

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v LANE COVE
ROUND 8 – 1 JUNE 2025
ROFE PARK

Conditions were perfect at Rofe Park for our Round 8 rematch versus Lane Cove Cats Henry. We played across the field this week and loaned players to play 14 vs 14, which made for a quick running game with plenty of touches for everyone.

The first quarter was a great contest. Lots of free-flowing movement from end to end, and some great goals from both teams. The honours were pretty even at the end of the quarter with three goals apiece.

The opposition turned up the intensity in the second quarter, challenging our defenders with multiple shots on goal. However, some strong defensive efforts kept them to 1.5, and we were still right in the game at halftime.

A great long range goal from Arlo and a couple of minors kept us within reach in the third quarter, only four goals down. However, the team tired and fell away towards the end of the game, allowing the opposition to score four goals to none. It was definitely a game where the final scoreline did not reflect our effort.

There were lots of positive signs and improvements in our game this round, especially in the first half. Positioning was much better, the boys put together several quick and effective chains to move the ball into the forward line, and goal kicking was accurate. Training this week focused on effective ball movement by hand passing and the importance of taking that “next step” after winning the ball.

Unofficial score this week: 4.2.26 to 11.15.81. Scores from Ryan (2.0, backing up well straight after a U13 game!), Mason (1.0), Arlo (1.0), Luke (0.1) and Lochy (0.1).

The player of the match was Lewis, who seemed to be at every ground ball contest for the entire game! Our Callum Mills winner was Dion, who provided lots of run down the wings and great delivery to the forwards.