

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13 vs Balgowlah Suns
ROUND 4 – DATE 5.5.2024
Rofe Park.

Andrew's 50th game for the Eagles and he led his team through his banner on a soggy Sunday at Rofe Park. The Eagles welcomed back Josh and Jonathon, and Josh won the first tip off, Andrew kicked for goal and Noah gathered and kicked for six points with the Suns defence chasing. The Suns replied to level, but our midfield was proving the stronger. Josh, Ewan, Ethan, Jon and Andrew all put in big tackles, and linked up with Finn McCabe (FM) and Finn Nilsson (FN) to setup attacks. Ewan took a breather after being slammed onto his back and there was no further score, but the Eagles were playing confidently and encouraging each other constantly.

The ball was trapped in midfield for the opening minutes of the second quarter. Andrew, Tristan and Josh kicked forward, and Lachy had a couple of runs and kicks. Kieren and FN were also running well and the Eagles gained territory. Andrew kicked a behind. Another attack found Loz who was tackled high and he kicked a goal from the free kick. 13-6 at half time.

The Eagles held the Suns scoreless in the third. They couldn't penetrate our midfield wall, and if they looked like doing so Ronin was tidying everything up with great hands, tackle busts and long kicks. Andrew narrowly missed with a good kick, and our goal was eventually kicked by Archie Williams, playing up from our U12's!

The rain swept in for the final stanza but the Eagles relished it. They now had the advantage of possession and territory, kicking two more behinds. Big tackles by Ewan, Ronin and Lachy stopped the Suns in their tracks and it was left to Finn Nilsson to kick our fourth goal by swerving out to the right and kicking accurately on the run. That sealed a 29-6 victory on Andrew's anniversary match.

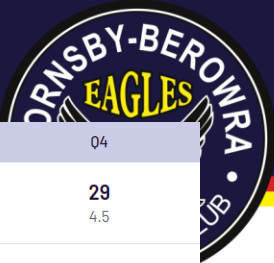
Coach Brent was elated with the team's performance. In previous weeks he told the team we'd improve as some of a regular players returned. Our new players Noah, Hunter, and Kieren are also stepping up and having an impact, as did Ronin and Archie from our other teams. Lots to look forward to!

Noah was named best on field on his first game being a non-stop display capped by a goal. Amazing start to his HBE career and season.

Josh took the Callum Mills bravery award after returning from injury, bolstering our midfield and setting up attacks.

Post game saw the presentation of a signed Geelong Cats guernsey from the Eagles to Hamish Smith who continues the journey back to good health. Many thanks to Adam for helping with that, and also for helping the team as our on-field runner.

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END OF PERIOD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13 Div 3	6 1.0	13 2.1	20 3.2	29 4.5
 Balgowlah Suns U13 Red Div 3	6 1.0	6 1.0	6 1.0	6 1.0

Goals: Noah, Archie, Lozza, Finn



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