

MATCH REPORT

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES vs North Shore Swans

ROUND 3. 28/4/2024

Gore Hill Oval

A sunny Sunday morning at Gore Hill to play early ladder leader, North Shore Swans. It's a huge oval but smaller than Rofe Park, and North Shore scored a behind from the first bounce, quickly followed by a goal. They continued attacking in waves scoring 26 in the first quarter, despite good defence from Angus, Kieren, Noah, Lachy and Tristan who made a huge tackle. Tristan then found Finn, who picked out Ewan in the square and he kicked for six points. The Eagles had more ball after the small break, Archie and Kieren combining, Andrew working hard in the ruck, Lachy running well and Finn McCabe kicking a behind. Finn Nilsson then cut in and kicked true for our second but North Sure had opened a big half time lead.

This Eagles side never gives up though. The coaching and boundary support always remain positive, something noticed by the North Shore parents this weekend. The effort increased and the Eagles wrestled more possession and territory, Andrew and Finn driving us forward. Finn kicked his second, and we also managed three behinds, one rushed and two just the wrong side of the big posts by Loz and Andrew.

The Eagles won the final stanza! Loz opened the scoring kicking high for six. Ewan and Tristan combined to help Finn Nilsson to a point. Andrew added a behind. Finn then capped an amazing performance with his third goal. Did we save the best to last? Numerous hand passes across our forward line with the boundary support screaming 'kick it'. A final hand pass to Tristan and goal! Another six points! We scored another point before Andrew and Lachy closed out the game with two huge tackles.

Coach Steve was delighted with the effort and application shown by the team. With key players to return and our new recruits playing so well after one game (Archie, well done!) and two games (Finn McCabe having a good crack at it) there's plenty to look forward to.

Best on Field went to Finn Nilsson for a sensational performance. He was on and around the ball for the entire match and slotted three maximums.

Loz took the Callum Mills award. He worked with crumbs in the first half but was strong onto the ball in the second and a nice goal to put the icing on his cake!

