

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v ST IVES
ROUND 10 – 22 JUNE 2025
ACRON OVAL

Our Round 10 rematch versus St Ives was played in perfect sunny conditions at Acron Oval. Both sides were down a few players, so we lent a couple of players for a game of 13 vs 13. We also welcomed back Coach Hadyn after a couple of weeks absence.

The first quarter was fast-paced, with the ball moving quickly through the middle of the ground in both directions. The opposition scored quickly, but our boys put together several effective chains, leading to a great long-range goal for Alex. We went into the first break only a couple of goals down.

Strong defence in the second quarter restricted the opposition to just a couple more goals. We had some good run down the wings, but could only add a behind to our total.

Our defensive pressure was tested in the third quarter, as the boys found themselves under siege and pinned in the back line. Great defence in this quarter, forcing errors from the opposition which resulted in a flurry of behinds. We broke free eventually but were unable to add to our score.

With both sides tiring a little, there was a mini-comeback in the last quarter, with a great running goal from Luke. The team finished the game well, chasing and tackling to the end.

Unofficial score: St Ives 8.13.61 to Eagles 2.2.14. Scores this week from Alex (1.0) and Luke (1.2).

Whilst we couldn't match the opposition on the scoreboard this week, the effort could not be faulted. Everyone worked hard, there was lots of run and tackling and the boys enjoyed the game. There was great sportsmanship on show too, with concern for opposition players and good efforts from our loaned players.

All of which made for difficult awards choices! The Player of the Match was Nathan who was really switched on this week, following the play, pursuing opponents and tackling effectively.

The Callum Mills award went to Alex who put in a real "raging bull" performance this week, great rucking and going hard at the ball relentlessly for the whole four quarters.