



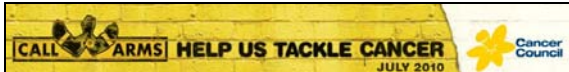
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29 JULY 2010

FOR THE DIARY

31 JULY - REUNION 1980 3RD GRADE
GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS

and



Eagles vs Easts @ Nicholls

7 AUGUST - RED & BLACK BALL

Payment due by Internet/Bank deposit only. Due
Monday 2 August.

14 AUGUST - LADIES DAY

Eagles vs QBN @ Nicholls

Saturday 30 July

Eagles vs Easts @ 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)	12:15pm
1st Division 2nd Grade (4ths)	10:55am
Eagles U15's vs Daramalan	10:30am
Eagles U/18s vs Daramalan	1.30pm on Field 2

MATCH REPORTS

FIRST GRADE

The boys trained well during the week looking to bounce back from the last two disappointing performances and with "windy" Nicholls providing an unusually bright and sunny day the boys had no excuse. Brendan O'Neill led the boys out to battle on his 100th First Grade game and looked to establish himself early with some great shots in defence. The Eagles dominated all facets of the game especially the set piece and got on top early, with tries to Liam "Swan Dive" Winton and Tommy O'Sullivan who had another great day. Matt Hawke also put in another strong performance and managed to carry two much bigger defenders over the line for a try. Ben McGee was dominant all day and finished off two pushover tries from scrums. He also finished off what was potentially the play of the day. A fantastic chip and chase by Dave King was regathered and then passed to the skipper Liam, who swiftly passed to Anthony Dawes under pressure, who set up Ben for the try with a great switch pass. Ben also managed to land a few jabs in a large mêlée' under the watchful eyes of coaches Choc and Macca.

A great tactical substitution in the second half saw

Tyronne Anderson go 75 metres to score with his first touch after the unfortunate rib injury to Matt Hawke, sees Tyronne back in the mix for this week's game against Easts. Get better soon Matty. Fantastic game also to Nua Alone who looks to have been training a lot on the treadmill lately but don't worry too much Nua. Many previous first graders have gone down this route!!! Also previous to the earlier call of Nicholls putting on a great day, it seems that the wind up higher must have been very blustery as the goal kickers would have struggled to throw a tennis ball over the posts from in front. Heads up boys, it was a tough day. Maybe start watching your kicking coach playing in the lower grades. ;-)

The boys will be looking to build from this performance against Easts on the weekend and look forward to everyone's support on the sidelines.

Eagles 39

Unis/Norths 17

Tries: McGee 3, Winton, Hawke, Anderson, O'Sullivan

Conv.: A Dawes

2nd GRADE

The Eagles reserves returned to the nest this week to take on Unis/Norths determined to take away maximum points and reclaim the top of the ladder position. There is an old and often over used cliché that rugby is a game of two halves. Strangely enough that cliché was completely shot to pieces on Saturday. This match for all but one try scoring raid by Unis/North in the first half and a short period that produced a try for Michael Edwards for us in the second period was played in one half - the southern half of the field.

With a slight breeze at our backs, Eagles ran towards the southern try line and crossed for the first try after only four minutes. This play came from a five metre scrum after a player was held up over the line. The scrum win went left, followed by quick ruck ball for Tyronne Anderson to score. The try was unconverted. Unis/North scored a try only minutes later. The scores were locked at 5 all until 25 minute mark when Iveni scored just left of the posts. Daniel Mannix converted. Whilst maintaining strong field position Eagles struggled to turn this into points. Another two tries were thwarted after Eagles' players were held up over the line. It was only just short of the break that Iveni's second converted try, pushed the score out to a more comfortable 19-5.

After what was a very lack lustre performance by the Eagles in the first, a try to Unis/North five minutes into the second half had them back in the game. The opposition controlled field position for most of the half which tested the Eagles' defence. The one visit of substance into the Unis/Norths half produced a strong driving maul off a lineout, which produced the Michael Edwards try. This went unconverted. The remaining ten minutes returned to the other end of the field and did not trouble the scorer.

Eagles 24 **Tries:** I Tuitupou 2, T Anderson
Michael Edwards
Conv - Mannix 2
Unis/Norths 10

COLTS

This week is a home game for the Colts against Uni/ Norths (the Owls) after a good away win against Vikings at Viking Park last week. The win put Eagles back into second place on the Colts' Ladder. The Owls kicked off to commence play and their large forward pack put on a good maul which we found hard to handle and the ball was taken over but called back for a five metre lineout which Eagles won and cleared the ball back downfield. The ball was driven back to the Owls' half of the field and a penalty awarded to Eagles which allowed Samuel Needs to attempt a penalty goal from about 40 metres out. He was successful and Eagles took an early 3 point lead.

When play recommenced the Eagles' side made a number of good drives particularly through players such as Xavier Duffy but the side let themselves down by messing up critical passes. A number of penalties were awarded against the Owls and Sean Connochie took a successful shot at goal and the Eagles' lead went out to 6 - 0.

However, the Eagles' side continued to fall down at critical points in the game. An example of this was where we had a lineout on the Owls' line with an Eagles' throw from which we gave away a penalty allowing their opponents to clear the ball away from the danger zone. The boys were not looking like the "well-oiled" machine we know they can be. The Owls took play back into the Eagles' half. They received a penalty and took a quick tap, ran the ball along their line and went over for a try in the corner, which they were able to convert the score to 7 -6 in the Owls' favour. The Eagles took the ball back into the Owls' half. A number of good moves were put on but were let down again by poor ball handling at critical moments. A number of penalties were being given against the Owls in their 22 and finally a red card was awarded which enabled Sean Connochie to take a shot at goal which was unsuccessful. So the score at half time was 6 - 7 to the Owls.

The second half began with the Owls calling for uncontested scrums. The Owls quickly charged into the contest and from a driving maul drove the ball over the Eagles' line for a try which was converted and the score went out to 14 - 6 to the Owls. When play restarted the Eagles' side drove the ball to the Owls' line. Samuel Needs was held up over the line. This pressure eventually saw Xavier Duffy take the ball over the line for a try converted

by Sean Connochie. The score was now 13-14 to the Owls. A 1 point game. The Eagles' boys continued to press the Owls line but again dropped the ball at critical moments. A yellow card was awarded against one of the Eagles forwards and the Owls side picked up some momentum. With a good backline movement they went over for a try with only a few minutes remaining in the game. The conversion was not successful but the score was now out to 19 - 13 to the Owls. A further yellow card was handed out to an Eagles player with one minute to go. The final whistle blew to end a game in which the Colts knew they had let themselves down. One week can make a big difference. Can they lift to remedy the mistakes they made to give away this game? They have the talent. Only next Saturday's home game will tell.

Eagles 13
Unis/Norths 19

T3

For this week's game the Eagles T3 was home at Nicholls Oval for our return clash with the Uni-North Owls. And as usual, the always are tough games when ever these two teams meet, and this one was no exception. From the kick off both sides attempted to gain the advantage over each other with both playing good attacking and defending Rugby, but neither team could gain the advantage. The Eagles gained field position from good lead up work by their forwards, and from an infringement by the Owls resulted in a penalty which our number nine Michael McMahon put the ball over the black dot, to open up their score at 3-0. But the Owls hit back in much the same way as the Eagles had done with the score locked at 3-3. Just before half time the Eagles forwards took the ball up field for the backs to mount an attack on the Owls, and their flying Fijian winger Esse Ravouvou showed his slippery footwork and speed to score, with the Eagles going to the break at 8-3. The second half was played in much the same manner as the first half, which each team giving their best to gain an advantage, with the Eagles running in a further three tries to fly-half Damien Adler, centre Justin Corkran and our flying Fijian Esse, however the Owls hit back by running in three tries also, but Macca's two conversions to the Owls one saw the Eagles T3's taking the game 27-20. Once again the Eagles T3's fielded a different side for this game, but we were fortunate too welcome back to the team Dennis Lamb, from a long side line injury, with Ben Page and Michael McMahon having their run with the team. It was pleasing to see all players giving their all in this hard fought encounter, it was just what the team needed for the T3's games ahead.

Eagles 27 **Tries:** Ravouvou 2, Adler, Corkran
Conv: McMahon 2, Pen 1
Unis/Norths 20 3 tries, conversion and pen. goal

T4

Eagles 17 **Tries:** Deacon, Halley, Osbourne
Conv: Newcombe
Unis/Norths 7

Channel Vision – Worth a look!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6m1tjdiJh>

JUNIOR EAGLES

The U/15 and U/18 play Daramalan at Nicholls this weekend.

Fundraiser: The Junior Eagles will be operating one of the registers at Gungahlin McDonalds between 5 and 8pm on Mon, 2 Aug 2010.

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, 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.

More detailed information on the proposal will be emailed to Club Members by Monday 2 August.

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.

If you have not registered as a member please do so by COB this Friday 30 July

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

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Account name: Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club Inc

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

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Player profile: DAVID KING

Player Sponsor: George Turner

Customs P/L.

Date of birth: 1st of April

Height: 6'1

Weight: 92kgs

Position: Fly Half but hoping to move into the forwards like Sedge

Rep. honours:

Junior clubs: Cabramatta Cubs, Canley Vale Kookas, Woy Woy Roosters

Previous clubs: Gosford Townies, Queanbeyan Blues, Malvern

What age did you start playing union? 25 - way too late. All those years wasted in league!

Who are your footy heroes? Jonny Wilkinson, Darren Lockyer - both disciplined hard workers and cool under pressure.

Who has had the biggest influence on your career? My Dad and brother pushed and supported me and Steve Saint brought me to the dark side (rugby). Best decision I ever made.

Celebrity you would most like to meet: Jonny Wilkinson

Pre-match rituals: Get outside for a walk in the morning, Arrive early to the ground, lay out footy gear under chair, and never put jersey on till game time.

What would you spend your last \$20 on? A balaclava

Most annoying team mate: Too many to list!! Matt 'Oreo' Hawke would be up there!

Favourite movie: 8 seconds, Remember the Titans, Coach Carter and Love Actually!

Favourite TV show: Gavin and Stacey and House

Favourite band: Will listen to anything

2010 goals: Make it to the big show on September 11th.... Once we get there, anything is possible.



Player Profile: DANIEL MANNIX

Player Sponsor: Gungahlin Electrical

Date of birth: 29/07/1990

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 80kg

Position: 10,15

Rep. honours: nil

Junior clubs: Daramalan

Previous clubs: nil

What age did you start playing union? 14

Who are your footy heroes? Tom Docker

Who has had the biggest influence on your career? Dad

Celebrity you would most like to meet: Liam Winton

Pre-match rituals: warming up my sorry excuses for hamstrings

What would you spend your last \$20 on? entrance to 4 eagles games!!

Most annoying team mate: Sean Connochie

Favourite movie: The castle, Anchorman, Shawshank Redemption

Favourite TV show: Family Guy, Seinfeld

Favourite band: Too many to name

2010 goals: Win the comp





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EAGLES

Red & Black Ball

Saturday, August 07, 2010

From 7:00pm

The Rex

Northbourne Ave

Dinner ~ Drinks ~ Dancing

\$100 per person

RSVP: Monday 2 August 2010

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