

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 12s vs Lane Cove Cats
ROUND 14 – DATE 4 August 2024
VENUE – Rofe Park

Summary of Game

The u/12s this week took on top of the ladder, Lane Cove Cats this week. Lane Cove is a class outfit with a number of Swans academy players at their disposal. HBE hit some form last week and were up for a big game with not one but four players playing their 50th game this week. Congratulations to Malachy, Jesse, Jake and Lewis on the milestone.

The first two quarters saw Lane Cove dominate territory but dogged defence kept scoring to a minimum. Jake, Lewis, Malakai, Jesse, Archie, Luke and August were terrific at the back and showed real class in keeping the scoring down. Lane Cove led at halftime 1.3.9 to 0.0.0.

HBE started the third on top and really took the game to their more fancied opponents with Ryan narrowly missing a major early on. Lane Cove managed to kick just the one goal. Injuries to Daniel and Josh M decimated our bench with both putting in solid performances prior to leaving the field but both managed to enter the fray later in the 4th.

The last quarter saw HBE go for broke. It opened them up defensively and they conceded two goals but managed to get the ball into the forward 50 more. Noah ran himself to a standstill. Malachy, Onni, Jack, Phoenix, Liam, Ben and Alex put in solid performances.

In the end, Lane Cove was just a little too classy but the scoreline didn't reflect the effort our boys put in.

Lewis was voted best on ground. His marking in particular was a standout. Josh M took home this week's Callum Mills award for a courageous effort despite his injury. He had a real crack including a stint at rover.

Glenn B took home the best Parent on Ground award for the second week running, closely followed by Suzie S. Glenn's all-action display from the sideline was a real treat ... I think. Carolyn once again had to remind the ~~coaching staff~~ coach of the umpires ages after some frustrating on-field calls. Sorry Mrs O.

Score: HBE 0.2.2 lost to Cats 4.4.28

Goals: Nil

Report by Eamonn Byrne

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