



# Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Union

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## **From the President...**

It is a good time to recognise and thank coaches and managers for the work they have and continue to do with our children. Finding a suitable balance between meeting player expectations, ensuring that children are enjoying the game and doing your best to form a cohesive and effective team is not easy. Thank you to parents and players for your continued support in this area.

Please note that there will be a two-week break following Round 9, 4 Jul 09. I anticipate that coaches will advise, during the week or next Saturday, if they plan to conduct any training during the holidays.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and thank you for your efforts to this point in the season.

***Yours in Rugby,***

**James Willemsen**

**President**

## **Game Results – Round 1:**

Under 9's Black (10)	V	Yass White (60)
Under 9's Red (40)	V	Uni North's Green (5)
Under 10's Black (14)	V	Rosary (48)
Under 11's Black/Gold (0)	V	Uni North's (26)
Under 12's Black/Gold (12)	V	Vikings (15)
Under 14's Gold (26)	V	Queanbeyan (22)

## **Eagles Supporters Gear**

The Eagles have for sale during the year jackets and beanies for supporters of the game. These items can be purchased by filling out an order form available from team managers. Payment and form needs to be handed to a committee member. Items take approx. 3 weeks after ordering.

To view gear available please log onto our website [www.junioreagles.rugbynet.com.au](http://www.junioreagles.rugbynet.com.au)

## **Please Note**

### ***Lost Property***

A number of items have been left at the Nicholls ovals over the last couple of weeks; items such as headgear, bags, balls, beanies and jumpers etc. The Club had a large green ISO container delivered to the oval today (next to the Community Hall). Just inside the door of the container will be a Lost Property box.

If you have lost an item please check the container on Tue or Thu evenings.

### ***Working With Referee's***

A reminder that we need to support and respect the referees as they go about their duties. Unfortunately in recent weeks I have witnessed and heard of incidents, at our home games, in which referees have been verbally abused and had their decisions challenged by spectators.

If there is a question to be asked of a referee's decision then the team Captain, in the first instance, is the person to do so (and referee's make this clear prior to the start of play). It is also open to a coach to raise concerns with a referee at half time or at the conclusion of the game (noting that a referee will normally make clear to coaches how he/she will manage the game before kick-off).

Some of the incidents I have mentioned above were a direct result of frustration linked to high tackles. High tackles are dangerous, ugly and upsetting for players, referees and spectators.

We have a good reputation as a Club regarding our conduct on and off the field. Please help me to maintain this reputation particularly with regard to supporting referees who, like us, are trying to do their best.



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## **Under 7's**

Rohan was the Captain of the Mighty Under 7 Gungahlin Eagles this weekend against Yass and had a terrific all rounder effort which he should be proud of. Max provided an interesting opening to the game with a chip and chase with his first touch although it was more chip than chase, well done Max top effort.

This week's top defenders go to Josh, Luke and Jeremy with Michael producing a try saving tag in the corner. Austin and Jeb both had some terrific runs and were almost rewarded with a try each. Lachlan tagged and ran all game and produced a top pass almost one of his team mates over the line. Declan and Liam were the try scorers this week with 4 going to Liam. Men of the Match goes to Liam and Michael, well done boys. Once again the boys substituted without any fuss which shows they know what team work is all about. The Mighty Under 7 Gungahlin Eagles are the real deal.

## **Under 9's Red**

This weekend saw the boys have a good old fashioned game of rugby in the mud, at home, against Uni North's Green. We won the game 40 – 5, but only after some tough tackling from everyone, and a decision in the second half to use our support. We went to the break ahead 10 – 5, a half of tough defence and some good individual work.

In the second half the boys listened to Troy and came out and continued the hard, low tackling, but this half ran straight and used our support.

The highlights were long striding runs from Tom, Lachie McCoola and Jack after receiving the ball in support; jinking and dodging runs from Ryan and Hamish; and straight hard running from Joel, Evan, Eamon and Lachie Gallagher. Again Joel was everywhere in attack and defence but it was Eamon who earned the player of the week with his defence, tackling boys twice his size. Great effort in the mud boys.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Troy for his efforts. The boys are loving their rugby, are showing great skills and improvement, play fairly, and above all are having fun.

## **Under 9's Black**

We travelled to Yass and were greeted by some beautiful weather. A big thank you to Cameron and Brian for making the long trip given that Cameron was unable to play due to illness.

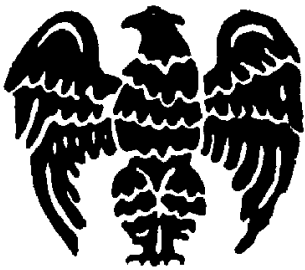
The boys were very competitive in the first half against a strong, well drilled and determined Yass - half-time score 20-5. Unfortunately we ran out of steam mid-way through the second half and Yass kept coming. The final score of 60-10 does not reflect the excellent effort made by the boys throughout the game.

Given the quality of the opposition, our defensive effort today was first class. Everyone contributed with Morgan (14), Johnathon (13) and Mike (9) our leading tacklers. Our work at the breakdown continues to improve with Johnathon producing one of the best cleanouts I have seen all season. Owen scored a great try midway through the first half as a result of some strong teamwork. And a late try to Kyle in the second half, his first try of the season, was proof that if you keep trying you can do amazing things.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of today's effort though was the passing and general teamwork. The boys were regularly looking for and passing to their support - well done. 3 points went to Johnathon - he was in the thick of things all day. 2 points to Owen and Morgan for their defence and efforts in attack. And 1 point to Mike and Kyle for same.

## **Under 10's**

We played Rosary on Saturday and the team we're a much better side than the one who faced Rosary in May (a difference of 30 points from last time!). Although we were defeated, the team played well from start to finish. They were an inspired group that took the field after last week's win. One major difference was the number of times our players tackled the opposition and then got up and made a follow up tackle! Great commitment.



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## Under 10's (cont'd)

There was good tackling by the team all round and particularly by our tackling machine of the day – Conor Trudgen. Our conversion rate was constant (but keep practising!). Our next point to work on, is making sure when the ball goes to ground, that we get straight on it and don't wait to see what is going to happen. Overall, a great effort by all. Well done team!!!

## Under 11's

The Eagles U11's came up against Competition Leaders Uni-North's at Nicholls on Saturday & while it might seem strange to talk of a 26 - 0 loss as positive, the way the boys held the Owls in check compared to their last meeting marked a 50 point turnaround. The Eagles defence was simply rock-solid up the middle & scrambled quickly & effectively out wide to the point that 3 of the Owls 4 tries came from kicks over the top with another couple of kick attempts blocked. The goal-line defence was again outstanding with a couple of tries denied to the Owls by desperate bodies, legs & even some heads!

The Eagles scrum was again solid with the honours even against the bigger Owls forwards. The Backs were very competitive in defence & the attack worked much better than the last few matches. Overall, the improvement was so marked that Neill judged the entire team "Men-of-the-Match". Well done boys, now for Vikings at home next week.

## Under 12's

Saturday's game against Vikings was a fantastic team effort. The final score of Eagles 12 Vikings 15 showed that there was not much of a difference between the two sides. Vikings were just a little bit quicker to the breakdown in the second half and as a result had more opportunities.

For the first time this season the whole backline worked really well as a unit with lots of well timed passes and support play. The front row (Tyson ,Rhys and Thomas) showed what they are capable of, winning several tight heads during the game.

The training in the mud on Thursday night must have helped as we didn't drop as much ball as expected and when we did put the ball down we at least made the effort to regain the ball.

We scored two great tries. Whilst Joel had a run a bit further than Levi to get his five pointer, they were both well deserved. Other big efforts were Aiden Dennis and Lachlan Hope.

Points:

3 Juke Trevenar

2 Levi Goodwin Shaw

1 Sean Trudgen

## Under 14's

**Score**

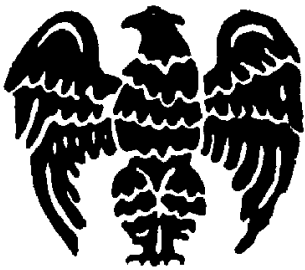
Gungahlin Eagles U14's - 26

Queanbeyan - 22

On the home track of games, Queanbeyan were the only team to defeat the Eagles this season and the team was eager to set the record straight. Playing at home, the boys were well supported and ready for the challenge against a physically larger and dominating team. Despite their size however, throughout the game, the blues played as individuals and did not have the cohesion or team spirit to match our boys.

Through some determined tackling and defence, the lads always kept themselves in the game and shortly after the half time restart scored a breakaway interception try, converted from under the sticks to take the lead. Kicking well and securing their own ball, the Eagles were always at their best when they played at their tempo and didn't succumb to the fast open patterns of the Queanbeyan back line.

Although the blues scored with two minutes to go, the Eagles held on for a greatly deserved and valuable victory. Tries were divided between the backs and forwards and Jordan Fulivai converted three out of four to secure a four point win. Now on the finals approach, the Eagles are now within touching distance and can concentrate on developing and improving in their individual and collective skills. Well done again boys, we are sitting at the top of the division on points with it all to play for, special mention to Jordan Fulivai (3), Ben Peterson (2) and Jay Humble (1). Well done!



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## Gungahlin Teams' ACTJRU Ladder Positions (after Round 6)

TEAM	Played	Bye	Win	Loose	Draw	Forfeit	Points	Standing	%	Y.T.D For	Y.T.D Against	Difference
<b>Under 9's North Division:</b>												
Gungahlin Red	6	0	5	1	0	0	10	2	83%	360	45	315
Gungahlin Black	6	0	1	3	2	0	4	6	33%	120	250	-130
<b>Under 10's Black Division:</b>												
Gungahlin	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	7		46	350	-304
<b>Under 11's Black Division:</b>												
Gungahlin	6	0	1	4	1	0	3	6	25%	46	169	-123
<b>Under 12's Black/Gold Division:</b>												
Gungahlin	6	0	3	3	0	0	6	8	50%	84	147	-63
<b>Under 14's Gold Division:</b>												
Gungahlin	6	0	5	1	0	0	10	2	83%	189	111	78

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## Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

<b>Name:</b>	<b><i>Kyle MacPherson</i></b>
<b>Team:</b>	Gungahlin eagles
<b>Year Commenced Rugby:</b>	2009
<b>Year Joined the Eagles:</b>	2009
<b>Playing Positions:</b>	Half-back and Wing
<b>Favourite Rugby Team:</b>	Wallabies and Brumbies
<b>Favourite Wallaby/Brumby:</b>	George Gregan
<b>Favourite Meal and Dessert:</b>	Macaroni and Cheese & Peaches and Custard
<b>Favourite Movie:</b>	Terminator
<b>Favourite TV Show:</b>	Ben 10
<b>Favourite Music/Band:</b>	John Butler
<b>Favourite Cartoon/Comic/Book:</b>	Bakugan, Simpsons & Captain Underpants
<b>Favourite Lolly:</b>	Liquorice
<b>Your Pets:</b>	A dog named Spud
<b>Your Hero/Idol:</b>	Ben 10, George Gregan

## Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

<b>Name:</b>	<b><i>Matthew "Forrest" Leaudais</i></b>
<b>Team:</b>	U 12's
<b>Year Commenced Rugby:</b>	2007
<b>Year Joined the Eagles:</b>	2007
<b>Playing Positions:</b>	Wing and Fullback
<b>Favourite Rugby Team:</b>	Brumbies
<b>Favourite Wallaby/Brumby:</b>	Stirling Mortlock
<b>Favourite Meal and Dessert:</b>	KFC & Chocolate Fudge Brownies with Ice-Cream
<b>Favourite Movie:</b>	Dark Night, Mummy 3 and Blue Harvest
<b>Favourite TV Show:</b>	Family Guy
<b>Favourite Music/Band:</b>	AC/DC
<b>Favourite Cartoon/Comic/Book:</b>	Alex Rider Series
<b>Favourite Lolly:</b>	Almost Any
<b>Your Pets:</b>	Abby the dog
<b>Your Hero/Idol:</b>	Stirling Mortlock



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