

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13 vs Pittwater Tigers

ROUND 6 – DATE 26.5.2024

Rofe Park.

A sunny Sunday at Rofe Park saw our Eagles welcome the Pittwater Tigers with a chance to win three games in a row. The Tigers began stronger, dominating possession and territory. Kieren Petkovic was excellent deputizing for Angus at full back, saving a couple of goals, running and clearing well. Noah and Kieren Fisher were prominent in the mids, where Josh and Andrew were also battling with the Tiger's tallest. Andrew kicked a behind for the Eagles, and Sharpy made a big tackle to stop the Tigers responding but they were too strong kicking two goals five for a sixteen-point lead. The coaches asked for more effort in the break, especially chasing back from midfield. Without more effort we were looking at getting mercied.

The Tigers maintained control kicking the first goal and behind of the second stanza. Then Eagles tackles began to stick with Ryan, Andrew and Jon winning possession for us. Andrew found Ewan who stepped, ran and kicked to the forward line where Finn Nilsson doubled our score; the Tigers kicked another goal, but Loz replied with our first goal by deflecting a clearance through the sticks from six inches out!

The improved second quarter was followed by our best quarter of the match. The Tigers were held scoreless, and the Eagles kicked two wonderful goals from the right pocket. Andrew and Jon kicked high and true to win the quarter. Lachie Wall was working hard as usual making a lot of tackles and runs. Andrew made two tackles one after another. The two Finns got more ball, Nilsson with a snap overhead kick into the front line. Kieren and Noah snuffed out a couple of Tigers attacks so all to play for at 21-30.

Finn kicked the first goal of the last period, another special from a tight angle after build up play by Kieren Fisher and Andrew. The Eagles were now just three points down! Ewen used good body strength to barge a Tiger from the ball, marks were taken by Hunter, and Lachy. The Umpires then walked the Tigers up to our goal square to kick a goal, and they went on to kick three more to extend their lead and win the game.

Andrew was named our player of the match for another excellent all-round performance and goal. Kieren Petkovic deserved the Callum Mills award for a brave display at full back. Well done to the players who played up, and to Ronin playing though not feeling the best, and through injury after picking up a thigh knock.

Top of the table Demons await next weekend, so the Eagles need to string four excellent quarters together. They'll have extra incentive with the game being Finn Nilsson's 50th.

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END OF PERIOD	01	02	03	04
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13 Div 3	1 0.1	9 1.3	21 3.3	28 4.4
 Pittwater Tigers U13 Rioli Div 3	17 2.5	30 4.6	30 4.6	56 8.8

Goals: Lozza, Andrew, Jon, Finn Nilsson

Report by Steve Barton

Ewan, sharp