

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v WESTBROOK
ROUND 12 – 20 JULY 2025
MIKE KENNY OVAL

Returning from the holiday break, the boys had a solid training session during the week and then travelled to Mike Kenny Oval to face the Westbrook Bulldogs. Hopes were high as we had a good result over this opponent the last time that we faced them.

The first quarter was fast-paced, with lots of end-to-end running. The opposition scored efficiently, kicking 3.4 for the quarter. We replied with a great passage of play, moving the ball quickly up the ground and an excellent running goal finish from Luke to keep in contention.

The second quarter was a lockdown classic, reminiscent of the mid-2000s Sydney Swans. Our boys really took control of the game, chasing and tackling hard and denying the opposition any fluid movement. This was reflected in the scoreline of two behinds to our one in this quarter.

The strong defence continued in the third quarter. Although most of the play was at the Bulldogs scoring end, our boys kept up the pressure to restrict them to 2.6. Some excellent kick-ins from Cam found targets, but we found it difficult to progress much further than the back half.

Perhaps tiring in the final quarter, we added only a rushed behind to our score, whilst our opponents matched their score for the first quarter. However, it was another great effort from all the boys, who kept trying their hardest all the way to the end.

Unofficial score: Westbrook 8.18.64 to Eagles 1.2.8.

Player of the Match this week was Luke, who was our only goal kicker (1.1) and never stopped running the whole game.

The Callum Mills award went to Isaac, who embodied our strong defence this week and was in and around almost every contest around the ground.