

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 12s vs Manly Bombers
ROUND 12 – DATE – 21 July 2024
VENUE – Frank Grey Oval, Curl Curl

Summary of Game

Blustery conditions met the wee men from HBE upon arrival at Frank Grey Oval on Sunday to face the fourth placed Manly Bombers. Manly pulled a swift right before the game started informing us that they only had 13 players. The old saying, “Nobody likes Manly” was as true and correct as ever. Our 3 players on the bench quickly went to 5 as both teams must play with the same amount on the field. This meant constant subs which was made even more difficult with all the play being on the opposite side of the field due to the wind.

Inaccuracy in front of goal hurt the boys on Sunday. The effort was on display as it has been all year but the team just couldn’t get going for long enough periods. At times they looked like they were going to run over the top of Manly and turn their pressure into points but some last ditch defending and wrong options up front saw our team fail to kick a single major.

August and Jesse were strong in midfield. Jake was solid in defence. It was Onni on his return from a broken arm and several other setbacks was our best on ground. He was full running, won plenty of ball and was clearly making up for lost time. The opposition coach singled him out for praise at the end of the game. Jack had one of his better games too and was awarded the Callum Mills award.

Score: Manly 6.6.42 defeated HBE 0.6.6

Goals - Nil

Report by Eamonn Byrne