

MATCH REPORT



HBE U10 RED vs WESTBROOK
ROUND 4 – SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024
MIKE KENNY OVAL

Round 4 saw our first visit of the season to Mike Kenny Oval for an early game versus Westbrook Red. The predicted rain held off and we fielded a team of 14, rotating two players throughout the game against 12.

The first half was very tight and a great contest, with a couple of goals and a smattering of behinds to both sides. Clearly the boys learned from last week's game and with a few returning players, they were greatly improved when it came to winning the ball and getting it forward. Their handling of the slippery leather ball in the damp conditions was also admirable.

We switched to a synthetic ball after half-time and the third quarter was more challenging, due to some size mismatches in the midfield and a couple of quick opposition goals from free kicks. However, after a clear explanation of the rules our boys regained their composure and made a great contest of it in the final quarter.

I was really impressed with our defending again this week. On several occasions the boys combined to pressure the opposition forwards, preventing certain goals with clean tackles and then running the ball out of the back zone for a kick to the midfield.

The team really bounced back after last week, a great improvement with lots of good performances. Player of the week went to Lochy for a great four-quarter effort, definitely his best game of the year by far. The Callum Mills award could have gone to several ball winners, but Cam took the honours this week for not only winning the ball but consistently getting it forward to a good option.

An enjoyable game played in great spirit and now we look forward to our first Friday night game in Round 5!