

## 🍊 Round 4 Match Report – Hornsby Berowra Eagles U9 Girls Squad vs St Ives 🦅

This match will always be remembered for the oranges. “*These oranges are the worst I’ve ever had, they’re so sour*” exclaimed one player, with everyone else quickly agreeing but still holding out hope that the next slice might be sweeter. It wasn’t. But they ate them anyway, because the mighty Eagles weren’t going to let a little citrus chaos throw them off their game.

This week, the Eagles took on a strong and determined St Ives team, who came out fast, smothering the ball and applying pressure across the field. But the Eagles were more than up for the challenge!

From the first bounce, **Madi S** showed lightning pace and got some early behinds on the board. Even after taking a ball to the head in the third quarter, she bounced back like an absolute trooper—true grit! 🦊

**Charlotte** was a ruck star, getting loads of touches and giving her teammates plenty of opportunities to drive the ball forward. **Tilly** was outstanding, tackling anything that moved and running like the wind. **She** and **Amelia** worked beautifully together through the midfield, moving the ball with clever plays and great teamwork. **Amelia** showed awareness, ready to take the handball and surge forward.

**Juliette** continues to be a consistent and reliable presence on the AFL field, always putting her team first. Her strong work ethic, determination, and commitment were on full display today. **Harriet** was a standout, cleverly finding and using space to great effect, while **Myah** and **Evie** brought the heat with powerful drives and fearless tackling that kept the pressure on. **Margot** and **Maddie L** took some cracking marks, with **Maddie L** also impressing through her attacking play and space-making ability. **Estella** backed it all up with textbook tackles, showing that despite the tough match, the team never stopped putting in the effort.

**Abba** worked hard, chasing down the ball and never giving up, and **Indi** had a brilliant first half before returning in the second half even stronger, resilience in action! And let’s not forget **Saphira**, who fearlessly took on some of the biggest kids on the field and just kept going. What a legend!

It’s exciting to see the girls starting to think ahead by looking up, spotting teammates in space, and attempting to kick that distance. Their teamwork and on-field strategy are really starting to shine, and it’s a joy to watch!

A big shoutout to **Margot** for helping me put together this match report, your input was golden!

Lastly, a massive round of applause to all the girls for their energy, sportsmanship and those unstoppable smiles.

**Go the Eagles!** 🦅❤️💛

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