth helped the team maintain a positive outlook.

Even though they were winning, their form was patchy. They did however show that they had the resilience and game management know how to get results (despite not playing at their best) an important trait for any team with championship winning aspirations. This was highlighted in the home game versus Metro FC. Metro were deservedly leading Eagles 2-0 with 20 minutes of play remaining, but Eagles to their credit managed to fight back to level the game, and then dramatically snatch a late winner in the final seconds.

Dominant performances against Beachside away, (6-1), the return home game against South Hobart (5-2) and away against Metro (3-0) showed what the team was capable of playing a fast, skillful brand of game, that was too much for the opposition teams to handle.

However, after a disappointing draw against Glenorchy Knights at home (2-2), followed by a poor disjointed performance against title rivals University away from home (1-3), it looked as if Eagles were suffering a potentially damaging slump in form similar to 2020 which ultimately cost them any chance of winning the title. Eagles however quickly reasserted themselves as the team to beat, (playing their best soccer of the season), and went on to remain undefeated for the remaining 8 games (including 7 wins) and claiming the title by 9 points with 2 games to play.

The key to the season was the return game against University in Round 20 at Clare Street. Eagles held a 6-point lead over University who were the last team to defeat Eagle in Round 17, and they had a good record against Eagles, although they were not as successful at Clare Street in recent times.

Eagles were keen to show that the Round 17 game was an aberration, and they came out in blistering fashion. Attacking the Clare Street end in the first half, the onslaught started as early as the 3rd minute, when Johnstone's long throw-in (earned after intense Eagles pressure had forced the University defence into a panicked clearance) found Whitehall in the box and he expertly held off his marker and delivered a teasing ball across the six-yard line and into the path of Heggie who timed his run to perfection and slid home the opening goal.



Heggie and Leszczynski celebrate Eagles first goal

In the 12th minute a fluent move involving Fagg, Stalker, Cox, Lush, Leszczynski and Heggie, resulted in Leszczynski being put through and subsequently being fouled just outside the box on the left, by University defender Will Stalker. Whitehall delivered a dangerous cross to the far post where the unmarked Huigsloot had no problem heading in Eagles second goal as the University defence watched on. After having taken up a more central position, Huigsloot easily lost his marker to make his way to the back post and Whitehall's pinpoint delivery only needed to be helped on its way into the back of the net and he duly obliged.



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Players celebrating Huigsloot's first goal

From the restart University tried to attack but were easily rebuffed by Cox who found Hudson with the intercept pass, and he found Leszczynski in the middle of the ground. Leszczynski quickly turned and struck a 30-metre pass into Whitehall's path who then proceeded to deliver an early ball to the near post that was met first time by the onrushing Huigsloot, and he made no mistake for Eagles third. Just on 15 minutes had elapsed and University were shell-shocked. It was not until the 30th minute mark that University had its first shot on goal, such was Eagles dominance. The half time score remained New Town White Eagles 3 University 0.

University began the second half with a more attacking mindset which was to be expected and they nearly pulled a goal back in the 50th minute when a great strike from 25 metres hit the underside of the crossbar before being collected by keeper Stalker who was well beaten by the initial shot. In the 58th minute, if things weren't already difficult enough, University were reduced to 10 men when one of their players was sent-off for a second yellow card offence.

In the 60th minute a Whitehall free kick found Fagg at the far post, and his well-timed run and strong header struck the crossbar and went out for a goals-kick. A minute later Heggie found himself one on one with the keeper following a good run by Leszczynski, but his shot was brilliantly deflected by the keeper out for a fruitless corner. In the 67th minute a Whitehall corner caused chaos in the University defence, and the ball somehow found its way to Heggie who diverted the ball expertly into the back of the net for a 4-0 score line.

To University's credit they continued to push forward to try and salvage something from the game. A ten-minute spell produced a number of good goalscoring opportunities for the students, but a combination of desperate, resolute defending and superb goalkeeping kept them scoreless.

In the 78th minute a good interchange between Leszczynski and Lush ended when Lush found Whitehall with a delightful pass in acres of space and only the keeper to beat. Whitehall summed up the situation quickly and with the keeper well off his line opted for a lob over the top, but unfortunately the top of the crossbar came to University's rescue and the rebound landed safely back into the retreating keeper's hands.

In the 80th minute the keeper saved again, this time from Leszczynski's chip after he had made a fine run from the half-way line and he repeated the feat in the 85 minute when he denied Leszczynski again after the player's jinking run in the box had ended with a strike that the overworked keeper parried away to safety. The final score was New Town White Eagles 4 University 0.



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Hudson weaving his way through traffic



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Leszczynski on the run



Senior Team Squad for the University Game including Sponsors and Support Staff

In the final roster game versus Kingborough Lions, Eagles finished off with a 4-2 win, Sam Leszczynski scoring the opening goal after good work from Ben Whitehall and the second came from a penalty spot, awarded after Leszczynski was fouled in the box, keeper Mitch Stalker making no mistake with the resulting penalty.



Leszczynski opening the scoring



Mitch Stalker converting from the penalty spot



Southern Championship – Premiers

Southern Championship – Final Standings 2021

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	22	18	2	2	79	26	56
South Hobart	22	15	2	5	71	33	47
University	22	14	4	4	59	28	46
Hobart United	22	11	5	6	50	37	38
Taroona FC	22	11	3	8	45	37	36
Beachside	22	9	5	8	44	33	32
Olympia FC Warriors	22	9	4	9	57	66	31
Glenorchy Knights	22	8	5	9	46	52	29
Kingborough Lions	22	7	1	14	34	54	22
Metro FC	22	5	3	14	36	62	18
South East United	22	3	3	16	23	67	12
Clarence Zebras	22	3	1	18	17	66	10

Goalscorers: S. Leszczynski 17, R Heggie 14, L. Huigsloot 13, B. Whitehall 8, D. Cox, J. Vernon, O. Johnstone 4, M. Pilkington 3, A. Clark, B. Hudson 2, H. Fagg, M. Stalker, T. Butler 1 each.

Southern Championship - Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	20/3/21	Darcy Street (A)	South Hobart	Loss 1-3
2	27/3/21	Pembroke Park (A)	South East United	Win 4-2
3	10/4/21	Sandown Park (A)	Beachside	Win 6-1
4	24/4/21	Wentworth Park (A)	Clarence Zebras	Win 4-0
5	08/5/21	Clare Street (H)	Metro FC	Win 3-2
6	15/5/21	Clare Street (H)	Taroona FC	Win 4-0
7	22/5/21	Clare Street (H)	South East United	Win 1-0
8	05/6/21	Clare Street (H)	Beachside	Win 3-1
9	19/6/21	Clare Street (H)	South Hobart	Win 5-2
10	26/6/21	North Chigwell (A)	Metro FC	Win 3-0
11	03/7/21	Warrior Park (A)	Olympia FC Warriors	Win 4-2
12	10/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Glenorchy Knights	Draw 2-2
13	17/7/21	Olinda Grove (A)	University	Loss 1-3
14	24/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Olympia FC Warriors	Win 6-0
15	31/7/21	Kelvedon Park (A)	Taroona FC	Win 3-1
16	07/8/21	Weily Park (A)	Hobart United	Win 5-3
17	14/8/21	Clare Street (H)	Clarence Zebras	Win 7-0
18	21/8/21	Lightwood Park (A)	Kingborough Lions	Win 3-0
19	28/8/21	Clare Street (H)	University	Win 4-0
20	04/9/21	KGV (A)	Glenorchy Knights	Win 5-1
21	10/9/21	KGV (H)	Hobart United	Draw 0-0*
22	18/9/21	KGV (H)	Kingborough Lions	Win 4-2

* game abandoned because of light failure (not replayed)

The Championship 1 team's season mirrored the Championship team, and they also capped a memorable year by winning the title by 9 points. The team ably led by experienced Captain Lucas Eugster (and featuring a host of Championship quality players), were inconsistent at times (doing just enough to win games) but when it did matter in the big games, the team showed that they were a class above their opposition. Standout games which showed their capabilities was the first game of the season against South Hobart (who finished in 2nd place) where they were 1-3 down at half time only to turn it around in the second half to win 4-3 with goals from Henry Fagg (2) and Monty Pilkington (2).

The Round 20 game against University also showcased their quality when they demolished the students 6-1, on the back of four goals from Monty Pilkington. In the final game of the season Callum Back scored 5 goals in a 6-3 win over Kingborough to propel him to equal top goalscorer for the league with 21 goals. Monty Pilkington finished a fine season with 18 goals.



Championship 1 – Premiers

Back. E. Dixon, S. Vernon, T. Knight, L. Brown, J. Vernon, M. Vernon, T. Vernon, C. Chladil, D. Kruijver, G. Nutting, M. Voss (Asst Coach), A. Telega, H. Moore, P. Palmer (Asst Coach), T. Madzikandwa, R. Brown-Price, A. Shackcloth (Coach) **Front:** M. Free, W. McKay, L. Eugster (Capt.), R. Longden, C. Gangell, M. Pilkington, C. Back

Southern Championship 1 - Final Standings 2021

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	22	19	2	1	80	24	59
South Hobart	22	16	2	4	85	21	50
Taroona FC	22	15	3	4	65	26	48
University	22	12	5	5	55	34	41
Taroona FC	22	13	2	7	59	43	41
Hobart United	22	9	3	10	42	41	30
Beachside	22	9	1	2	47	62	28
Glenorchy Knights	22	7	2	13	29	39	23
Clarence Zebras	22	6	5	11	35	57	23
South East United	22	4	2	16	32	79	14
Metro FC	22	3	4	15	26	84	13
Kingborough Lions	22	3	1	18	39	91	10

Goalscorers: C. Back 21* M. Pilkington 18, J. Vernon 10, A. Telega 7, T. Knight 5, C. Anderson H. Fagg, L. Eugster, M. Free, R. Heggie, W. McKay 2, B. Whitehall, J. Fracalossi, L. Ottavi, M. Vernon, R. Longden 1 each



*Callum Back – Equal League Top Goalscorer (21 goals) v Glenorchy Knights – KGV 2021



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Andrew Telega v University Clare Street 2021

Southern Championship 1 - Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	20/3/21	Darcy Street (A)	South Hobart	Win 4-3
2	27/3/21	Pembroke Park (A)	South East United	Win 6-1
3	10/4/21	Sandown Park (A)	Beachside	Win 2-0
4	24/4/21	Wentworth Park (A)	Clarence Zebras	Win 3-1
5	08/5/21	Clare Street (H)	Metro FC	Win 8-0
6	15/5/21	Clare Street (H)	Taroona FC	Draw 1-1
7	22/5/21	Clare Street (H)	South East United	Win 4-1
8	05/6/21	Clare Street (H)	Beachside	Draw 1-1
9	19/6/21	Clare Street (H)	South Hobart	Loss 2-3
10	26/6/21	North Chigwell (A)	Metro FC	Win 3-1
11	03/7/21	Warrior Park (A)	Olympia FC Warriors	Win 7-3
12	10/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Glenorchy Knights	Win 3-2
13	17/7/21	Olinda Grove (A)	University	Win 3-0
14	24/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Olympia FC Warriors	Win 4-1
15	31/7/21	Kelvedon Park (A)	Taroona FC	Win 3-0
16	07/8/21	Weily Park (A)	Hobart United	Win 3-1
17	14/8/21	Clare Street (H)	Clarence Zebras	Win 3-0
18	21/8/21	Lightwood Park (A)	Kingborough Lions	Win 3-0
19	28/8/21	Clare Street (H)	University	Win 6-1
20	04/9/21	KGV (A)	Glenorchy Knights	Win 1-0
21	10/9/21	KGV (H)	Hobart United	Win 3-0
22	18/9/21	KGV (H)	Kingborough Lions	Win 6-3



Mark Vernon v Glenorchy Knights – KGV 2021



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James Vernon v University – Clare Street

The Championship 6 team led by Matthew Burn and featuring a host of former senior players added to the Club's successful season winning the premiership (losing only one game), and capturing their Knock Out Cup with a convincing 6-2 win over the

Huon Valley, Matthew Burn scoring a hat-trick. The team also showed the fighting qualities required to achieve a premiership after a close battle with Phoenix Rovers for most of the season. Two standout performances were the 3-3 draws with firstly Kingborough, and the Phoenix Rovers which ultimately helped secure the title.

In the game against Kingborough, Eagles found themselves trailing 3-1 half-way through the second half when they lost defender Kryz Lebski to a harsh red card decision. Rather than drop their heads, the players rallied and managed to score twice to salvage a draw. In fact, despite playing with 10 men Eagles looked the more likely winner until the final whistle was blown. In what turned out to be the premiership deciding game against Phoenix Rovers at Clare Street, Eagles fell behind to an early Phoenix goal, but an equaliser with seconds remaining in the first half scored by Richard Leszczynski gave Eagles a significant boost and the impetus heading into the second half. Eagles scored early in the second half to gain ascendancy and control of the game despite losing key players Chris Jones and Matthew Burn to injuries.

Adam Bates kept Phoenix star striker Lawler very quiet, but with five minutes remaining Phoenix rocked Eagles by breaching their defence twice to regain the lead, the second goal taking a wicked deflection to loop over keeper Harris and into the back of the net. Once again, the players dug deep and continued to strive for an equaliser although time was against them. With the final action of the match Dylan Styles delivered the match saving goal with a blistering corner kick that went directly into the opposite top corner, a truly outstanding goal. As Eagles players celebrated the referee blew his whistle to signal full time.



Championship 6 – Premiers and KO Cup Winners – Players and Family Members Celebrating

Southern Championship 6 - Final Standings 2021

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	21	17	3	1	84	24	54
Phoenix Rovers	21	17	2	2	94	26	53
DOSA	21	11	1	9	66	47	34
South East United	21	9	5	7	50	54	32
Kingborough Lions	20	9	2	9	50	44	29
Huon Valley	21	9	2	10	42	53	29
Metro FC	21	4	1	16	26	89	13
New Norfolk *	10	0	0	10	1	19	0

Goalscorers: M. Burn 12, A. Bates 10, J. Rojahn 9, M. Voss 8, D. Styles 7, R. Leszczynski 6, C. Jones 4, A. Shackcloth, J. Wiggins, K. Quan 3, W. Savage 2, A. Leszczynski, A. Telega, J. Harris, K. Lebski, M. Shreeve, P. Angel 1 each

*New Norfolk pulled out of the league

When Andrew Leszczynski scored in the 12-0 win over Metro FC it meant he had joined his brother Richard as having scored in each of the last six decades for the Club.



Andrew & Richard Leszczynski – Clare Street Oval - (2021)

Southern Championship 6 - Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	14/3/21	Tynwald Park (A)	New Norfolk	Win 1-0
2	21/3/21	Pembroke Park (A)	South East United	Draw 1-1
3	28/3/21	North Chigwell (A)	Metro FC	Win 7-1
4	11/4/21	Clare Street (H)	Kingborough Lions	Win 3-2
5	18/4/21	Clare Street (H)	DOSA	Win 4-1
6	23/4/21	KGV (A)	Huon Valley	Win 6-2
7	07/5/21	Wentworth Park (A)	Phoenix Rovers	Win 4-1
8	16/5/21	KGV (A)	New Norfolk	Win 3-0 (Forfeit)
9	23/5/21	Clare Street (H)	South East United	Win 6-2
10	30/5/21	Clare Street (H)	Metro FC	Win 5-2
11	06/6/21	Gormley Park (A)	Kingborough Lions	Draw 3-3
12	20/6/21	Weily Park (A)	DOSA	Win 7-1
13	27/6/21	Hunonville (A)	Huon Valley	Win 5-0
14	04/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Phoenix Rovers	Draw 3-3
15	11/7/21	BYE		
16	18/7/21	Pembroke Park (A)	South East United	Win 3-0
17	25/7/21	Clare Street (H)	Metro FC	Win 12-0
18	08/8/21	KGV (H)	Kingborough Lions	Win 2-0
19	15/8/21	Weily Park (A)	DOSA	Win 3-1
20	29/8/21	Clare Street (H)	Huon Valley	Win 3-0 (Forfeit)
21	12/9/21	Wentworth Park (A)	Phoenix Rovers	Loss 0-4

2021 also saw the resurrection of the Club's women's program. Eagles fielded two senior women's teams in the Southern Championship and Southern Championship 1 competitions, coached by Shane Revell and Dave Kruijver respectively. This was a fantastic achievement as the initial aim was to field only one team.

The Championship team finished in a very creditable fourth place, an excellent effort considering it was basically a new team, and although the Championship 1 team finished in last position, the noticeable improvement in player performances over the season, together with the enthusiasm shown is promising for the future. For a number of these players, it was their first taste of the sport, and they will be the better for it if they continue playing next season.

Southern Championship Women - Final Standings 2021

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
University	21	19	2	0	143	6	59
Clarence Zebras	21	14	3	4	68	28	45
Kingborough	21	14	2	5	69	31	44
New Town White Eagles	21	9	2	10	47	55	29
Glenorchy Knights	21	7	3	11	27	55	24
Taroona FC	21	6	0	15	28	76	18
South Hobart	21	4	2	15	23	97	14
Olympia Warriors	21	3	2	16	23	77	11

Leading Goalscorers: S. Dutton 16, N. Daniels 13, H. Ryan, E. Peterson, A. Parr 4 each

Southern Championship 1 - Women - Final Standings 2021

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clarence Zebras	21	19	2	0	178	9	59
University	21	18	1	2	112	17	55
Glenorchy Knights	21	13	1	7	59	42	40
Taroona FC	21	9	2	10	40	47	29
South Hobart	21	7	1	13	35	94	22
Kingborough	21	4	4	13	19	82	16
Olympia Warriors	21	4	3	14	22	99	15
New Town White Eagles	21	1	4	16	13	79	7

Leading Goalscorers: K. Le Roux 4, N. Longden 3, G. Kelly 2



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Elkie Petersen & Chloe Williams v University



2021 Championship Women

Back: Shane Revell (Coach), Agnes Parr, Jacinta Mackay, Sarah Dutton, Holly Ryan, Ellie Piesse, Nina Daniels, Ellen Curtis
Front: Chloe Williams, Georgia Kelly, Jasmine Tate Turvey, Elke Peterson, Sarah Rawson



2021 Championship 1 Women

Back: Kate Le Roux, Stacey McCormack, Ava Hill, Lucy Kruijver, David Kruijver (Coach), Sylvia Grewe, Llewly Dodd, Ashleigh Heather, Maddie Luttrell.
Front: Ela Niekrasz, Oli Niekrasz, Ashleigh Crick, Natelie Revell, Adelaide Mountain, Nina Longden

Tommy Fotak wins his first league title as a coach with Eagles

Thursday, September 9, 2021

New Town White Eagles won both the Southern Championship and Southern Championship 1 league titles this year with a couple of games still to play. This was a fantastic achievement for the club, which celebrated their 60th anniversary this year and which is aiming to qualify one day for the NPL Tasmania competition. Tommy Fotak, 42, the senior coach at the club, has a fine pedigree as a player, but this was his first success as a coach. Adam Shackcloth coached the Championship 1 side and also won the title. I interviewed Tommy Fotak this week.

Walter Pless (**WP**): Which clubs did you play for?

Tommy Fotak (**F**): I played at Olympia, White Eagles and Hobart Zebras.

WP: Is this your first title as a coach?

TF: Yes it is

WP: Have you won titles as a player?

TF: Yes. The only title I didn't win as a player was the Senior Men's Summer Cup. I won everything else at senior and reserves level.

WP: What points would you highlight about this title win?

TF: I'd point out that both the reserves and seniors won their titles, and both did it in a similar fashion. We have very similar win loss records, goals for and goals against numbers, and it shows there's a way we want to do things and we are trying to do it at all levels. Both teams have scored over 70 goals so far, but we've also ground out wins when we have had to.

WP: What was the biggest problems you faced as a coach this year?

TF: Nothing immediately springs to mind as having been particularly difficult, but player selection was a challenge often. With such a strong group, trying to get the right balance each week, including giving us coaches weapons from the bench across the squads was challenging. You have a guy like Monty Pilkington who has had an absolute stand-out year and is banging goals in for the reserves but his chances in the first eleven were rare because they were all playing well and performing and getting results. Every time he was asked to step up he did a fantastic job. Jamie Vernon, the same. Every time he was asked to do a job he did it. It is that club and team first mentality that meant we were successful this year across competitions. It's a credit to the players.

WP: What were the positives in the title success?

TF: I could go on for a very long time! The two league titles, obviously. The goals for and against columns. The fact that we had goal scorers all over the park. The camaraderie of the group. We had a lot of new faces compared with recent years and the way they settled in was fantastic. The club and team first mentality. The individual improvement in players, in particular Olly Johnstone and Monty Pilkington. The big one for me is how we continually improved as a group. Any team that took points off us faced a better version of us the next time and we won those games.

WP: Where to from here for you and the club?

TF: We've got two games of the season left. We want to finish those strongly, and enjoy the success of the year and then prepare for next year.

WP: What will you and the club do now, given that there doesn't seem to be any promotion or relegation procedures in place?

TF: The club will keep working towards its goal of being an NPL club again, so we'll continue to improve our women's and men's programs. We'll get junior and youth programs up and running. We'll improve off field where we need to, too. Without the State league for us, one thing I'd personally love to see is if we can get the concept of the White Eagle Sports Club back. Can we get some summer sports associated with the club? Can we get some other winter sports like netball or basketball associated with the club? You gave me this idea when you mentioned it at the sixtieth anniversary dinner.

WP: Do you have any advice for Football Tasmania in regard to rostering and other aspects of the Championship set-up?

TF: I don't have the context that people there do so I can't offer advice. From a feedback perspective, I would love it if they could reconsider the rostering. We didn't play Kingborough for the first time until round 19 and then we play them again in round 22, the last one. We played Olympia twice in four weeks. We had played both South Hobart and Beachside twice by the halfway mark of the season. It's a really tight competition, and maybe that is due to the rostering, and it might have helped or hindered us at times, but if you play a team twice in quick succession and they are in a purple patch or have got injuries it can make a difference. I know with managing the NPL games as well it is challenging.

WP: Can this team go further?

TF: Absolutely!

WP: Are you looking to recruit in the off-season if you stay at the club? Are you, in fact, staying at the club?

TF: Our philosophy is that everyone is welcome. We don't go out and actively recruit, but if people express an interest, we engage with them and we encourage them to come and see what we're about. If people are reading this and their interest is piqued, get in touch! I think any of the players we had join this year would say it was worth it. I intend to stay at the club. They have a plan and that includes a coaching succession plan. We'll chat at the end of the season and see where we are on that path and where I fit in.

WP: Would you be in the market for an NPL coaching position?

TF: No. I'd love to coach at the highest level for sure, but I can't travel, and I can't take three trainings a week which, I think, most clubs do or expect at the moment. The reason we have been successful this year is because of all the heavy

lifting everyone else has done for me, particularly Adam Shackcloth, Stef Sikora, Grant Nutting, Stevan Vernon, Michael Voss and Paul Palmer. It's because of them I got to do what I'm good at to the best of my ability.



To cap off a memorable 60th Year, Sam Leszczynski was adjudged as the Vic Tuting Medalist for 2021 and Tommy Fotak was named Southern Championship Coach of the Year. Callum back was joint top goalscorer in the Championship 1 competition.



Sam Leszczynski Vic Tuting Medal Winner 2021



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Sam Leszczynski breaking away from two Kingborough opponents

Eagles still flying after 60 years

Walter Pless Thursday, July 15, 2021

New Town White Eagles celebrated their 60th anniversary on Saturday night with a gala dinner attended by about 230 guests at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hobart.

It was a wonderful occasion for a great club that has had tremendous success over the years. I confess to being star-struck at the illustrious personalities in attendance. Some great players have represented this club founded by Polish immigrants and many of them were there on Saturday night.

I was in awe of many of them and recall interviewing a host of them and writing many column inches about them in my 42 years of covering the game.

A few came down from interstate to attend the dinner and two of those, goalkeeper Zlatko Belanic (South Australia) and David Stoddart (Melbourne), truly were stars of the club. It was wonderful to chat to them.

As I said on the night, some people can play. Those who can't, write about it. That seems to sum up my career. The White Eagles Sports Club was innovative in that football was just one arm of the club. There were, for example, basketball, volleyball, table tennis and other sports under the club's umbrella.

It was something new in Tasmanian football and is the norm in Europe, where many clubs, including Real Madrid, Barcelona and Panathinaikos have sporting teams other than football.

White Eagles began life in the second division and had to earn promotion to the top-flight. If only that were the case now, when numerous criteria except playing performance, determined the composition of the current State League.

The club recruited some top players from other clubs and were soon promoted to the First Division. They have suffered relegation a couple of times over the decades, but bounced back within a year. They are currently top of the Men's Southern Championship, the second tier of local football, but they are there because they did not meet a list of criteria, which did not include on-field performance.

Eagles' first title came in 1977, when they were State champions after beating Devonport.

Their squad was: Wally Bucher, Mark Sikora, Brian McKay, Eamonn Kelly, Larry Nunn, Peter Linnell, Denis Trueman, Gary Jenkins, Mark Oakes, Mick Southworth, Mike Richards, Harry Stewart, Bobby Rybak and Peter Wass. Glynn Jenkins was the coach and he attended on Saturday night.

Eagles won the inaugural State League the following year on goal-difference from Croatia Glenorchy. John Grimsey was the coach. The title was won when David Smith scored the only goal in the 1-0 win over Rapid.

The 1978 squad was: Peter Wass, Mark Sikora, Denis Trueman, Eamonn Kelly, Larry Nunn, Brian McKay, Nigel Sugden, David Smith, Peter Linnell, Nick Drascovic, Bobby Rybak, Tony Godfrey, Mick Caban, Mark Oakes, Dominic Fraraccio and David Forshaw.

The club were relegated in 1980 under coach Eugene Mycak, a Polish coach who had been working in the U.S.A. The club actually appointed Rapid coach Ken Morton as an adviser to Mycak, which was a unique situation as Rapid were also in the State League. The move failed and Eagles went down.

The squad that year was: John Michniewski, Peter Linnell, Frank Letec, Peter Sherman, Chris Collins, Chris Witek, George Krambousanos, Nick Cook, Mark Leszczynski, Ken Worden, Noori Aziz, Guilbert Steenhuis, Bobby Rybak and Mike Brazil. Eagles won the 1981 Southern Championship but were not promoted because the State League ended that season and they were a part of the 1982 Southern competition.

A few lean years followed and some of the club's stars, including three Leszczynski brothers, Mark, Andrew and Richard, joined University in 1984.

They came back for the 1985 season when Steve Darby was coach. Darby, who is in England, spoke by video on Saturday night at the function and had some fascinating insights. His biography will be published this month and it includes a couple of chapters about his time in Tasmania.

In 1986, Ulverstone beat Eagles for the State title.

The 1986 squad was: Peter Groenewoud, Mark Krzysica, Alan Burton, Franco Previdi, Eugene Banasik, Scott Young, Mark Leszczynski, David Stoddart, Richard Leszczynski, Neil Morrison, Andrew Leszczynski, Chris Leszczynski and Jimmy Kerr. In 1987,

Eagles finished third in the Cadbury League, while a golden age then began, and they won four State League titles from 1988 until 1991.

In 1989, they won everything except the pre-season competition and finished 15 points ahead of second-placed Hobart Juventus. They were unbeaten and scored 60 goals with Mycak as coach. They had signed Bob Nicholson from New South Wales.

Their squad during this period was: Peter Groenewoud, Mark Leszczynski, Michael Driessen, Eugene Banasik, Neil Morrison, David Stoddart, Bob Nicholson, Scott Young, Craig Pitt, Brett Harwood, Richard Leszczynski, Franco Previdi, Andrew Leszczynski, Richard Ketchell, Paul Morrison, Scott Hadley, Simon Templeman, Michael Driessen.

Eagles won the 1991 title with Mark Leszczynski as player-coach and with Zlatko Belanic in goal.

Colin Shepherd and goalkeeper Alan Wisby signed for the club as the State League competition became a summer league for two years. This period was characterised by the intense rivalry with Devonport.

Eagles won the 1995 State League title and Clare Street became the club's home ground in 1996. Further league success followed, and the club snared the 1996 (Minor Premiership) and 1997 State League titles.

In 1997, the Australian Soccer Association decreed that clubs had to abandon their ethnic names and White Eagles became New Town Eagles.

That decision went against all the principles of a multicultural Australia and virtually destroyed some clubs. I must admit to not even taking my camera out of its bag on Saturday night, so I have no photographs of the occasion. There was a professional photographer in attendance and her photos may be seen on the Eagles website.

My wife and I were too busy enjoying the occasion. It was one of the few times I've been able to attend a club event with family. My grandson, Toby Butler, plays for Eagles and my cousin, Tommy Fotak, is the senior coach. My daughter and son-in-law were there, too.

I chatted to many former players and coaches and it was wonderful to catch up with former coaches such as Dale Itchins and players and officials including Sean Collins, Danny Donohoe, Rodney and Damien Bones, Nick Cook, Jimmy Kerr, David Forshaw, Ian Honeyman, Frank Bansel, Eddie Kempa, George Krambousanos, Richard Ketchell, Adam Shackcloth, Bill Shackcloth, Eamonn Kelly, Mark Page, Steve Vernon, Ben Whitehall, Michael Driessen, Bob Nicholson, Darren Frost, Adam Jones, Peter Groenewoud, Eugene Banasik, Bobby Rybak, Stefan Sikora, Alonso Morales, Shane Revell and Matthew Rhodes to name just some.

Congratulations must go to Andrew and Chris Leszczynski, Peter Wass and Adam Shackcloth for their role in organising the event.

Andrew Leszczynski has compiled an excellent history of the club comprising newspaper clippings from the past 60 years and team photographs and I am sure readers can access this by contacting Andrew. It is much more comprehensive than this article.

Bobby Osuchowski, Ian Honeyman and Eugene Rosinski were just three players from the 60s who attended and who feature in team photos. I saw Adam McKeown there, too, one of the great goalscorers of more recent times, while Nathan Pitchford, who was unable to attend because Devonport played that day at Valley Road, featured in the team of the decade.

My head is still spinning from the occasion, and I hope the club gets to celebrate at least another 60 years of life.



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Senior Team 2021 (10th July v Glenorchy Knights 2-2 – Cox, Leszczynski)

Back Row: D. Cox, H. Moore, H. Lush, S. Leszczynski, L. Huigsloot, R. Heggie T. Fotak (Coach)

Front Row: O. Johnstone, B. Whitehall, T. Butler, M. Stalker, A. Clark (Captain), B. Hudson



2021 Championship 1 – “Social” Sumer Cup Winners defeating Juventus 2-1 (Hudson 2)

Back: M. Voss (Asst. Coach), R. Brown-Price, M. Vernon, L. Brown, J. Haas, J. Fracalossi, J. French, M. Anderson, S. Heathcote, O. Johnston, L. Ottavi
Front: J. Ryan-Buchanan, C. Gangell, L. Eugster (Capt.), B. Hudson, K. Toman, C. Anderson, T. Fotak (Coach)



2021 Premier Women

Back: S. Revell (Coach), S. McCormack, S. Grewe, N. Longden, A. Parr, J. Mackay, S. Dutton, D. Kruijver (Coach), H. Ryan, E. Piesse, N. Daniels, E. Curtis, M. Luttrell, A. Heather, D. Revell (Asst Coach) **Front:** L. Dodd, A. Hill, A. Crick, M. Sulikowski, N. Revell, C. Williams, G. Kelly, K. Le Roux, J. Tate Turvey, E. Peterson, S. Rawson, E. Niekrasz, O. Niekrasz.

The 2022 season followed a similar path to 2021. Although Eagles were not able to retain the Summer Cup, they entered the season with high optimism. Compared to their main rivals (University, Hobart United and Taroona), Eagles had strengthened their squad substantially.

In came experienced players, goal-keeper Robert Wilson, Ash Fisher, Brett Andrews, Joel Schuth (all ex-Beachside) and promising youngsters Tom Backhouse (Zebras) and Harrison Huigsloot (Glenorchy Knights). Talented goal-keeper Jamie Cook would also be available following successful knee surgery. The only major out for the Club was goalkeeper Mitch Stalker, who signed with NPL side Olympia Warriors.

None of their rivals could match Eagles consistency or ability to win the “big games”, and although they did find themselves behind in a number of games during the season, their goalscoring prowess and ability to play out a strong 90 minutes gave them a substantial edge over their rivals. This ability was exemplified in an extraordinary game against Glenorchy Knights. Eagles found themselves 0-3 down after twenty minutes, trailed 3-4 and 4-5, mid-way through the second half, before prevailing 7-5, with 3 goals in the final 15 minutes of the game.

Luke Huigsloot (21), Leszczynski (13) and Heggie (12), contributed half of Eagles goals for the season, however 10 other players scored 3 or more goals, which made them extremely hard to contain over the course of a game. The defence also played their part across the whole season. Superbly marshalled by the experienced pair of David Cox and Henry Fagg, with backup from Jacob Clamp, they proved extremely miserly, keeping 7 clean sheets, and only conceding 2 or more goals in 4 games.

Eagles only loss of the season came against Hobart United, when Eagles keeper Jamie Cook was sent off with the score at 0-0 in the first 20 minutes for a last man foul. Hobart United scored from the resultant free-kick and a rattled Eagles side conceded a second just before half-time. Although playing with ten men for 70+ minutes, Eagles worked hard to get back into the game but couldn't breach the Hobart United's defence and they held on to win 2-0. Although a disappointing result, particularly against a genuine title contender, this proved to be only a minor setback.

Home and away wins against their major rivals Taroona (3-1, 2-0) and University (3-1, 4-0) and an exciting win away against Hobart United (2-1), underlined Eagles ability to save their best performances when it mattered. Their best performance of the season (as was the case the previous season), was saved for University. Playing at Olinda Grove on a very slippery surface, Eagles totally dominated the game from start to finish against their fierce rivals and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners. Only desperate defending by University kept the score-line respectable.

Eagles had the title sewn up with 3 games to be played following a 2-2 draw against South Hobart at Clare Street in front of the biggest crowd of the season, eventually winning the league by 12 points with a goal difference of 63.

Southern Championship - Final Standings 2022

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	22	20	1	1	85	22	61
Taroona FC	22	15	4	3	75	26	49
Hobart United	22	14	4	4	65	27	46
University S.C.	22	11	6	5	63	35	39
South Hobart	22	12	1	9	63	35	37
Glenorchy Knights	22	12	1	9	76	53	37
South East United	22	11	3	8	57	47	36
Hobart City Beachside FC	22	8	2	12	34	35	26
Clarence Zebras	22	7	1	14	45	50	22
Metro FC	22	5	0	17	23	82	15
Olympia Warriors	22	3	1	18	17	82	10
Kingborough Lions	22	2	0	20	24	109	6

Leading Goalscorers: L. Huigsloot 21, S. Leszczynski 13, R. Heggie 12, B. Andrews 8, B. Whitehall 6, A. Fisher, H. Huigsloot 4

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	18/3/22	KGV Football Park	Hobart City Beachside FC	Won 1-0
2	26/3/22	Pembroke Park	South East United	Won 4-1
3	02/04/22	North Chigwell	Metro FC	Won 8-0
4	28/05/22	Clare Street	Hobart United	Lost 2-0
5	23/04/22	Clare Street	Taroona FC	Won 3-1
6	30/04/22	Clare Street	University S.C.	Won 3-1
7	14/05/22	Clare Street	Olympia Warriors	Won 3-0
8	21/05/22	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Won 2-1
9	04/06/22	Lightwood Park	Kingborough Lions	Won 6-0
10	18/06/22	Clare Street	Glenorchy Knights	Won 7-1
11	25/06/22	KGV Football Park	Clarence Zebras	Won 3-1
12	02/07/22	KGV Football Park	Hobart City Beachside FC	Won 3-1
13	09/07/22	Empire Couriers Park	South East United	Won 5-1
14	16/07/22	KGV Football Park	Metro FC	Won 3-1
15	23/07/22	Gunns Oval Brighton	Hobart United	Won 2-1
16	30/07/22	Kelvedon Park	Taroona FC	Won 2-0
17	06/08/22	Olinda Grove 2	University S.C.	Won 4-0
18	13/08/22	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia Warriors	Won 7-0
19	20/08/22	Clare Street	South Hobart	Drew 2-2
20	27/08/22	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Won 6-2
21	03/09/22	KGV Football Park	Glenorchy Knights	Won 7-5
22	10/09/22	Wentworth Park 3	Clarence Zebras	Won 4-1



Southern Championship Premiers 2022

Back Row: A. Shackcloth (Asst Coach), M. Page, R. Wilson, L. Huigsloot, D. Cox, H. Fagg, O. Johnstone, H. Lush, T. Fotak (Coach), S. Vernon (Manager)
 P. Wass (GK Coach), B. Andrews Front Row: B. Hudson, A. Fisher, A. Clark (Capt), B Whitehall, S. Leszczynski, R. Heggie, G. Nutting

Premiership celebrations after securing the title with a 2-2 draw with Southern Hobart at Clare Street.



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The Southern Championship 1 team retained their Summer Cup win from 2021 but were unable to defend their 2021 league title win given the depth of talent available to them, it was a disappointing result. Although scoring a massive 111 goals and ending with a substantial goal difference of 87, poor finishing (not a shortage of chances) in a number of the games that were lost led to their third-place finish, although University did perform very strongly against them during the season and were worthy winners.

Southern Championship 1 - Final Standings 2022

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
University S.C.	22	19	1	2	89	23	58
South Hobart	22	18	2	2	105	32	56
New Town White Eagles	22	16	1	5	111	24	49
Taroona FC	22	14	1	7	94	43	43
Clarence Zebras	22	13	0	9	55	29	39
Hobart City Beachside FC	21	10	3	8	41	37	33
Hobart United	21	10	1	10	69	62	31
Glenorchy Knights	22	6	3	13	45	65	21
South East United	22	6	2	14	43	75	20
Metro FC	21	5	1	15	39	89	16
Kingborough Lions	21	5	1	15	45	109	16
Olympia Warriors	22	0	0	22	12	157	0

Top Goalscorers: J. Schuth 26, C. Back 22, J. Vernon 10, L. Backhouse 6, H. Huigsloot 5



The Southern Championship women's team endured a tough season, finishing in the bottom half of the table with only 5 wins. The standout performers were Nina Daniels and Kate Ollerhead.

Southern Championship Women - Final Standings 2022

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
University S.C.	18	17	0	1	97	11	51
Glenorchy Knights	18	12	2	4	55	30	38
South Hobart	18	11	1	6	70	32	34
Clarence Zebras	17	9	1	7	56	27	28
New Town White Eagles1	18	5	2	11	38	70	17
Kingborough Lions	17	5	0	12	41	44	15
Taroona FC	18	0	0	18	8	148	0

Top Goalscorers: N. Daniels 16, K. Ollerhead 6, S. Dutton 5

The big improvers for 2022 were the Southern Championship 1 women's team which finished mid-table securing 8 wins on the back of Lara Priest's 17 goals. This was a big improvement on last season's last place finish with 1 win and only scoring 13 goals.

Southern Championship 1 - Women - Final Standings 2022

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympia Warriors	18	17	1	1	133	23	49
University S.C.	18	12	3	3	61	20	39
South Hobart	18	12	2	4	58	35	38
Nelson Eastern Suburbs	18	11	3	4	68	26	36
New Town White Eagles	17	8	1	8	42	48	25
Metro FC	17	7	1	9	50	66	22
Glenorchy Knights	18	5	4	9	45	55	19
Kingborough Lions	17	2	4	11	25	58	10
Hobart City Beachside FC	16	2	1	13	18	108	7
Taroona FC	16	1	0	15	8	59	3

Top Goalscorers: L. Priest 17, E. Meadows, K. Warrenner 3

Luke Huigsloot winning the prestigious Vic Tuting Medal as the league's Best & Fairest player, Tommy Fotak Championship Coach of the Year for the second season running and Callum Back, the Championship 1 Best & Fairest player, put the icing on the cake of another successful season for the club.



Callum Back, Luke Huigsloot, Tommy Fotak



Senior Team v Olympia – Lakoslejac Gup [Photo: Tanner Coad]

Back Row: A. Shackcloth (Asst Coach), H. Huigsloot, L. Backhouse, L. Huigsloot, B. Andrews, D. Cox, H. Fagg, T. Backhouse, R. Heggie, T. Fotak (Coach)
Front Row: O. Johnstone, S. Leszczynski, M. Page, J. Cook, A. Clark (Capt), B. Whitehall, H. Lush, G. Nutting, S. Vernon (Manager)



Southern Championship Women 2022

Back Row: D Kruijver (Coach), K. Ollerhead, C. Butler, C. Crick, L. Kruijver, S Dutton, L. Priest, E. Piesse, N. Daniels, D. Revell (Asst. Coach)
 Front Row: A. Parr, C. Williams, E. Curtis, N. Longdon, J. McKay, O. Ashmore



Southern Championship 1 – Summer Cup Winners 2022

Back Row: D. Kruijver, M. Ditton, H. Lush, L. Brown, L. Backhouse, T. Backhouse, M. Luttrell, J. Schuth, N. MacDonald
 Front Row: A. Gebrezgabir, B. Hudson, M. Vernon, M. Page, C. Back, A. Telega

The 2023 season ushered in a new coaching team for both the men's and women's programs, with 2022's assistant coach Adam Shackcloth taking on the senior men's role and the experienced Adam Powell (ex-Clarence Zebras) being appointed the senior women's coach.

A new in-season "League Cup" was added to the roster, as was a "Final Four Series". Three NPL backed clubs from the previous season did not enter teams (Clarence Zebras, Glenorchy Knights and Kingborough Lions) and Olympia Warriors were relegated from the NPL to the Southern Championship.

2023 also ushered in the newly redeveloped Clare Street Oval complex, with significantly improved changerooms for both men, women and match officials, canteen and storage facilities.

January also saw the passing of former club committee man, junior, and senior coach Dale Itchins.

Shackcloth new Eagles coach after 20 years at the club and his first aim is to complete a hat-trick of titles

By Walter Pless – 2/12/2022

New Town White Eagles have appointed Adam Shackcloth as their senior coach for the 2023 Southern Championship season.

He replaces Tommy Fotak, who coached Eagles to the Southern Championship league title for two years in succession. Eagles were the champions in 2021 and 2022. Fotak becomes the club's technical director for the senior program.

Shackcloth, who was Fotak's assistant in those two title-winning seasons, will have Wade Savage and Jack Harrison as his assistants. The technical director for the club's junior programs will be Nick Taylor. The facilities rebuilding program at Clare Street is progressing well and will be completed in time for the start of the 2023 season.

Shackcloth is looking forward to being senior coach. "It's always a challenge when you're going for three in a row and you all of a sudden become the hunted," Shackcloth said. "We're looking forward to seeing what 2023 brings."

Shackcloth, 34, is a former Eagles player who made his debut with the club in 2006. He said it was too early to say if the club would recruit new players for the 2023 season. "We probably won't know until pre-season in January, but what we do know is that when you have success it brings people along," Shackcloth said. "Our doors are always open and year after year we've seen new talent come in. "I expect the same next season."

Shackcloth said Eagles' ultimate aim was to play at the highest level possible and did not rule out promotion to the NPL Tasmania top-flight competition in years to come. "That's been our focus for the past three or four years now and we'll continue to develop in areas that Football Tasmania is asking for in terms of NPL criteria and we'll keep chipping away at that," he said.

"But, at the end of the day, for us, we just want to make sure that we're a place where anyone can play football and, if that ends up being at State League level, which we aim to achieve, then excellent, because we want to have that top-flight success again. "But, we also want to make sure there's somewhere for the kids to play and to feel at home so that they don't hop, jump and skip clubs."

Shackcloth is delighted with the way facilities are being improved at Clare Street. "This is my twentieth year at the club and it's the first time I've seen carpet in the change rooms," he said. "I've got to put that down as a win, and it's a credit to the committee working with the State and Federal Governments to get the funding we needed to get this project off the ground.

"The new facilities are going to make a huge difference to morale and the welcoming factor when people do come to the ground because it's not just those old raggedy rooms that have been there since the year dot. "They are now warm and inviting and it may bring more players but certainly a better environment."



New Eagles coach Adam Shackcloth (left) with the hugely successful previous coach of the past two seasons, Tommy Fotak, who is now the senior technical director at the club. [PlessPix]



(L-R): Eagles' new coaching team of Adam Shackcloth. Wade Savage. Tommy Fotak, Nick Taylor and Jack Harrison. [PlessPix]



New Town White Eagles Soccer Club member Agnes Parr and New Town Cricket Club member Ella Willmott in the new Clare Street Oval change rooms. Picture: Chris Kidd

Facelift for club facilities

Alex Treacy

For the last two seasons at New Town White Eagles Soccer Club, player Agnes Parr, who lives just around the corner from the club's home ground at Clare Street Oval, has been dashing home to use the facilities at halftime.

She wouldn't step foot inside the pavilion's "dirty, terrible" change

rooms unless she was "desperate".

However, following a \$1.3m upgrade, featuring four change rooms, two accessible toilets, 10 lockable shower cubicles, a new kiosk and two separate change rooms for umpires with separate bathrooms and showers, she is no longer greeted by the sight of stained urinals at halftime.

"I was shocked when I walked in

there, it didn't feel like I was in the same space. It's really spacious and clean, I felt perfectly comfortable using the bathroom," she said.

Sport Minister Nic Street said the 1970s-era change rooms at the oval had become "inadequate and outdated", prompting the investment, funded jointly between the City of Hobart and state government.

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⚽ Dale Itchins remembered by Football Tasmania community after death

By Sam Flanagan [THE MERCURY] - January 19, 2023

The football community across Tasmania is mourning the loss of a "wonderful character" who helped mould and nurture generations of talent. Dale Itchins, 66, passed away on Wednesday evening after a long health battle.

Itchins had a massive influence on football and futsal in Tasmania for more than four decades across numerous clubs and roles. He began coaching and part-time work with Football Tasmania in 1983 after retiring from the sport at a young age.

Itchins had great success at a number of the clubs he coached at, including Glenorchy Knights, Hobart Juventus, White Eagles, University and Olympia. "He was popular amongst his players, some of whom preferred to play in his teams than move up the ladder to senior ranks," close friend Walter Pless said on his blog.

"Itchins was a superb man manager and he employed his skills in this area, as well as using practical psychology, to get the best out of his players and the teams he coached.

"He called a spade a spade and demanded discipline from his charges. "Anyone who crossed him or let him down intentionally was in danger of being assigned to what he jokingly called 'The Muppet Bus'." Itchins took on multiple roles with Football Tasmania from 1997-2016 on a fulltime basis, primarily as futsal manager and special projects officer. He was instrumental in establishing the state's futsal competition as it's known today.

"We remember Dale as our friend and colleague, but also as a great mentor and advocate for the sport we love." Acting Football Tasmania CEO David Smith said. "He was a passionate driver of the round ball game in Tasmania, and we acknowledge his enormous contribution. "Our sympathies are with his family and friends today."

Following his stint at Football Tasmania, Itchins went on to become the technical director of the Glenorchy Knights, where he continued to teach juniors the way he wanted them to play football.

Relegation of Olympia from NPL - new coach Kurt Reynolds

Walter Pless - Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Olympia Warriors have missed out on the NPL Tasmania and the Women's Super League competitions for 2023.

Launceston United have been granted an NPL licence and will take Olympia's spot in the competition. Nine clubs applied for licences - the eight clubs from the 2022 NPL season, as well as Launceston United from the Northern Championship. Olympia was adjudged not to have met the required criteria for 2023 and have been replaced by Launceston United.

This means there will be four northern teams and four southern teams in the 2023 NPL. The teams are: Devonport Strikers, South Hobart, Kingborough Lions United, Glenorchy Knights, Launceston City, Clarence Zebras, Launceston United and Riverside Olympic. Playing performance is not a criterion, but facilities, qualified coaches and sufficient number of players are, and this is where Olympia fell short.

Their artificial pitch at Warrior Park is not deemed to be up to standard. Some of the club's coaches were adjudged not to have the prerequisite qualifications for their roles, and with the requirement for four youth teams - one of which will be the Under-21 team that underpins the NPL senior competition - the club was considered to be short of players.

Football Tasmania intend to work with Olympia and the Clarence City Council to address the problem with the club's facilities. It is believed that an artificial pitch that meets FIFA's minimum standards could cost up to \$1 million.

While the decision must be disappointing for Olympia's players, coaches and fans - they have recently announced the appointment of former Australian Under-20 captain Kurt Reynolds as senior coach - the situation is not unique. Olympia were relegated from the State League in 1979 - ironically, together with Launceston United.

When the State League ended in 1981 and regional leagues were reintroduced in 1982, Olympia were included in the Premier League South, the top-flight competition. There is a way back for them, but it will take time, money and a concerted effort by everyone involved with the club.

Glenorchy Knights showed it is possible. They were dropped from the NPL and won the Southern Championship three years in a row before finally being readmitted and winning the NPL title in 2021, their first year back in the top-flight.



Eagles, already the most experienced team in the competition, further strengthened their squad by picking up two Kingborough Lions NPL players, Adam McKeown (a former 5-time Eagle top goalscorer) and experienced mid-fielder Andy Taylor.

They also picked up talented attacker Thomas Bellini, a young player with enormous potential, having had NPL experience with Olympia and Glenorchy Knights. The loss of keeper Jamie Cook to Metro was offset by the return of Mitchel Stalker (from Olympia) and the return to the club after a number of years out of action of James Holland.

Eagles started their attempt for a three-peat with a change in formation, new coach Shackcloth favoring a three-man defence, and this was mirrored in the Championship 1 team as well. This was an interesting move given the success of the previous two seasons and the make-up of Eagle's defence, whose strength was excellent positional awareness and years of experience.

The first games of the season were against Taroona a Club with the ability to challenge for the title. The Championship 1 team were played off the park and suffered a disappointing 7-3 loss. The Championship team found themselves 3-1 down at half-time and required an injury time equaliser to force a 4-4 draw. Worryingly, all of Eagle's goals came from set pieces and very little was created in open play. The ease at which the opposition breached their defence on a regular basis was also of concern.

The three-man defence "experiment" was abandoned after Eagle's suffered a humiliating 9-1 loss in the Statewide Cup against NPL heavyweights South Hobart. Eagles cause wasn't helped by conceding a penalty in the closing stages of the first half and having a player sent-off (Ben Whitehall) for the infringement.

Eagles start promisingly but get plucked in the end

Walter Pless - Tuesday, April 11, 2023

South Hobart made it into the Lakoseljac Cup quarterfinals with a resounding 9-1 win over second-tier New Town White Eagles at South Hobart Oval on Easter Monday. South Hobart were always going to win this cup-tie. The difference between a top NPL side and a top Southern Championship side was evident from the start.

South Hobart were younger, fitter and faster, but it took them a while to assert their superiority against a determined but ultimately outclassed Eagles outfit.

The home side's job was made so much easier when Eagles had Ben Whitehall sent off after conceding a penalty on the stroke of half-time and collecting a needless second yellow card. If only he had kept his mouth shut he wouldn't have got his first yellow midway through the first half. After that, it was always going to turn out badly. South Hobart squandered chance after chance with erratic shooting in this game and the score could have been higher.

Eagles' veterans did all they could, and there were brief glimpses of past glory, but it was no contest really as the home side kept going and Eagles began to flag when they had to play with 10 men for the entire second half.

South cannot be too cocky after this win as they will certainly meet more difficult opponents in this competition and their inability to finish some easy chances must be of concern to their coaching staff.

Bradley Lakoseljac was man-of-the-match as far as I'm concerned. He made at least five goals, including winning the penalty that resulted in Whitehall's dismissal. He didn't score and was taken off with 20 minutes remaining. His performance was appropriate for a competition named after his grandfather. Lakoseljac and Iskander Van Doorne should have scored early as Eagles were still finding their feet, but both shot over the bar.

In the 10th minute, South finally hit paydirt as Lakoseljac's right-wing cross found Nick Morton, who netted easily past a static defence and an exposed keeper, Mitch Stalker. Two minutes later, Lakoseljac missed again as his shot squirmed past the far left-hand upright after the chance was created by Van Doorne.

In the 14th minute, Nick Morton worked his way in from the left, accelerating past opponent after opponent, only to lift his shot high over the bar. South paid for their profligacy when Eagles drew level from the penalty spot midway through the half. Reilly Morton brought down Sam Leszczynski and was cautioned, while Brett Andrews dispatched the spot-kick with ease to make it 1-1.



South Hobart's Reilly Morton conceded a penalty when he tripped Eagles' Sam Leszczynski. [PlessPix]



Eagles' Brett Andrews scores the penalty which made it 1-1. [PlessPix]

Three minutes later, Nick Morton chipped over the bar and Eagles began to count their lucky stars and hope for a miracle. They were brought back down to earth in the 31st minute when Lakoseljic picked out the marauding Tobias Herweynen with an accurate pass from the left wing and the fullback finished clinically to restore South Hobart's lead.

Two minutes later, Nick Morton again fired high from Van Doorne's right-wing cross as Eagles again avoided having their feathers plucked. Eagles' only response was a long-range effort from Joel Schuth on the left that flew harmlessly into the stratosphere.



Eagles' Sam Leszczynski (left) races South's Gus Higgins. Leszczynski had a lively performance for Eagles, who wilted badly and conceded four goals in the final 20 minutes of the match. [PlessPix]

In the 39th minute, Jackson Dent should have scored for South from Sam Berezansky's perfect lay-off, but with the goal at his mercy, he shot straight at Stalker. In stoppage time came Whitehall's faux pas and dismissal and Nick Morton put away the penalty to give South a 3-1 lead at the interval.

Eagles started the second half in resolute fashion as they fought to overcome the one-man deficit. They replaced Schuth with Adam McKeown and Oliver Johnstone, who had had a fine first half at right fullback, with the experienced Mark Page. South had exchanged Dent and Reilly Morton with Jack Bowman and Jaden Fidra.

Lakoseljic headed Berezansky's left-wing cross wide in the 64th minute, but a minute later, Van Doorne netted South's fourth to settle things down. Lakoseljic's parting contribution came in the 71st minute when he set up Nick Morton on the left with a long diagonal pass from the right and the skipper made it 6-1 to complete his hat-trick. Van Doorne completed his brace in the 77th minute and his hat-trick from Nick Morton's left-wing cross in stoppage time. In between those two goals, Fidra had netted 5 minutes from the end to take the score to 8-1.

Eagles had had a hard lesson and know what's required if they are to aspire to NPL football, while South Hobart know they will have to improve their finishing when they come up against stronger opponents.



A loss to South East United, 2-4 in Round 6, (its first loss against the Sorell based team since their admittance to the Championship in 2019) was Eagle's only loss in the first stage of the competition (Wins-6, Draws-1, Losses-1) and they appeared well placed to achieve a three-peat. Although their performances were patchy, a dominant 4-0 win over fierce rival University in Round 9 proved that when Eagles put their mind to it, they were very hard (if not impossible) to defeat.

Two draws and a loss in the first four games of the second stage of the season saw, Eagles drop to third place albeit only 1 point behind University and the surprise packet of the season South East United. Olympia Warriors were also in the mix, only 1 point behind Eagles in fourth place.

With three of the last four games being against South East United, Olympia Warriors and lastly University, it looked as if Eagles grip on the premiership was in jeopardy.

The loss in Round 14 against Hobart United 1-2 (who were having their worst season in some team) was particularly damaging, Not only did Eagles miss two penalties, it also had key midfielder Brett Andrews (who was enjoying an excellent season dominating the midfield) sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

Southern Championship 2023 – Top 4 after Round 12

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
University	12	8	1	3	20	25
South East United	12	8	1	3	18	25
New Town White Eagles	12	7	3	2	26	24
Olympia Warriors	12	7	2	3	11	23

However, as teams above and around them started to falter, Eagles came to the fore and showed why they have been the most dominant team in the past three seasons, comfortably defeating South East United in round 13 4-1 at Clare Street, and fourth placed Olympia Warriors 3-1 away from home the following week.



Luke Huigsloot about to score against Olympia – 26/8/23



Luke Huigsloot scores against Olympia – 26/8/23



Rowan Heggie adding a third in the same game

As other results went their way, Eagles last game against University at Olinda Grove proved to be a chance for eagles to celebrate they had already secured the three-peat on the previous weekend following South East United's loss to South Hobart.

Eagles put the badly fading University side (who went from first place to fifth) to the sword, winning 5-1, the highlight of the game being a 40-yard left foot volley from Sam Leszczynski that caught the University goalkeeper out of position and flew into the net to make it 5-1.



2023 Championship Premiers



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Back: W. Savage (Manager), H. Fagg, S. Leszczynski, O. Johnstone, B. Whitehall, H. Lush, R. Wilson, L. Huigsloot, A. Shackcloth (Coach), L. Priest (Physio). Middle: D. Cox, B. Andrews, J. Schuth. Front: J. Harrison (Asst Coach), T. Backhouse, A. McKeown, A. Clark (Capt.), M. Stalker, R. Heggie.

Southern Championship Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	16	11	3	2	62	21	36
South East United	16	10	1	5	73	53	31
South Hobart	16	9	2	5	48	42	29
Olympia Warriors	16	8	2	6	41	36	26
University SC	16	8	1	7	50	41	25
Taroona FC	16	7	3	6	43	37	24
Hobart United	16	6	3	7	27	33	21
Metro FC	16	3	1	12	34	73	10
Hobart City Beachside FC	16	1	2	13	19	61	5

Leading Goalscorers: L. Huigsloot 14, B. Andrews 12, A. McKeown 11, S. Leszczynski 9

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	BYE			
2	25/3/2023	Kelvedon Park	Taroona	Drew 4-4
3	1/4/2023	Clare Street	Hobart City Beachside	Won 8-1
4	22/4/23	Clare Street	South Hobart	Won 8-1
5	6/5/23	Clare Street	Hobart United	Won 2-0
6	13/5/23	Pembroke Park	South East United	Lost 2-4
7	3/6/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 2-0
8	16/6/23	KGV	Metro FC	Won 6-2
9	24/6/23	Clare Street	University FC	Won 4-0
10	BYE			
11	8/7/23	Clare Street	Taroona	Drew 1-1
12	15/7/23	Sandown Park 1	Hobart City Beachside	Won 3-0
13	6/8/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Drew 2-2

14	12/8/23	Gunn Oval	Hobart United	Lost 1-2
15	19/8/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 4-1
16	26/8/23	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 3-1
17	2/9/23	Clare Street	Metro FC	Won 7-1
18	9/9/23	Olinda Grove 2	University FC	Won 5-1



Southern Championship Final-Four Cup Final 22-9-23 - New Town White Eagles 3-0 South East United

Taroona win Southern Championship League Cup

Walter Pless - Wednesday, August 30, 2023

It could have been 7 or 8 nil but for some fine goalkeeping by Eagles' Mitch Stalker and some bad misses by Taroona. Taroona had countless one-on-situations with the goalkeeper but either fired wide or were denied by Stalker.

Stalker was taken off with 12 minutes remaining and his replacement, James Holland, didn't let the side down and made several good saves.

Taroona led 1-0 at the interval through a 34th minute goal by Oliver Maxwell. Jasper Gardner made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute, while Toby Fleming's goal in the 59th minute made the game safe for Taroona. Sam Leszczynski pulled a goal back for Eagles 2 minutes from the end, but it was too late by then.

Taroona coach Llewyn Tubb chuckled when it was suggested his side could have scored seven or eight goals.

"I suppose when you're up 3-0 then the game kind of changes and New Town were throwing everything at us and opened up a lot of space behind," said Tubb.

"It was certainly not the finishing we would have liked, but the amount of opportunities you create, we had to be happy with that.

"The League Cup is not what you play for because we want to win the league and it's been a pretty disappointing year to be honest, but very happy to win something for the club."

University won the Southern Championship Reserves League Cup in tonight's curtain-raiser, overcoming New Town White Eagles 4-2.

Eagles had goalkeeper Grant Nutting sent off after just 10 minutes and so played most of the game with 10 men.



Andrew Clark – Season 2023.....

Good evening, everyone. I hope you're enjoying the night so far. For those who might not know me, I'm Andy Clark, the senior men's captain, and it's my absolute honour and privilege to be up here tonight to talk about the incredible season we've just experienced.

First and foremost, I'd like to take a moment to recognise the achievement of all our teams. What our club has accomplished this season is truly out of this world and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. As they say, success breeds success, and this season is the living proof of that.

Heading into 2023, we knew that being back-to-back champions would come with its challenges and pressures. Fortunately, we had the chance to strengthen our squad with some new faces and welcome back some familiar ones. We were also able to provide valuable experience to young talents like Oli and Jamal from the under-15s, setting them up for success in the seasons to come, which will hold both them and the club in good stead for the future.

In the pre-season Shackas recognised that we had to evolve our play if we were to be successful. It was a great learning curve and an opportunity to teach the old dogs some new tricks as we began the year in our attacking 3-5-2 formation, powered by Shacks customary inspirational quotes. With only 16 games in the league season and our first two rounds being the bye and a come from behind 4-4 draw we started off a little bit behind the eight-ball knowing any more dropped points could be costly.

We put together a series of big wins before we came unstuck at South East for our first loss of the season. Now back in our default 4-3-3 we had used for the past two-seasons, we went on an unbeaten run until our second loss for the season going down 2-1 to Hobart United.

One of the things I am most proud about is how we dealt with those difficult parts of our season. That match against Hobart United could have easily been where it all went wrong, especially with a draw the week before, but we were never truly out of a game no matter the circumstances and we could have easily just packed it in, but we recomposed ourselves and showed why we were the team to beat.

One example of our ability to bounce back would have to have been the aftermath of our 9-1 loss to South Hobart in the Lakpseljac Cup. It turns out things are a little bit different to when I played my first senior game in 2005. Instead of coming to training, copping an earbashing for an hour then being flogged with running for the next week and a half, we had a candlelit stretching and meditation session complete with Tibetan Signing bowl music in the Clare Street changerooms. Then we wrote what I can only describe as love notes to one another. It must have worked though as we won our next league game 8-1.

In the final 4 weeks of the season, we faced 3 of the final top 4 sides where nothing short of a win was acceptable and despite accusations of parking the bus in our 4-4-2 and only scoring from set pieces, we won all 4 games with a combined scoreline of 19-4. When we finally found out about the finals series it was a case of just enjoying the ourselves and we were at our brutal best in the final two weeks of the season and collected another dangly for our troubles.

To close out, I'd like to say a few thank you's because our success of hasn't happened by accident. To the committee and volunteers who make the club tick behind the scenes; all your work doesn't go unnoticed by us. Thank you for the time and effort you dedicate so that all of us players, whether we are 35 years old or 5 years old get to enjoy playing each week.

To the coaching staff, in particular Shacks, Sav and Harro thank you for leading us through the season. The players owe you our deepest appreciation for helping us to achieve the threepeat we all desperately craved and to leave a lasting legacy in the history of White Eagles. Good luck for whatever might come next in your footballing story.

To the partners and families of the players, coaches, committee, and volunteers, thank you for sharing this journey with us and supporting us along the way. Every other night for 9 months of the year we leave you at home, in many cases with a gang of kids while we run around having a laugh and kicking a ball with our mates. We really are so fortunate to have you. Even though they can't be here tonight I'd like to say a special public thank you to my wife Bec and our three boys for allowing me to do what I love each week.

And finally, to all the players. It has been a physically and mentally draining season given we start in January and finish in late September, but know it was the hard work and sacrifice of us all that that allowed us to earn our place in the history of White Eagles. We have such strong group that melds together into such a brilliant squad that complements one another. I hope to see you all back but if not thank you for everything you have done and the memories you will share with us all. We are going to have one hell of a reunion 10 years from now.



The Championship 1 team started the season looking to improve on last seasons under achieving performance. The team's depth and quality was undeniable, and the envy of all the other clubs in the competition. There was no reason for them not to be a favourite for the premiership title.

The first league game versus Taroona however, did not go to plan. Lining up in a 3-4-3 formation, a departure from their traditional 4-3-3 lineup of a number of years, they were totally outplayed, suffering a heavy defeat (3-7), against a top rival for the premiership.

The new 3-4-3 formation was quickly discarded, and the team quickly erased this game from their memory, finishing the first round of matches with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses. The team's second loss against Olympia Warriors in Round 7,

(1-2), was disappointing, as Eagles totally dominated the game, but was let down by poor finishing. It was a reminder that there were teams in this competition that could punish you for any lapses in attitude or concentration.

This proved to be only a temporary setback, and when Taroona visited Clare Street at the start of Round 2, Eagles were keen to reverse their first-round loss to them and put the rest of the league on notice that they were serious contenders for the premiership.

An emphatic 6-0 win was the impetus required to go an unbeaten run of 7 games and enabled them to secure the premiership title, their second in three seasons with one game to play.

Not only were they the second highest goalscoring team in the league, their defence was by and far the best, conceding only 17 goals in 16 games, a remarkable effort when you consider they conceded 7 in the first game of the season.

Southern Championship 1 - Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	16	13	0	3	62	17	39
Taroona FC	16	12	2	2	59	25	38
University SC	16	11	2	3	63	23	35
Hobart United	16	7	2	7	41	40	23
Hobart City Beachside FC	16	7	2	7	32	37	23
South Hobart	16	6	2	8	42	38	20
Olympia Warriors	16	5	2	9	27	32	17
South East United	16	5	0	11	23	45	15
Metro FC	16	0	0	16	10	102	0

Leading Goalscorers: A. Fisher, L. Backhouse 10, R. Heggie 8, J. Vernon 6

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	BYE			
2	25/3/2023	Kelvedon Park	Taroona	Lost 3-7
3	1/4/2023	Clare Street	Hobart City Beachside	Won 4-1
4	22/4/23	Clare Street	South Hobart	Won 3-1
5	6/5/23	Clare Street	Hobart United	Won 6-1
6	13/5/23	Pembroke Park	South East United	Won 3-1
7	3/6/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC Warriors	Lost 1-2
8	16/6/23	KGV	Metro FC	Won 4-0
9	24/6/23	Clare Street	University FC	Won 4-0
10	BYE			
11	8/7/23	Clare Street	Taroona	Won 6-0
12	15/7/23	Sandown Park 1	Hobart City Beachside	Won 2-0
13	6/8/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Won 5-0
14	12/8/23	Gunn Oval	Hobart United	Won 4-1
15	19/8/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 5-0
16	26/8/23	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 4-0
17	2/9/23	Clare Street	Metro FC	Won 7-1
18	9/9/23	Olinda Grove 2	University FC	Lost 1-2



2023 Championship 1 Premiers

Back: Manager – W. Savage, G. Nutting, L. Eugster, E. Dixon, M. Ditton, J. Clamp, J. Vernon, L. Brown, M. Vernon, J. Holland, Coach – J. Harrison **Front:** T. Backhouse, B. Hudson, J. Smith, L. Backhouse, M. Page, C. Kannegeisser, A. Fisher, H. Lange.

The team made the final of the in-season “League Cup”, only to lose 2-3 to University. This was a fantastic performance, especially after goalkeeper Grant Nutting was sent-off early in the first half. Playing with 10 men for the majority of the game, the team showed great resilience and fighting spirit, to just fall short in the end.

After overcoming Hobart United 5-4 in the semi-final with a 91st minute winner from Evan Dixon, they faced off against University in final of the “Final Four Series”, a great opportunity to turn the tables on the students who had defeated Eagles in the League Cup Final.

The team for the final was decimated through injury, suspension and unavailability. Jacob Clamp was sent-off in the semi-final, Mark Vernon ruptured his ACL in the same game and Tom and Luke Backhouse were not available because of work commitments. Veterans Andrew Telega and Adam Bates were drafted in from the social team to fill the gaps and coaches Shackcloth and Harrison were added to the bench.

Mark Page scored the opener in the 23rd minute with a great header, only to break a rib shortly afterwards. He did continue to play the rest of the game and when Jose equalised for University in the 30th minute, the teams went into half-time locked at 1-1.

Veteran Blayne Hudson tore his quad just after half time, but an early goal from Dixon (47th minute) put Eagles in front again. There was however still a large portion of the second half to play and Jack Harrison (a second half substitute) scored a memorable third goal in the 66th minute, after great team play, to seal a fantastic 3-1 win.





W. Savage, A.Telega, M. Page, H. Lange, J. Vernon, G. Nutting, J Clamp, J. Harrison, L. Brown, C Kanegesser, A. Fisher, E. Dixon, J. Smith, J. Holland

President Liam Brown.....

We finished the 2023 season today and all I can say is I'm one proud president of this amazing club! We've won 6 out of 8 league trophies, with the final series still to come. Whether you're a junior, youth or senior player, you have all exceeded our expectations this year, and we couldn't be prouder of how we stand as a club, at season end.

Our men's senior team have achieved the 3-peat, our men's reserves have their 2nd title in 3 years, the women's senior and reserve programs have finally clicked into gear, claiming their first senior and reserves titles for the first time ever in the same season. Not to mention, the first youth team (u15/16) we have fielded in a long time cleaning up the competition, and our over 35 (div 4) team also taking home the choccies.

I'm proud to announce, that the New Town White Eagles Soccer Club is now a destination club, back to where we belong, for all players, promising to deliver for years to come!

So thank you to my committee, my players, my teammates and all the kids (and parents) that chose to represent the badge this year. We're a grand old team to play for!





Championship Women – Premiers 2023

Back: Aelia Dwyer, Adam Powell (Coach), Lucy Kruijver, Mady O'Brien, Nina Daniels, Jacinta Mackay, Nina Longdon, Ellen Curtis, Kate Ollerhead. Front: Jezrelle Gray, Alicia Wilson, Zoe Nichols, Holly Ryan, Elke Peterson, Charlotte Butler, Eleni Moutsatsos.

Southern Championship Women Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	18	15	2	1	69	12	47
University SC	18	12	3	3	67	17	39
Olympia Warriors	18	7	4	7	38	37	25
South Hobart	18	7	3	8	35	31	24
Kingborough Lions	17	2	3	12	14	58	9
Clarence Zebras	17	2	1	14	10	78	7

Leading Goalscorers: K. Ollerhead 20, Z. Nichols 17, N. Daniels 11, A. Wilson 8

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	25/3/23	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 2-1
2	2/4/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Won 1-0
3	16/4/23	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Won 4-0
4	23/4/23	Clare Street	University FC	Won 1-0
5	7/5/23	Wentworth Park	Clarence Zebras	Won 5-2
6	14/5/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC	Won 4-2
7	28/5/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Won 1-0
8	4/6/23	Sherburd Oval	Kingborough Lions	Won 5-0
9	18/6/23	Olinda Grove 2	University FC	Drew 2-2
10	24/6/23	Clare Street	Clarence Zebras	Won 7-0
11	2/7/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC	Won 5-0
12	9/7/23	Clare Street	South Hobart	Won 4-0
13	16/7/23	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Won 11-1
14	6/8/23	Clare Street	University FC	Lost 1-2
15	13/8/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Drew 1-1
16	27/8/23	Wentworth Park	Clarence Zebras	Won 8-0
17	3/9/23	Olinda Grove 2	University FC	Won 2-1
18	10/9/23	Lightwood Park	Kingborough Lions	Won 5-0



Zoe Nichols (out of picture) powers home the winner for Eagles against University. [PlessPix] - Women's Southern Championship 23-4-23
New Town White Eagles 1 (Z Nichols 22) beat University 0



David Kruijver.....

Season 2023 started with a flurry of action behind the scenes. With preseason training being announced to start, new Championship Coach Adam Powell (ex-Clarence Zebras) was only named a week before the first session. Assistant Coach David Kruijver returned to coach an expected second women's team.

With a new coaching team came a few new players as well as returning players to the club from 2013 (Zoe Nichols, Aelia and Gemma Dwyer). Some new players actively recruiting friends and previous team-mates, saw the ladies number explode to more than 40 at a single training session.

The decision to play a third team based on our 42 registered women was made with some trepidation, knowing the likely reduction in players availability that inevitably happens during the season. Harrison Lange agreed to lead the Women's Division 2 side on weekends with midweek training sessions being run by Powell and Kruijver.

Whilst the large numbers made logistics a challenge, the three-team structure enabled a clear pathway to manage both serious competition players, those wanting to develop and more social players.

A quick review of the playing group identified a number of players with WSL experience, long-term Championship or social football backgrounds as well as new young ladies coming from youth football as well as a number who were only in their first or second season. The blend of youth and experience was feeling pretty good.

Given the hectic start to the season, the Ea-gals did not participate in any preseason competition but focused on their own gameplay and connection. Expectations were set high after the first few weeks of the season as both the Championship and Championship 1 teams went undefeated.

Round 4 saw the championship girls take on University, in what was an early top of the table clash. (University had effectively dominated the Women's Championship and Championship 1 leagues for a number of years), and this was the first true litmus test for Nina Daniels (Capt) and her team mates.

In a massive defensive performance, Alicia Wilson and her fellow defender Eleni Mousatsos picked up votes, whilst newly promoted keeper Lucy Kruijver kept a clean sheet. Eagles won 1-0 in what was going to be a decisive game for the season.

The next couple of months progressed in a similar manner. The Championship 1 girls were undefeated with goals consistently being scored by Sarah Dutton, who scored 7 in a single game against the hapless Beachside. The Championship girls also continued undefeated.

The League 2 girls had a mixed bag of results, but were consistently scoring goals, including a 7-0 win over Taroona. Ava Hill being the most consistent performer in the first half of the season.

Round 9 saw the Championship girls face University again, in what was now a clear two horse race for the league. At Olinda Grove, a now spurred on University threw everything at the game with the final result being a 2-2 draw, leaving Powell with lots to think about. The girls reset with large wins over Clarence (7-0) and Kingborough (11-1) over the next month.

After 13 rounds, the Championship 1 girls held a perfect record of 13 wins with Chloe Williams, Kate Clamp (le Roux) and Nina Longden regularly receiving votes.

The League 2 ladies put together a string of wins over Taroona, Hobart City and South Hobart to put them into the top half of the table.

2023 was the year of the Women's World Cup being held in Australia. In an effort to encourage participation in the event, roster games were suspended for two weeks in July, followed by two weeks of games, then another weekend off for the World Cup final.

In between the world cup breaks, the Championship 1 girls beat Kingborough at home (6-0) with Sarah Dutton again scoring goals. This win secured the league title with four games to spare. Agnes Parr and newcomer Lili Wrigley were also amongst the votes.

The women's world cup was a resounding success generally, but for the Ea-gals, it proved a nasty speed bump. Players away at Matildas and other cup games, injuries and the 'on and off again' nature of games saw only 28 players available for three teams in round 15.

In the third instalment of the Championship girls vs University, a hard fought game at Clare Street saw University prosper 2-1. A nervous 1-1 draw to South Hobart the following week, brought the difference between Eagles and University to a single game on the ladder.

The remainder of the Championship 1 season petered out in a series of losses, where the opportunity to blood new players was taken. In the last game, an ankle injury to Lili Wrigley set the tempo for an ugly 8-0 loss to Olympia. Another good performance from Nina Longden in the final game saw her clinch the Best and Fairest award for Championship 1 team.

A final game 5-2 win over South Hobart saw Chelsea Crick win the Best & Fairest award and secure third place ??? for the League 2 ladies.

The Championship girls got back on course with an 8-0 win over Clarence, before facing University, for the fourth time, in the penultimate round of the competition at Olinda Grove.

Dogged defending from Ellen Curtis as well as a well fought all-round game at the top of the field from Nina Daniels kept the scores at 1-1 for most of the game. A brilliant curving free kick from Maddy O'Brien separated the two sides, with Eagles winning 2-1 at the conclusion to become League Champions in front of a loud and boisterous crowd. The league cup and medals were presented by FFT at the ground in front of a humbled University gathering.

The final game against Kingborough was comfortably one (a 5-0 win) with the team in party mode. Alicia Wilson's unbreakable defending across the season, but specifically in the University games, saw her easily win the Ingrid Leszczynski medal for the Best & Fairest player.





Championship 1 Women – Premiers 2023

Back: Lexi Fox, Makayla Atherton, Sophie Stephenson, Kate Clamp, Chloe Williams, Ellie Piesse (Capt), Sarah Dutton, Agnes Parr, David Kruijver (Coach), Front: Lara Priest, Steph Tye, Kasey Gray, Ella Harrison, Steph Nichols, Nina Longdon,



Southern Division 1 Women Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	18	15	0	3	71	18	45
South East United	17	11	0	6	45	21	33
University SC	17	8	1	8	29	35	25
Olympia Warriors	17	7	1	9	50	52	22
Kingborough Lions	16	7	0	9	32	40	21
Hobart City Beachside	15	1	0	14	7	68	3

Leading Goalscorers: S. Dutton 30, L. Priest 8, L. Fox-Hughes 6, L. Wrigley, P. Evans 4

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	26/3/23	Pembroke Park	South East United	Won 6-1
2	2/4/23	Olinda Grove 2	University FC	Won 1-0
3	16/4/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 5-1
4	23/4/23	Sherburd Oval	Kingborough Lions	Won 4-1
5	7/5/23	Clare Street	Hobart City Beachside	Won 12-0
6	14/5/23	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 4-2
7	28/5/23	Clare Street	University FC	Won 7-0
8	4/6/23	Clare Street	Hobart City Beachside	Won 3-0
9	18/6/23	Sherburd Oval	Kingborough Lions	Won 2-1
10	25/6/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 1-0
11	2/7/23	Sandown Park 1	Hobart City Beachside	Won 4-0
12	9/7/23	Clare Street	University FC	Won 3-0
13	16/7/23	Clare Street	Olympia FC Warriors	Won 3-0
14	6/8/23	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Won 6-0
15	13/8/23	Pembroke Park	South East United	Lost 0-2
16	27/8/23	Clare Street	Hobart City Beachside	Won 7-0
17	3/9/23	Clare Street	University FC	Lost 1-2
18	10/9/23	Empire Couriers Park	Olympia FC Warriors	Lost 2-8

Southern Division 4 Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	18	17	0	1	124	12	51
Kingborough Lions Black	18	17	0	1	94	19	51
University FC	18	12	1	5	67	49	37
Glenorchy Knights	18	11	1	6	88	58	34
Huon Valley SC	18	8	4	6	70	33	28
Phoenix Rovers	18	7	1	10	42	70	22
South East United	18	6	2	10	36	76	20
Kingborough Lions Blue	18	4	2	12	27	62	14
Kingborough Lions White	18	2	1	15	31	88	7
Metro FC	18	0	0	18	18	130	0

Leading Goalscorers: T. Knight 24, Alexander Leszczynski 14, D. Styles, S. Heathcote 11, M. Free 7, J Harrison 6

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	19/3/23	Olinda Grove 3	Kingborough Lions	Won 6-1
2	26/3/23	Huonville Oval	Huon Valley	Won 3-2
3	31/3/23	Cambridge New	Phoenix Rovers	Won 7-0
4	16/4/23	Prince of Wales Bay	Glenorchy Knights	Won 9-1
5	23/4/23	Sherburd Park	Kingborough Lions	Won 2-0
6	7/5/23	Sherburd Park	Kingborough Lions	Won 8-1
7	21/5/23	Pembroke Park	South East United	Won 8-0
8	28/5/23	Clare Street	University	Won 5-1
9	4/6/23	KGV	Metro FC	Won 14-0
10	18/6/23	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Won 9-0
11	25/6/23	Huonville Oval	Huon Valley	Won 4-2
12	2/7/23	Clare Street	Phoenix Rovers	Won 8-0
13	9/7/23	Clare Street	Glenorchy Knights	Won 3-0
14	30/7/23	Clare Street	Kingborough Lions	Lost 0-2
15	6/8/23	Sherburd Park	Kingborough Lions	Won 9-1
16	13/8/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 9-1
17	27/8/23	Olinda Grove 1	University	Lost 9-0
18	10/9/23	Risdon Vale Oval	Metro FC	Lost 11-0



Southern Division 4 Premiers

Back: Andrew Telega, Trent Knight, Adam Bates, Stephen Loudon, Samuel Heathcote, Sam Becker. Middle: Michael Voss, Zac Rosinski, Jack Harrison. Front: Dylan Styles, Matthew Burn, Cameron Chladil, Mitchell Free



Southern Women's Division 2

Back: Steph Nichols, Hannah Hull, Emily Suhr, Ava Hill, Llewly Dodd, Gemma Dwyer. Middle: Alanna Kalbfell (Capt), Ella Harrison, Steph Tye, Isabelle Payne, Chelsea Crick, Makayla Atherton. Front: Ashlee Crick, Natalie Revell.

Southern Women 2 Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glenorchy Knights	17	17	0	0	99	7	51
Nelson Eastern Suburbs	17	10	1	6	46	34	31
New Town White Eagles	16	7	1	8	44	43	22
South Hobart	16	7	0	9	41	47	21
Hobart City Beachside	14	4	0	10	21	52	12
Taroona	14	1	2	13	23	96	5

Leading Goalscorers: Stephanie Tye 6, Ashlee Crick 4, Chelsea Crick 3



Southern Youth – Combined 15 / 16's - Premiers

Back: Matthew Ford (Coach), Oscar Moate, Casey Tapp, Dash Bates, Oliver Hardie, Jamal Hussein, Parker Stephen, William Shelton. Front: Marshall Triffitt, Lincoln Ford, Sanjay Verma, Josh Petrie, Beau Witzerman, Beka Ahmed, Nicholas Hart, Cruze Thompson-Blight

Southern Youth – Combined 15 / 16's - Final Standings - 2023

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Town White Eagles	13	10	1	2	65	26	31
South East United	13	7	2	4	45	34	23
South Hobart	10	7	0	3	28	23	21
University SC	12	4	0	3	25	50	12
Clarence Zebras	11	1	1	4	21	46	4

Leading Goalscorers: Jamal Hussein 27, Beka Ahmed, Dash Bates, Oliver Hardie Cruz Thompson-Blight 3

Season Results

Round	Date	Venue	Opponent	Result
1	1/4/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 3-2
2	6/5/23	Clare Street	University	Won 8-3
3	13/5/23	Wentworth Park 3	Clarence Zebras	Won 5-0
4	20/5/23	Wellesley Park	South Hobart	Won 2-1
5	27/5/23	Clare Street	South East United	Won 7-4
6	17/6/23	Clare Street	University	Won 10-3
7	24/6/23	Wentworth Park 3	Clarence Zebras	Won 4-1
8	1/7/23	Darcy Street	South Hobart	Won 4-1
9	8/7/23	Clare Street	South East United	Loss 1-3
10	5/8/23	Olinda Grove 1	University	Won 8-0
11	12/8/23	Clare Street	South Hobart	Loss 3-4
12	19/8/23	Wentworth Park 1	Clarence Zebras	Won 7-1
13	26/8/23	South East United	South East United	Draw 3-3



Josh Willie MLC – 12th August 2023

Thank you to President Liam and Under 6 New Town White Eagles Soccer Club players Evie, Billie, Nevada, Isabella and Tom for helping me announce that a Tasmanian Labor government will make it easier for children to play sport and dance by expanding the Ticket to Play initiative.

We understand how costly it can be for families to pay club membership and registration fees, especially during the cost of living crisis and that's why we will invest an additional \$1 million into the successful Ticket to Play program, so thousands of additional Tasmanian children can build community connections, confidence and develop healthy lifestyles through sport and dance.

Labor's Right Priorities Plan is good for children, good for parents, and importantly, good for family budgets.



Celebrations in the Polish Club

Back: Robert Wilson, Andrew Taylor, Harry Lange, Lucas Eugster

Front: Andrew Clark, Wade Savage



Dylan Styles & Michael Voss with the Division 4 Premiership Cup



Championship Women – Leading Goal-scorer – Kate Ollerhead



Championship 1 – Best & Fairest - Jamie Vernon with Championship Coach of the Year Adam Shackcloth



Championship Women – Best & Fairest – Zoe Nichols

Junior Gallery



