

HORNSBY BEROWRA EAGLES U13 DIV3 (100) V PENRITH GIANTS (30)

Round 15 10th August 2025

Greygum Oval Cranebrook

MATCH REPORT

With Rofe Park closed due to all the wet weather and action last weekend, Round 15- final round before finals - found us headed out to Cranebrook where the Penrith Giants had their field open. A game is always better than no game. The sun came and went, the breeze was cool, and the Eagle's girls were pumped and ready to play some good footy.

From the first ruck our girls dominated possession. The Giants only had 14 while the Eagles girls had a rare bench which kept the coaches busy with substitutions. We started the game playing 14 on 14.

This game was feisty and physical. The Penrith defence was at times very strong, and the Eagles worked hard to break away from some solid tackles to move the ball forward. But once the goals started coming, they didn't stop quickly.

The team moved the ball well with some great hand passes and some excellent clearing kicks. With the mercy rule being called at half time with Eagles were feeling a load of confidence. This provided an opportunity to give a couple of our players to the opposition and play a couple down, a chance to practice our tight defence, ball movement and communication. And while Penrith did score a handful of goals in the second half it was the Eagles who went away with the win.

A strong and fitting end to the regular season and our girls now look ahead to finals. Super proud of these girls, they might be smaller in size than many of their opponents, but their hearts are big, and their grit and determination are unquestionable.

Player Highlights

Olivia Byrne – continues to be one of our invaluable U11 girls. Tackling machine, shepherding ace and all round strong in the mids and back line. Olivia brought order to our backline today and had a great read of the game, always ready for what was coming.

Hazel Limbrey – complimented the forward line well again today. Hazel was always in the thick of it making some lovely hand passes and supporting kicks when they were needed. Hazel's support around the ruck stood out and did score a behind, though she was unlucky to not get more points.

Juliet Allen – always some of the safest hands on the field and one of the quickest clearers of the ball today. Juliet's unassuming and quiet confidence showed again with some beautiful marks and excellent hand passes.

Madeline Dunlop – Maddie made sure work of tightening up the back line, Maddie made a number of strong tackles in the backs as well as pushing up through to the mid field as needed proving that stopping opponents goals is just as valuable as scoring them. .

Pippa Craig – Pippa wasted no time in making an impact today scoring an early goal then another two later in the game. She was so fast to the ball, always supporting her teammates with her shepherding and strong tackles against opponents twice her size.

Olivia Fierens – had a quiet start to the game with not a lot of action in the defensive space. But when required Olivia pounced – right on the player always, making some strong tackles and supportive defensive plays to keep the opposition scoreless for the first half.

Sophia Fierens – Sophia spent most of the time in the mid field where she scoped out the ruck pack swooping on the loose ball to quickly clear it towards our forward line. Sophia was always near by where the action was mid field.

Maia McHugh – Maia's delightful presence and smile did not disappoint again today. Playing so well off the bench she did what she needed to do in being first to the ball on quite a few occasions. Maia also had some sweet hand passes away to her teammates to move the ball forwards well.

Kira Breden – Another quick starter today having a cracking first quarter in the forwards. Kira marked well, and kicked superbly and was rewarded with two goals and two behinds today. Great game Kira.

Willow Nicolson – again playing well in the midfield and ruck today with Sandy in support. Willow had many great second efforts and her deep clearing kicks were a highlight. She was pleased with her game and was so happy to also score 2 goals and a behind.

Emily Pace - Emily was well positioned ready to attack the ball from the defensive side, she shepherded well to allow mids to grab the ball and push it forward

Valentina Taborsky – Vally was relentless in the mid field today pushing up through the half forward line. Vally's determination rattled the opposition and she was rewarded with 2 goals and a behind

Lucy Herweyer – After being away for a few weeks Lucy was a powerful force in our forward line, Lucy took a mark or 2 and was rewarded with 2 goals.

Nya Nicolson – Nya was given so much ball today, at the coaches request and knew what she needed to do. When she had the space she used it. Nya was hungry for goals today and with some excellent assists from her teammates Nya was able to score 4.

Zahra Haidari – Always well placed on the wing, Zahra was into the action as soon as the ball was up. Zahra did well in working with the mids to push toward the forward line

Alessandra Heblewhite – Sandy shared ruck role with Willow today which worked well to move to ball forward. Sandy played her role from a midfield player to half forward and was unlucky to not kick a goal scoring 2 behinds.

Isabelle Shepard – Due to the teams strong midline Isabelle's defensive skills were not called on as much but when they were she was instrumental in marking the ball and sending it back toward mids preventing the giants getting close to the goal

Indiana Livy – What a great treat to have Indi playing for us today. You would never know her time has been spent in a different sport this year – her skills were super sharp. She marked a few beauties and kicked very well also narrowly missing a goal twice. Come back next year Indi!

Score: -

Hornsby Berowra Eagles U13G Div3 15.10.100 def Penrith Giants 6.0.30

Goals:-

Hazel Limbrey: 0.1.1

Pippa Craig: 3.0.18

Kira Breden 2.2.14

Willow Nicolson 2.1.13

Valentina Taborsky: 2.1.13

Lucy Herweyer 2.0.12

Nya Nicolson 4.1.25

Alessandra Heblewhite: 0.2.2

Indiana Livy: 0.2.2

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