



# ROUND 8

## Match Reports

11 July 2009

### Eagles Vs Uni-Norths

At ANU



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#### COMING EVENTS

- Saturday 18 July Eagles vs QBN at Nicholls  
**LADIES DAY from 1:00pm Champagne and Snacks provided.**  
 (RSVP to Cath Donnellan 0439 362 589)
- Tuesday 21 July No Training
- Thursday 23 July "BAD TASTE" training theme followed by BBQ & Beers at Nicholls
- Saturday 25 July Bye
- Saturday 1 August **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1sts & 2nds Premiership wins.** Home Game Vs ROYALS  
 Lunch & drinks provided for 1984 Daramalan Rugby Club members



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#### FIRST GRADE

Eagles were sitting 5th on the ladder 6 points behind Wests. With Wests having the bye, it was crucial for Eagles to come away with a bonus point win.

The game started and Eagles were the first to cross the line after a great show and go, close to the Uni line from Dan Mannix, put him in space and he was able to draw the fullback to put Matt Hawke under the post. With Eagles leading 7-0, they continued to apply pressure and once again split Uni through the centres with Tyrone Anderson cutting through after a well executed move. Tyrone found support in Andrew Barrell who crashed over in the corner to extend the lead 12-0.

Eagles seemed to have the game in their control, but after some great support play, Uni were able to cross the line for their first try. Uni started to build momentum and with a great set piece move in the Eagles 22, they sliced through, untouched, to take the lead 12-14. Both teams started playing field position and the Eagles were robbed of a try, when the forward pack, centimetres from the try line, were penalised for back chat whilst appealing for a penalty. Shortly after, the Eagles backline fired again and Kurt Mulcahy dashed around his winger only to throw a pass back inside which was intercepted by a Uni defender. However, Tyrone was able to strip the ball off the Uni player at full speed and crash over the line to regain the lead 19-14. Uni-Norths bounced back just before half time, again keeping the ball alive and using their overlap well, to score out wide. Uni went into the break up 21-19.

Second half saw Uni get the first points with a penalty goal right in front. With Uni up 19-24, the Eagles started to pull together and from here onwards it was all Eagles. Eagles scored again after another well executed set piece, which saw Tevita slice through the defence and throw a great cut out pass to Kurt, who again zipped around his winger for his first try of the match. Shortly after, Mannix saw some space at the back and put a deep kick down field which reached the in goal. This time the supporters got to see just how quick Kurt was, when he came from nowhere to get to the ball first and score his 2nd try.

Eagles were back on top 31-24 but they were not going to let up. After a great lineout from the forwards, big Aaron Thompson drove his way over the line and released a massive grunt, just to let Uni-Norths know that he was the man. Final Score was 36 - 24, with Thompson's try preventing Uni-Norths from getting a bonus point.

**RESULT:** Eagles 36 Tries: K Malcahy (2), M Hawke, A Barrell, T Anderson, A Thompson  
 Conv: A Dawes (3/6)  
 Uni-Norths 24

**POINTS:** 3 - A Thompson 2 - K Malcahy 1 - Tevita

## COLTS

The Eagles Colts headed out to the ANU fields with great expectations as a result of the new team spirit that had shown in last week's victory over the Vikings. The Uni/North's side had been undefeated so far this season. The warm up was encouraging for the coaching staff as the boys showed they were champing at the bit to ruffle some owl feathers. Even the weather was more encouraging than last week. Eagles kicked off at 12.20. Both teams went at each other with great spirit and only some excellent defence from the Eagles side prevented an early try by the owls. A penalty was awarded to the Owls within kicking distance, they made no mistake. The score - Owls 3-0. This did not slow the Eagles boys who returned with a vengeance and after continuous pressure on the Owls line, the Owls, in their desperate defence infringed on a strong attacking move by Eagles and a penalty try was awarded. The conversion was successfully taken by Sean Connachie giving the Eagles a 7-3 lead. The Owls came back and got into a position to score another successful penalty kick bringing the score to 7-6 to Eagles at the half time break.

The Owls kicked off to commence the second half and both sides picked up where they had left at the half time break. Both teams threw everything into defence and attack. After some sustained pressure by Eagles Samuel Needs took the ball over for another try which was again converted and increased the Eagles lead to 14-6. The Owls team fought hard to maintain their unbeaten record but were met with some inspirational Eagles' defence. Eventually they broke down and Brent Skaines went over to score another try for Eagles bringing the score to 21-6. This was the final score in the game. Well done boys! They had defeated the competition leaders, a side previously unbeaten, and prevented them from scoring a try. Great testament to the effort put into defence by the Eagles Colts. Now for Queanbeyan at our home ground next Saturday.

**RESULT:** Eagles 21  
Uni-Norths 6

**POINTS:** 3 - Samuel Needs 2 - Xavier Duffy 1 - James Lovell

## RESERVE GRADE

The annual visit to University Oval is always a bonus to those players who left their cars in Civic on Friday night. This was clearly not the case though for the Reserve Grade Eagles team as they started the match against the Owls with all guns blazing. In the opening twenty minutes Eagles had all the ball and territory.

Two minutes into the match Daniel Callaghan had his first penalty shot to take us to an early lead. Strong runs from Iveni and Chris Connolly in the forwards and James Herbert and Josh Shea in the backs, had the Owls in their defensive zone for most of the first half. Good defence across the park prevented Uni-Norths from developing any game pattern. At any stage that they looked dangerous John Power was often leading the way with scything tackles. A number of tries went begging with Leigh Weston, Chris Connolly, James Herbert and Luke Maher all going close. However, the only addition to the score for the half was another penalty to Daniel Callaghan.

Uni-Norths were first to score in the second half with a penalty at the 7 minute mark. This was quickly followed by a block busting run from Iveni to score a converted try. Eagles continued to dominate the match but the Owls did take their opportunities and scored a converted try. With the score now 13-10 to the Eagles, the defensive pressure was lifted and controlled possession enabled a sustained pattern of play to be rewarded with a converted try to James Herbert shortly before the final whistle.

An excellent performance to top our match against Tuggers and now looking forward to the Whites this Saturday.

**RESULT:** Eagles 20  
Uni-Norths 10

**POINTS:** 3 - Will Connors 2 - John Power 1 - James Herbert

### 3RD GRADE - Eagles T3

This week T3 travelled to ANU North to take on the second placed Uni-Norths Owls. With memories of the first round flogging handed to us by the opposition and buoyed by a good Thursday night training session, the Eagles turned up ready to play.

Much like they had in round one, the larger Owls' pack attempted to steamroll the Eagles team. However what they found this time was committed & punishing defence across the park. Almost every time the Owls' players ran the ball they were greeted by 2 or 3 Eagles defenders, so much so that towards half time the Owls' players were starting to look for someone else to run the ball.

Despite being massively outweighed in the scrum, the team managed to win most of our feeds helped by some good work at the back by 8 & 9. The lineout also proved steady allowing for some pretty good attacking rugby. Most of the game was played in the middle of the field with neither team able to apply pressure for long periods.

The Eagles managed a number of long breaks but unfortunately were unable to convert these into points with our last play options not quite coming off. The Owls managed a couple of short range tries for a 7-0 half time and 14-0 fulltime score line.

A great team effort which the Eagles players should be proud of (the coach definitely was). We now need to work towards turning this effort into points and wins.

**RESULT:** Eagles 0  
Uni-Norths 14 (2tries, 2 conversions)

**POINTS:** 3 - Liam Smyth 2 - Andrew Cooke 1 - Craig Kerney

### 4TH GRADE - Eagles T4

**RESULT:** Eagles 18  
Uni-Norths 12



# LADIES DAY

Gungahlin vs Queanbeyan  
At Nicholls Oval

*This Saturday 18 July 2009*

*From 1:00pm*

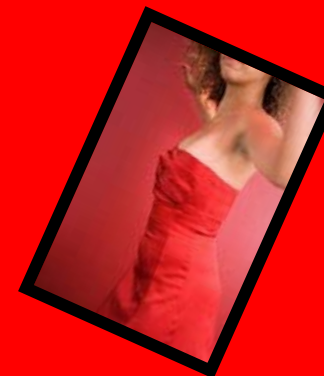
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*Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club*

# *Red & Black Ball*

*Saturday 1 August 2009*

*7:30pm*

*West Belconnen Leagues Club*

*Hardwick Cres Holt*

*Dinner ~ Drinks ~ Dancing*

*\$100 per person*

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