

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 10 RED v ST IVES NAVY  
ROUND 15 – 11 AUGUST 2024  
ACRON OVAL

Can it really be Round 15 already? Away at Acron Oval for our last game of the season versus the Saints Navy team. Both teams fielded 12 players this week, making life nice and easy for the coaches.

After an energetic warm-up the boys got right into it. The first quarter was a tight affair with lots of end-to-end running and contested ball. The Saints made more of their scoring opportunities, but our team was still right in the game at the first break.

A fantastic effort in the second quarter, with periods where our boys really dominated. They were first to the ball and spent a lot of time up forward. Unfortunately they were let down by the finishing, missing the opportunity to get some goals on the board.

The coaches were a little concerned at the size matchups in midfield for the third quarter but needn't have worried - players worked hard to win the ball and get it forward, creating several opportunities. Once again though, it was the Saints who made the most of their kicks for goal.

Still in it - one last rev-up for the season. Our boys never give up or drop their heads, but perhaps some tiredness was setting in on a warm day. This was the only quarter where they were overrun, with a few players unfortunately losing their focus.

In summary: a great start and mostly strong efforts as always, let down by kicking for goal. Looks like "how to make space in the forward line" might be a focus for training - next season!

We had a brief season wrap chat and then onto awards. Player of the week was Matthew who tried hard to be more involved today - and has waited patiently all year!

I explained the Callum Mills award criteria one last time - hard at the ball for four quarters - and our winner Billy exemplified those criteria this week.

One last song and it's a wrap. Looking forward to Gala Day next week.

Well done on your season boys, you all improved as we went on. Big thanks to our wonderful families this year for all your help and support.