



Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Union

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From the President...

Another great round of rugby from the Eagles.

Our younger teams are working hard, learning lots and most importantly having a great time with their rugby. One of our most pleasing results is the Under 10s first win of the season. Despite being put in a tough draw the team has remained positive and had a great win over West's on the weekend. It's tough to play each week with your heads up high when you are being beaten fairly convincingly but these kids are a credit to themselves, their families and our club. We are lucky to have them. Older teams are tracking well to the finals and we are hoping for at least a couple of finals appearances this year.

It's a timely reminder for parents to exercise discretion when the kids are sick. Kids that come to training or the game when unwell can infect teammates and generally are unable to perform. We know they love their rugby but probably better to keep away from footy until they are well. Just please let your coach know if the kids are going to be away as they can manage numbers.

Finally you may have noticed the new shipping container beside the hall. This has been a long time coming for the junior club and an expensive investment finally achieved. A big thankyou goes to MacDonalds for sponsorship of this container.

Yours in Rugby,

Roc Malouf

Co-President

Game Results – Round 1:

Under 9,s Black (55)	V	Uni North's Blue (15)
Under 9's Red (95)	V	West's Blue (0)
Under 10's Black (40)	V	West's (31)
Under 11's Black/Gold	V	Bye
Under 12's Black/Gold	V	Bye
Under 14's Gold (19)	V	Trinity (12)

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

The Mighty Under 7 Gungahlin Eagles had their first game back today after a short break. Uni North's were the opposition and both teams had a great run. It is fantastic to see that our boys willingly volunteer to have a run with the opposition if they are short. For the first half a big thanks goes to Ethan, Delcan and Josh, whilst for the second half Liam, Austin and Josh had a run so again thanks very much boys you make us all proud. Jeb was our Captain for this game and what a terrific effort with some great runs and top tagging. Tries went to Liam, Declan and Michael with terrific defending going to Max, Rohan, Ethan and Jeremy.

All round performances shown by Josh, Lachlan and Austin (also showing us how not catch the ball with your face) and Luke who showed us how to catch correctly. Men of the Match this week went to Austin, Jeremy and Declan, well done boys. Again another top effort from our boys keep up the teamwork and maybe next week we might give our coach a rest in wrestling everyone away from the ball. Good job this week coach.

Under 8's

The boys had a great game after a few weeks off due to Byes and long weekends.

Most impressive was the passing and running. Lachlan was fantastic in defence, reading the play and saved a lot of try's. Great running by Chris, Ethan, and Gage; with some good stepping moves from Blake and Bailey. Darcy was good with straight running, throwing some speculative dummies and gaining ground.

Further training in running and passing and keeping a straight line for defence will continue our development for tackling Rugby next year.

Under 9's Red

Our game against West's (Blue) was played at a frantic pace with the teams reduced to seven a side due to illnesses. This opened up the spaces for our quick and skilful team who took advantage of the possession they had running in nineteen tries to nil.

This week's number one goal for the game was for every player to get involved at the breakdown and be more accurate with their decisions on what role to play in contesting the rucks and mauls. They achieved this with many of West's mauls getting pushed backwards and some clean-outs that Wallaby George Smith would have been proud of.

After missing last week's game the McCoola Bros, Lachie and Eamon were in everything. Eamon's scamper down the wing out pacing the West's defence for a try was one of the highlights of the match. But it was his older brother Lachie with his attacking raids and his crunching defence who deservedly won the player of the match award.

Great effort again Red's, next game will be a tougher assignment against a hard running Uni North Owls.

Under 9's Black

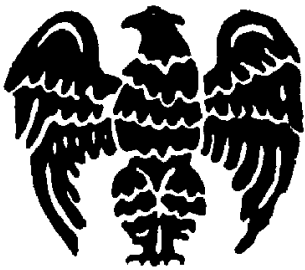
A number of things came out of this game - not least the boy's second win of the season. With each passing week it becomes more evident that there is a wealth of potential in this group of lads. Every child is showing continued improvement in one or more facets of the game.

We had plenty of possession in both halves and were required to make few tackles. When we were asked to defend the boys all tackled with determination and good technique. Well done boys.

We continue to improve in our teamwork and recycling of the ball. It was particularly pleasing to see Karl, Lachlan and Mike growing in confidence and making good strong runs when provided with the ball and given some space. Five tries to Owen, three to Ian, two to Cameron and one to Morgan - a mixture of good team tries and some very fast, strong and determined running.

3 points went to Mike for his defensive effort - great work. 2 points to Thomas and Johnathon for their teamwork and general play - well done guys. And one point to Owen for his attack.

Many thanks to all parents for your assistance in setting up the fields and special thanks to Adam for ensuring that each player received equal playing time. Tough game next week - Yass White at Yass.



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Under 14's

Under 10's

The Under 10's had their first taste of victory for the season this weekend! Winning 40 to 31 against West's, the Under 10's did everything right to show they are capable of putting it all together and succeeding. They applied themselves, kept tackling and the support they gave their fellow players was outstanding. No individual was selected as the player of the match this week; **everyone** contributed to the victory.

Try scorers were Liam, Renee, Connor T and Lachlan. Nick, Liam, Jake, Ben and Tom were successful in converting the tries. Although they were very excited about their win, they showed great sportsmanship in applauding Wets for their efforts. They should be very happy and proud rugby players, well done!!!!

A special thanks to Connor McKeown who came to support his team even though he is out for a while with a broken collarbone. Get better soon Connor!

Under 11's

Bye

Under 12's

Bye

Score

Gungahlin Eagles U14's 19
Trinity 12

In the top of the table clash, this was the game all the parents and boys had been waiting for. Playing against a much bigger team, the Eagles competed well from the start and maintained their composure and shape in an incredibly structured and disciplined manner. Having the majority of the possession, Trinity scored a try just before the break, but this was against the flow and pattern of the game.

The Eagles came out in the second half, playing an attractive game which was a delight to watch, with training ground moves and individual skills really well represented. This increase in our execution and self-belief enabled us to score three times with very well constructed moves. A significant bonus was our accurate kicking and support play and the superb security, use and distribution of our ball, especially by the forwards.

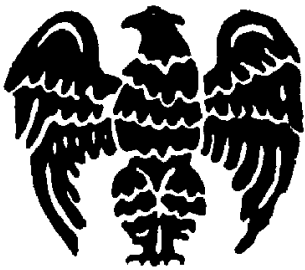
A fantastic defensive display across the team, the boys really worked hard for this deserved victory and although it only represents 2 competition points, it gives us first bragging rights over our strongest opponent to date. Closing out the first section of games, we have played 7, won 6 and lost one only by 5 points. Well done to all of you lads and as normal, special mention to Jordan Fulivai (3), Jay Humble (2) and Dan Garner (1).

Well done!

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



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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
Under 9's North Division:												
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
Under 10's Black Division:												
Gungahlin	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	7		46	350	-304
Under 11's Black Division:												
Gungahlin	6	0	1	4	1	0	3	6	25%	46	169	-123
Under 12's Black/Gold Division:												
Gungahlin	6	0	3	3	0	0	6	8	50%	84	147	-63
Under 14's Gold Division:												
Gungahlin	6	0	5	1	0	0	10	2	83%	189	111	78

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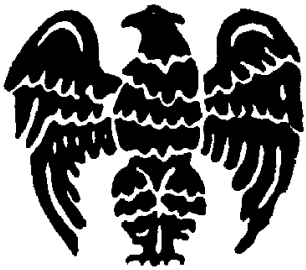
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Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

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

Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

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



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