

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 13YG vs Pittwater Tigers

ROUND 3 - 27/04/2025

Rofe Park, Hornsby

A very unexpected home game this week! As a scheduled game out at North Narrabeen Reserve, the Tigers woke up to find their home ground closed but some hasty chats lead to a quick rescheduling to Rofe Park – full credit to the Tigers for being on board with it, and sending some vocal cheer squads along for the ride. After half a dozen previous games on the day Rofe Park was definitely on the muddy side, but at least the rain largely held off.

The girls held up well for a half, taking the lead against one of the other stronger teams in Division 3 but unfortunately tired legs in the muddy conditions and having to have fill ins took its toll and Pittwater kicked away in the second half before winning by five goals.

Players

- Emily came to play, with a fantastic first quarter especially - sticky hands up forward in the tricky conditions saw her rewarded with some inspirational marking and a highlight of a soccer goal.
- Hazel proved strong with her ability lock the ball forward, allowing the team to consolidate field position when the ball came forward tackling the opposition defenders.
- In an unusual turn of events, Sofia had quite the height advantage today. Lower to the ground, and not afraid to get under the taller girls she won many contests where the ball had spilled to the ground and fed it out to her teammates.
- Sandy's long kicks were a big weapon, bypassing the many puddles and slippery spots on the field. Many of our forays forward came courtesy of Sandy or Willow sending it forward this week.
- Zahra provided really clever handballs in tight, not being overwhelmed by the opposition to send her fellow midfielders into space.
- Today was perfect conditions for Maddie, with the slow ground providing many opportunities for her hard tackling and really tough head over the ball attitude to come to the fore.

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- Willow fronted up bravely (and cleverly) with her ruck work against a *much* taller player, drawing smart free kicks and outperforming her when the ball was in dispute. The Player of the Week, there would be no argument as to the workrate she put in when it was very easy to tire running across the ground.
- Nya worked hard all day when the ball went forward, fighting through contact and often two on one situations. She was amply rewarded by her goal.
- Juliet provided an impactful presence in defence this game, closing down attackers and manning them up diligently while running hard as well.
- Tackling was Vally's strength today, and the Tigers' players will know she was on the field. She caught several holding the ball, and even when not rewarded was still a reliable midfield player to send the ball to our advantage time and again.
- Isabelle was another that the conditions suited, enjoying her time tackling in defence to pressure the Tigers into errors despite often facing taller and strong opponents.
- Olivia was our last line of defence, manning either the goal square or the deepest forward and was rarely beaten. She played a smart game, including getting some advantageous rebounding going when needed.

Score

Hornsby-Berowra Eagles 3.1.19 dft by Pittwater Tigers 7.6.48

Goals

Emily Pace: 1; Vally Taborsky: 1; Nya Nicolson: 1

Report by Donald Shepherd (Photos available on Teams)