

MATCH REPORT



HBE Bald Eagles Intraclub game.

DATE 20.7.2025

Rofe Park.

Around twenty players for our first intraclub game in a while and the Eagles Nest was in great condition under the setting sun. Retros (green with orange sash) versing Currents (current Eagles colours)

True to form with the intra club games, the first quarter was packed with energy and tackles. Huge effort by both sides, plenty of contact but none in danger, some brilliant kicks and marks. Glenn was a tour de force gathering the ball and kicking for the Currents, but the Retros held a small advantage after the first quarter. I think Steve and Andy kicked goals for that lead. Andy found Steve with a ripping hand pass to set up the goal.

There was some swapping of guernseys after that. We saw some great plays. Toby was all over it, Benny too. Steve W took a stinger to the ribs but played on, Marc was not so lucky with a hammy and then Brent tweaked his calf again. Fiona blamed Brent's pregame antics saying he should have spent the time warming up rather than sinking piss

Pete kicked to Glenn, who found Toby for a goal. Clare was showing some all Australian-esk defence, saving plenty of goals and moving the ball forward. Cathy was also mightily involved on the wing in her come back game and with a wrist bandage endowed with family monikers. Barts missed a sitter blissfully unaware of Andy's kick being meant for him. Glenn was all over it but wasn't happy with his first shot that looked like a decent strike but just missed. He made up for it with another good kick for six soon after.

Niel was having a blinder. Plenty of effort, a massive punch away when on the floor and some kicks to hand. The sun set and the lights came on and it was Bronny's time to shine. Put through on goal she kicked for goal only to be denied by a Northerly gust of wind that sent ball slightly wide. Good attackers don't go missing after missing though so Bronny soon collected another pass from Andy and slotted easily from at least twenty-five out for her first ever goal! Adam kicked a behind on the run and took a sledge from the canteen area saying "my dad bought his Victorian smart mouth with him and provided some feedback on my running missed shot on goal. I wouldn't have it any other way'. He then played defense for a while, but when he sneaked into the mids Pete Robson was there to take him down. Adam thinks the last time he got done holding the ball was against Campbelltown way back in 2019 so credit to Pistol. The Robsons were delighted with this passage of play, although Adam smothered the resulting kick. Collin grabbed a few and got some kicks away, plus he shut down danger man Barts for most of the game.

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Steve Wall might have kicked the most goals with four and got away once with our umpire shepherding for him. To be fair Ryan tried to stay out the way but in his own words 'found himself in hot water at times.' Brynesy was breaking play and kicking accurately. He scored a cracker snapping from the boundary. Benny showed some great skills. Richo chimed in with a good goal and was denied a second because "the post pads were too wide". Don also gets an honorable mention for another huge game in the ruck, giving great service to the Currents midfielders.

It was another game where fitness and football were the winners. We definitely don't have problems running out games. As for the score, who knows? Time to freshen up off a 6-day break and sort out these Balmain pretenders on their home deck.