

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 8s vs ST IVES
ROUND 6 – 18th May 2025
VENUE: Rofe Park, Hornsby

It was another home game and another early start for our Under 8s, but they braved the rain and the soggy conditions to put up a valiant effort against St Ives on Sunday. Unfortunately we couldn't get the W, but it was a great game to watch and great to see all the skills our boys have been working on over the last few weeks.

Unfortunately Inba was a late scratching this week but we hope is feeling better and ready to join the boys again this week.

St Ives got out to an early lead in the first quarter, but our defence should be commended for not letting it blow out any further. Saathvik and Julian did an amazing job in our back line, never losing composure and staying focused on the task at hand. Great to see Julian back from illness and giving it his all, a performance worthy of the Callum Mills Courage Award for this week.

Asher picked up where he left off last week, dominating up front and bagging 4 goals for the team. It's clear Asher is a goal scoring machine and it will be hard to keep up with him in the race for the Coleman. Nick bagged our only other goal and was his consistent best, winning the ball and driving it forward whenever it was near.

The St Ives mid field was strong, but not as strong as Jack who confidently ran rings around them and hustled his way through their defence. He was well supported by Remy who showed real courage to get down and dirty and strive to win that ball. His kicking has also improved a lot and we can expect big things from Remy as the season develops.

Unfortunately Lev and Ted didn't get much of the ball on Sunday, but they were quick to mark their opposing players, and when we won the ball back they were always leading to space to try and gain another possession. Great to have these two tall players on the team and always great to see how enthusiastic they are each week.

Jordi had a great game once he figured out which direction we were running. He took a great mark and the opposition struggled to get past his stellar defence. But Player of the Match went to Hudson who really stepped up in the second half and became the aggressive tiger Coach Ali wants him to be. He very nearly picked up a goal and also ended up with the dirtiest hands on the day. Great game Hudson, keep up the good work!

Special thanks to Jack, Ted, Saathvik and Lev for filling in to play on the other team. Great sportsmanship shown by these four players!

Goals: Asher (4), Nick (1)

Report by Pete Robson

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