



gungahlin **EAGLES** **MEDIA RELEASE**

From The President

Eagles to play off for third place.

Rounds 2 & 3 of the TRANSACT Cup saw the Eagles continue to improve. The second round saw the Eagles take on the men from the valley and last year's premiers. 1st grade put in a solid display only to run out of puff with about ten to go. The game provided plenty of entertaining rugby with over 100 points being scored between the two sides. The Eagles are certain to remain one of the most feared packs in the competition with an outstanding display against the Vikings, set pieces were well executed and provided much quality ball for the young Eagles back line who were without regular power house centre Tevita. New captain Liam Winton lead from the front and showed the Eagles faithful that he will be a handy acquisition.

Second grade also faced last year's premiers and with a very young side showed they will not be to far away come September. Vikings skipped out to an early lead only to be reeled in by the fast finishing Eagles. Strong performances from James Gregory, Iveni and Matty Hogan.

Colts defeated a very strong Vikings who are reigning premiers in a very physical and entertaining match. Forwards were lead well around the park by hooker Sam Needs and were complimented by a slick back line, which still has plenty of improvement in them.

As the TRANSACT Cup only includes the premier division clubs third and fourth grade also played a trial against the Vikings with fourth grade running and convincing winners and third grade going down. Numbers for the lower grades continue to be some of the best the club has had in years. Third grade is looking forward to the return to some of their senior players and in turn strengthen of our fourth grade.

Last weekend saw the battle of two former Eagles battling it out from the coaches' box. New Easts Coach Adam Friend and our own Eagles coach Marco Caputo were team mated over many years but had never tussled as opposing coaches. Last years wooden spooners showed in recent weeks that they were unlikely to finish in the same position as 2009. With Easts suffering a shortage of front rowers due to the unavailability of two on rep duties and injuries second grade started with uncontested scrums.

Congratulations to Anthony Dawes, Liam Winton, Tim Donnellan, Matthew Hawke who represented ACT in

Saturday's night curtain raiser against NSW Country and Sam Needs who was selected in the ACT Colts team which defeated NSW Country Colts on Sunday at Vikings Park.

Unfortunately in the last two weeks the club has already seen two of its newest and exciting recruits go under the knife. Phil Braban who snapped his ACL while trailing with the Australian Sevens and Stevie Noriega who last Monday had a shoulder reconstruction. The club wishes them all the best in their recovery.

TransACT Shield

Round 3 RESULTS

May 1st 2010

1st Grade

Easts 24 lost to Gungahlin 46
Royals 7 lost to Vikings 59
QBN 14 lost to Wests 36
VRU 51 defeated Uni's 10

2nd Grade

Easts 14 lost to Gungahlin 48
Royals 24 lost to Vikings 34
QBN 19 lost to Wests 31

Colts

Royals 14 drew with Vikings 14
QBN 47 defeated Wests 5

Round 2 RESULTS

17 April 2010

1st Grade

Eagles 41 lost to Tuggeranong 59

2nd Grade

Eagles 26 lost to Tuggeranong 35

Colts

Eagles 21 defeated Tuggeranong 19

Round 1 RESULTS

10 April 2010

1st Grade

Eagles 31 lost to Royals 5

2nd Grade

Eagles 33 defeated Royals 17

Colts

Eagles 31 defeated Royals 0

TransACT POOL 1

Total - Pool A	P	W	L	D	RC	B	F	A	Points
Tuggeranong	8	6	1	1	0	12	326	161	91
Gungahlin	8	6	2	0	0	10	277	171	72
Royals	8	1	6	1	0	5	132	238	22
Easts	6	1	5	0	0	2	64	166	18

Match Reports

TRANSACT CUP Round 3 Gungahlin Eagles vs Easts @ Nicholls Saturday 2 May

RESERVE GRADE vs EASTS

Following the disappointing loss to Vikings, Gungahlin Eagles Reserve Grade were keen to return to the winner's list in Round 3 of the TransACT preseason competition against Easts at Nicholls.

Easts inability to provide a full complement of front rowers forced the game into non-contested scrums - a situation that does not always help the non-offending side. Easts took advantage of early field position in Eagles' territory to score off the back of a series of non-contested scrums. A nice combination of passes and a run around between Leigh Weston and Daniel Griffin had Eagles on the board. Griffio's try was unconverted and Easts went to the first break up 7-5.

Eagles dominated the territory in the second quarter which produced the first of five tries to James Herbert. Sam Needs revelling in the unaccustomed position of blind side flanker scored not long after. Both tries were converted by Shannan Pye. The half time score was Eagles 19-7.

The second half saw the continuation of the James Herbert try fest. A strong run down the left flank by Ryan O' Sullivan found Herbie looming on the inside as Ryan drew the fullback. Herbie scored again in the quarter to give the Eagles a 31-7 lead.

Tom Hyland scored a converted try early in the final quarter. Easts hit back with a converted try as the Eagles started to fall off a few tackles. However the Herbert try machine still had some way to go yet. The crowd were calling for four, then five and six but alas five was all he could give.

Eagles: 48 - James Herbert 5, Daniel Griffin, Sam Needs, Tom Hyland tries; Shannan Pye 4 con.

Easts : 14

Points : 3 Lachlan Carr 2 James Herbert 1 Sam Needs



100Club Lunch and Season Launch

RSVP: MONDAY 10 MAY

Location: The Rex - 150 Northbourne Ave, Braddon

Time: Friday 14th May - 12.30pm for 1pm

Cost: \$60 - includes 2 course meal and limited drinks (beer, wine and soft drink)

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OLD BOYS' DAY

A day at the footy

Saturday 15 May

Nicholls Oval

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