

MATCH REPORT



St Ives Saints Under 13 vs HBE Under 13 Div 3 Blue
ROUND 7 – 25th May 2025
VENUE: ELS Park (North Ryde)

Summary of Game: It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, for a Top of the Table clash. Neither team had lost a game this season. But from the 1st bounce, the Saints started much stronger, showing some very fast, skilful and physical play. The Eagles seemed stunned, struggling to contend with the physicality of the Saints. By the end of 1st quarter, the Eagles were already down by over 24 points, and it looked like it would be a long afternoon for the Eagles. However, the Eagles rallied in the 2nd quarter, chasing every ball, harassing the Saints, and winning the 50/50 balls. The Eagles dogged play continued into the 3rd quarter, and with only a minute left in the quarter, the Eagles were within only 6 pts. Though the Saints managed to knock in a late goal to stretch the lead back out to 12 pts. The last quarter was hard fought, but through their size and physicality the Saints were again able to win the collisions, outscoring the Eagles to nudge further ahead and win the game. Despite the loss, the Eagles should be proud of themselves. The whole team gave it all they had, with a special call outs to a few players who battled their hearts out; Ryan O'Connor, Jake Benesh, Auguste Salke, Liam Steel, Malachy Bryne, Ben Fenton & Malaki Akau. And wishing Jackson and Liam speedy recovers from their injuries.

Score: St Ives 53 vs 34 HBE

Goals: Jesse Williams (2), Noah Urasaki (1), Ryan O'Connor (1), Malakai Akau (1)

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