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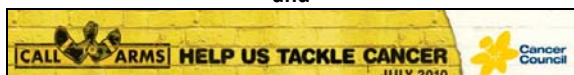
## FOR THE DIARY

**24 JULY - SPONSORS DAY @ Nicholls**

**Eagles vs Uni-Norths**

**31 JULY - REUNION 1980 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE  
GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS**

**and**



**Eagles vs Easts @ Nicholls**

**7 AUGUST - RED & BLACK BALL**

**14 AUGUST - LADIES DAY**

**Eagles vs QBN @ Nicholls**

**Saturday 24 July**

**Eagles vs Uni-Norths @ Nicholls**

### 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

### MATCH REPORTS

#### FIRST GRADE

1st Grade was bought back to the real world in a big way against Tuggeranong. The Eagles found themselves down by 3 tries, after just 10 minutes, all scored as a direct result of poor handling and turn overs. Things then went from bad to worse when, Tim Donnellan returning from a 3 week back injury, leaving the field at the 18 minute mark with a broken jaw. Tight Head Prop Jimmy Campbell also succumbed to a back injury that had him leaving the field 20 minutes into the match. These injuries forced a team reshuffle that saw Xavier Duffy and Andrew Webber coming on as 1st half replacements. Both subs making their 1st grade debuts at flanker and prop respectively for the season. At the half time break the Eagles were facing a deficit of 37-0.

The second period saw the scoring flow slow down somewhat and the Eagles trying to establish themselves. Try as they might, the turnovers, poor handling, and poor tackling soon continued from where they left off in the 1st half. Tuggeranong scored the majority of their points, courtesy of Eagles turnover ball and generally did not construct their tries through their patterns or by sustained attack. With the game unsalvageable Sam Needs, Dan Mannix and Sean Connochie were introduced in the hope that the Colts boys would provide the spark that would end the nightmare.

Sam Needs collecting the solitary points on offer by barging over at the death. For the first time this season the Eagles were beaten in the physical stakes, with Tuggeranong more eager to commit themselves and played the match with finals footy intensity.

Their combination of 8, 9 & 15 proved too much to handle for the men in black and when the referee blew his whistle for full time, the scoreboard announced a final score of 56-5.

The Eagles now have every night to relive the nightmare that was. With 4 games remaining, the challenge that awaits them now is whether they can put right the wrongs of what has been a very ordinary fortnight for 1st grade.

**Eagles 5  
Vikings 56**

#### Player Points

Derek Leefe	3
Anthony Dawes	2
Tom O'Sullivan	1

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

A match that produced seven tries and a change of lead six times was close all the way to the final whistle. However, Vikings took the spoils in a 28 -23 victory.

An early unconverted try to Iveni following sustained pressure in the Vikings 22, got the Eagles off to good start. James Lovell kicked a penalty shortly after. This was countered by Vikings with a converted try minutes later. Eagles' 8-7 lead was extended with another successful penalty to J Lo. The Vikings were making infrequent raids into the Eagles' territory but appeared capable of scoring on each visit. A converted try to Vikings saw them take the lead for the first time 14-11. Eagles were determined to maintain the pressure on the men in red and white and were rewarded with another try to Iveni and a successful J Lo conversion.

Now leading 18-14 the Eagles struggled for field position and were on the end of a string of penalties and free kicks. Vikings struck back with a converted try and again took the lead 21-18. But the arm wrestle for supremacy was to swing back in the Eagles' favour with a try to Daniel Griffin 23-21. However, Vikings were not to be denied a further converted try to take the lead for the final time in the match. The final minutes of the match was all Eagles, with constant pressure on the Vikings line but to no avail.

**Eagles 23**      **Tries** - Iveni Tuitupou 2, Daniel Griffin  
**Conv** - James Lovell 1, 2 pen.

**Vikings 28**

#### Player Points

Iveni Tuitupou	3
John Power	2
James Gregory	1

#### COLTS

The Colts had gathered at Viking Park to take on a Viking side that had beaten them at their last meeting. The last time we had given up an earlier lead to lose the match. The sun was shining and there was little breeze but a lot of nervous energy in the air. The Eagles' side kicked off and on receipt of the ball, the Vikings showed their tactics early, by using their big men to drive up the ball and our boys found it difficult to bring them down. We were back on our defensive line and our scrum was having some difficulty.

This enabled Vikings to keep some considerable pressure on our line which was only relieved by some good individual play from players such as Robert Aholelei who made a good break on the wing with his characteristic pirouette to avoid tacklers and lineout work by Darragh O'Byrne. The ball was taken down to the Vikings 22 and a penalty was awarded to Eagles which enabled a successful shot at goal by Sean Connochie and Eagles went to a 3 point lead.

Both sides continued to test each other out and the game went down to the Eagles 22. The Eagles Colts were having some trouble handling the opposition scrum. Vikings had a scrum win and a resulting inside pass to their number 8 saw him go over for a try which was subsequently converted and the score went to 7-3 to Vikings. Shortly after, the Vikings side put on a good backline movement to score again through their winger in the corner. The score was then 14 - 3 to Vikings. The lead time was becoming important and it was noted that only one ball was being provided by Vikings causing some delay in the game. A second was provided after some "arm twisting" of the Viking management. The Eagles Colts began to pressure Vikings and nearly scored on a number of occasions. A number of penalties were awarded to Eagles and eventually a Vikings player was given a short break when a yellow card was given to him. The Eagles Colts put on a charge and were held up over the line. The referee then called an end to the first half.

The second half began with a big ask of the Eagles side as they had to overcome the 11 point deficit. After the stiff half time talk by their coach the boys went out with a grim determination to get the better of their opponents. The first stage of the half saw neither side getting any real advantage but the game was beginning to turn as the Eagles Colts began to take down the key attacking opposition players. So cracks started to appear in the Vikings defence and our scrum was now more than holding its own, therefore helping to keep a greater degree of possession. Only some loose passes kept them from going over. Eventually a quick tap was taken by Sean Connochie and with a quick dart he went over for a try. The try was not converted but the score was now 14 - 8 to Vikings. The game now picked up and the Eagles Colts could smell blood. The boys began a backline movement and charged down the line in a good movement that saw Daniel Mannix go over for another try for Eagles which he converted. The Eagles were out to a 15 - 14 lead. From the start of play again Eagles took the ball into the opposition half and were awarded a penalty. A shot at goal was successfully taken by Daniel Mannix and the advantage to Eagles Colts went out to 18 - 14. The Vikings then threw everything they had into the game in an attempt to save the match and tried some desperate moves. Our boys held off the challenge to their lead and drove play back to the Vikings half. A further penalty was awarded to our side with one minute to go. Daniel Mannix was again successful with the kick and on full time the score was 21 - 14 to Eagles. Vikings were unable to add to their score in the second half.

A great win boys. This keeps us in a prominent position on the table and we look forward to the next match.

**Eagles 21**  
**Vikings 14**

**PLAYER POINTS**

Sean Connochie 3  
Darragh O'Byrne 2  
Xavier Duffy 1

**T3**

For this week's game, the Eagles T3's again travelled far, far south to Erindale to take on the comp leader Tuggeranong Vikings. What a difference a week makes! This week the Eagles were on the receiving end of a huge defeat, unlike the game last week. We all know now how Royals felt. In the first half the Eagles seemed to have no answer to the Vikings attack, which was led by their No.13, and who looked as if had at some stage higher grade experience. By moving the ball along the back line they caught the Eagles napping constantly, and with our defence looking nonexistent, were able to run in six tries with four conversions, going to the break at 38-0. However at the half time break, coach Disco Dawes and the players themselves discussed their first half performance, and the one thing evident with this team is their fighting spirit and pride in the jumper they wear.

Although a win with the score as it was, was near impossible, all players came out and played for pride in their colours and Club. With play resuming, the Vikings found that the tactics used in the first half was not coming off, due to the Eagles strong defence and each player giving their all. This forced the Vikings into errors, when on attack the Eagles defence caused them to spill the ball. The Eagles also began to find holes in the Vikings defence, and gained valuable ground, but some good attacking play ended up with the ball going to ground and the Vikings attacking again. However Tim Sedgwick fielded a kick in his own half, with a good return, broke the Vikings defence and put the Eagles on the attack with some good go forward play. Sedge handled the ball some three or four times giving the final pass to winger Michael Donaldson who scored in the corner, for our first points. The Vikings were unable to break our defence the final seconds of the game to win 45-5.

The effort the Eagles' boys gave in the second half was outstanding. The score in the second half was 7-5, from a try each and a conversion. This showed how the game was played in two halves, and indicated that the Vikings are not unbeatable should we meet them in the finals. Some promising things to the Eagles in this game was the good break by forward Peter Judge. In the second half the kick chase by half back Luke Maher nearly came off but the bounce favoured the Vikings fullback. There must have been only a fingernail between him taking the ball and Mahersy regaining the ball to score. Although the result was high, the Vikings were the better team on the day and deserved the win.

Also we lost one of our experienced forwards when Luke Maher was called up to second grade at the last minute. Unfortunately this is just one of the setbacks that lower teams face when players are called up a grade due to injuries or unavailability.

**Eagles 5**                      **Tries – Michael Donaldson**  
**Vikings 45**

**PLAYER POINTS**

Luke Maher 3  
Damien Adler 2  
Tim Sedgwick 1

**T4**

The 4th placed Gungahlin Eagles travelled to the far south of Canberra this week to take on the table topping Tuggeranong Vikings. The Eagles played well in patches and will be able to take encouragement from the game for the rest of the season. The first Eagles try came from a solid run by John Osborne who eventually gave the pass to John Melhado. Peter Hopman scored the second of the Eagles' tries after a solid mid field bust and touched down next to the posts. Unfortunately the Vikings were too strong across the park for the Eagles and won on the day. Eagles 4th grade now face a must win run into the finals, so get out early and support the boys.

The club is experiencing a lot of injuries this year and as always 4th grade is hurt most by player movement up the grades.

**Eagles 12**                      **Tries:** John Melhado, Peter Hopman  
**Vikings 38**                      **Conv** Daniel Evers

**PLAYER POINTS**

Daniel Evers 3  
Matthew Cousins 2  
Luke Wild 1

Women's Lost on forfeit

## Player profile: Michael Lund

**Player Sponsor:** SPILL THE BEANS

**Date of Birth:** 9/7/88

**Height:** 6ft 5inch

**Weight:** 103kg

**Position:** 2nd row

**Rep. Honours:** Tsv brolgas, U20 Qld City, US  
outback barbarians

**Junior Clubs:** Nil

**Previous Clubs:** Burdekin Cane toads

**What age did you start playing Union?** 18

**Who are your footy heroes?** John Eales, Sebastian Chabal

**Who has had the biggest influence on your career?** Players

**Celebrity you would most like to meet?** Pau Gasol, Evel Knievel

**Pre-match rituals?** Wet my headgear before it goes on my head

**What would you spend your last \$20 on?** Lotto, beer

**Most annoying team mate?** Not sure yet

**Favourite movie?** Napoleon Dynamite, Iron Man 2

**Favourite TV show?** My Name is Earl

**Favourite band?** Chilli Peppers, Foofighters, British India, Vampire  
Weekend, most bands really

**2010 goals?** Win the Grand Final



## Player Profile: Anthony Dawes

**Player Sponsor:** POPE'S ELECTRICAL

**Date of birth:** 28 April 1986

**Height:** 182cm

**Weight:** 77kg

**Position:** Halfback

**Rep. honours:** Brumbies Runners/Academy, ACT  
Seniors

**Junior clubs:** Daramalan

**Previous clubs:** N/A

**What age did you start playing union?** 12

**Who are your footy heroes?** George Gregan, Joe Roff.

**Who has had the biggest influence on your career?** The players that  
I have played with over the years.

**Celebrity you would most like to meet:** The Fed Express

**Pre-match rituals:** Watching as many grades as I can before game  
time, half a PowerAde before running out.

**What would you spend your last \$20 on?** Massive Multi

**Most annoying team mate:** Hawkdawg and McGee, at halfback I'm  
stuck in the middle of both these pests.

**Favourite movie:** Anchorman, Inside Man.

**Favourite TV show:** Seinfeld.

**Favourite band:** Too many, Triple J stuff.

**2010 goals:** 2010 Premiership, Score more tries than Hawkdawg.



### EAGLES MERCHANDISE

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

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narration when direct debiting your money. Gear will be available  
after Thursday night's training and game days from Johnny Power.**



## VALE JOHN O'SHEA

*It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of John O'Shea.*

*John was a former player and long time supporter of the Daramalan Rugby Club. John played over 100 grade games with Daramalan including over 50 in first grade during the 70s and 80s. John played his junior rugby with Daramalan College where he went on to coach the 1st XV. John is remembered as a great character who had tremendous pride in the black and red jumper. John moved to Sydney several years ago and continued his passion for Rugby by being heavily involved in the Southern Districts Rugby Club.*

*John is the son of Denis and Gwen O'Shea. Denis was a former President and life member of the Daramalan Rugby Club.*

*John battled a short fight with cancer and passed away on Saturday 17th July 2010 at 3.15pm. Our thoughts and wishes go out to his family and friends. John's funeral is on Monday 26th July, 10.30am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda then on to Woronora cemetery.*

### Messages from Members of the Eagles Mailing List.

Hi Graham (Johnson)

Great to hear from you. I'll be down at the snow for a weekend on the 25th going back to Newcastle, so I'm keen to get down for this reunion for the following week. Let us know what's planned. I suppose driving will be out of the question. Also enjoy reading the newsletters.

Regards,

John Howarth

July 18, 2010 THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

# Kurt's big day ends in agony

By TERRY SMITH

ALAN Jones made a surprise appearance at Pittwater Park yesterday to see his protege Kurt Mulcahy make his debut for Manly Marlins in club rugby.

Jones had sent the youngster from Mullumbimby to the club he coached to a premiership victory in 1983. Mulcahy made an exciting entry before heading to hospital for X-rays on a suspected broken arm.

Taking the field as a replacement in the first half against Warringah, the 21-year-old made a spectacular break that led to fullback Adam D'Arcy scoring the try that gave Manly a 14-10 advantage.

However, he was injured not long afterwards and left the ground with his arm in a sling.

Mulcahy turned to football when he decided to take a break from athletics, a sport where he finished fourth in the world junior championships at 200m with a time of 20.89 seconds.

He once had a four-year scholarship with the Sydney Roosters, so Commonwealth Games champion John Steffensen's old training partner is no stranger to football.



## **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.



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(full name of applicant)

of .....  
(address)

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hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association.  
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(Signature of Applicant)

Date.....

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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.....

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(full name)

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