

MATCH REPORT



Under 13 St Ives Saints vs HBE Under 13 Div 3 Blue
Preliminary Final – 17th August 2025
VENUE: Acron Oval (St Ives)

Game Summary:

What a Game ! This was a high energy battle from first bounce, with both sides putting their all into every contest. The Saints started stronger, knocking in 2 goals and a behind before the Eagles clicked into gear scoring 2 goals. The teams then traded scores, and were tied at the end of the 1st quarter. The Eagles came out of the blocks faster in the 2nd quarter, scoring a couple of quick goal, and looked like they had found their groove. But the Saints kept coming back, matching the Eagles goal for goal, with the scores tied at the end of the 2nd quarter. The 3rd quarter the team continued to trade scores, before finishing the quarter 45 each. The final quarter was a tense affair, with the lead again continuing to change hands. The Eagles keep pressing, scoring 3 behinds to sneak ahead 48-45 with 10 minutes to go. But goals kept eluding the Eagles, and with 5 minutes to go, the Saints scored a goal to take the lead. The Eagles had one more chance to take the lead, but a great tackle give the ball back to the Saints, who quickly move the ball up field, scoring one more goal. This was not a game for the faint hearted, and what finals footie is all about. There were many unlucky bounces and a few umpire calls that could have (and some argue should have) gone our way. I am not going to call out specific players, as every boy put their heart and soul into the game, and the boys should be proud of their efforts. Despite the loss, as coach highlighted, we have played better, are still in the finals, so have an opportunity to show how good this team can be.

Score: St Ives 59 vs 48 HBE

Goals: Jesse(2), Lewis(2), Archie(1), Jackson(1), Noah(1)

Callum Mills Award: Otto **Player of the Match Award:** Ben

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