

MATCH REPORT



HBE U10 RED v NORTH RYDE
ROUND 12 – 21 JULY 2024
ELS PARK

Off to the synthetic surface of ELS Park for the first time this season, for our Round 12 game versus North Ryde Dockers. Both sides were down a couple of players this week so we lent one and rotated one for a game of 13 vs 13. Sunny with a light breeze, great conditions for footy.

After a couple of weeks off the pre-game message was "do the basics well". The first quarter was a tight affair, the ball moving from one end to the other and the teams trading behinds.

In the second quarter our forwards ramped up the pressure and had a dominant period of 5 minutes in front of goal. Let down a little by accuracy! but great efforts nevertheless. Some exciting passages of play in this quarter, with the ball moving fluidly from the back third to the front a couple of times. Special mention of great courage from Jack who had a short break after taking a kicked ball full in the face, but bounced back after half-time.

Things continued in the same fashion through the third quarter. A great goal in this quarter from a mark by Cam, who then saw Freddie in a better position and executed the precision kick-pass.

By the fourth the team may have been tiring a little and feeling the effects of the long break, but they defended valiantly to the final siren.

Overall a tight game this week, the opposition being a little quicker to the ball at times and making more of their scoring chances. No faulting the effort of our boys though, and a pretty good first game back after the break.

Player of the match went to Cam, for solid defending as always. The Callum Mills award went to Arlo, who was hard at the ball in every contest for the full four quarters.

Best wishes to our fallen teammate Lochy! Recover well mate, can't wait to see you back on the park next season.