

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v PITTWATER
ROUND 7 – 25 MAY 2025
NARRABEEN SPORTS HS

After a week of heavy rain, was there a playable ground anywhere in North Sydney? Yes! Narrabeen Sports High School and its synthetic surface oval, where we travelled for Round 7 versus the Pittwater Tigers.

Both sides had almost a full squad this week. The opposition looked and sounded like a team that had come to play - and this certainly turned out to be the case! We found ourselves under siege in the first quarter, the Tigers attacking efficiently to score 4.6.

Our team stayed positive and put in a stronger defensive effort in the second quarter, giving up significantly fewer points than in the first. However, it proved difficult to make much progress from the back line towards our scoring end.

Unfortunately the opposition proved just too strong in the second half, adding 4 goals in the third quarter and another 6 in the fourth. To their credit, our boys didn't drop their heads and stuck it through to the end. There were some great defensive moments - chases, strong tackles and smothers. We often won the contested ball on the ground and even managed to feed it out to a waiting player, but the team struggled to take "the next step" - the chain of passes to our forwards.

It was a very tough game against very high-quality opposition this week, with some good defence from our boys but little in the way of attack. Training this week was a "back to basics" session, with a focus on skills and quicker decision making under pressure.

The player of the match was Jude who stood tall and won lots of contested ball around the ground. The Callum Mills award this week went to Alex, who was excellent as always in the ruck and worked hard for the whole four quarters.

Thanks to the Pittwater Tigers for organising the day so our game could go ahead.