

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v PENNANT HILLS DEMONS RED ROUND 13 – 27 JULY 2025 ROFE PARK

It was a fine if blustery day at Rofo Park for our last home game of the season versus the Pennant Hills Demons. Our entire team arrived early for a fun team photo session, then it was warm-up and down to business.

The first quarter was frenetic and high-energy, with lots of running and some great tackle pressure from our boys. We came close to forward entries several times, failing to score but holding the opposition to 1.1 with strong defence.

It was a similar pattern in the second quarter. The boys won lots of the loose ball contests, but struggled to get a chain moving forwards. The opposition added two goals but again, our good defensive pressure forced more behinds.

The Demons got off the leash after the main break, using some clever tactics to get behind our defenders for repeat forward entries and goals. Something to bear in mind for next season and a good discussion point at training this week.

Our three-quarter time message was to go for it and have fun, and it seemed to stick! The midfield came to life, led by Dion, and started to win contests and move the ball forward effectively. This resulted in two excellent long goals on the run from Luke (1.0) and Dion (1.1). Great celebrations on the bench and on the field, with the whole team getting around our scorers.

Another tough game, but again we can't fault the effort of our boys and a very enjoyable final quarter. Unofficial score this week: Eagles 2.1.13 to Demons 11.10.76.

Player of the match was Arlo who provided lots of run, strong tackles and accurate kicks to targets this week.

The Callum Mills award went to Mason who was on-ball, running and tackling, for most of the game - there are not many players who could match his work rate.

A special thanks to our goal umpire this week who not only kept score accurately but worked hard all game, with other volunteers, to keep the posts upright in the windy conditions!