

MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs Manly Bombers

ROUND 8. 2/6/2023

Rofe Park

The rain cleared and Rofe Park was perfect for the return encounter of the Manly Bombers. The Eagles were down a few players, but Braden was back on the boundary to support the team and the message was to switch on and start quickly. They were quick out the blocks too, Kieren to Andrew, a block and Kieren tackled again. Lachie found Will and out to Jeremy on the wing. A kick to the middle, a mark, onto Loz who drew the defence and onto Logan. Six nil. Manly tried to return fire but Hamish and Lachy put in their tackles, Will kicked away and Brad ran and kicked on further. Jeremy was showing hand skills on the deck. Lachy kicked to Jeremy, onto Loz but kick blocked. Logan and Ewan were linking but Manly were playing tough and came back with a goal and two behinds.

Manly were the better side to begin the second quarter. Tristan put in some sterling defence and Lachie, Andrew and Josh were tackling and blocking but Manly kicked three goals and a behind. The Eagles still battled hard and played with good skill and nice marking. Kieren to Jeremy, onto Josh and then Sharpy. That attack broke down, but Finn picked up the ball and went on a run, he found Ewan who kicked across goal. Jeremy snapped it up and kicked quickly between the big posts. He said he was worried it was going to miss but it was a safe six points. 27-12 at half time but the game seemed closer than that.

Get back to basics was Coach Brent's message in the break. Tackle hard, get to the ball first and help each other out.

The Eagles responded to the Coach's call again winning the quarter six point to two. Sharpy was into it with early tackles and kicks. Tristan kicked well. Ewan and Andy took marks, Will was strong in the tackle. Logan kicked to Hamish who kicked across to Finn. This was proper footie. Forward the Eagles went. The ball ended up with Logan right of the posts and he snapped it high and true for another goal. Andrew was involved constantly now, tackling, marking, and kicking long. Josh got the ball, side stepped and kicked. Shortly after he was slung and landed painfully on his shoulder, not long after the same player almost did for Lachy by dangerously jamming him into the turf when already defenceless. Kieren got through plenty of work in the mids and capped it all with a huge tackle in front of our supporters. Tiring due to no subs the Eagles were brave in holding Manly to two behinds at the end of the quarter. 18-29.

The Eagles began well. Tristan to Andrew to Hamish and a kick back to Andrew who marked. The Bombers intercepted but Lachy made a massive tackle. Keiren and Hamish made runs with the ball. Andrew kicked to Brad who found Finn and then to Hamish. Ewan took a mark, but the Bombers stifled the move, attacked, and held possession and territory to kick a goal and a behind. 18-36 at the final buzzer but Manly knew they'd been in a battle. Their goal umpire said the Eagles were the best markers they'd played against this season.

Coach Brent told the boys how proud he was for them putting up such a fight. They gave everything and supported each other throughout. We had no subs and they had four.

Player of the match – Logan. Incredible goal scoring but much more than that putting up a massive performance in midfield again.

Callum Mills award – Lachie Wall. Chases everything, always amongst it and fearless. Took a dangerous tackle that was paid and didn't flinch a tackle afterwards.

Callum Mills award – Andrew Livey. A vital player for the team. Competitive in ball ups, loads of running and good hands. Huge kicks too.

HBE	6	12	18	18
Manly Bombers	8	27	29	36

Goals: Logan (2), Jeremy.



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