

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 12's vs Westbrook Bulldogs
ROUND 11 – 28 June 2024
VENUE – Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

Summary of Game

Friday night football returned to Rofe Park against the HBE main rivals, Westbrook. Ryan and Noah celebrated their 50th games for the club in front of a bumper crowd. Congratulations boys.

Westbrook have some tall timber in their team and they like to play with aggression and intimidate our boys but we didn't take a backward step all game.

The first quarter saw both defensive units dominate. Jake, Benny, Lewis, Archie and Malakai holding out the Westbrook forward line. Westbrook scored the only points of the quarter courtesy of 2 behinds.

The second quarter saw the game open up a bit more. Westbrook kicking 2 goals straight and only some inaccuracy in front of goal by the HBE saw them trail at halftime by 6 points. Our midfield of August, Liam, Luke, Alex, Oleg, Jake, Daniel, and Levin transitioned the ball well from defence to attack. Our marking improved a lot during the game something the team have been working on improving.

The third quarter saw the Eagles dominate everywhere except the scoreline. Liam made 3 consecutive tackles which lifted his teammates and scoring chances to Ryan, Josh A, Malachy, Noah, and Milo caused all sorts of trouble but alas our dominance didn't turn into points, kicking 1 goal and 3 behinds for the quarter to Westbrooks solitary goal.

The final quarter saw Westbrook score early but when Ryan scored with just a couple of minutes left to play, the boys were down by just 2 points. As hard as they tried, the team couldn't find that elusive winning goal and Westbrook won the game by just 2 points. It was a bitter pill to swallow for the team who deserved far more from the game given their effort.

Liam took out best on ground honours for his all action display in the ruck and Benny took home the Callum Mills award for a great game in a new position in the backs.

Score - HBE 3.6.24 lost to Westbrook Bulldogs 4.2.26.

Goals - Ryan 2, Luke 1.

Report by Eamonn Byrne

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