

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v LEICHHARDT
ROUND 6 – 18 MAY 2025
ROFE PARK

After a close game away last week, we returned to a fabulously-soggy and chilly Rofo Park to face new opponents the Leichhardt Cygnets.

The first quarter was a scrappy, congested affair, with both ball and players predictably spending a lot of time mired in the mud. The honours were pretty even at the end of it with our side only a goal down.

In the second quarter the boys turned up the intensity, putting on a fantastic performance. The opposition were locked down at our scoring end for the majority of the time. Only some inaccurate goal kicking (0.5) and a late kick the other way prevented us from taking a big lead.

Refreshed after half-time oranges, the team went back to work. Unfortunately the second half didn't go our way, the opposition making the most of their scoring opportunities whilst our energy was diverted into defending around the ground. Losing Luke to injury certainly didn't help our cause.

It's fair to say that we lost some structure in the second half, with players often winning the ground ball but finding it difficult to chain passes together and progress forward. However there were plenty of positives in the strong defensive work - some great smothers and physical contests. What we'd like the boys to learn this week is to get quicker kicking out of the back line, especially on wet days, and position themselves better around the ground to get the ball moving towards goal.

Unofficial score: 1.6.12 to 7.12.54. Scores this week from Mason 1.0, Luke 0.3 and Lochy 0.2, plus a behind in the first quarter where your correspondent missed the scorer - apologies! The scoreline really didn't reflect the effort this week.

Player of the week was Lochy, who put in a great effort all around the ground and won lots of the ball. The Callum Mills award went to Ben, who played his role really well with great positioning and hard running.