## MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 8s vs KELLYVILLE ROUND 3 – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 VENUE: Balmoral Oval, Kellyville

Our Eagles braved the rain and the early start on the weekend to put up a galliant effort against a well-polished Kellyville opposition. The boys relished the wet conditions, jumping on to field as soon as we got there. It was great to see that our 4 junior coaches also made the trek out to Kellyville to help the team get warmed up and provide sideline coaching throughout the game. These boys epitomise the culture we are trying to breed at HBE and their expertise is truly welcomed.

After a quick clarification of the rules with the umpires we were ready to take the field, well nearly. After a quick sideline manicure for some of the boys we were raring to go. We also suffered a slight wardrobe malfunction with Jack misplacing his boots, but when he did receive them he dominated the second half in defence and stemmed the flow of opposition goals.

Ted scored a goal for us early on, and had a great game in every position he played. Julian continued to show his enthusiastic approach to each game, always willing to get in there to win the ball. And he is always very quick to have his hands up ready to take a mark. Awesome stuff Ted and Julian!

Remy had an outstanding outing, winning the ball on many occasions and staying calm and collected with his offloads. Expecting big things from Remy as the season progresses. Likewise Lev showed how quickly he has developed his skills, particularly his kicking. We can always depend on him to get the ball down the field as quickly as possible. Great job Remy and Lev!

Unfortunately we could get the ball to Asher in the forwards as much as we had hoped, so he couldn't continue on with his goal scoring prowess. But he played every position with dedication and was a huge support to his teammates. We also had a great debut from Inba and Saathvik, two players who have not played before but showed up and were ready to get involved. Great to see them win the ball on many occasions and congratulations to Saathvik for winning the Callum Mills Courage Award for the week.

Nick was like a general on a battlefield, forming ranks and leading the charge through the enemy lines. He was called on to play many positions throughout the match and played each with diligence, all the while rallying the troops around him. But the day went to Jordi, who played a true Captain's Knock with a stellar performance all over the park. If the ball was on the ground he was the first to jump on it and muscle it out to his teammates. A well deserved Player of the Match performance!

Goals: Ted (1)

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