

Match Report

U9 HBE Red v Pennant Hills

Round 12 - 23 July 2023

Rofe Park

Perfect conditions at Rofe Park this week for our Round 12 rematch vs Pennant Hills Demons. Our entire team turned up in good time looking very enthusiastic, and threw themselves into a self-organised warm-up. The coaches wondered whether this boded well for the game and indeed it did!

Our opposition were down a few players so for once, we lent them a player each quarter for a 10-a-side 3-4-3 game. It's difficult to select any one highlight from this game: it was just a great contest from start to finish. This week we were especially happy with the team's pressure efforts. Every loose ball was chased down, every opponent with the ball was pursued. Apart from one lapse in concentration there was some great defensive tackling.

One notably-effective combination in defence was Chris and Cameron, with Chris chasing down loose balls and flicking them to Cameron for a clearing kick. At the other end there was also great teamwork: one goal the result of quick accurate hand-passing from Billy to Jack to Tadhg. The team also continued the improvement started last week in their ruck taps to advantage and clearances. Everyone put in a great effort for one of our best games this year.

Our player of the week was Oscar C who brought lots of energy, run and chase on his return. The Callum Mills award went to Vinni who just quietly got on with the job of tackling opposition players relentlessly for four quarters.

Thanks to the Demons for a great game, and to our "celebrity umpire" president Steve, who kept the game flowing and offered great feedback to all the players.