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Premier League 2005 Golf Challenge

Where: Pitch & Putt @ Terrey Hills Par3

When: 7pm Tuesday Night, June 14

Damage: \$25

Includes: 18 Holes of Quality Golf, Beer (Super and Light), Prizes (For the Lucky Tigers)

BYO: Sticks and Golf Balls - 9 Iron, Hand-Wedge and Putter

RSVP: Fred Verduin (0411-439-274)



Tiger Tales

Creating and Using Space (A Coaching Article from the NET)

I have seen too many soccer matches over the years where I hear coaches telling their teams to get wide to create space and the response from the outside midfielders is to take another step or two toward the sidelines. The only thing I can conclude from this is that many players (and coaches) have no idea why they need to get wide nor do they know how to utilise the space once it is created.

Getting wide (and for this newsletter, I am going to be talking about outside midfielders exclusively but it does pertain to others as well) accomplishes two things. First, it puts the player in position to receive a ball under less pressure (keeping in mind that pressure is defined as the absence of space and time). If the outside mid goes toward the middle of the field, this will allow the defender to stay compressed and still mark the player tightly. As soon as the ball is received, there is very little time before the defender is right there and also very little space to work with and therefore, instant pressure. If the outside mid will stay wide (all the way to the touch lines) they will have more time to receive the ball before the defender can close them down and also have more open space to operate in so, in other words, they will have less pressure when receiving the ball.

The other thing getting wide does is create space to attack into. This space can be used by this outside mid or by other players on the field. For example, if the outside mid is wide and draws her defender with her, the marking back can come from behind into this space that has been created between the outside mid and the centre mids and take advantage of this to attack into. Another option is to have the outside mid receive the ball while wide and then take the ball toward the middle to then create the space for the back to overlap around here. None of this can be accomplished if the players won't get wide and create the space that is needed.

There are times when an outside mid might not want to get wide (for example the Brazilian National Team will frequently have their mids stay more to the middle to allow for the backs to have as much space to attack wide out of the back as they want) but most coaches are looking for the outside mids to get wide and use this space properly.

One of the reasons that outside mids don't get wide enough is that when their team loses the ball, they must get back and toward the middle quickly. Then when their team regains possession, it's out and up again. This requires a tremendous amount of running and without great conditioning; it becomes almost impossible to do this properly. However, if you are going to play this position, why not get in shape and do it properly?

How wide is wide? When the ball is in the centre of the field wide is all the way on the touchlines. 3-4 meters inside the touchlines is not enough. These few meters very well might be the difference between success and failure. When it is time to utilise the space that has been created by going wide, do it at speed. One of the most frustrating things is to see a player get wide, and then WALK into the space that has been created instead of really taking advantage of it by sprinting into the space.

Watching a team that gets wide early and utilises the space properly is so much more enjoyable then watching a team that doesn't seem to have a clue as to how to do this. The extra space created with the proper utilisation of width frequently is the difference between winning and losing (and getting rid of all of the theoretical stuff, winning is more enjoyable usually then losing).



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Match Report – First Grade

Belrose Raided in the Local Derby

Score: 2-1 Goal Scorer(s): Nick Sheather '30, Luke Grigg (OG) '88



The local derby between the Tigers and Belrose is always a titanic struggle regardless of where the teams are positioned on the table. With the Tigers at the top end of the ladder and Belrose near the foot, a comfortable win was expected, but with the Raiders finding some good form in recent weeks the boys knew it was going to be close. There was plenty of friendly banter in the lead up to the game and comments like “we don’t care where we finish on the table as long as we beat Wakehurst” summed up the attitude of the Belrose camp and the rivalry between the clubs.

The game started at a fast pace with both teams not holding back when challenging for available ball. The Tigers settled down early with ex-Belrose player, John O’Leary, controlling play in midfield, picking up plenty of possession, making crucial tackles and distributing well to his outside halves. Tim Smithies and Dave Sutherland offered well out wide and opened the game up by hitting the sidelines when we had possession giving John and Dill plenty of time in the middle to distribute.

The Raiders were also playing some enterprising soccer and looked dangerous down the left hand side with ex-Tiger’s players Luke Grigg and Stu Wastell linking well. This is where they scored their first and only goal, when a quick break saw an overlapping left back create the extra man. He then passed to an unmarked Luke Grigg on the edge of the box. After turning, his subsequent shot was saved but tapped in by Stu Wastell after a scramble on the 6 yard line saw our defence failing to clear.

It didn’t take long for the equaliser. A few minutes after the restart a free kick was awarded just outside the left edge of the Belrose penalty box. Dave Sutherland stepped up and whipped the free kick towards the near post where Nick Sheather had made a superbly timed run and expertly glided the ball into the back of the net.

The second half saw the introduction of ex-NSL player, Danny Townsend, up front for the Raiders. Even though he’s had little game time in the past few years he still caused problems for our defence with his pace. With Belrose getting more than their fair share of possession the Tigers found themselves on the back foot and defending for the opening 20 minutes of the second term. Unfortunately we over compensated and sat very deep in defence allowing the opposition too much space in midfield. The consequence of this was inevitable with Belrose pushing forward into the space and taking several long range shots at the Tiger’s goal. Fortunately Ben Molyneux continued his outstanding form in goals and made several crucial saves that kept us in the game.

It wasn’t all one way as the Belrose players started to tire. The Tigers started to gain more possession in the last 15-20 minutes and pushed forward. Tim Sheather had an outside chance after pushing up from a defensive position and struck a well timed left foot volley first-time just wide of the post. Joerg Dierkes made a welcome return from the State’s Premier League competition and showed his skill by laying off a ball to John O’Leary who unfortunately mistimed his shot and went wide.

The game looked destined for a draw but Joerg popped up at the far post and shot from a tight angle. To Belrose’s disbelief the ball deflected off ex-Tiger’s player Luke Grigg and wrong footed the keeper to roll into the back of the net. Belrose deserved better from a tight game but luck was on the Tiger’s side. ☺

Man of the Match: John O’Leary

Match Report – Reserve Grade

Return of the “Deutschland Dazzler”

Score: 3-1 Goal Scorer(s): Guy Halpin, Rich Cuthbert, Jörg Dierkes



The last game of the first round against traditional rivals, Belrose, was vital to the Reserve’s campaign and would see them remain equal first if victorious. This would be a tremendous achievement considering the loss of so many players from last year’s grand-final team. A few of the younger players who had moved up from last year’s AL/1’s squad continued their rivalry with Belrose who had been promoted from the same competition.

Richard Cuthbert returned to reserve grade for some much needed fitness and proved his worth by playing well at outside half. Andrew Reid continued his good form and offered well up front, resulting in plenty of ball to feet and a few half chances that were blocked by the Belrose defence.

A tight battle in the first half produced few chances for both teams. Belrose did have a good chance from a free kick but Andrew Stahl was quick on his feet and saved comfortably. We had some nervous moments in defence with Adrian Ogg getting caught out of position, leaving too much space in between himself and Lenny at sweeper. Fortunately the raids didn’t lead to much and after a very tough first half the teams remain locked at nil-all at the interval.



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The Tigers were a different team in the second half and started to dominate the game. They were rewarded early in the second period when Guy Halpin received the ball just outside the box, turned onto his unfavoured left foot and curled a ball into the far corner giving the stranded keeper no chance.

The floodgates opened and up stepped Joerg the "Deutschland Dazzler". Not long after coming on as a second half replacement he broke free down the left side and had only the keeper to beat. Most players would shoot on site but Joerg remained calm and bamboozled the Belrose keeper allowing time for support to arrive. He unselfishly played the ball inside to Rich Cuthbert who finished well for a 2-0 lead. I didn't see the third but from all reports it was a cracking volley from Joerg into the top corner.

We conceded a late penalty when Lenny was adjudged to handle the ball in the penalty box but it was all too late for the Raiders. Well done lads... Bring on round 2!

Man of the Match: Richard Cuthbert

Fines from 21st May

Darren Leach	Yellow Card	\$5	
Townsy	Yellow Card x 2	\$10	
Lenny	Yellow Card	\$5	
Tim Smithies	Kicking out on the full too many times	\$1	
Joe	One on One, time to shit, shave and shower and fluffs it	\$2	
Dill	Shot – going out for a throw in almost near the half way line	\$2	
Ben	Yellow Card	\$5	
Nathan	Not admitting he has a girl friend after being with her for 3mths and not being with other girls	\$2	
Rains	One on One with keeper and came off his shin	\$1	
Ash	Dummy spit vs Manly Vale	\$1	
Nick Sheath	Nut Meg	\$2	
Dill	Comment to his centre half partner... "Did you get sent off today?"	\$2	
Rob Rainey	Missing Nick's goal again	\$2	
Birdy	Abusing the ref in front of his children and then getting shellacked by Liza	\$1	
Dill	Nut Meg	\$2	
Nathan	Nut Meg	\$2	
Freddo	Subbing himself on as lone striker up front \$2, but scored a goal so only \$1	\$1	
Joe	Doesn't know how to close the balcony door	\$1	
Jodie Molyneux	Jodie was asked "Why don't you sell your unit for more money?" replying "Because I will have to pay more commission" (Fine \$1 Commission \$1)	\$2	
Suthos	Using deodorant and blow drying hair after every game	\$1	
Lenny	Selling tickets for the raffle which his mum won and is now noticeably absent because he is having a steak dinner	\$1	
Fongy	Great first touch in front of his kids	\$2	
Robbie	Hasn't been fined yet	\$1	



Stinker of the Week

Dave Sutherland

Superbly cut inside leaving his opponent for dead but put his subsequent shot out for a throw-in much to the amusement of his old club's (Belrose) supporters who game him a gob full from the sideline.





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Player Profile – Chris “Trunks” Charlton

Nickname(s):	Trunks, Trunkton, Charlie, Golden Boot
Position:	Lone Striker
Favourite Team/Player:	Wallabies / Stephen Larkham
Most Despised Team:	Brookvale
Favourite Junk Food:	Kebab with the lot + Chilli and Garlic Sauce
Favourite Beverage(s):	Red, Red and more Red - Coonawarra 2001 Cab Sav
Hobbies:	Reading, Writing, Movies
Favourite Sportsman:	Other than Charlie... Don't Know
Favourite Movie/Actor:	A close call between Spiderman 1, 2 and 3 / Clint Eastwood
Favourite Band/Song:	The Doors / The End
Best Sport Moment:	Hulk Hogan dispatching “Andre the Giant” over the ropes
Worst Sport Moment:	Missing the epic Tigers versus Brookvale game under lights at Cromer Park in 2004 after the opening of the “Lucas Neill” stand. Instead, I decided to go and watch the premiere of Spiderman 2 (on my Pat Malone) as all my family and friends were at the game. Note: At least his partner has her loyalties in the right place and got down to the game to support the Tigers. On ya Brooke!
Personal Motto:	Persistence is the difference between average people and successful people Go for glory If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to sleep with a mosquito in the room
Comments:	Looking forward to a season with plenty of goals, no injuries (oops too late), a multitude of fines and a good laugh Go the Sea Eagles!



Check that water bottle for Coonawarra Red!



“Lone Striker” Charlton getting down on his knees and praying for some more ball