

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 14 vs Balgowlah Suns

ROUND 11 – DATE 3.8.2025

Rofe Park

Biblical rain rendered Rofe Park just about under water by the time our Eagles ran on to play the Suns. The President reported the ground to be displaying a sheen at 7.30am, but by 11am it was agricultural like a cold farmers field in a Thomas Hardy novel.

Neither side could make much headway in the first quarter as the game descended into a midfield splashathon. Josh, Andrew and Tristan were often in the thick of it, with cousins Will and Lachy defending well if the Suns got through the midfield. Sharpy was showing good positional sense at full back too, tanking a couple of marks and kicking out. Only scraps up front with Ryan, Finn and Loz in danger of getting cold.

The second quarter was more of the same, with still no goals kicked. Lewis, Riley and especially Henry were getting more involved. Finn and Loz too dropped back to get in the mud. Ewan was trying hard out wide, but his wheels were spinning in the puddles! He managed to break free once to score a goal though, so it was close at half time.

The Suns were too string in the second half. Josh fell to a concussion, and the Eagles got swamped in their own half. Try as they might they could hardly break out of their own half. The effort was definitely there, as was the support from the touch line. It was still a winnable game at three quarter time, but the Suns pulled away to win 45-7.

And so, our season ended. We've seen great improvement by the side as a whole and individually but struggled for numbers in the last half of the season. We'll work hard to address this for 2026. An amazing effort by our coaches and manager, and our players of course. We've seen some cracking games and excellent spells of play. The support from the first ball up in Balgowlah, to the last tackle at Rofe has been incredible. Fiona was still telling the boys they could with a couple of minutes to go today!

Coaches' comments: The team put in an outstanding performance over the weekend. From the opening whistle, they showed great intensity and commitment, consistently engaging in strong physical contests. Their tackling was hard and effective, and they worked together well to maintain structure and pressure throughout the game.

Despite tough weather conditions, every player showed resilience and focus. The opposition seemed hesitant at times, often reluctant to go near the ball due to the physicality our team brought to the contest.

Notable efforts came from Andrew, who showed real determination and physical strength. Ewan

MATCH REPORT



was excellent with ball recovery and positioning. Tristan, Robbie, Lachy, Henry and Sharpe all played key roles in defence, putting in tireless work to repel attacks and hold the line.

Overall, it was a strong team effort and a performance to be proud of.



MATCH REPORT

