

# MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs Pittwater Tigers

ROUND 11. 17/7/2023

Narrabeen Sports Centre

Could the Eagles overcome the team that beat us 13-5 in windy conditions at Rofe Park back in May? Kieren, Logan, Lachy and Ewan were quickly involved, but the Tigers took the lead kicking from a harshly given foul against Lachy. Hamish then cleared to Sharpy who found Finn. Finn kicked high to the goal square, Loz marked above his head and kicked true for a six one lead. The Eagles midfield were now in control, tackling well and moving the ball forward. Logan, Will and Ewan were kicking long finding Finn and Jon. The Eagles went close with three behinds, and Kieren had an excellent kick saved on the goal line. 9-6 at quarter time.

The Eagles then played one of their best quarters ever kicking three goals and three minors without conceding. Loz kicked a behind from a tight angle, Logan added six points with a great step, run and kick. Finn then added another point before scoring a very skilful goal. Facing sideways he kicked using the side of his boot and it flew almost at right angles between the big posts. It was no fluke; he's practiced that shot before. Tristan then scored a set shot from distance, easily clearing the goal line defence. Ewan finished the scoring with a behind. The Eagles were outstanding all over the oval. Hamish, Lachy and Angus were strong in defence. Jon, Andrew, Sharpy, Ewan and Logan dominated in the mids. The game seemed to be under control at 30-6 to the Eagles at half time.

Behinds were traded on each to begin the second half, but the Eagles stretched their lead with two goals. Ewan marking and kicking a curling shot through the tall posts, and then Logan scoring from a tight angle. At 7-43 the Tigers picked up their game. Suddenly they were attacking with intent and try as they might, the Eagles couldn't stop their taller players. The Tigers were on a roll and the huge shift in momentum saw them kick five goals two to trail by five points with one quarter remaining.

Logan opened the scoring after a strong run, but the powerful shot smashed against the post. The Tigers levelled the scores with a goal, then crept ahead with a behind. Tristan then levelled with a behind, touched by the defender to prevent a maximum. Sharpy went close but the Tigers were rolling forward. Andrew, Hamish, Kieren, and Ewan were working hard in midfield, Angus was tidying up at full back, Logan fought on with a sore ankle, but the Tigers were

too strong at the end. They kicked four unanswered goals to win an exciting match 64-45.

Brent was thrilled with the team’s effort and commitment. Such was the team performance it was hard to single out players for the awards. Brent said he was proud of them all.

It’s a season where the Eagles have pushed every team in close games, without quite getting the results they deserve so far. They’re the third highest points scorers in the league with the fourth best points differential. The Tiger’s coach also commented on how well we played.

Player of the match – Logan Bilbe – 17 goals in 11 games this season, 37 goals in 31 games for the Eagles. Logan’s game isn’t all about goals though, as he tackled, blocked ran and kicked well all game.

Callum Mills award – Ewan Heathers and Kieren Fisher. Played with great energy and skill all around the oval. Both are having magnificent seasons.

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

Goals: Logan (2), Finn, Tristan, Ewan, Lawrence.



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