



Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Union

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From the President...

A warm welcome to all parents and players following the mid-season break. The end of the season is rapidly approaching with only four rounds remaining before the finals.

Please note the following important dates in your calendars:

- 08 Aug - Home game (team and individual photo shoot).
- 29 Aug - Semi finals (1v4 and 2v3 - venue TBA).
- 05 & 06 Sep - Grand final weekend (Canberra Stadium).
- 12 Sep - Junior Eagles Presentation Function (more details to follow).
- 13 Sep - Canberra Junior Rugby 7s Carnival (U9s and above).

A special message for Patrick Jamieson - an U/12 player who broke his arm in the last game prior to the School holidays. Patrick' best wishes for a speedy recovery from all the Junior Eagles.

Look forward to catching-up with everyone at training or on the side-line.

Yours in Rugby,

James Willemsen

President

Game Results – Round 1:

Under 9,s Black (65)	V	West's Blue (15)
Under 9's Red (85)	V	Yass Black (0)
Under 10's Black (0)	V	Vikings (69)
Under 11's Black/Gold (0)	V	Vikings (35)
Under 12's Black/Gold (53)	V	Royals (0)
Under 14's Gold (22)	V	Vikings (24)

Eagles Supporters Gear

The Eagles have for sale during the year jackets and beanies for supporters of the game. These items can be purchased by filling out an order form available from team managers. Payment and form needs to be handed to a committee member. Items take approx. 3 weeks after ordering.

To view gear available please log onto our website www.junioreagles.rugbynet.com.au

Supporters T-shirts: The club now has supporters t-shirts for sale. These are the same as the ones worn by coaches and managers - maybe they have been hidden the last few weeks under the layers. If you would like any merchandise please contact Darren Ould.

Please Note

Parking - on several home games recently cars have been parking across the emergency gate to the enclosed oval. As you can imagine this is very concerning to both the Eagles and the visiting teams should an ambulance be required to enter the grounds in the case of an emergency. Please be mindful to keep this area clear at all times.

From The Editor

Please note that at the back of the newsletter this week is a flyer for Team Photo's on Saturday 8 August 2009.



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Under 9's Red

On Saturday we had a home game against Yass Black and came out winners 85-0. The most pleasing thing about the win was the way the boys went about it. At full time I got a comment from the referee who was also involved with Yass. He said that the boys seemed like a great bunch of boys who played the game in the right spirit of fun and fairness, but still played their rugby with enthusiasm and determination. This sums up the way we played the game and the way the boys conducted themselves. Well done boys.

The first half saw some individual tries by Ryan, Joel, Lachie McCoola, Jared and Evan. An evaluation of our game at half time saw an awesome display of team skills with some great general support, use of our lateral support and work at the breakdown. Jack got one good try off the back of the breakdown after some good supporting lead work; Tom took advantage of some space out wide after a good clean out at the ruck; and Hamish darted over from half back after a team charge down field. Lachlan Gallagher and Eamon crossed the line, having their tries disallowed after knocking on over the line. Lachlan Gallagher was the player of the week after becoming more involved in attack with some good little runs, and off loading to support.

Summing up our second half was Tom passing to Joel to score even though Tom could have got over himself. Great unselfish, team play Tom. We are looking forward to our next game.

Under 9's Black

Given the two-week break the boys played really well today. They were buoyed by excellent support from mums and dads on the sideline who enjoyed some very entertaining rugby.

Owen Miles spearheaded the attack with five fantastic tries - a very quick and elusive lad. He was ably supported by Ian Fourie (three tries), Morgan Willemsen (two tries), Thomas Southwell, Johnathon Goleby and Lachlan Gregory (one try each).

The try to Lachlan was his first for the season and his rugby career and resulted from some excellent support play - well done!

While Johnathon's try came from a breathtaking 30m run down the sideline, fending off much larger defenders and a dive in the corner with a defender hanging on - great determination!

The boys defended very well and showed excellent discipline by tackling around the waist and legs and entering rucks and mauls through the gate - great work! Cameron Malcolm and Mike Thompson again led the team's defensive effort - well done guys.

We do need to work on delivering a good clean ball at the breakdown and this will be the focus in the up-coming week.

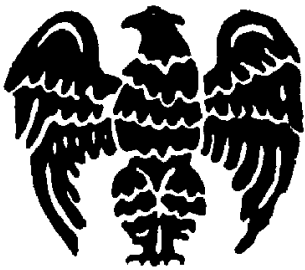
3 points to Owen, for his attack, and Johnathon for his general play - he was in the thick of things all day. 2 points to Ian, for his strong running and teamwork (provided a great pop pass to Lachlan), and Morgan - great teamwork and running. 1 point to Lachlan and Thomas for their support play and determination. And a special thanks to Adam for his management of the bench ensuring that all the boys received equal game time.

Under 10's

Returning from the holiday break, the under 10 Eagles had a home game against Vikings. The Eagles started off positively but after some sustained pressure, Vikings managed to score two quick tries. We fought back well through the middle part of the first half and the team can be proud of some terrific goal line defence. Once again the defensive effort took its toll and Vikings were able to run in a few tries just before half time. The second half saw the Eagles try hard and they never gave up but the bigger and more mobile Vikings side ended up winning comfortably.

The Eagles scrambled very well in defence and always made the effort to get back and support each other. The one thing we need to work on is our 'first up' tackles. We missed too many against Vikings and this put us under a lot of pressure. Despite this the team's effort could not be faulted. Ben Leaudais had a number of great runs and troubled the Viking defence every time he got the ball. Michigan Bullock was in everything and competed right to the end.

Next game is against West's and the Eagles are keen to register another win for the season.



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Under 11's

The U11's faced up to Vikings at Nicholls on Saturday after the holiday break. Both teams came out firing but on the back of a couple of exceptional ball-runners, Vikings scored four very good tries before half-time. The Eagles held firm in the centre despite some very big Tuggeranong Forwards & Vikings were actually over the try-line twice more before the break but desperate try-line defence held them up. After half-time Vikings scored a quick, soft try from close range, but that was it for scoring for the rest of the game. The Eagles defence hardened right up & Vikings were forced to resort to kicking unsuccessfully for their Wingers & Fullback to chase. Eagles Fullback Josh had a very busy day at the back but was very safe. As usual, our Forwards were very solid against a much bigger pack being pushed back only once all match.

Man-of-the-Match was Isaac Martin. A good, competitive effort from all the team with a bye this weekend to rest up before facing up to Canberra Grammar at Nicholls on August 8th.

Under 12's

The under 12's this week played Royals at Phillip. The game started off to be a very close tussle until an intercept by Justin put the first points on the board. This inspired the team to rally and put some good plays together, which resulted in many tries. The holiday break served the team well as we continued to throw the ball wide with good results. Some stand out efforts where noticeable from Luke and both Aiden's. Tries also to Justin, Levi, Aiden D, Sean and Luke.

All in all a great team effort that was entertaining to watch resulting in the team coming home with the goods 53 to Nil.

Awarding the points this week was a challenge for Ian and Vince, with 3 to Aiden Dennis, 2 to Luke Trevenar and 1 to Levi Goodwin-Shaw.

Patrick Jamieson was noticeable in his absence due his broken arm from last round. We may be lucky and have him return next year.

Under 14's

Score

Gungahlin Eagles U14's - 22

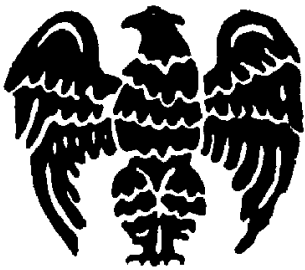
Vikings - 24

Another very close game between these two sides where they both scored four tries and the outcome was decided by one conversion. The Eagles performed well in patches and closed the much physically larger Vikings down well throughout the game. Having come off a three week break, this was our first home defeat of the season, but despite this there are many positives to be drawn.

The boys cleared up at the breakdown well and secured good ball and platform for subsequent moves. There were some very good individual performances, but these were marred by some inconsistent and spectator performances from others – especially in our support of the ball carriers. We will have to be better if we want to compete in the finals, but when the boys play to their ability, they have no-one to fear.

Four more games to go in the regular season and the lads are primed for the hard work to come with the understanding that they need to be far more focused and structured if they want to succeed further. The boys voted Jay Humble (3), Jordan Fulivai (2) and on his debut for the Eagles, Dave Park (1).

Well done!



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Gungahlin Teams' ACTJRU Ladder Positions (after Round 9)

TEAM	Played	Bye	Win	Loose	Draw	Forfeit	Points	Standing	%	Y.T.D For	Y.T.D Against	Difference
Under 9's North Division:												
Gungahlin Red	9	0	8	1	0	0	16	2	89%	560	70	490
Gungahlin Black	9	0	2	5	2	0	6	6	33%	205	395	-190
Under 10's Black Division:												
Gungahlin	9	0	1	8	0	0	2	7	11%	100	510	-410
Under 11's Black Division:												
Gungahlin	9	1	1	6	1	0	5	6	28%	51	224	-173
Under 12's Black/Gold Division:												
Gungahlin	9	1	4	4	0	0	10	6	56%	125	162	-37
Under 14's Gold Division:												
Gungahlin	9	0	7	2	0	0	14	2	78%	241	176	65

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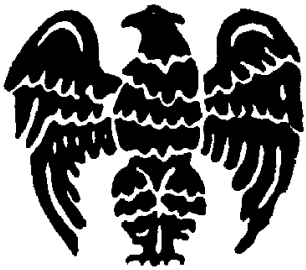
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Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

Name:	<i>David Jamieson</i>
Team:	U 10's
Year Commenced Rugby:	2008
Year Joined the Eagles:	2008
Playing Positions:	2 nd Row/ Wing
Favourite Rugby Team:	Wallabies
Favourite Wallaby/Brumby:	Steven Larkham
Favourite Meal and Dessert:	Caesar Salad
Favourite Movie:	Casino Royal
Favourite TV Show:	Simpsons
Favourite Music/Band:	Michael Jackson
Favourite Cartoon/Comic/Book:	Deltora Quest
Favourite Lolly:	Wizz Fizz
Your Pets:	Rugby (a fat dog)
Your Hero/Idol:	Hamish and Andy

Gungahlin Eagles Player Profiles

Name:	<i>Ausitn Grace</i>
Team:	Gungahlin Eagles
Year Commenced Rugby:	2009
Year Joined the Eagles:	2009
Playing Positions:	Second Row
Favourite Rugby Team:	Brumbies
Favourite Wallaby/Brumby:	Stirling Mortlock
Favourite Meal and Dessert:	
Favourite Movie:	The Mummy
Favourite TV Show:	SpongeBob Squarepants
Favourite Music/Band:	Metro Station
Favourite Cartoon/Comic/Book:	Tom and Jerry
Favourite Lolly:	
Your Pets:	Gracey, Mel, Missy and Thunder
Your Hero/Idol:	Superman



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FUNDRAISING FOR GUNGAHLIN EAGLES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Club has arranged for Alva Media to take team and individual photos on Saturday 8 August 2009. The packages available are very affordable and the quality is excellent. Your Coach or Manager will be handing an envelope to each player over the next two weeks. If you wish to participate in this fundraiser for the club, bring the envelope along (filled out with money enclosed) on the day the photos are taken. If you do not wish to have any photos taken, your child is still welcome to sit in on the team photo. Your coach will be advised of the time of your teams' photo session.

A sample of the photos and packages available will be on display on the wall at training and at the games over the next few weeks.

For further information please contact Cathie Leudais on 0409 322 714.