

Match Report

U9 HBE Red v St Ives White

Round 11 - 16 July 2023

Acron Oval

Everyone was excited for footy after the long break. For Round 11 we travelled to Acron Oval, for a rematch versus St Ives White. The conditions were much better than our last visit here when we played through freezing rain after a pre-game hail shower!

U9 Red were down a player this week so once again, the opposition kindly lent us some players. Just to mix things up the 11-a-side game went with a 4-4-3 zone formation this week.

It was a very solid, consistent four-quarter effort from U9 Red this week. There were strong contributions from all players around the ground. Our defensive tackling was a little down to start with, but got back up to speed after the first quarter. We had multiple goal scorers and some good passages of play with several long kicks and strong marks in succession.

At training we had talked about ruck work and clearances, and how we often win the tap but then it goes to quick opposition players who win the clearance. So it was great to see our players had taken that on board, with better-directed tap work and midfielders looking to get to the ball and move it on.

Our player of the week was Freddie, who was busy and quick all around the ground and peppered the goals when forward. The Callum Mills award went to Wally (Oscar W) for his strong focus on winning clearances and also a great goal-saving tackle.

Confidence should be up after this game, which was played with great spirit from both sides. Thanks to St Ives for lending us players, who all put in a great effort.