

MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs Pittwater Tigers

ROUND 4. 7/5/2023

Rofe Park

Four seasons in one day on Sunday at the Eagles Nest. Damp oval, slight wind and a slight shower were match conditions and both teams were up for the game. The Tigers were quickly in front with a goal and a behind, but the Eagles had a lot of possession with Jon, Logan and Mason linking up in the mids and really halting play there. Conditions favoured a midfield battle, and it was 1-7 at the first buzzer.

The Eagles began strongly at the restart. Andrew found Jon who marked, and the ball went to Logan. His trusty boot failed this time but we were in the ascendency. Logan made a tackle at the kick out, followed by Kieren making a huge tackle in his first game for our club. The Eagles were controlling midfield with Logan kicking along with Hamish and Kieren. Braden was amongst it getting hands on the ball and shepherding. We had lots of good linkup play, Logan finding Andrew, Kieren kicking to Jon, Will with excellent hand skills on the turf. Logan to Josh, back to Logan to Braden then to Logan for a behind. Angus read any kicks forward to perfection and kicked away well. Lachy was picking up scraps in midfield and Josh and Andrew had the measure of their direct opponents. 2-7 at half time.

The Tigers began well in the third but their long kick up front was comfortably marked by Angus at full back. The Tigers had a huge ruckman against Josh for the next ball up and they broke to score a goal from there. The Eagles were still in this. Sharpie was getting some ball and breaking some tackles. Finn was busy and linking with Ewan who was having an increasing effect on the game, also breaking tackles. Andrew showed great ball skills and determination in the mids and found an able ally in Tristan making tackles. Kieren kicked huge to the forwards; Loz was up for the mark, but it bounced off his collar bone. Kieren kicked from way out for a behind, and the quarter ended with Jon making a huge tackle on the right wing. Easily the best tackle so far this season which garnered a big cheer from the Eagles sideline.

Carry on, said Coach Livey, pressure their marks and keep doing the same and that they did. Relentless Eagles pressure up front. Sharpie blocking, Harrison tackling to gain possession. Josh tackled and kicks to Hamish who finds Lachie. The Eagles are flying and in control. Mason, Braden, Lachy, Josh and Andrew are driving the team forward. Any long kicks are mopped up by Angus at the back.

Incredibly the Tigers stood up to this pressure. Logan had a kick touched for a behind and Kieren kicked true only to see that saved on the goal line. Final score was 13-5, 0,5 to the Eagles, 2-1 to the Tigers. The message from coach was to keep playing the same way and we were a little bit unlucky to lose. Certainly the performance warranted more than the result.
Player Awards: TBA

Result:

Hornsby Berowra Eagles	1	2	4	5
Pittwater Tigers	7	7	13	13

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