

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13 vs St Ives Saints
ROUND 14 – DATE 4.8.2024
Rofe Park.

The pointy end of the season and a must win game against the Saints at the Eagles Nest. The first quarter was spent in and around our fifty mostly. St Ives were strong, kicked long and marked well. Fortunately, they only kicked three goals five. The Eagles came back at the end of the quarter, both Finns combined with Andrew but no points. Finn McCabe then kicked long but just over Loz who would surely have scored. 0-23 at the close.

The Eagles had no answers in the second quarter. No lack of effort with Lachy, Andrew, Kieren, Ryan, and Jon making tackles, but our kicks went to them, and their kicks found plenty of uncontested marks. The Saints strolled in sixty-four up at half time.

Brent and Adam asked for more effort during the break, and get back to basics, but the Saints were just too strong. Kieren and Lachy tried hard in defence, Andrew made a big tackle, and Finn Nilsson also put in a big shift defending. The Eagles made one break through, Archie taking a nice mark and kicked a behind to get us on the scoreboard.

St Ives also ran away in the last stanza. Our one foray forward ended with Ryan taking a nice mark and kicking a great goal.

A hard game for our boys. Some of them recognised the opposition as playing in higher grades. Lessons from the coaches were to not be intimidated, and to concentrate on your own game not your opponents.

The support from the boundary was constant right up to the final buzzer. It was a tough game all round, well done to Lachy for returning to play after a knock on the nose.

Kieren Fisher won the Callum Mills award for another great effort, and Andrew took the players player for another gutsy display.

One game left, we always remain confident the Eagles will bounce back and end on a high. As the old chant goes, 'we'll support them ever more'.

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