



gungahlin EAGLES MEDIA RELEASE

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What a great season we've had so far in 2010. All five teams will compete in the semi finals this weekend which is the first time I can recall this happening. This fantastic achievement is a reflection of the hard work by players and the coaching team and the tremendous support provided by managers, committee and supporters this year. Well done to all!

Congratulations also to the 2nd Grade team which took out the minor premiership last weekend. Unfortunately we were just pipped by Vikings in the Club Championship.

Now to the finals. ..

Let us show everyone at Viking Park this weekend what great pride we have in our Club, with outstanding performances both on and off the field.

MAJOR SEMI-FINALS

Viking Park

SATURDAY 28 August 2010

3:10	1 st Grade	EAGLES vs Tuggeranong
1:35	2 nd Grade	EAGLES vs Queanbeyan
12:00	COLTS	EAGLES vs Queanbeyan
12:05	3 rd Grade	EAGLES vs Tuggeranong

SUNDAY 29 August 2010

10:30	4 th Grade	EAGLES vs Royals/Molonglo
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LADIES DAY ~ 14 August

The Gungahlin Ladies and guests enjoyed lunch, drinks and a heater at the Eagles vs QBN match. Thanks must go to Huilqui (Wilkie) Noriega for catering and to IGA Griffith (Brendan Exton) for donating the wine and of course a big thank you to Cath Donnellan for once again organising a another great social event at the footy.



100 Grade Games

14 August

Ben McGee (1st grade)

Iveni Tuitupou (2nd grade)

Michael McMahan (3rd Grade)



Congratulations to the newest members of the "100 Club" from the Eagles Community.

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The Eagles will have a Sponsors/Supporters Marquee on the southern hill at Viking Park on each of the next 3 Saturdays –Bring a folding chair or a blanket and enjoy the Eagles family company and some great footy.

MATCH REPORTS

FIRST GRADE

As usual it was a fierce contest between the Whites and the Eagles. Qbn were the first to score through a few phases in the Eagles 22. The ball was spun wide and they crashed over to score out wide. After countless attacks by the Eagles in the Qbn half, the ball was turned over and the ball was spun out wide to the Queanbeyan centre who chipped ahead, regathered and passed the ball to his winger to score under the post .

Being two tries down, the Eagles went back to what they were good at and chose to pick and drive and Derek Leefe was able to crash over the line to make the score 12-7.

Once again Qbn put together a few phase in the Eagles half and after a huge defence effort from the Eagles, the Whites were able to exploit an overlap

out wide and there No. 15 was able to slice through and score. Score 17-7. Eagles were able to kick a penalty before the half to make the score 17-10 at half time.

The Eagles returned to the field without star centre Tevita after breaking a bone in his hand which saw J Lo move out to the wing and Hawkie move into his preferred position of No.12. Phase after phase the Eagles pounded the Whites' line and it proved to work as the Whites had a defensive scrum on their own 22 which saw them move to the blindside Their No.9 passed the ball straight into J Lo's hands and he raced 20m to score untouched. 17-15 to Whites.

The Eagles knew now that they had to dig deep to pull this one off. Qbn once again put a few good phases together in the Eagles half and the ball was spun into the mid field where they broke through and managed to draw the last line of defence, where the ball was spun wide to their winger who scored in the corner. 22-15.

After a good talking to by Liam, the boys were keen to come back. Good kicking option by DK once again had the Whites pinned in their own goal line and the Eagles were able to get a 5m scrum after the Whites took the ball over the own goal line. The scrum set and Ben McGee popped the ball off to Dawsey who somehow with 3 defenders hanging onto him, was able to roll over and score. He then converted to make the scores locked at 22-22. Dave King had a late chance for a drop goal from 40m which only just missed.

This week has seen the boys prepare well for the Major semi-final against Tuggeranong on Saturday. They are extremely keen to make up for the last performance against the Vikings and take the early opportunities to go through to the Grand Final.

The boys would love it, if all players and spectators could come along and watch and make as much noise as possible to cheer them home.

Go the mighty Eagles!

EAGLES	22
QBN	22

2ND GRADE

Forward -

The following report was dictated by your ever efficient scribe on his way home from the Queanbeyan game unaware of the result between Vikings and Royals reserves and the impact it could have on the minor premiers race. Tuggers' inability to take maximum points against Royals must have weighed heavily on their minds for their

final round encounter with Wests.

The result could not have been better with the Wests victory and four points for a bye taking the Eagles to the top of the ladder. Congratulations Tim and the team. Ironically, the disappointment felt by Queanbeyan on not jumping to second on the ladder, after their narrow win over the Eagles, has turned to joy after their result against Royals has given them that highly sought after major semi-final berth.

Reserve grade major semi-final Eagles vs Queanbeyan this Saturday 1.30pm. It will be a cracker. See you there.

2nd Grade report

Eagles Reserves started their last competition round in top position on the ladder but knew they would be under pressure to hold off Tuggeranong over the last two rounds to win the Minor Premiership. With a bonus point win over Queanbeyan today and four points for the bye next week Eagles Reserves would finish on 58 points. However, Tuggeranong on 48 and playing Royals today and Wests next week have the possibility of picking up a maximum of ten points to also finish on 58. Points for and against could decide first on the ladder.

Such scenarios could only unfold if the factors in our control were to be maximised. The Eagles Reserves failed to do so in today's match against Queanbeyan. A bonus win against a very tough 'Whites' outfit was always a big ask. However, Eagles probably played one of their most lack lustre games of the season. Queanbeyan ground out a two tries to one 12-8 victory.

The first half was scoreless for twenty six minutes until John Power was the beneficiary of a push over try from a five metre scrum. The Eagles' pack was to dominate the early set pieces and should have had two other tries but for the strong Queanbeyan defence who held them up over the line. Queanbeyan scored in the last five minutes of the first half after a chip and chase into the top right hand corner. Half time score 5 all.

The score time line was repeated in the second half when James Lovell kick a penalty on the twenty-six minute mark and the Queanbeyan half back darted over for a converted try in the last five minutes of the match. Another try went begging for the Eagles when Iveni was held up over the line during the second half. The mood in both camps was rather sombre as the Eagles' players came to terms with the fact that the Minor Premiership had probably slipped through their fingers and Queanbeyan rued the bonus point that we got for a less than 7 point loss. This had stopped them from jumping into second place on the ladder.

EAGLES 8 **Tries:** John Power
QBN 12 **Pen:** James Lovell

COLTS

The Eagles Colts met Queanbeyan at our home ground for the last game before the finals begin this week. The Queanbeyan team has remained undefeated this season so the boys knew that it was to be a hard match. Unfortunately we were unable to get the better of the Queanbeyan side going down 26 points to 7 and will have to rethink tactics for the finals.

The Gungahlin Colts have finished second on the ladder and therefore will meet Queanbeyan in the major final on Saturday. We hope all our supporters will be there to encourage the boys to lift that little bit more and progress straight into the Grand Final. A big ask considering Queanbeyan have remained undefeated but we have a fine team with a lot of talent and with the right bounce of the ball who knows.

EAGLES 26
QBN 7

T3

This week the Eagles T3's were at Nicholls Oval for the last home game for the season against Hall. This was an important game for the Eagles, against another one of the top four on the current points table. Another win for the Eagles would see them still in second place, with one more game left till seasons end.

From the kick off by Hall it appeared the Eagles were prepared for another tough game. With the forwards getting the ball and excellent go forward, the ball then going to the back line, winger Justin Corkran took the final pass to fly down the sideline to touch down. Michael McMahon kicked the conversion and the Eagles went to an early lead 7-0. This score was short lived as the Eagles' players working as a team, throwing the ball around and backing up, resulted in further tries to Luke Maher and Tim Sedgwick. Macca's radar boot landed the conversions and a penalty goal and the Eagles went to the break 24-0 up.

The second half started like the first one, with the Eagles running in a further three tries and Macca converting. The Eagles took the game 45-7; another very impressive win. It was pleasing to see the boys go quite well, without further disruptions to the team and the T3's now have a very good side to take into the final series in weeks to come.

All players gave 110% in this game especially the forwards led by the old general Leigh Hancock, whose experience leading the pack around the field is invaluable. He was ably supported by his front row partners, David Bode, Craig Kearney, the back

rowers in the Skaines brothers Brett and Jordan. The flankers Michael Edwards and Brett Cubbins, were welcomed back to the T3's, and our number 8 Tim Sedgwick, who when not leading the attack was demonstrating outstanding defence. For a player who contemplated retiring last year, he is playing like an eighteen year old.

Our experienced halves Luke Maher and Michael McMahon controlled the backline, and Macca's kicking was excellent, adding 15 points in this game. Macca has kicked 32 points in the last two games, making a lot of difference to the scores. Damien Adler, who is handling the centre position quite well from his move from fly half, has become more involved with each game. The other centre Andrew Lomu from the T4's was also involved in the play. Our wingers Justin Corkran and Andrew Cook provided the speed out wide and both scored in the game. Our Mr Versatile player at full back for this game had another solid game, joining in the back line when required. His rock solid defence when Hall made good breaks with Redders being the last line of defence, put them on the ground with his solid tackles and prevented them from scoring.

We also mention Sean Lowther, Terry McEwen and the flying Fijian Esse Ravouvou whose dazzling speed and footwork is a pleasure to see. In all a very pleasing game T3's. Your defence was outstanding and rock solid, and although Hall kept on chipping away at our line they were unable to break through, until just on full time when they crossed, but the game was all over.

We now enter the final game next week against ADFA, who are well down the ladder, but we cannot take this game lightly. We need to keep playing as we have over the last few games so the Eagles can take out second place in the competition, and give it a real shake in the finals.

EAGLES 45 **Tries:** Sedgwick, Maher, Cook,
Corkran, Redmayne, Ravouvou
QBN 7 **Conv:** McMahon 6

T3 vs ADFA Night Game 19 August

This week's game was a bit unusual as we had to travel to the ADFA fields for a night encounter with the Cadets. This was our last competition game for the 2010 season, and although the Cadets were down the ladder, it was still an important game for the Eagles. From reports from the players, the Cadets came out with the intentions of knocking the second place team off, and they provided a tough game for our boys. ADFA from the start of play obtained good field position and had the Eagles' boys caught off side and were penalised. It was then surprising that the Cadets went for the penalty goal. Not carrying their advantage on by kicking for

touch, the ensuring throw in, led to a raid on our line. However the Eagles T3's got into gear and again with good lead up work by the forwards, gained good field position and let the backs do their work. This resulted in tries to Luke Maher, Justin Corkran, Leigh Redmayne and Tim Sedgwick, although Michael McMahon was just off line and only converted two of the tries, leaving the Eagles going to the break at 24-3.

From the start in the second half the Eagles took their foot off the accelerator, and with poor ball control and penalties, the Cadets caught the Eagles napping with a try and conversion to advance the score to 24-10. This was a wakeup call for the Eagles T3's, who then began to play as they did in the first half. The ball was thrown around and backing each other up, and the forwards again providing good go forward, the Eagles ran in tries to Luke Maher, Michael McMahon and Damien Adler, with Macca this half converting all of them. The Eagles took out the game 45-10.

This season has been one of the best for the Eagles T3's for some years, they finished second in the competition and their for-and-against was second to the Vikings. A great effort. They started the season with some good wins, scoring many points, but struck a yellow patch mid season, regrouped and finished the season like they began the year. This team is playing as a team giving a super effort. They have bonded well during the season and playing with great team spirit, and all T3 players can hold their heads high for the way they have approached each game.

But things are not over yet. By finishing in second place we now take on the Tuggeranong Vikings in the Major Semi Final on Saturday. Although the Vikings will be tough it is not beyond T3 to provide them with a tough game, and come out on top. THEY ARE NOT UNBEATABLE. So train hard this week and all the Club players and supporters will be there to support the Eagles in this coming game.

EAGLES	45	Tries: Maher 2, Sedgwick, McMahon, Adler, Corkran, Redmayne,
		Conv: Michael McMahon 5
ADFA	10	
T4	No report supplied	
EAGLES	24	
QBN	0	

Results from Round 11, 14 Aug:

U/18s (Div 3) defeated Marist	10 - 5
U/15s (Div 1) lost to Marist	89- 7
U/12s (Div 2) defeated Wests	20- 10
U/11s (Div 2) lost to Wests	38- 17
U/10s (Div 1) defeated Wests	43- 12
U/10s (Div 3) lost to Marist	20- 15
U/9s defeated Wests	25- 20

The Mighty U/7s and U/8s drew with their opposition.

Congratulations to the U/8s and U/9s who played their last game of the season on Saturday.

SEMI-FINALS Saturday 28 August

12:30	U18's (Div3)	vs	Queanbeyan
			@ Portsea Field ADFA
10:30	U12 (Gold)	vs	Royals
			@ Gowrie Ground 2
9:30	U11 (Green)	vs	Jindabyne
			@ Rivett Field 1
10:30	U/10s (Div 1)	vs	St Edmund's
			@ Nicholls

Please check and confirm FINALS game times later in the week

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JUNIOR EAGLES





DO THE RIGHT THING

It's a time for great celebration for the Club with a place in the Finals Series for all Grades. This is the first time it has happened in the entire history of the Club. There will be a lot of passion as the Series unfolds but it is ultra important that we look and act as good off the field as on it. We need to support our players but we also need to do it within the bounds of good sportsmanship.

Don't let the Club down - do the right thing.

Match Official Abuse Protocols Pre- Game

The Coaches of each team are present with the team Captain at the Referee's pre-game brief where they will be reminded that the abuse of Match Officials by their respective Clubs' players, officials and spectators will not be tolerated. Coaches and the Captain will be instructed that repeated questioning of decisions, showing contempt for decisions, behaviour other than that which is conducive to good sportsmanship will be deemed as abuse.

During the Game - On Field

The Referee will use the Captains for any On Field issues regarding abuse of Match Officials. Questioning of decisions by other than the Captain will be deemed as abuse. The Referee's sanctions for any On Field incident considered as abuse of a Match Official will be in line with Law 10 of the Laws of the Game of Rugby including Caution and Temporary Suspension (Yellow Card), Ordering Off (Red Card) and Match Abandonment.

The Referee may use any or all of these sanctions at their discretion - a Referee is not obliged to follow a progression of escalated sanctions. For example, the Referee may, at their sole discretion, decide that the level of abuse warrants the match being abandoned in lieu of awarding Penalties/Temporary Suspensions.

During the Game - Off Field

The Referee will use the Coach/Manager of the Teams for any Off Field issues regarding abuse of Match Officials. This includes ensuring respective Club personnel (e.g. spectators) not involved as Match Personnel (i.e. reserves and coaching support staff) stay behind designated ground ropes. It is expected that the monitoring and discouraging of negative comments and behaviour towards Match Officials will also be facilitated by team Coaches/Managers.

Should an incident occur where the Referee receives a report stating that a Match Official has been subject to Off Field abuse, the Referee will take appropriate action in accordance with Law 10. In addition, he will approach the Coach/Manager of the team concerned and request their assistance in ensuring that this behaviour ceases immediately. Whether this occurs through the use of the Ground Marshall or other club official, the Coach/Manager is responsible for ensuring that effective action is taken. An accredited member of the ACT Rugby Referees Association may assist in managing off field abuse of Match Officials by bringing complaints of abusive conduct to the attention of the Ground Marshall and/or Coach/Manager. Should the appropriate action not be taken, or abuse of the Match Official(s) continues, the Referees' sanctions will be in line with the ARU Code of Conduct, which includes but is not limited to Match Abandonment.

Abuse after the Game

Coaches/Managers or spectators are not to abuse Match Officials at the completion of the game. Abuse in this instance includes questioning decisions made by Match Officials, displays of contempt or other unsportsmanlike behaviour. In the event that Match Officials are abused after a game, the Ground Marshall is to be advised and a report of abuse of officials submitted to the ACT Rugby Union for disciplinary action against the offending team/club.



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