

Exercise 1: Answer

Tawa thrashes Eastbourne

Tawa started its Chatham Cup campaign in style on Saturday, demolishing Eastbourne 5-1 at Redwood Park, including a hat-trick from recent import Peter Withers.

Tawa captain Sean Hennessy was happy with the final result but said the team played poorly early on.

Notes

The story's lead was buried. Withers, a recent international addition to the squad, scored three goals. That needs to go into the intro. Even with the changed intro, the bridge and headline were fine.

Exercise 2: Answer

The more you repeat this exercise the better. If your articles differ markedly from the published ones, look closely at the differences.

Try to emulate the approach used in the published articles in your later articles. As you're taking notes during the games, ask yourself: What would staff think is most newsworthy?

As you're actually writing your articles ask yourself: What would Herald online write?

Remember, you are wishing to be a published sports journalist, so the more your pieces come to resemble the published reports the better.

Exercise 3: Answer

Do every quiz. You'll soon get addicted!

If you don't regularly get nearly all the questions right, you're not reading enough sports stories.