

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13 vs Pittwater Tigers

ROUND 12 – DATE 20.7.2024

North Narabeen Oval.

Jon's 50th and windy enough to make the banner unfurling troublesome. Happily it worked and Jon led the team through it and onto the oval. The Tigers kicked with wind behind in the first and somehow the Eagles kept them to nine points. It was hard work but the mids and defence were superb. Tackles all over the place by Josh, Andrew, Lachy, Kieren, Haydo, Finn too. Will, Ewan Jon all involved. The Eagles only managed one attack of note, Noah getting the ball forward and Kieren kicking a behind.

The wind was beneath the Eagles wings for quarter two and we were dominant in possession and territory. Incredibly only one goal. Finn kicked it in from distance. Two other shots were high and long but hit the big post! Five other behinds for us, a solitary goal for the Tigers so 14-15 at half time. Finn McCabe was having a go at it, Will showed good skills and excellent hands, Kieren immense again, Noah and Haydo kicking well, Josh, Andrew, Jon and Tristan were forcing us forward. Ewan stepping away from tackles and kicking long

Back into the wind in the third. We were kept to a single point. Loz kicked long but high, the wind taking it to graze the right upright. The message was to keep it tight and the Eagles did their best. Jon, Josh, Lachy, Kieren and Will put in some great defensive work but the Tigers kicked 3-1. One goal a great soccer volley that could have gone anywhere, and another from an acute angle just sneaking in. 15-34 with the last fifteen minutes remaining.

The message for the fourth was to score and not concede. Both objectives were met. Ewan set the defensive tone with a big tackle. Kieren kicked a behind, Loz got a tackle in then Kieren kicked from way out that bounced in. Haydo was then in with another tackle, Jon and Andrew added a couple of points. Will kicked to Finn, and Finn kicked his second and sixteenth of the season. 31-34 with six minutes left, both teams going full bore. Andrew kicked a behind to make it two points. With seconds left the ball broke from midfield and the Eagles were through, but the buzzer went and with that the game 32-34.

A breathless match. Coach Brent commended the team on a magnificent effort and recognised the boys almost pulled off one of our greatest come backs without substitutes. Kieren Fischer was awarded the Callum Mills award and Ewan Heathers was our man of the match. Both played magnificently all over the oval.

The Tigers' goal umpire was amazed by our team's improvement from our last meeting. Their ground manager was also hugely impressed not only with how we played, but of our boundary support. A little ironically as it turned out, as Loz let the passion get the better of him and was sent off after the game for dissent to an umpire, not something our club condones and he's probably

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facing a ban. What a game though! Three left and three wins will see us into the finals to play for.

Congratulations to Jonathan Stucker for reaching his 50th game milestone. He's kicked some great goals and made some of our greatest tackles!

END OF PERIOD	Q1	Q2
 Pittwater Tigers U13 Rioli Div 3	9 1.3	15 2.3
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13 Div 3	1 -1	14 1.8



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