

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13 vs Baulkham Hills Hawks
ROUND 15 – DATE 11.8.2024
Charles McLaughlin Reserve

A dry track and warm sunshine at the CM reserve. The Eagles began the final game of the season with the team in experimental roles. The Hawks took advantage of this and but for strong defence by Angus, Will, Lachy along with big tackles from Andrew, Josh, and Jon, we may have faced a larger deficit. The Hawks led 22-1 kicking 3-4 in the first quarter. Our one was a great point. Finn Nilsson broke from midfield, bounced the ball on an epic run, kicked long and straight but adjudged as touched on the line. We'd have like a video replay on this one!

Brent changed the team to their more accustomed positions, and we kicked 1-4 in the second quarter, keeping the hawks to two behinds. Big tackles of note by Will, Archie, Finn, Andrew, and Josh, plus marks taken by Jon and Lachy. Ewan was stepping away from tackles. Sharpy was getting involved. Kieren Fisher kicked a nice goal from distance straight down the middle. Angus was taken off with an injured wrist after a heavy tackle. 11-24 at half time.

The teams shared a goal each in the third. The Hawks scored first but then Loz took a mark overhead and kicked nicely for a maximum. The Eagles applied plenty of pressure but couldn't add any more points. Will and Sharpy saw plenty of ball. Lachy and Kieren Petkovic were strong defensively. 17-30 at three quarter time and all to play for.

Kieren Fisher began the final period with a big tackle, then we scored a rushed behind. Then Ewan to Josh, onto Sharpy who kicked to Ewan. Jon marked Ewan's kick and then kicked a goal from a long way out. One of the goals of the season! Loz then got a tackle in our forward line, Jon took a mark, kicked to Finn who scored another maximum, his twenty second of the season and securing his league top scorer position by three goals. 30-30 with minutes left! The team just ran out of puff at the end, allowing the Hawks to kick the last eight points of the match to take victory.

Brent loved the final three quarters where the team played with lots of effort and lots of skills. We won the final three quarters 29-16!

As so another season ends. Congratulations to our Eagles for giving us lots of highs and not many lows on the ovals. They played with great spirit and had some exciting games. Small margins cost us a finals spot, along with an unfortunate wet weather cancellation against a Manly team we beat later in the season.

Jonathan Stucker was named Man of the Match for being heavily involved, making his usual tackles, taking some great marks and capping it off with a wonderful goal from distance.

Will Connors took the Callum Mills award for a fine all round performance that saw him get plenty of ball and defend strongly. We missed Will whilst he was away excelling at baseball.



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Many thanks to Brent and Adam for coaching the boys, Cathy for managing brilliantly, and to all our volunteers and to all the supporters on the boundary. The ground manager at Pittwater School we've got the best support she'd ever seen, and the most passionate coaches.

Roll on next season.

Period Scores

END OF PERIOD	01	02	03	04
 Baulkham Hills Hawks U13 Hayman Div 3	22 3.4	24 3.6	30 4.6	38 5.8
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13 Div 3	1 0.1	11 1.5	17 2.5	30 4.6



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