



# **gungahlin** **EAGLES** **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **BACK IN BLACK**

The Eagles have started the season on the right foot in their quest for the 2010 TransACT Cup, defeating arch rivals Royals in their own backyard in all grades. Even though Eagles 1<sup>st</sup> Grade defeated the 2009 Minor Premiers quite convincingly it also showed all involved that there is still a lot to work on if they are going to be serious title contenders in 2010. Congratulations to the following players for earning their first, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade cap: Liam Winton (Captain), Stevie Noriega, Patto Noriega, Phil Brabhan, & Ryan O'Sullivan (having recently turned 18, showed he will be a player to watch for the future).

Eagles 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade reinforced that the depth in the club is very strong after also defeating last year's grand finalists. Under the watchful eye of former premiership player Tim Davis they are in for a big year. The team boasted many players with first grade experience most notably last year's first grade best & fairest Matt Hogan, Jimmy Campbell and Brendan O'Neill. The club also welcomes the return of big hitting second rower Jordan Skaines who has returned from a stint in league. With a young mobile pack and some very exciting backs, 2010 will be the 2's year - a team that has promised so much over the last few years.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing the club roll out one of its most promising Colts team. Any doubt of the quality of this year's Colts was put to bed early after a very convincing win. The team welcomes back promising young No.8 Xavier Duffy who played a lot of first grade last year. This week's clash against Tuggeranong will be a much tougher test for our young men but they are certainly up to it. After having 27 players at training this week all players are sure to be on their toes.

The Third grade trial welcomed many new players, as well as club stalwart Matty Power. After years of giving great service to the higher grades Matty is a welcome addition to the lower grades and is sure to be a great asset to any side. Third grade defeated Royals 19-10 in a fairly close game and will also be tested this week by a very strong Vikings 3rd grade side. It must be mentioned the 3's had quite a handy player in former NRL premiership player Andrew Lomu, who showed he will be a valuable team member. With the return of a few more experienced players, in the lower grades it looks like a promising year for both 3's and 4's.

Congratulations to Sam Wellings-Booth aka Bootha who got married to Josephine at Black Mountain Peninsula last Sunday and also to Kurt "Rooster" Mulcahy who successfully retained the Eagles strangle hold on the Boag Bullet, which will see the canteen stocked with plenty of Boag's product.

This week's games are against Tuggeranong in all grades, including women's at Nicholls enclosed. Kicks off times are as follows

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | 3:15pm  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | 1:40pm  |
| Colts                 | 12:20pm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | 12:15pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 11:00am |
| Women's               | 1:00pm  |

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*Lee O'Sullivan*  
President

## **RESULTS** **APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 2010** **TransACT Shield**

### **Premier**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <u>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</u> |              |
| Easts 21                    | Vikings 48   |
| Royals 5                    | Gungahlin 31 |
| QBN 22                      | Unis 12      |
| VRU 19                      | West's 24    |

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Easts 7   | Vikings 58   |
| Royals 17 | Gungahlin 33 |
| QBN 19    | Unis 31      |

### Colts

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| Royals 0 | Gungahlin 31 |
| QBN 32   | Unis 21      |





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**FIRST GRADE**  
**3.15PM**  
**REFEREE: Sam Christophersen**

| <b>Team</b>      |              | <b>Team</b> |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Derek Leefe      | <i>1</i>     |             |
| Patto Noriega    | <i>2</i>     |             |
| Steven Noriega   | <i>3</i>     |             |
| Liam Winton (c)  | <i>4</i>     |             |
| Tom O'Sullivan   | <i>5</i>     |             |
| Tim Donnellan    | <i>6</i>     |             |
| Phil Brabham     | <i>7</i>     |             |
| Ben McGee        | <i>8</i>     |             |
| Anthony Dawes    | <i>9</i>     |             |
| Dave King        | <i>10</i>    |             |
| Andrew Barrell   | <i>11</i>    |             |
| Tevita Halafahua | <i>12</i>    |             |
| Matt Hawke       | <i>13</i>    |             |
| Kurt Mulcahy     | <i>14</i>    |             |
| James Lovell     | <i>15</i>    |             |
| Marco Caputo     | <i>Coach</i> |             |
| Michael McMahon  | <i>Asst</i>  |             |
| Peter Johnson    | <i>Mngr</i>  |             |

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