

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 14 vs Forest Lions

ROUND 8 – 1.6.2025

Rofe Park

We welcomed Forest Lions to the Eagles Nest on the first day of winter. Bright sunshine, blue sky, and an oval still recovering from recent rains. Jon returned to the side after a week away and we knew he'd be keen to hunt down and tackle the Lion's players.

As per normal we began the game with Josh winning the ball up! Our first attack saw Andrew finding Finn and from there we went 1-0 up kicking from the pocket. Ewan then had a huge run and kicked another point. Another attack and the ball went to Loz, who fell after being pushed, but got a hand pass away to Josh who found Finn who notched our first goal. Finn, Ewan and Andrew then combined to find Loz who snapped his kick just wide for another point. The Eagles attacked again, this time for Josh to score a goal from miles out. Riley and Tristan then shined in the mids. Riley found Andrew, into Ewan, onto Finn who hit the post, the ball not curling around in time! Then Ewan and Henry combined, found Finn, and he hit the post from close range under heavy pressure. The Lions had a rare attack at the end but Will and Lachy dealt with it. 17-0 at the hooter.

The Eagles dominated the second too. Sharpy involved with a block and big tackle, Robbie also more involved, and Tristan and Noah getting some ball. Finn kicked from way out for a rushed behind. The Lions were struggling and their discipline snapped to gift the Eagles fifty meters. Andrew added six points with a great kick. Jon was now kicking long to launch some attacks. The Lions grabbed a point but when we attacked again Loz wrapped up their player to win the ball. They didn't return it so got marched and punished as he kicked for six. Lachy and Will were still tidy in defence. Lachie then to Sharpy who stepped and kicked to Andrew. The ball went to Loz, onto Finn, who missed by the tiniest of margins. Ewan busy again kicked over his shoulder to find Loz who kicked true squinting into the blinding sun. 38-1 at half time.

The Lions kicked a goal in the third, whilst the Eagles managed one goal and four behinds. Finn found Lachie, onto Jesse who turned and kicked a behind. Jon then kicked for goal, but the bounce went at right angles along the goal line for Andrew to gather, step and kick another six pointer. Nicholas then made a big tackle and kicked to Finn. Sharpy then involved with goal line defence to step and kick away. Noah and Hugh were brave running onto the ball and breaking through tackles. Henry then went close. Noah kicked just wide. Tristan then with a big kick to Finn. Jon then broke from the mids, galloped forward with three bounces and kicked on the run just to see it bounce for a single point. Finn then kicked from distance, it was touched and bounced backwards from the line before being cleared by the Lions!

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The fourth began with lots of pressure in the Lions defensive 50. Jesse was getting plenty of ball and kicked a fine goal. Andrew then kicked his third after more great link play down the left. Finn added another goal, his second, capping a captain's display. The seconds ticked away just as the Lions managed another point leaving the Eagles as convincing winners by sixty points. A win we can build on in the run to finals footy.

Captains Comments: It was an amazing game from our team. We played excellently and won by mercy rule. Everyone played well, especially Andrew, Ewan and Josh.

Man of the Match: Ewan Heathers had another great game. He's as fit as a fiddle and when he gets the ball and put's his afterburners on the defenders have no chance.

Courage award: Finn Nilsson. His preseason and current fitness regime is paying huge dividends allowing him to get a lot more into the game and tackle hard. The goals keep flowing. 17 so far this season.

END OF PERIOD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U14 Div 3	17 2.5	38 5.8	46 6.10	68 9.14
 Forest Lions U14 Div 3 Yellow	0 0.0	1 0.1	7 1.1	8 1.2

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