

MATCH REPORT



HBE U9 GIRLS SQUAD V HILLS AND ST IVES
ROUND 8 – 1 JUNE 2025
ROFE PARK HORNSBY HEIGHTS

What a Double Header!

After weeks of soggy mornings and gloomy skies the sun finally decided to show up for us on Sunday. The ground had dried out a little, but there were still plenty of muddy traps to keep the girls on their toes. In saying that it didn't stop our mighty girls' footy squad. They powered through two tough, back-to-back games with determination, teamwork, and plenty of muddy knees.

Game 1: Vs Hills

From the first bounce, our girls were switched on, going hard at every contest and tackling like champions. The muddy patches made for some slippery footy, but the pressure around the ball was relentless. Hills have clearly stepped up since the last time we met, bringing more intensity and skill, but our squad worked together brilliantly. They locked the ball in our forward line and gave Hills very little room to breathe. A special mention to Mila from Auskick, who jumped in to help and didn't miss a beat. She got involved in the play, laying tackles and making the most of every chance she had. Awesome effort!

Game 2: Vs St Ives

Barely a chance to catch their breath before heading straight into the second game. Even with tired legs and heavy ground, the girls kept driving forward. Our main goal today was to always move the ball towards our own goals at every opportunity.

Special Mentions:

- **Chloe** just keeps edging closer to that elusive goal, with a handful of behinds. It's coming!
- **Tilly** defied jet lag after a 30-hour flight and played like she'd just come off pre-season. Fierce tackling and plenty of run.
- **Charlotte** dominated the ruck contests yet again, tapping everything in sight and setting us up all over the ground.
- **Estella** was as unselfish as ever, setting up teammates whether playing for us or filling in for Hills, and brushed off some heavy tackles.
- **Madi S, Margot, Amelia, Evie and Myah** were fearless, smashing tackles, and powering the ball forward. Their accurate kicks kept the momentum rolling, firing the ball deep into attack and creating plenty of chances for the team to score.

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- Nothing could stop **Maddie L**, not even her own teammates! Tackle after tackle, she just kept getting up and going again.
- **Abba** continues to impress, getting stuck in and chasing down everything in sight.
- First game back after being under the weather and **Harriet** and **Emma** didn't miss a beat. They battled hard in the mids and made a real impact for the team.
- Special nod to **Abbey**, who's really stepping up her kicking game and helped us clear the ball from defence and launch attacks.
- When **Saphira** let the ball fly, it cleared out the pack and set up plenty of chances down the field; and
- **Indi** was electric, dodging through traffic and breaking away with those quick, clever runs that left defenders clutching at air.

Final Whistle:

Two cracking matches on a muddy oval, and endless effort from every player. We couldn't be prouder of how this group keeps backing each other up week after week. But one of the best parts of the day wasn't on the scoreboard at all, it was on the bench. The girls were full of laughter, cheering each other on, swapping the board around and making memories. Then, when their turn came to hit the field, they jumped in with big smiles and even bigger tackles. This is what footy's really about mateship, fun, and coming together from all over to be part of something truly special.

We've got a well-earned break this weekend with the long weekend, then it's time to shine under the stars with a Friday night showdown under lights as we take on St Ives again in Round 9!

Go the Eagles!

Coaches: Alicia and Evan

Captains: Abbey and Saphira

Player of the Match: Mila, Abba, Charlotte, Tilly & Amelia

