

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 12 DIV 1 vs Manly Bombers
ROUND 11 – 29.06.2025
VENUE: Weldon Oval

Our round 11 match against Manly Bombers was a tightly contested match from start to finish on a warm day. To make conditions more difficult, we played on a full-sized field with 13 a side on the field. There was lots of space to run into and one on one contest wins were important throughout the game. We started the game well with 3 goals in the first quarter, a brilliant snap from the pocket by Nicko, a long running bomb from Jasper, and a nice crumbing goal from Tadhg.

Manly lifted in the second quarter scoring 2 goals and although we had some good opportunities in the forward line, we couldn't make the most of them. Nicko kicked another crumbing goal, this time on his left boot, Will and Hux used their running power to break away into space and our defenders worked well together, intercepting and getting numbers to ground ball contests.

The third quarter was similar to the second, the ball moving from one side of the field to the other without much scoring. Both teams were getting quite tired, fortunately we had 2 on the bench and could give some players a rest. Hux kicked a beautiful running goal from distance to give us a 7-point lead. In the last quarter we locked the ball in our forward line better with strong intercept marks from Max and Jasper. Aiden played with confidence in the backline and was able to rebound us nicely into attack. Vally found some space in the forward pocket and kicked a nice goal before Jake snapped the sealer, a high snap from tight in the pocket.

Player of the match went to Nicko, and Courage Award to Aiden.

Score: HBE 7.8.50 def Manly Bombers 5.5.35

Goals: Nicko (2), Milo, Jasper, Tadhg, Vally, Jake

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