



ROUND 9 Match Reports



18 July 2009
Eagles Vs QBN

At Nicholls

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FIRST GRADE

RESULT: Eagles 27
 QBN 31

COLTS

The young Eagles flew to their home ground at Nicholls with every expectation that they would vanquish another foe after two consecutive wins and with the confidence this had instilled in them. Their opponents were the Queanbeyan Whites who have been strong contenders at the Colts level in previous seasons and had beaten us well in the last round. The Whites went into the game without sufficient front rowers and the scrums were unfortunately, uncontested. The dreaded flu had caught up with some of the Eagles' players during the week but they were there to have a go.

The games began at 12.20 with our boys kicking off with the breeze behind their backs and were soon stuck into the Whites. The Eagles scored two tries within the first ten minutes which were not converted. One try was scored following a penalty kick by Eagles, which bounced off the post and in the resultant storm by the home side, for which the whites had no answer, a try was scored. A third try was scored within 15 minutes and was converted by Sean Connochie. The whites came back hard but had no answer and started to lose discipline which showed their frustration and did not help their cause as the Eagles boys maintained their line to deny a try to the whites. Our boys were able to score a fourth try just on half time through a Lovell, Connochie move. The try was converted and we led 24 nil at half time.

The second half saw the Whites with the wind advantage. They threw everything at the Eagles and in their frustration during the second half had two players sent to the sin bin. However, the pressure told on the home side and the tries started to come for the Whites. The Eagles resolute defence was faltering. Queanbeyan scored three tries late in the half. They were not converted. The Eagles were successful with a penalty kick which took them out to a strong lead 27 points to 15 and this was where the score was to remain much to the relief of the tiring Eagles.

So there it was - three games in a row for the Eagles Colts and after the bye next week they should be in the four. Hopefully this spirit will be maintained and they will continue in their run to the finals.

RESULT: Eagles 27
 QBN 15

POINTS: 3 - Brent Skaines 2 -Michael Lovell 1 - Thomas Ramsey

RESERVE GRADE

It should be Ladies Day every week at Gungahlin Eagles if the results at kick off time for Reserve Grade are any indication. Eagles had not lost any lower grades and were on a roll. The pressure was on Reserve Grade to maintain the momentum against the 2008 premiers.

With a win away at Queanbeyan in the first round and the success of the preceding weeks, enthusiasm and confidence in the team was palpable (maybe the team dinner planned for that night, also gave incentive for a win). As in previous weeks, the opening stages of the match were all Eagles. However, unlike earlier games reward for possession and territory came quicker and consistently with few wasted opportunities. Five minutes in and Josh Shea scored his first try for the day. Not long after Iveni scored in typical Iveni style and with both tries converted an early lead of 14-0 had Queanbeyan under pressure. Scoring opportunities kept coming our way and were taken with tries to Steve Jones, Justin Corkran and James Herbert. Daniel Callaghan's great kicking, gave the team territory and contributed four conversions and one penalty for the half. (Luckily he did not cut his left foot at work). Eagles 36 Queanbeyan 0 at the break.

Queanbeyan struck early in the second half after the Eagles' players forgot the golden rule of 'play the whistle' from a quick throw in. Qbn's converted try was countered with another try to Iveni and conversion from Daniel. Running into the wind in the second half made territorial gains a lot more difficult but the confidence, enthusiasm and control of the first half was maintained. A try a piece in the later stages of the match, ours scored by Josh Shea and theirs converted, gave the Eagles a resounding victory.

RESULT: Eagles 48 Tries: Josh Shea(2), Iveni Tuitupou(2) Steve Jones, Justin Corkran, James Herbert
QBN 14 Conv. Daniel Callaghan (5) 1 penalty goal.

POINTS: 3 - James Herbert 2 - Iveni Tuitupou 1 - Josh Shea

3RD GRADE - Eagles T3

This week's games saw the Eagles Club return to home ground Nicholls Oval for their second round clash with the Queanbeyan Whites. With T3 remembering their 21-10 first round loss to the Whites at home ground Campese Oval Queanbeyan. We were out to spoil the second round clash with the third placed Queanbeyan and Eagles T3 occupying sixth place on the ladder.

The Whites' forwards were big and mean, with a weight advantage over the Eagles T3, and with the strong Nicholls wind at their backs, T3 were looking at another hard day at the office. This was evident when they used the strong wind to advantage, giving the Whites good field possession into the Eagles red zone, and with their weight advantage were able to push forward over the try line for the first points of the match.

The next points the Whites scored was from an alleged drop goal which gave them a further three points. However to the Eagles players and the supporters it appeared that the ball did not hit the ground before touching the boot, more of a drop punt but the referee awarded them the points. The Whites with the wind advantage again, got play well into the Eagles territory, and from an infringement by the Eagles, kicked a penalty goal. The Whites had more than their share of possession, resulting from dropped ball by the Eagles, and with their weight advantage were able to turn the Eagles players over in the rucks to gain possession of the ball. With this advantage they were able to cross again for a further try. With a bit more possession the Eagles T3 began to mount a number of attacks, and from this were able to gain good field placement into the Whites red zone. Some good attacking play by Rob Reardon on the end of a good final pass resulted in a five pointer, with Leigh Redmayne successful with a great conversion into the strong wind, and so the Eagles went to the break 7-16 down.

In the second half, the Eagles with the strong wind at their backs, things started to go their way. They turned the heat onto the Whites and from good attacking work, by both the forwards and backs, the Eagles gained good field possession into the Whites half, with Brendon Jakobasic and Nick Kimpton adding tries with Redders converting all with his radar kicking accuracy. From a set scrum in the Eagles half we saw a Whites player run around the pack and flatten our half back, which resulted in some pushing and shoving by both sides. When the referee gained calm he conferred with his touch judges, after taking about ten minutes of investigation he eventually awarded the Eagles a penalty, and with time running out it was a 21-21 draw.

Once again the Eagles T3 showed the great fighting spirit I have mentioned in past reports. Their defence was great again, considering they gave away the weight advantage, and they also showed what attacking play they are capable of. Also at half time the referee informed Eagles players that he made a mistake with the drop goal, which did little to the final result, and some of his decisions confused our players. It was a great effort again boys, and one which you should have won.

Thanks to Nick Kimpton who replaced Damian Hawes who was injured just after the start of play. It looks like we will be missing Hawesie for a few matches. Well done Eagles T3 you can hold your heads up high, and we were all proud of your efforts in this game.

RESULT: Eagles 21 Tries: Reardon, Jakobasic, Kimpton tries, 3 Conv - Redmayne
QBN 21 3 tries, Drop goal, Penalty goal

POINTS: 3 - Jakobasic 2 - Cook 1 - Kerney

4TH GRADE - Eagles T4

Mark 'Disco' Dawes celebrated his 150th game with a sensational performance in a dominating Eagles outfit. T4 made up for the last round loss to Queanbeyan with a convincing 57-17 win, running in 9 tries overall. Despite momentary lapses, it was a clinical display from the boys, who have now gained a strong team dynamic. Tony 'Whits' Whitaker made a sensational comeback, bagging himself a double with two well executed tries.

T4 showed domination from the kick off with some big hits and rolling mauls. It wasn't long before Ozzy sliced through a gap to break away for our first. Timothy 'The Mouth' Deacon was using his best asset to lead the boys around the park in his first game for T4 and used his bustling centres to great effect during the game. Kimpton also grabbed a double with some strong running and a smart kick and chase for his second. Disco got his name on the scoreboard with a brilliant try involving 8 sets of Eagles' hand. It was finished off in style, with Disco slicing through a hole and stepping the fullback, to slide under the crossbars untouched.

Uber coach Mik Adams rung the changes in the second half and the boys didn't slow the try flow. Mr Consistent Matty Holden got himself a five pointer after Richard 'Tats' Tattam, our ball playing second rower, put him through a gap to score. It wasn't long before we were over again when Joe Baird rumbled over the line.

Queanbeyan struck back with a few tries of their own, but our hard running centres put the game out of reach with two more tries. Matt 'Cuz' Cousins busted through a few "would be" tacklers to get his first of the match and Whits showed he's still got it, bumping two defenders to get over the line. Well done T4, Bring on Royals!

RESULT: Eagles 57 Tries: Osbourne (2), Kimpton (2), Whitaker (2), Dawes, Holden, Baird, Cousins
QBN 17 Conv.- 'Radar' O'Conner 6

POINTS: 3 - Mark Dawes 2 - Matt Cousins 1 - Tony Whitaker



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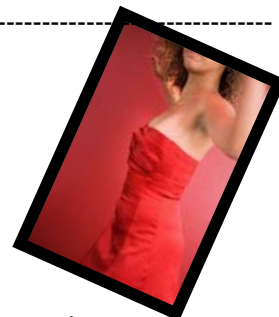
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