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7 AUGUST - RED & BLACK BALL

THIS SATURDAY

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Account name: Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club Inc

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

14 AUGUST - LADIES DAY

Eagles vs QBN @ Nicholls

Saturday 12 August **Eagles vs Wests @ Jamison**

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

MATCH REPORTS

FIRST GRADE

With the finals in sight, 1st grade played themselves into some good form against Easts. Nicholls Oval can be, on some occasions, not the nicest place in the competition to play footy, and this day proved to be one of those days, with the wind screaming down the length of the pitch and the grey skies threatening to unleash misery. The conditions were tailor made for the forwards and the Eagles' big men didn't disappoint. The Eagles were intent on playing direct rugby and started the match with a real intensity and physicality that would provide the platform for a dominant performance. After 10 minutes of play the Eagles found themselves 6 points down courtesy of some sharp shooting penalty goals by the Easts' kicker. If anything, the Eagles were trying too hard to force their authority into the game, pushing passes and dropping basic passes to give away far too much easy possession to the visitors. Tyrone Anderson suddenly jolted the Eagles into gear by aggressively collecting an Easts' grubber kick, beating a couple of uncommitted defenders before putting through a nice little grubber kick of his own, for Andrew Barrell to chase through and scoop up one-handed before touching down for the game's first try.

At the 25th minute mark the Eagles 8 were well on top of the visitors. Their set piece was dominant delivering quality possession from their scrum and lineout and pressuring the visitors into real panic to clear their ball. Ben McGee was the beneficiary of this dominance, by picking up at the scrum base, shooting through defenders with a good run into the visitors' 5m area.

The rest of the pack then joined in on the action with some excellent patience and sustained rumbling before McGee finished off what he started by barging over for the Eagles' 2nd score. The Eagles went in for their oranges at half time 14-6 ahead and happy in the knowledge that they would turn around in the stanza with a 20+ point wind at their backs.

And so it proved to be, with Dave King putting the Eagles inside the visitors own 22m area through a mixture of good options taking in attack as well as taking some excellent options with the boot. The Eagles' lineout was on song and an excellent drive, off a well structured maul off the lineout, had the Eagles driving into the visitors' 5m line and under pressure. Jimmy Campbell made the initial bust before the Eagles pack rumbled away and after some sustained pressure and quality ball control Derek Leefe barged his way over for the Eagles' 3rd try. A well structured and rehearsed set piece had Tyrone Anderson in fullback heaven, running a great angle after some quick ball recycle at the tackle. "T" had the visitors' "fatties" struggling to make up ground for the Eagles' 4th try. The Eagles 5th try was again off a well constructed drive off the lineout.

The Eagles now completely overwhelmingly on top up front, had Derek Leefe peeling off the driving maul before offloading to the skipper, big Liam Winton, to crash over for the Eagles 6th try. Nua Alone scored the Eagles' 7th and final meat pie. Easts desperate to stop the scoring flow attempted to run the ball out of their own 22m zone, with their fly half floating a long pass wide. Nua making an excellent read on the play ghosted through at pace and was under the posts, putting the ball down, before anyone realised what happened. The highlight of this game was the dominance and physicality of the Eagles' pack. Defensively Tom O'Sullivan and Liam Winton made some excellent offensive tackles that dented the opposition's momentum and which also made metres for the Eagles. Derek Leefe, Patto Noriega were very strong in the collisions around the ruck base defensively but were also very strong in making hard yard carries in the close quarters. Jimmy Campbell was also prominent both in attack and defence and had his best game of the year. Dave King controlled the game well, taking the right options, getting the team good field position and putting the ball in front of the Eagles' pack. Tyrone Anderson was a handful and clearly enjoyed being back in his favourite position.

Eagles 49

Tries: Tyrone Anderson, Ben McGee, Derek Leefe, Andrew Barrell, Liam Winton, Patto Noriega, Nua Alone.

Conv.: 5 Anthony Dawes

Easts 19

2nd GRADE

The Eagles reserves returned to the nest this week to take on the last placed Easts determined to take away maximum points and stay at the top of the ladder position. With a number of players unavailable Eagles took the field with a much changed team.

Eagles ran against the bitterly cold wind in the first half. Easts were competitive early on, but once we gained composure we were able to get the scoreboards ticking. With tries to Matt Power, Josh Shea, Chris Connolly & Leigh Weston in the first half, we went to the break leading 24-7

With the strong wind in the second half we camped in Easts territory. Tries to Lachlan Carr (2), Denis Lamb, Brett Cubbins and Matt Power. With regular goal kickers unavailable Leigh Weston took on those duties, but unfortunately we were only able to convert 2 out of 9, which left us just short of the half century. Final score 49-7.

Unfortunately it wasn't the best hit out as Easts had players backing up from other games. This week we take on Wests and we will be looking to reversing the result from the first round with a more disciplined display.

Eagles 49 **Tries:** Matt Power 2, Lachlan Carr 2,
Josh Shea, Denis Lamb, Chris Connolly,
Brett Cubbins, Leigh Weston
Conv: Weston 2

Easts 7

COLTS

The Colts again met at their home ground to take on Easts. The Eagles' Colts are holding second place on the ladder and were playing Easts who have not been able to take away a win in any of their games this season. A good breeze was blowing which was to have some effect on the game. Easts kicked off into the wind which caught the ball and carried it out so that it did not go a sufficient distance and Eagles took a kick on the centre line. The boys began a big charge led by Samuel Needs then Daniel Mannix continued a good backline movement which was finished off by Xavier Duffy who took the ball over for a try without being touched. The try was converted by Daniel Mannix. The Eagles' side continued to make good use of the wind to keep play in the Easts' danger zone. A further try quickly followed with Xavier Duffy going over again. The try was not converted. Tries continued to come to players such as Samuel Needs and Ryan O'Sullivan who also took over the kicking role and converted a number of tries. This good play continued until half time when the Eagles' Colts had accumulated a near half century of points and Easts had been unable to score.

The second half saw our Colts running into the stiff breeze. The Easts' side took encouragement and began the half with a lot of enthusiasm putting our boys under a lot more pressure. The Eagles' side was the first to

score, however with a try to Thomas Hyland which was converted. Easts kept up the pressure and using the wind were able to run in two tries which were not converted. The first was from a lineout move which caught our boys by surprise and the second from a kick by Eagles which was charged down. A win to Eagles and retention of the second place on the ladder with the finals coming up fast.

EAGLES 57

EASTS 10

T3

This week we returned to home ground Nicholls Oval for our return clash with Easts. Before the game commenced it was uncertain if it would go ahead, as we were advised that Easts only had three third grade players in attendance. This game was important for the Eagles T3's as we are both on equal on points on the table, but the Eagles have a better percentage so they take the second place on the table. After some discussion between the two coaches and referee it was agreed to proceed with the game, only if Easts could field the minimum number of players, according to the rules. As they could only muster seven players who had just played in the fourth grade game, they were unable to take the field with sufficient players so the game could commence. After another discussion by officials, it was agreed that two Eagles' fourth grade players would join the Easts team. The game then commenced.

Unfortunately for Easts it was a mismatch, as the Eagles T3s ran up a score of 43-0 at the half time break. It was agreed by all to end the game. I am able to say if the game will be recorded as a game or a forfeit. However it was a good run for the T3s, who showed that they are able to field a very strong team, thanks to some of the fourth grade players who had to step up, to replace regulars who were called to the second grade, and the fact that Luke Maher broke down at Thursday night training with a hammy problem and was a last minute withdrawal.

A pleasing aspect in this game was, after Michael McMahon had converted four of the tries, he gave the final shot to Leigh Redmayne (shock horror as his record is not that great this season). Redders was able to put his shot straight over the black dot, and was quick to remind me after the game of his 100% strike rate - one from one. Great work Redders! I only hope you keep this up in the important games ahead, if the captain lets you have another kick in the remaining games.

Eagles 43 **Tries:** Donaldson 2, Corkran 2,
McMahon 2, Lowther
Conv: McMahon 3 Redmayne

Easts 0

T4

Eagles 21

Easts 7

JUNIOR EAGLES

Results from Round 9, 31 Jul:

U/18s (Div 3) - beat Daramalan 21-7.
U/15s (Div 1) - lost to Daramalan 45 - nil.
U/12s (Div 2) - beat Jindabyne 33 - 14.
U/11s (Div 2) - beat Easts 34 - nil.
U/10s (Div 1) - beat Vikings 31 - 5.
U/10s (Div 3) - lost to Cooma 64 - nil.
U/9s - lost to Yass 50 - 20.

The Mighty U/7s and U/8s fought out tough draws in their respective games.

If you want to see where our teams sit on their respective ladders just go to the following site

<http://www.brumbies.com.au/act.rugby/page/58436>.

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

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\$33 Eagles Backpacks

Preferred payment is by direct debit.

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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.

Player Profile: TIM DONNELLAN

Player Sponsor: Cathy Donnellan

Date of birth: 9/12/1988

Height: 194cm

Weight: Usually about 96kgs, Currently 88kgs...

Position: Backrow, Secondrow

Rep. Honours: ACT U18 2006, ACT Seniors 2010

Junior clubs: Daramalan

Previous clubs: Holmes Chapel RUFC

What age did you start playing union? 10

Who are your footy heroes? Steven Larkham, George Smith, Tony Lockett

Who's been the biggest influence on your career? The Folks

Celebrity you would most like to meet: Tiger Woods, Johnny Drama

Pre-match rituals: Breaky in bed, bit of channel V!

What would you spend your last \$20 on? Invest at Cass bar..

Most annoying team mate: Ben McGee

Favourite movie's: Wedding Crasher's, The Hangover, Girl Next Door, Superbad...

Favourite TV show's: Entourage, Gossip Girl!

Favourite Band: No real favourite, like to mix it up!

2010 goals: Fix jaw, Put weight back on, Watch eagles win GF, Reignite golf career!



Player Profile: DAN GRIFFIN

Date of birth: 22/03/1989

Height: 180cm

Weight: 80kg

Position: 10,15,9,14,12

Junior clubs: Gungahlin Eagles

Previous clubs: Daramalan, Holmes Chapel RUFC

What age did you start playing union? 11

Who are your footy heroes? Andrew Johns, Steve Larkham

Who has had the biggest influence on your career? Holmes Chapel RUFC and all that came with it!

Celebrity you would most like to meet: Hulk Hogan

Pre-match rituals: Pancakes for brekky and plenty of water. Invest in a couple of afternoon horse races.

What would you spend your last \$20 on? A Quaddie in Syd or Melb.

Most annoying team mate: Leigh Pesto Weston

Favourite movie: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels

Favourite TV show: Entourage

Favourite band: Listen to anything really. Kasabian get a fair play at the moment

2010 goals: Play out a full season and bring home a premiership



DARAMALAN



3rd Grade 1980 GRAND FINAL WINNERS

Daramalan	15	Tries: Michael McGrath, Peter Maher.
Easts	9	Conv: Bennett 2 Pen: Bennett 1

30 years on...

The "boys" gathered at Nicholls on Saturday 31 July to celebrate 30 years since their GRAND FINAL win against Easts. The day began watching Gungahlin Eagles 3rd Grade play, then lunch and drinks upstairs while watching the remaining Gungahlin Eagles' Teams defeat Easts. The boys then continued on at Belconnen Soccer Club at McKellar for dinner and no doubt many stories and a "few more" drinks!



L-R Graham Johnson (Capt /coach) , Peter Maher, Adrian Robertson, John Howarth, Steve Nicholls, James Johnson, Michael McGrath, Mark Robertson, Greg Bayliss, Robert Keogh, Leo Stinson. Gavin Bennett (in photo held by Graham)

Missing from the photo – John Barrett, David Ketley, Charlie Giles, Rod Blayden, Michael Ferrier, Mark Howarth, Greg Tanzer (in Spain),



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