

MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs Willoughby Wildcats

ROUND 10. 25/6/2023

Rofe Park

There's never a bad day for Footie at the Eagles Nest but Sunday was sensational. Blue skies, warm sunshine, and the Eagles raring to go, although we lost Angus pregame to a head clash. Braden returned to the touchline still injured but remains our lucky omen. From the first ball up Logan broke, kicked to Finn who kicked towards goal for Josh to gather and slot easily for six points. Ewan broke from the next ball up, found Jonathan who kicked to Finn in the pocket. A narrow angle but Finn has practiced this shot many times. He kicked the ball so it span 90 degrees to bounce between the big sticks. Hamish took some great marks over his head, Finn and Josh kept linking well up-front scoring a behind each with good supply from Kieren and Will. Finn got the Eagles third with a tremendous run, bouncing three times, stepping away from the defender and kicking true. Sharpy was getting more into it, Mason Will, Andrew, and Tristan controlled the mids and the scoring continued with a long straight kick by Jonathan.

The Wildcats opened the scoring in the next quarter with a behind that was well shepherded by Jonathan. Hamish, Sharpy and Ewan linked in midfield and Kieren then scored with a big kick. Good defence followed with tackled from Tristan, Ewan and Sharpy. Logan got more ball and went on a couple of runs. Will found Hamish who kicked a goal from miles out. The Eagles controlled the ball and territory, Harrison involved constantly. Sharpy got forward next collecting the ball and kicking his first of the season.

Will opened the scoring in the third with another long and straight kick. Logan was moved into the forwards and was soon on the scoresheet with a six pointer. Strangely for him his radar was off for the next two kicks, but he continued to link well with Harrison, Finn and Will. Tristan, Josh, and Ewan were then called upon in defence as we lent a couple of players to the Wildcats, who managed to kick a goal and a behind.

The Eagles dominated the final quarter too. Logan reverted to type for another goal. The Eagles added three more behinds. The Wildcats fought on to score another goal, despite good work by Mason and Ewan defensively. The final score was a six pointer, Kieren's second of the match.

A record score for our Eagles team. A big performance which has been building all season. More of the same will help push the team into finals contention if other results go our way.

Coach Brent was delighted by the performance. All our previous good displays that deserved better results were topped today with an outstanding display of footie by all of the players. The team song has never sounded so good!

A big thank you to all the players who were sporting enough to play for the Wildcats and help them out in the second half.

We're wishing speedy recoveries for Angus from his head knock, Hamish, who we lost in the second half to a nose knock, and Braden with his longer term injury.

Player of the match – Harrison Duque – having a wonderful first season for us and improving week on week. Peaked today with a great game in all departments.

Callum Mills award – Will Connors – huge performance again this weekend and kicked a deserved goal.

Callum Mills award – Finn Nilsson – Coach asked what he'd had for breakfast he was so quick out of the blocks. Two great goals, more assists and worked hard up front and in midfield.

Callum Mills award – Kieren Fisher – Great skills with a huge step and great kicks, two of which were goals!

HBE	26	47	59	74
Pennant Hills Demons	0	1	8	14

Goals: Logan (2), Finn (2), Kieren (2), Josh, Will, Hamish, Ethan, Jonathan.



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