

Round 5: Eagles vs the Hawks – 14 May 2023

Both hawks and eagles fly high up, Hawks will sometimes soar with wings held in a shallow v-shape, while eagles soar on flat or only slightly-raised wings.

Two very similar birds and two very similar teams – both wanted the win.

The game was quick to start, about 3 minutes in and the Eagles had scored a goal! But the Hawks were not having any of it, they scored soon after right in front of the posts after taking a solid mark. Oh, and then the Hawks scored another goal about 2 minutes later..

After the restart we scrambled for the ball, our number 30 (Noa) took a great mark and booted it off to number 11 (Tyler) taking another mark, Tyler booted it again only for Noa to collect it again with another mark.

The first quarter was a rumble, the ball going back and forth, but the Hawks got another goal and then another shortly after the restart. There was some great work by the Eagles with a great defensive mark taken by our number 21 that prevented another goal.

The first quarter was done – Hawks 24, Eagles 6.

The second quarter was full of action and tightened up the game!

A behind from the Eagles, then a goal, the Hawks responded but only managed a behind. 23 (Ronin) got hold of the ball and kicked it. Noa collected it with another solid mark.

This was followed by a behind from the Hawks, a behind from the Eagles, and then a goal from 50 (Josh Hogan).

This was repeated by some great teamwork from number 3 (Josh Ward) to number 8 (Jack Adams), Jack scoring a goal!

Going into half time both birds were flying at very similar altitudes. Hawks 27, Eagles 26.

In the third quarter the Hawks matched their opening pace and scored a goal within the first 2 minutes.

The Eagles showed some great skills, 28 (Henry) booted it to 50 (Josh Hogan) and Josh took a great mark. This was followed up by some great work by Ronin. He really got stuck in.

The Hawks came back with 2 behinds. They were in front of their goal line by the Eagles showed great pressure and prevented the score going up in big numbers.

There was some more great work by Henry, number 19 (Charlie) did some great work and walloped the ball up field.

The Hawks came back with two more attempts to score but only came away with two more behinds.

The Eagles got the ball back up to their front line, a great kick by Ronin was foiled by the goal post. It moved and the ball hit it square on. A behind for the Eagles.

This behind spurred them on and they followed up that kick with a goal soon after.

At the end of the third the Hawks were slightly further in front, although not where they wanted to be. Hawks 37, Eagles 32.

The Eagles were quick to have a crack at the posts 29 (Luke) managed a behind. Josh Hogan took a great mark after the restart showing some great skill!

But the Hawks swooped in taking a behind, and then almost immediately after the restart another goal.

The Hawks regained the ball again and headed for the posts. Charlie took a great mark in defence but the Hawks kept coming. Another behind and another goal.

The Eagles managed a goal, the Hawks shot back with another goal matching their energy.

As they kept coming Charlie took another mark, but before the buzzer went the Hawks scored another behind.

The final score Hawks 58 Eagles 39

The result may not have been what the team were after, but their skills and commitment is developing week in and week out!