



gungahlin EAGLES MEDIA RELEASE

14 August 2010

FOR THE DIARY

14 AUGUST - LADIES DAY
at Nicholls this Saturday
Lunch and drinks for the "The GIRLS"
Wives, girlfriends, partners, mothers,
sisters... All welcome
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23 August - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
7:30pm at THE REX

Saturday 14 August
Eagles vs QBN @ Nicholls

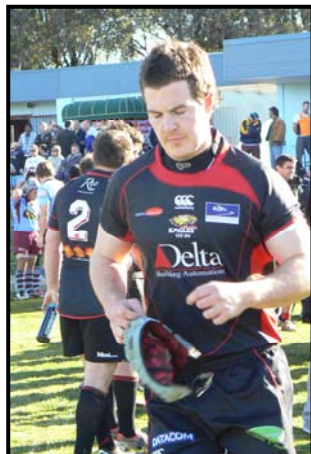
Kick Off Times

Premier Division 1st Grade	3:05pm
Premier Division 2nd Grade	1:40pm
Premier Division Colts	12:15pm
1st Division 1st Grade (3rds)	2:30 pm (Note time
1st Division 2nd Grade (4ths)	1:00 pm change)

MILESTONES

100 Games

Last Saturday 7 Aug in 1st grade -
Anthony Dawes 100th game
Tom O'Sullivan 50th game



This coming Saturday against Qbyn/Hall these players
will be playing their 100th game:

Ben McGee (1st grade)
Iveni Tuitupou (2nd grade)
Michael McMahon (3rd Grade)

**Congratulations to all of you from Gungahlin
Eagles!**

MATCH REPORTS

FIRST GRADE

1st grade were determined to continue on their winning ways of the last couple of weeks and build momentum leading up and into the run into the finals against a determined Wests' team.

For the second consecutive week it was the Eagles big men who imposed themselves and made their presence felt, leaving their mark by completely dominating and overwhelming the Wests 8 in the set piece contest as well as in the physical stakes. Ben McGee benefitted from the excellent work of the black scrum, with captain Liam Winton not interested in accepting an easy gift 3 points in front of the posts instead preferring to make a statement by backing the Eagles scrum to get the score with the Eagles 8 marching their opponents pack over on the second attempt for the games' opening try. The second try was a well executed structured team pattern, a well taken Eagles lineout and subsequent attacking play by the backline had the Wests "fatties" scrambling to make up numbers in defence. Dave King reading the play made the most of the mismatch by tacking on the line himself before drawing the last defender to put Tevita away for an untouched run to the line for the Eagles' second score. Another well rehearsed play this time from the scrum had James Lovell on his way to the tryline for what seemed a certain try when Wests committed a professional foul at the ruck preventing a certain try by killing the ball. With the Wests No4 in the sin bin for the infringement the Eagles 8 were then called into action accepting the offer from Captain Liam Winton to take another 5m scrum with Ben McGee subsequently putting the ball down for his 2nd meat pie.

The Eagles once again found themselves inside the Wests 22m and after some well structured attack through the forwards, Anthony Dawes combined with Ben McGee sending him through with a nice "Gregan Ball" on an uninterrupted 20m run to the line and a hat trick of tries for the afternoon. The Eagles went into the sheds for their oranges in front and a 4 try bonus point in the bank.

The second half produced another 3 tries for the Eagles and was highlighted by the impressive performances of the Eagles big men both individually and as a pack. Dave King knowing his pack was in total control kept turning the screws on the opposition by constantly putting the

ball in front of his forwards, applying pressure on them by making them play out of their end of the field. Captain Liam Winton also "smelling blood" refused to take up the offer of 15 gift points from penalties preferring to instead engage the Wests' pack and backing the work of his own pack. This strategy ultimately won out but not before giving the coaches, standing behind the posts, several anxiety attacks. In this stanza Derek Leefe lifted for his team and played the most destructive 40mins of football he has played in the red and black. Not content with the work he and his front row partners Patto Noriega & Jimmy Campbell were dishing out at scrum time, big Derek rolled up his sleeves and showed off his immense upper body strength and leg drive by scoring his own second half hat-trick of tries. There is no doubt that Derek benefited from great work of the Eagles 8 inside the opposition 22m but the Big D Rock showed all concerned that in the red zone, there is none better. There were strong performances all round in this game. The front row of Leefe, Noriega & Campbell were superb not only at the scrum but were super aggressive and effective in the rumble. Lund and O'Sullivan in the 2nd row were busy and effective both happy to do the grunt work without the praise or recognition for the benefit of their team. The back row of Winton, McGee & O'Neill completely dominated their opponents and was the reason the Eagles were able to get quick recycle ball at the break down. Winton won a mountain of ball at the lineout, carried the ball aggressively and also made some dominant hits in defence. McGee and O'Neill are playing their football week in week out and at a high level and quality not seen before which benefits our team massively. Having been first grade footballers at the Eagles for quite some time now - both recognise and understand the opportunity that they now have before them. Dawes and King controlled possession well, King's option taking was excellent, knowing when to play with hand and when to go for line. Shrimp service is sharp and his running game is back to its best. Tevita & Nua are powerful in the collision and surely must be the most underrated centre combination in the JID competition. While the back 3 of Anderson, Lovell & Barrell are aggressive with the ball on counter attack and safe when the ball is high.

EAGLES 47 **Tries:** McGee 3 Leefe 3, Halafanua 1
Conv.: Dawes 5

WESTS 40.

2nd GRADE

Eagles' reserve grade arrived at Jamison Oval looking to make amends for their first round defeat at the hands of Wests' Lions. The team was also keen to follow the example set in the earlier matches which resulted in bonus point wins in Fourths, Thirds and Colts.

After a week off with a knee injury, Daniel Griffin was in the thick of it in the early stages. All the ball appeared to be going to the right wing and after a couple of half breaks a chip forty metres out by Griffio was chased hard by Dennis Lamb who got the perfect bounce, slipped a would be tackler and scored close to the uprights. Griffio converted and Eagles were leading 7-0 after 11 minutes. A few minutes later Dennis Lamb was in the action again this time off a bust by Lachlan Carr, who was pulled down just short of the line after a thirty metre run. Dennis' good support play was rewarded with a pop pass by Carr. Griffio added the extras. Eagles up 14-0.

Wests pulled back the score with a converted try and a try- the second scored right on half time. These two tries were punctuated with a penalty goal to Griffio. Half time score Eagles 17- Wests 12.

The second half opened brightly for the Eagles with a try to Matt Power off a well executed 'dragons red' move. Matty, supported the initial break by Griffio, to score under the posts. Leigh Weston converted. Fifteen minutes passed before the scorer once again put pen to paper. Matt Power's stamp on the game was becoming more evident. On this occasion a nicely weighted grubber into the left corner was gathered by Leigh Weston who went untouched to score. Eagles were now in a commanding 29-12 lead. However, Matt Power still had some juice in the tank and went in for his second try which went unconverted. This try was scored through some good fortune and team work. Dennis Lamb took the ball in our 22. His clearing kick was touched by a Wests' player which put Matt Power, who was 20 metres down field, onside. This allowed Matt to put pressure on the Wests' players in their own territory. A good chase and the ball was ours. Three quick passes to evade the defence and Matt was over. Now trailing 34-12 Wests had final movement on the score board with a converted try.

EAGLES 34 **Tries:** Dennis Lamb 2 Matt Power 2
 Leigh Weston
Conv: Daniel Griffin 2, Leigh Weston 1
Pen: Weston

WESTS 19

COLTS **EAGLES 44**
WESTS 5

T3

This week the Eagles T3's travelled to Aranda Oval for their game against Wests Lions. The Eagles have not been very successful against them over the years, and this game was very important as a win would keep the T3's in second place on the ladder with only two competition games left to play this season. However from the start of play, it was obvious that both teams were out to win, with the ball changing hands frequently and good field position hard to come by.

West's ran in the first try with the conversion waved away and went to a 5 point lead. With some good lead up work by the forwards the Eagles got the ball into West's red zone, and from a penalty, Michael McMahon brought up three points for the Eagles to trail 3-5. Again we saw the Eagles work hard with some good team play to get the ball close to West's line. From a good ruck forward Brett Cubbins was able to force himself over the line for a five pointer and with Macca converting, the Eagles went to the break 10-5. With the commencement of second half it did not take long for West's to catch the Eagles' defence napping and score to even the score at 10 all.

However the Eagles T3's rallied and with good field position, (and the referee on side) Macca added to the score with two well judged penalty conversions to widen the gap to 16-10. The Eagles were caught out and penalised which West's converted with the score advancing to 16-13 in the T3's favour.

After that the Eagles T3's came to life with some very good play which resulted in some of the best attacking play shown in some of the season's earlier games. Their defence was rock solid again and no matter how hard West's tried to break it, the Eagles defence withstood the pressure. As a result of the running Rugby that the Eagles were now playing, they were able to run in three tries in the second half for the bonus points, and again Macca was outstanding with his kicking, in converting them. West's were then blotted out of the game as they were unable to add further points with the Eagles taking the game at 37-13.

This game was a great effort by all players and it was very hard for Coach Disco Dawes to award player points as there was no one who let the side down in achieving this good result. All the forwards can take a bow for their efforts, and our No8 Tim Sedgwick had an outstanding game.

If he wasn't there defending when required, he was running the ball and guiding the backs. One of his efforts was great to see when he made a break and set up our fullback Leigh Redmayne, who raced away to score. What a gem! Redders also put in a great effort with his defence. Next week will be one of the most important games of the season when we take on the Hall team at home. This game should tell which of us can take out the second place on the ladder board, in the run to the final four. If you boys can play like you did against West's in this game, we are certainly in the hunt for the final prize. A great effort and congratulations to all players.

I was sorry we had to play away from the Premier teams, as they would have witnessed a great effort and result by all the T3 players.

EAGLES 37 **Tries:** Cubbins, Sedgwick, Adler, Redmayne

Conv: McMahon 4 **Pen:** McMahon 3

WESTS 13

T4

EAGLES 33

WESTS 19

JUNIOR EAGLES

Results from the weekend's games follow:

U/18 - Bye.

U/15 lost to 2nd-placed Uni Norths 45 - 7.

U/12 (Div 2) def 3rd-placed St Edmunds 19-0

U/11 (Div 2) lost to 2nd-placed Marist (2) 17 - 7.

U/10 (Div 1) lost to 2nd-placed St Edmunds 22 - 20.

U/10 (Div 3) lost to 1st-placed Jindabyne 41 - 5.

U/9 lost to 3rd-placed Uni Norths (3) 35 - 5.

The Mighty **U/8s** and **U/7s** played out tough draws against their respective opponents.

For the Junior RU Ladder

<http://actjru2.leaguerepublic.com>

Junior RU Club Presentation Day

Sat 11 Sept Tradies Club (Dickson) from 10am (sharp) until 12pm. More details to follow.

ALL EAGLES CLUB MEMBERS NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special General Meeting of the Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club Inc is to be held to consider proposals to make changes to the Club's existing Constitution.

WHERE

**The Canberra Rex Hotel
150 Northbourne Ave, Braddon**

WHEN

**Monday 23 August 2010
7.30pm sharp**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote on a resolution to replace the existing Management Committee structure of administration with a more formal Board of Management.

WHO CAN VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL

Voting, in person or by proxy, is restricted to persons whose name appears on the Club's Register of Members.

EAGLES MERCHANDISE

Gungahlin 2010 Tracksuits (Hoodies/Tracksuit pants) are now available. Be quick limited sizes available. First in best dressed! There will be updated list of sizes and colours remaining at the end of each week.

\$55 Hoodies

Black/White & Navy/White sizes L, XXL

\$44 Tracksuit pants

Black/White & Black/Grey sizes M, L, XL, XXL

\$88 Hoodie/Tracksuit pants

\$33 Eagles Backpacks

Preferred payment is by direct debit.

Account name: Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club Inc

Account no: 040008912 **BSB:** 112-908

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