HBE U10 Blue v Pennant Hills Demons U10 Red Round 1, Sunday 2 April 2023 Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

What an opening round! The only difference between the opening round of 2022 and 2023 was at least this year we got on the park – the weather was basically the same.

It was looking okay when we arrived, overcast and wet underfoot but nothing falling from the skies until we started to warm up, and it began... and it didn't stop.

The boys were soaked to the bone before the first bounce but they soldiered on and played what can only be described as a cracking game of footy. Everyone kept to their zones and played hard footy, attacking the ball with severe determination. Special mention to our new team members Josh, Wilbur, Henry and Hector who played their first games for HBE in outrageous conditions. You boys did amazing and you should all be very proud. And our seasoned professionals: Nicko, Felix, Griffin, Haydo, Aiden, Jacob, Lochy and William, your efforts on the weekend were outstanding and reminded us all just how much you love this game.

Keep it up fellas, we're all looking forward to watching your season unfold.

Player of the Week: Henry Callum Mills Award: Griffin