

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13's vs North Shore Swans
ROUND 3 – DATE 11/05/2025
VENUE – Gore Hill Oval, St Leonards

Eagles Soar Past Swans in Dominant Display

Round 5 – U13s | Saturday 11 May | Gore Hill Oval

After thanking their amazing Mums with a special cookie on this Mothers Day morning, the Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13s delivered a commanding performance at Gore Hill Oval, defeating the North Shore Swans in a four-quarter showcase of teamwork, pressure and precision. With the scoreboard frozen due to the mercy rule early in the third quarter, the Eagles still maintained their intensity and finished unofficially with a 16.16.112 to 0.2.2 win.

Q1: Fast Start Sets the Tone

The Eagles were on from the first bounce, winning the opening clearance and going inside 50 immediately. A clever kick from Luke Adams (39) set up the first goal within minutes. Lewis Thompson (21) followed with a strong mark and running goal before Ryan O'Connor (31) added another after a clean mark inside 50. August Salke (5) and Liam Steel (15) were dominant through the middle, with Salke repeatedly driving the ball forward. The Eagles' pressure was relentless, and the backline held firm to keep the Swans scoreless.

Score: Eagles 5.3.33 – Swans 0.0.0

Q2: Holding Strong Under Pressure

The Eagles continued their dominance early in the second quarter, with Read (7) and Salke both having early goal attempts. Great midfield teamwork involving Adams and Read set up a running goal to Jesse Williams (11). The Swans lifted their intensity and applied more pressure, but the Eagles stood tall, highlighted by strong defensive work from Steel and a composed goal from Salke. Late efforts from O'Connor and Williams added to the scoreboard, while the Eagles' defensive structure kept the Swans scoreless again.

Halftime: Eagles 8.11.59 – Swans 0.0.0

Q3: Mercy Rule Invoked, Intensity Maintained

The Eagles wasted no time in the third, with Daniel Noble (33) slotting a brilliant goal off the outside of his boot and O'Connor following up with another. The mercy rule was then officially invoked, but the Eagles maintained their work rate. O'Connor added a third, and Salke kicked truly after a clean midfield chain. The Swans had a couple of opportunities, but the Eagles' defence held firm.

Score frozen under mercy rule: Eagles 9.1.65 – Swans 0.1.1

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Q4: Professional Finish

Despite the game being well in hand, the Eagles didn't slow down. Jesse Williams added another goal early in the quarter, and Jake Benesh (13) capitalised on a goal-line scramble to get on the board. A Swans turnover led to a well-worked goal from Thompson after a Noble pass, before Benesh finished the day with his second following a long run from Read. To their credit, the Swans never stopped competing, pushing into their forward half multiple times.

Final Official Score: Eagles 9.1.65 – Swans 0.2.2

Final Unofficial Score: Eagles 16.16.112 – Swans 0.2.2

Goal Kickers:

Lewis Thompson – 3

Ryan O'Connor – 3

August Salke – 2

Jesse Williams – 2

Jake Benesh – 2

Jackson Read – 1

Malachy Byrne – 1

Daniel Noble – 1

Archie Williams – 1

A brilliant all-round performance with nine different goal kickers, strong defensive pressure, and midfield dominance. The Eagles continue to impress with their shared effort and team-first footy.



Award Winners

- **Callum Mills Courage Award:** *Archie Williams.*
- **Player of the Match:** *Malachy Byrne.*

