



ROUND 14 Match Reports



22 August 2009

Eagles Vs Vikings

Viking Park

EAGLES CANTEEN DUTY THIS SUNDAY @ Viking Park

We need as many volunteers as possible to make the job easier. PLEASE do your bit for the club. It is valuable fundraising for the Club (of which YOU all benefit) and the work is usually left to the same guys... every time.

- **CANTEEN** Setting up, operating and taking down - from about 9am
12 helpers in total (2hr shifts x 3 servers)
- **BEER & COFFEE** next to stand
6 helpers in total (2hr shifts x 1 to 2 servers)
- **COOKING** Ready to go about 9.30am
10 helpers (2 hr shifts x 2 cooks & 2 servers)
- **CLEAN-UP** 10 helpers at least



Contact Peter Brown on Mob: 0400 500 108 or peterc.brown@ato.gov.au and volunteer, PLEASE!



EAGLES 2nd GRADE against Uni-Norths
Minor-Semi Final
this Sunday 30 Aug @ Viking Park

Junior Eagles Semi Finals this weekend - Saturday 29 Aug 09



U/9 Black	vs	Vikings Black	10.30am	Nicholls	(Finished 4 th)
U/9 Red	vs	Royals	11.15am	Nicholls	(Finished 1 st)
U/12s	vs	Radford	11.00am	Grammar	(Finished 3 rd)
U/14s	vs	Queanbeyan	11.00am	Daramalan	(Finished 3 rd)

A win for any of these teams will see them progress straight to the Grand Final which will be played at Canberra Stadium on the 5/6 Sep 2009.

FIRST GRADE

With 1st grade already out of the finals the coaching staff made a tough but fair decision to drop all eligible 2nd grade and Colts' player back to their respective grades to enhance the club's chances to have finals representation in 2009. Unfortunately this meant that a lot of players were asked to back up and play more than 80 mins of footy.

So first on behalf of 1st grade I would like to thank the following players for the efforts on the weekend:

Iveni Tuitupou Luke McGrath Dan Mannix Shannon Pye Andrew Webber

Eagles got off to a very slow start against Vikings, a very slow start. In the first 20 minutes Eagles let in 5 tries to be down 31-0. It wasn't until Dan Mannix took an intercept to score under the post that Eagles even looked like they were in the game. Another try came from Anthony Dawes after a gaping hole opened up and he went through to score under the posts. Vikings managed to score a couple more tries before half time and went into the break in front 46-14.

In the second half Eagles came out with a bit more fire and were first to score after Dawes found another hole close to the ruck and beat the winger to the corner. Eagles closed the gap to 46–19 and seemed to be controlling the game more. After 10 minutes Vikings turned it up again and put on a few more tries. Eagles hit back through the Rooster who crashed over near the side line. Vikings finished the game being the fitter team (as 5 players on the Eagles team had previously played that day) and the final score saw it 58–24.

I'd like to thank the boys for a great season and all the supporters for their great support all year. I hope to see all of you next season.

RESULT: Eagles 24 Tries: Dawes (2), Rooster (1), Mannix (1) Conv: 2/4
Vikings 58

COLTS

This match was always going to be a difficult test. Most considered it to be an early grand final between the two best colts' teams in town - The young Eagles and Vikings. There was anticipation in the air that we had a good game of rugby on offer. The game started well and the Eagles took the early lead with a penalty taken by Sean Connochie. This was followed by a try to Vikings and with 10 minutes to go a try to Daniel Mannix which was converted by Sean Connochie leaving a half time score of 10-5 to Eagles and high hopes. The second half saw both teams throw themselves at each other with great enthusiasm as they knew that this was the end of the season for the team behind in the score at fulltime and what a finish it proved to be.

The Vikings took the lead and moved out to 15-10 ahead of Eagles. Then with around three minutes to go an almost length of field move was developed by Gungahlin with the ball moving across the backline to Kurt Mulcahy who had come on as a replacement on the wing. To a great roar from the Gungahlin supporters he ran around the opposition wing then moved inside the Vikings fullback to place the ball under the posts 15 all with the kick to come. The conversion by Sean was successful 17-15 to Gungahlin. There was great excitement in the Gungahlin camp surely this was it, leading with approximately two minutes to go. The kick was taken to recommence play and it quickly worked its way to just inside Eagles half and then the joy of the Gungahlin side was deflated when Vikings took an impossibly long drop kick which soared over the posts.

The score 18 -17 to Vikings with around 30 seconds to go - A kick that Vikings players will remember for a long time. Fulltime was called amid great celebration by the Vikings camp. Congratulations to them on a well taken victory.

So there it was -The end of the season for the Gungahlin Colts. So close to the finals but in the end it was not to be. While very disappointed the team can look back at the way in which they improved through the season to earn great respect from all the opposing teams having defeated all of the opposition sides during the season. They showed that there is a great depth of new young talent coming through that will ensure that we maintain the respect of all other clubs in the local competition in the seasons to come. Many of the current colts will be available for colts next year and we all look forward to seeing them go around again. Good luck to the Gungahlin reserve grade side which will carry the Club name through to the finals series next week.

RESULT: Eagles 17
Vikings 18

POINTS: 3 - Michael Lovell 2 - Kai Leonard 1 - James Lovell

RESERVE GRADE

Final round of competition, Fifth (39) vs Second (41), an all or nothing proposition for Eagles Reserve Grade. The complimentary four points for the bye had cemented Uni/Norths in the four before kick off and Royals should easily take the five points away from Griffith. Front runners Wests have no chance of being deposed from being minor premiers. So the match of the round in reserve grade was to be played out at Viking Park.

Running into the wind in the first half would usually mean steeling yourself for a battle for territory and playing smart rugby to counter a good kicking game from your opponents. This strategy was made easier when only four minutes had elapsed and a quick shift of the ball down the right wing saw James Herbert give the final pass to Daniel Callaghan who out ran the defence to score the opening try of the match. However, the game quickly returned to a battle for possession and territory with no addition to the score for the first half. The

exceptional defensive effort by the whole team and solid set pieces put the Eagles in a strong position leading 7-0 at the break.

Vikings struck back early with a penalty at the five minute mark. However, a pattern of play developed in the southern left hand corner of the field, as the Eagles' backs ran in four tries; Shannon Pye (intercept), James Herbert (speed), Leigh Weston (speed and brushing tackles) and Daniel Callaghan (speed, brushing tackles and side-step). Vikings did interrupt this flow of points with an unconverted try. A highlight of the second half were the booming kicks by Daniel Callaghan.

The pleasing aspect of this match was that defence, dominant set pieces, composure and pressure was maintained throughout.

Reserve grade into the finals and playing their best rugby at the right end of the season.

Congratulations and good luck.

RESULT: Eagles 34 Tries: Daniel Callaghan (2), Shannon Pye, James Herbert, Leigh Weston
Vikings 8 Daniel Callaghan 3 conv. 1 Pen.

POINTS: 3 - Michael Edwards 2 - Iveni Tuitupou 1 - Daniel Callaghan

3RD GRADE - Eagles T3

For this week's game the Eagles T3 travelled far, far south to Erindale to take on the competition leaders Tuggeranong Vikings, for the last game of the 2009 competition.

For the start of the game the Eagles T3 had difficulty in getting fifteen players to form a team, perhaps the big loss to Wests the previous week meant that some players were unavailable or injured. But thanks to the helping hands of some of the fourth graders, who had just finished their game, T3 managed to take the field. But this still left us one player short and to everyone's surprise the T3 coach Glen (Mr. Cool) Carey pulled on the boots and took his place on the wing. This just shows the spirit in this club to help out when necessary.

The game started with the Vikings running in the first try and conversion, and one was thinking here we go again. But to the players' credit they were not prepared to lie down and let the Vikings run over them like their last game. They showed great fighting spirit and made it known to the Vikings that the Eagles T3 were going to make them work for a win. With some good attacking play, by both forwards and backs, who worked the ball well into Vikings territory, fly half Leigh Redmayne took the final pass to score for the Eagles, and with Redders conversion it was seven all. The Vikings then turned on the heat, but had to work hard to score a further two tries and conversions to go in at half time leading 21-7.

In the second half the Vikings stepped up a gear to run in a further three tries, two conversions and a field goal and go to a 47-3 lead. During this half, the whole team stood up and worked hard, mainly in defence. They gave everything they had, to hold the Vikings to three tries and a conversion, but with the Eagles fighting spirit the Vikings resorted to a drop goal, as they were unable to break the Eagles defence to score. However, close to full time the Eagles T3, with some good lead up work, got the ball well into the Vikings red zone, and from a set scrum, half back Michael Baseler caught the defence napping on the blind side to score the final try of the game. Then with what some would call "a kick for goal", David Bode took the last kick for the season. We now know why he didn't have the kicking duties in any game this season.

The final score was 43-12 against the Eagles, but what a mighty effort by all players who took part in this game, to keep the competition leaders to this score with such a patched up side. Well done boys you could have gone out there and just gone through the motions for the whole game, but to your credit you all gave it your best and never stopped trying against a team who has only been defeated once during the season.

RESULT: Eagles 12 Tries: Leigh Redmayne, Michael Baseler Conv: Redmayne
Vikings 43 Tries: 6 Conv: 5 Drop goal: 1

POINTS: 3 - Marty Capon 2 - David Bode 1 - Andrew Cook

4TH GRADE - Eagles T4

RESULT: Eagles 34
Vikings 11