

MATCH REPORT



HBE U10 RED vs PENNANT HILLS
ROUND 14 – 4 AUGUST 2024
ERN HOLMES OVAL

Away at Ern Holmes for the first time this year for Round 14. We managed to put together sides of 14 vs 14 this week, despite a couple of late withdrawals, by recruiting from the U9 team who played before us.

It was obvious from the outset that this was going to be a quick and physical game. Our midfield worked hard to create chances, but the Demons moved the ball cleanly to their forwards, who were all very accurate shots for goal. Despite this our boys defended well and didn't let the game get away from them.

We had a much stronger second quarter. Lots of time at our scoring end for three shots to one on goal. At the break we reviewed how this came about - "first to the ball" !

In the third quarter the Demons regained the upper hand, making the most of their forward entries. As ever, we defended valiantly and broke through for a goal near the end of the quarter, to great cheers.

One last big rev-up at the final break and the last quarter matched the second, with the boys contesting hard and never giving up right to the end.

Manager Tom told us that this was an exciting game to watch from the sidelines. Lots of running, quick ball movement and seesaw-ing action from one end to the other. The boys put in a great performance against a strong, well-drilled and connected opposition. Post-game we reflected that it was a game where the "scoreline" did not reflect our efforts or intent, and the club song was loud and proud!

Player of the match was Jack, who had another great running and kicking game, backing up from last week. The Callum Mills award went to Wally, who has been back to his tackling and clearance best in recent games, great game mate!

A big thanks to the U9 boys for helping out this week: Luke, who scored a goal or two, and Walter, whose tackling in defence was outstanding. You both played a great game, well done!