



# **gungahlin** **EAGLES** **MEDIA RELEASE**

16 JULY 2010

## **FOR THE DIARY**

**24 JULY** - SPONSORS DAY @ Nicholls  
Eagles vs Uni-Norths

**31 JULY** – Reunion 1980 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS

**7 AUGUST** - RED & BLACK BALL

**14 AUGUST** – **LADIES DAY**

Eagles vs QBN @ Nicholls

**Saturday 17 July**

**Eagles vs Vikings @ Vikings Park**

### **Kick Off Times**

Premier Division 1st Grade	3:10pm
Premier Division 2nd Grade	1:30pm
Premier Division Colts	12:15pm
1st Division 1st Grade	12:15pm
1st Division 2nd Grade	10:55am
Women's	10:50am

### **MATCH REPORTS**

[View Highlights of Eagles vs Royals on YouTube](#)

#### **FIRST GRADE**

First grade suffered their first loss for the year against Royals going down 21-14, coming off the bye the week before.

The game started well for the Eagles with Andrew Barrell and Dan Mannix both scoring tries after some excellent handling and lead up work on counter attack to have the Eagles up 14-0 after 15 minutes of play. From then on it was a real battle to kick on and to maintain any form of pressure, composure and to impose or establish themselves. The Eagles played the remaining 65 minutes of the match inside their own 22m zone and were forced to defend for what seemed like an eternity. Whilst unable to get their hands on the ball and to play the game in any decent field position, there was a lot to like about the defensive efforts. Time and time again the Eagles defence was up to the task and kept knocking over wave after wave of attack. The inability or unwillingness of Royals to attempt to try and play any type of expansive game, played right into the Eagles strength of close in defence around the ruck. The Eagles asserted their physical dominance with good numbers in the close in collisions every time the Royals "Hoover" was called.

The Eagles held up the "slowing the game down" negative tactics of the Royals "pick & go" game, four times over the tryline. Their task was made even more difficult by a penalty count of 17-3 with 8 minutes to go. What capped off a most (un)memorable afternoon was the sinbining of Tyronne Anderson & Andrew Barrell in the last 5 minutes of the game forcing the Eagles to play the last 8 minutes of the match with 13 men. A tough afternoon at the office, with many lessons learnt.

**Gungahlin 14**

**Royals 21**

#### **Points**

Tevita Halaifonua	3
Ben McGee	2
Derek Leefe	1

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Well as Johnno was sunning himself in Phuket, we were here in the freezing cold of Phillip Oval. What a setting – the hospital on one side and the cemetery on the other. After a great win against Queanbeyan, we were looking to a percentage boosting win against the lowly Royals. A couple of late dropouts, Michael Lovell and Lachlan Carr, resulted in Michael Edwards and Cookie returning to the side. Despite these late changes the side began well and Cookie scored a good try in the corner, which was not converted. Shortly after, Daniel Griffin scored his customary try off a slick backline move which James Lovell converted to bring the score to 12-0. Some concerted forward drives resulted in Iveni busting Royals tackles for another Eagles try. James converted for a 19-0 lead. Things were going as planned - how easy is this game! Half time arrived with no further addition to the score.

Not sure what the players were given at half time, but the Eagles came out in the second half playing like a different team. The composure displayed in the first half was gone and they were succumbing to the spoiling Royals' tactics. Although we played in Royals' territory for the majority of the half we were unable to add to our score and get the all important bonus point. At one stage Iveni did "score" but this was disallowed. Blind Freddy could see it was a try! Although we were unable score in the second half, the positive is, that we were able to hold Royals scoreless for the game. A 70 minute concerted effort is required this week against Vikings!

**Eagles 19**

**Royals 0**

#### **Points**

Mick Edwards	3
John Power	2
Matt Hogan	1

**Tries** - Iveni Tuitupou, Andrew Cook, Daniel Griffin

**Conv** - James Lovell 2

#### **COLTS**

The Colts went out to play Royals at their home ground with a determination to make amends for their loss at their last outing against "the Whites". They had trained hard and were ready to go. Royals kicked off to commence play but the kick was poor and resulted in a scrum being set. From this scrum the Eagles Colts took the ball up to Royals and Xavier Duffy our Number 8 charged over for what was to be the first of a number of tries he was to score in this game. The try was not converted but the score was 5-0 after only a few minutes. From the restart of play a number of penalties were given to Royals and they worked their way into our half. The Eagles Colts turned this around and were soon back near the Royals line. Unfortunately at this stage Sean Connachie received an injury which required him to withdraw from the game. The Eagles side received a number of further penalties and continued to press the Royals line. Xavier Duffy crashed over for his second try which he subsequently converted bringing the score to 12-0 to the Eagles. This was quickly followed by a further try scored by Thomas Hyland which was not converted but the score was now out to 17-0 to the Eagles

With the commencement of play Royals were again put under pressure. A scrum was set 5 meters from the Royals line. Great pressure was applied by our boys and that man Xavier Duffy took advantage of the good work by the other forwards to go over for another try which was not converted but took the score out to 24-0 to Eagles. Our boys were playing hard but fair and dominated the other side. The referee did not agree with the way we approached one of our mauls and a yellow card was given out to our player leaving us a man down for 10 minutes. Royals used the penalty to get down to our line and put a lot of pressure on our defence but the line held. We hit back and drove them back to their half. There were a number of subsequent good mauls by Eagles and Joshua Aholelei used his size and determination and crashed over for another try. The try was converted by Xavier Duffy. The score was now 31 - 0 to the Eagles side. The referee then blew half time.

The second half saw our side quickly put pressure again on the Royals line. A Royals player snapped at one of our passes and was able to run almost the length of the field to score a try for them under the posts. The try was converted and the score became 31 - 7. The Eagles boys were disappointed that their line had been crossed and from the recommencement of play came right back at Royals. They drove play back into Royals half and that man Xavier Duffy was at it again for another try. The conversion was not successful but the score was now out to 36-7 to Eagles. There was now some speculation as to whether Xavier would break the club record for points scored by an individual player in a game. Play commenced again and from a scrum won by Eagles a heavy tackle was made on one of our players and from the resulting melee the referee decided that a player from each side merited a red card. A penalty followed to Eagles and play was taken down to the Royals 22. An Eagles player was held up over the line and a scrum was set. The Eagles number 8 Xavier Duffy was able to take the ball over for another try which was not converted taking the score out to 41 - 7.

At this stage our boys seemed to take the pressure off the opposition and play came down to the Eagles line as they gave away a succession of penalties defending their line. They soon fought back and the Eagles number 5, Luke Elliott went over for a try (for a change from Xavier; Nice of him to share them around). The try was converted by Ryan O'Sullivan and the score was now out to 48-7. From the kick to commence play again Xavier Duffy took the ball up to the half line and following a number of continuous mauls Samuel Elliott was able to take the ball near the line where the movement was finished off by Marcello Blaxell who went over for the try. The try was converted bringing up what was to be the final score 55-7 to Eagles. Well done boys. Next week promises to be an epic struggle against Vikings who defeated us in the last round. Should be a great game.

**Eagles 55**  
**Royals 7**

Player Points

Xavier Duffy	3
Joshua Aholelei	2
Darragh O'Byrne	1

T3  
**Gungahlin 63**  
**Royals 17**

T4  
**Gungahlin 7**  
**Royals 29**

Women's

No game last week.

This week we play Vikings at Vikings at 10:50am  
Women's Friendly - 31 July details to follow

Reunion of  
1980 3rd Grade Grand Final Champions  
Saturday 31 July 2010  
Nicholls Oval

**12:00** - Watch Eagles T3 play Easts

**Lunch** - During Reserve Grade

**3:10pm** - Watch 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Dinner 6:30** @ Belconnen Soccer Club, McKellar

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1980  
Grand Final Team**

Charlie Giles  
Rod Blayden  
John Barrett  
Leo Stinson  
Michael Ferrier  
Rob Keogh  
Graham Johnson- Cap/Coach  
James Johnson  
Michael McGrath  
Greg Tanzer  
Greg Bayliss  
Peter Maher  
Adrian Robertson  
John Howarth  
Gavin Bennett

**Reserves:**

David Ketley, Steve Nichols,  
Mark Robertson, Mark Howarth



**Player profile: TYRONNE ANDERSON**

**Player Sponsor:** **Brian Grant Kitchens & Bathrooms**

**Date of birth:** 10/3/1981

**Height:** 5"11

**Weight:** 97kgs

**Position:** Utility back

**Rep. Honours:** N/A

**Junior clubs:** Waikite Football club Rotorua

**Previous clubs:** Waikite Football club Rotorua ,  
Whakarewarewa Football club, Rotorua,  
Boroughmuir Football club, Scotland, Stewart Melville Football club  
Scotland, City of Derry Football club Northern Ireland, Fermoy  
Football club Ireland

**What age did you start playing union?** 5, bare foot rugby

**Who are your footy heroes?** Buck Shelford, Jonah Lomu, Christian  
Cullen, King Carlos Spencer

**Who's been the biggest influence on your career?** My Parents

**Celebrity you would most like to meet:** Ricky Herbert All Whites  
soccer coach

**Pre-match rituals:** 4 peanut butter toast for brekkie and 2 litres of  
water

**What would you spend your last \$20 on?** A big feed of KFC

**Most annoying team mate:** Hawkie

**Favourite movie:** Avatar

**Favourite TV show:** Underbelly series

**Favourite band:** Live

**2010 goals:** To complete to the best of my ability and win the comp



## Player profile: BEN MCGEE

Player Sponsor: **Professional Plant Supplies**

Date of birth: 21/01/1986

Height: 6' 4"

Weight: 96kgs

Position: No 8

Rep. honours: Brumbies Runners, ACT Seniors

Junior clubs: Wests/ Daramalan College Rugby Union

Previous clubs: N/A

What age did you start playing union? 10

Who are your footy heroes? Big B, Zin Zan Brooke, Gus Coonan

Who has had the biggest influence on your career? Biggest influence on my career would be my father Big B and the coaches I have had along the way.

Celebrity you would most like to meet: Denzel Washington

Pre-match rituals: If it's not too cold I wear thongs over my rugby socks, 1 large Red Bull, annoy Choc as much as I can.

What would you spend your last \$20 on? Something that would annoy Choc

Most annoying team mate: Dawesman aka Shrimp aka Pest aka Dawsey aka the Red Bearded Bandit

Favourite movie: Point Break

Favourite TV show: Entourage

Favourite band: Bloc Party

2010 goals: Grand Final win would be nice



## COMMENTS FROM OUR EAGLES MAILING LIST

Here is a signed Application Form for Eagles Membership. You may need to pass this onto someone who actually remembers me to nominate me and for signing!!! Keep the newsletters going. It's great to read them and see how well the club is travelling these days. I also played for Sydney Uni when I was there for 4 years and, like you guys, they are doing fantastically well too, and it's all on the back of a strong dedicated committee and supporters.

Regards

Jim (Gordon) WA

**Become a member of the  
GUNGALIN Eagles Rugby Club  
See form at the end of this edition of  
Eagles News.**

## 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, XL, 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 details are below :

Account name: Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club Inc

Account no. 040008912

BSB: 112-908

**Please do not forget to put your name and size as your bank narration when direct debiting your money. Gear will be available after Thursday night's training and game days from Johnny Power.**



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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Being a signed-up member of Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Club gives you the right to participate in decisions on who runs your Club and how it is run.

Some important changes to the Club's constitution are being prepared and will be put before the membership for decision at a special meeting in August this year. If you want to have a say in these decisions you need to be a current member.

Under normal arrangements there is a one-off joining fee and a small annual fee. However, because we want as many as possible voting on the proposed constitutional changes, the joining fee and the annual fee have been set at zero for the next few weeks.

If you are not already a registered member, and you want to become a member **at no cost**, please complete the attached membership application form below and return it to reach the Secretary **no later than 5.00 pm Friday 30 July 2010**. You can post your completed form to PO Box 30 Gungahlin ACT 2912 or hand it to any club official before then.



**GUNGAHLIN EAGLES RUGBY CLUB Inc**

**Application for membership**

I, .....  
(full name of applicant)

of .....  
(address)

Email address .....

hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association.  
In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of  
the association for the time being in force.

.....  
(Signature of Applicant)

Date.....

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**FOR OFFICE USE**

I, .....  
(full name)

a member of the association, nominate the applicant who is personally known to me for  
membership of the association.

.....  
(Signature of Nominator)

Date.....

I, .....  
(full name)

a member of the association, second the nomination of the applicant who is personally known to  
me for membership of the association.

.....  
(Signature of Seconder)

Date.....