

# Getting better

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## BENDIGO FL Paddy Higgs

BENDIGO FL rivals take note: League frontrunner Gisborne appears to be getting even better. The Bulldogs fell behind early against Eaglehawk, but showed why they are already the favourite for this season's premiership, with a 44-point win.

According to Elliott, it was a day when everything clicked for the Bulldogs.

"It was a really good win actually," he said.

"Eaglehawk are obviously starting to really come together as a side. They got out to a good start, and we pegged it back.

"From our perspective, it was probably the best team-orientated game that we've played for the year for four quarters, which was great."

Callan Potter booted six goals for the winners in a sublime display, and he was voted his side's best.

Elliott had done his homework on Eaglehawk well, and had tailored his match-ups to perfection.

Shaun Comerford blanketed dangerous ball-carrier Brodie Filo, Heath Levis curbed Derrick Filo and Grant Baseggio restricted Justin Arnold's influence.

Down back, there were no more important jobs than those handed to defensive pair Cam Medica and Matt McKenzie.

They were handed the responsibility of guarding Eaglehawk's main attacking weapons, Brady Herdman and Balraj Singh.

It was a job they both handled with aplomb, with the two spearheads sharing just four goals between them.



Gisborne's Rodney Sharpe in the middle of a marking contest.