

After lengthy discussions over the past six months, we are very pleased to announce a formal arrangement has been entered into between Eastern Suburbs AFC and English Premier Club West Bromwich Albion. As a result of this ESAFC will be sending every year at least one promising 13 – 17 year old boy for a two week trial at the WBA academy. The player selected will train with the academy group, and play games for the academy team. ESAFC will fund the travel over to England, and WBA will look after the player whilst he is over there. This is a fantastic opportunity for all our young players to aspire to as the WBA academy is considered to be in the top 5 academies throughout England. Current All White Chris Woods has progressed through the WBA system.

Planning is also underway for WBA to send out at least one of their academy coaches in January 2011. He will put on a coaching course for young players and select a suitable candidate for a trial also. This will be open to all clubs to attend as well as ESAFC. This will be an additional opportunity to the one offered by ESAFC. We have also arranged for a one day “coaching the coaches” seminar 10am to 3pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January for ESAFC coaches. I have seen the quality of coaching that WBA provide and would recommend any coach that is able to attend should do so. You will learn as much on this day as you have in the past few years. Trust me!

This association with WBA is very exciting for us, and is an additional pathway for our talented players with high ambitions.

Chris Ruffell