

MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs Pennant Hills Demons

ROUND 13: 6/8/2023

Ern Holmes Oval

The penultimate match of the Eagles' season was an early start at Ern Holmes versus the league leaders. Lozza led the boys through his 50th game banner with Eye of the Tiger blaring out. The Demons began best putting pressure on our back line. Jon, Andrew, Lachy and Sharpy were quickly involved tackling and spoiling. Harrison showed good hand skills getting the ball out of the ruck, Kieran was stepping and kicking, with Hamish taking his customary marks. Jon at full back was particularly busy but couldn't stem the flow of the demons attacks that led to two goals and four behinds. The Eagles did manage to get forward. Finn kicked to Loz who marked, but it wasn't to be a fairy tale fiftieth as he miskicked slightly and lost distance. It led to a behind, so the Eagles were on the scoreboard!

Angus was now at full back and tidying up any breaks. Sharpy saw lots of ball and Logan and Andrew were ripping into tackled in the second quarter. Lachie then tackled and got a knock on an attackers hip. Ewan was heavily involved too in midfield breaking tackles and kicking way. The Demons kicked an outstanding goal from the pocket for their only maximum of the quarter and managed two behinds. Josh replied with two behinds for the Eagles, the second bouncing kindly inside the upright. 3-24 at half time but the Eagles were still competing. Brent's message was to man up, make the tackles stick, and kick long in the second half.

The team rallied to the call in a much closer quarter in which we kicked two goals. Jon kicked the first with a quick grab and kick, and Logan (of course) with an accurate kick under pressure. Lachie and Lachlan were back amongst the tackles, Josh and Andrew were hard at the ball in the mids, and Kieran, Sharpy and Will were getting on the ball and distributing well. Kieran made two quick tackles on the trot, Mason put in a big tackle, and Angus rushed a couple of behinds to keep the Demons to 3:2 in the third.

The Eagles put in a huge shift in the final quarter. Lachie and Hamish were strong defensively, Sharpy was still getting a lot of ball, Andrew and Josh were huge in the ruck. The Demons were strong and dominated territory kicking 2:3. The Eagles never give in though. Andrew made two quick tackles, Loz got the loosed ball and emerged from the ruck to kick to the wing. The ball found it's way to Josh who kicked another behind. From the restart Josh kicked to Finn who marked in the pocket. It was a very tight angle but no trouble to Finn who

shot accurately for six points. The boys saved there best to last. Kieran stripped the ball, found Logan who kicked to Finn to take another mark just before the hooter sounded. Another tight angle but Finn has the skills, and the radar was set so he kicked true for another goal.

A great finish to the game. Coach Brent was happy with the effort and praised the team on an excellent second half performance. We're the only side to play the Demons three times this season and although we didn't quite push them as much as the previous two games, we still competed right up to the final kick for goal.

Player of the match – Logan. Midfield dynamite and another goal. Another huge effort.

Callum Mills – Finn, great goals to end the game. Lachie Wall – puts his head where others fear to put their feet! Brave and a massive effort defensively. Special mentions for Ethan, Ewan and Harrison. Didn't stop trying and made significant tackles and kicks.

Hornsby Berowra Eagles	1	3	15	28
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Pennant Hills Demons	16	24	44	59
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Goals: Finn 2, Jon, Logan.

Next week's our last match of the season. It's Lachie Wall's 50th and we're playing Lane Cove Cats away. Notable last time for the Eagles winning the second half 28-12.



Will and Hamish's 50ths last week:

