



**Minor-Semi
Reserve Grade
30 August 2009
Eagles Vs Uni-Norths
Viking Park**



PRESENTATION NIGHT

For
ALL PLAYERS, SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Saturday 19 September 2009 from 7:00pm
Canberra Rex

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(More details to come)



RESERVE GRADE Minor-Semi

The Reserve grade minor semi final was to be the first of three games that in the end would see the all conquering Eagles Reserve Grade side lift the grand final cup; unfortunately all fairy tales do not have a happy ending.

Lifting themselves from 2nd last on the ladder after a disastrous first round of competition games, the reserve grade side turned its season around, to win 5 out of 6 remaining games and scrape into the finals race. This was an amazing effort from the side, given the number of injuries suffered in both 1st & 2nd Grades and under the pressure of playing "sudden death" football for the entire 2nd round.

The first half of the minor semi final opened up with the Eagles under a sustained attack from the Owls and the only thing between the Eagles and a half time deficit (similar to a Labor party budget), was the superb defensive effort of the entire team, in particular the effervescent John Power, who (according to him) had made at least 25 tackles in the first 5 minutes.

On the back of the Eagles first visit into opposition territory, a penalty goal from Daniel "How good are my abs" Callaghan gave the Eagles their first points of the day. The remainder of the second half would see the Eagles under further pressure from the Owls with the exchange of penalties the only points scored. Oranges were taken at 6 all.

The second half appeared to be going to script when after 5 minutes Lethal Leigh Weston finished off a backline movement with a try in the corner. The next 10 minutes delivered further attacking opportunities to the Eagles and it appeared the Owls were under pressure and likely to crack.

The 15th minute mark looked to signal the start of the onslaught from the Eagles; when Josh "Where's my squat rack?" Shea, put his foot down and departed on a powerful diagonal run to the try line that saw him cross the white stripe adjacent the posts. The subsequent Callaghan conversion made the score 18-9, with 20 minutes left on the clock.

Surely, the dream was alive for another week!!!

Unfortunately, the dream quickly turned into a nightmare, when, to the surprise of the Eagles faithful and in particular the players and coaching staff, the Uni/Norths Owls displayed a trait that they are not normally known for...ticker; and after two quick tries by the Owls, both against the run of play, the Eagles Reserve Grade dream was over for 2009.

Coach's Comment: I would personally like to thank Macca, Johnno, Jezza and all of the other coaches, trainers, and managers for all of their support and assistance over the last couple of months. As a first season coach, the year has provided many challenges and rewards. Given the high quality of young footballers currently at the club, I think the years ahead will be exciting and very rewarding, hopefully some of the older players will stay around to help these guys learn the ropes.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the 2nd Grade players who decided to commit themselves to the task of turning the season around and eventually reaching the semi-finals. This was a huge performance and one that each of you should be very proud. Many Thanks, Tim Davis

RESULT: Eagles 18 Tries: Josh Shea, Leigh Weston Daniel Callaghan 1con. 2 pg
Uni-Norths 23



Junior Eagles in Grand Finals this weekend - Saturday and Sunday 5/6 Sept 09

SATURDAY Sept 5	U/14s	vs	Vikings	2:45pm	Canberra Stadium
SUNDAY Sept 6	U/9 Reds	vs	Yass	8:30am	Canberra Stadium

The Brumbies Primary Schools Rugby Union team was announced this week and 2 Junior Eagles Players were selected - Tavn Atkins (U/11s) and Matt McKenna (U/12s). Congratulations to both boys and to fellow Junior Eagles Sean Trudgen, Justin Porreca and Aiden Dennis who narrowly missed out on selection. The Brumbies Primary School team will compete at a National Primary Schools carnival, in Canberra, on the weekend of 19 & 20 September 09.