



Match Reports



EAGLES vs ROYALS

PHILLIP OVAL

6 June 2009

FIRST GRADE

No report

COLTS

The colts journeyed out to Phillip Oval with the rest of the Eagles' teams to take on the highly rated Royals sides. Early in the day the oval was damp, foggy and cold and a few of the boys could not resist informing some Royals people that at least Gungahlin was sunny when we left. Royals kicked off and the Eagles' boys found the Royals' monster forwards and backs hard to handle and an early try was scored and converted by Royals. Eagles kicked off and hammered the Royals' line for five minutes until an intercept by Royals brought the ball back down into Eagles' territory. The ball was again carried into Royals territory but the Eagles boys could not convert pressure into points. There was a crashing charge by Royals No.12 and they were over again in the corner. The Eagles' boys again returned to enemy territory and kept up pressure on Royals' line but were continually driven back by Royals breaking our line with busting runs, which resulted in a number of tries. Finally the Eagles' boys were able to convert pressure into points when Michael Lovell put the ball over for a try, which was not converted. The Eagles' boys had been very good at the breakdown and in some sections went through 8 phases with the ball. The half time whistle saw the boys move off to regroup and get some tactical advice from coach Ben Ffrench.

The second half saw the Eagles' boys come out with a determination to put Royals to the sword. Great pressure was applied to Royals' line and they began to lose their cool giving away a number of penalties. The young Eagles put in effective tackles and made some great runs through the Royals line. A second try was scored by Eagles through Sam Needs, which he then converted. Royals also scored a second half try, which they converted. The only score from them in the second half. The whistle went for full time and a final score of Gungahlin 12 and Royals 35. The second half had been a draw.

RESULT: Gungahlin 12
Royals 35

POINTS: 3 - Samuel Needs 2 - Dennis Lamb 1 - Terrence McEwen

RESERVE GRADE

Saturday's match against Royals was off to a bad start well before kick-off when it was revealed after the Queanbeyan game that up to eight players were unavailable for today's fixture. The roll-on effect was that training sessions were not well attended and pre match preparations were poor to say the least. To help fill the team sheet the Lovell brothers agreed to play seconds after fulfilling their commitments to colts. Michael and James are to be applauded for showing great club spirit.

The game was close in the early stages with the score 3 – 5 at the 20 minute mark. However Royals ran in another four tries to one to take control of the match.

RESULT: Eagles 11 Leigh Weston try, Daniel Mannix 2 penalty goals
Royals 29

POINTS: 3 - Michael Edwards 2 - Daniel Mannix 1 - Marty Capon.

T3 ~ 3RD GRADE

This week the Eagles T3 travelled south to Phillip District Oval for their match against Royals, and with both teams sitting at the bottom of the points table, without a win, it was going to be a very interesting match. From the outset it appeared that both teams were in for a very torrid match, both showing good attack and defence, which proved difficult for the Eagles T3 to put points on the board. However with some good lead up work by the forwards, who took play well into the Royals red zone and with eight minutes left on the clock for the first half, a well run around started by their backs, centre John Ramanu broke through the defence to score, and the Eagles T3 went to the break five nil up.

The second half was much the same as the first one, with both sides unable to breach each others defence, and it was again from some good lead up work by the forwards, who got the ball well into Royals red zone for replacement forward Jordan Skaines to crash over for the try which Leigh Redmayne converted to put the Eagles T3 at 12-5 in front.

However aided by some poor ball retention and easy yardage to Royals from penalties, Royals were able to catch us thin out wide, which they penalised us from, to add two second half tries, however their kicker had an off day with his kicking and was unable to add further points from the conversion attempts.

A very close game this week, however we managed to scrape in for the win, our first for the season, but if we are going to be successful there is a lot of work to be done, so boys how about giving the coach a fair go and get to training.

All in all it was a good hit out, and all players got in and had a dig especially forward Tim (Kegs) McGrath who turned in a first class performance, and was ably supported by the other team members, we would also like to thank all those T4 players who stood by as reserves for us and were called upon to replace injured players throughout the match.

RESULT: Eagles 12 Ranamu, Skaines tries, Redmayne goal
Royals 10 2 tries

POINTS: 3 - Tim McGrath 2 - John Ramanu 1 - Peter Judge

T4 ~ 4TH GRADE

No report