

🏈 Round 7 Match Report – Hornsby Berowra Eagles U9 Girls Squad vs NSWL 🏈

What a Match!

What a tough, exciting game we had today! With Yellow washed out, our squad joined forces to take on NWL again and from the first bounce, our girls were right in it. The tackling was fierce, holding up the ball and applying pressure all over the field. It was awesome to see everyone working together, going hard at the ball and attacking every chance they got.

One of the best things today was the on-field chat. I could hear the girls calling to each other, sorting out positions in the middle, taking turns in the ruck, and letting each other know where to be. **Chloe** was so close to slotting a goal, landing a behind and just missing the big one. **Madi S** absolutely nailed the bounce, while **Margot** led from the front as captain, organising huddles, keeping the team pumped, and making sure no one forgot what quarter we were in!

Special mentions all round today: **Charlotte** was right in the thick of it, working hard in the ruck contests and getting involved at every chance she could. **Estella** played her usual unselfish game, always looking for teammates to pass to and setting up chances for others. **Margot, Amelia, Evie, Myah, Indi, and Maddie L** were tackling machines, driving the ball forward with real determination. **Abba** showed great improvement, really getting involved with her tackling and chasing, and **Abbey** was right alongside her tackling hard, backing up her teammates, and helping drive the ball forward. As a coach, I felt their handpassing today was top notch, you can really see the practice paying off. Even when a few calls didn't go our way, the girls stayed focused and played to the whistle. They were even reminding me of the rules, showing they're not just playing hard, but also learning the game as they go!

After the game the fun didn't stop though, we got stuck into lollies, free jellybeans, and sausage sangas, we had a good laugh and totally forgot about singing the team song. It was also a special to be part of NWL's 10-year celebration, recognising how far girls' footy has come. HBE proudly played a part in that story for 9 of those years. While we've taken a new path to keep creating fresh, exciting opportunities for our girls, we're as passionate as ever about championing girls' footy and building positive, inclusive spaces where our players can thrive. And judging by today thrive they certainly did! Parents on the sidelines were all commenting on just how tough, strong, and fearless our girls played!

In the usual end of game chat on the way home, Margot wrapped it up perfectly, she was proud of the kicking and tackling and set a goal for the team to continue working on clearing the ball.

Next week — get ready for a double header!

First up Red takes on Hills, followed by Yellow going up against St Ives. Big day of footy coming up can't wait!

Go the Eagles! 🏈❤️💛

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Captain: Margot

Player of the Match: Indi