

MATCH REPORT



HBE U11 v LEICHHARDT
ROUND 15 – 10 AUGUST 2025
ROZELLE PARKLANDS

Our last game of the season was also our longest road trip, facing the Leichhardt Cygnets at their new oval in Rozelle Parklands. It wasn't looking its best after a week of heavy rain, but everyone was excited and happy that the game was going ahead.

The team warmed up under the stacks, the sun broke through the clouds and the game was on. As expected given the conditions, it was a highly-contested first quarter with both teams working hard to win the ball on the ground. Strong defence kept the opposition to two goals and a goal on the run from Luke kept our side in contention.

The game opened up a little in the second quarter as each side adapted to the conditions, with some more run and longer kicks. More time at our scoring end was rewarded with a great goal from Dion, snapping out of a tight congested space.

After the main break an exciting third quarter, as the boys put together several great chains of play. The forward movement was excellent. Theo was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal but managed a behind. Arlo had a couple of intercept marks and kicked two goals in quick succession to keep the team in contention, only 3 goals down.

Clouds and rain returned for the last quarter, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm. Strong defence kept the opposition to 2.1 but despite a big effort, we added only 0.2 to our score. The siren sounded for the final time this season, handshakes all round and awards were handed out just before the big downpour.

Unofficial score Cygnets 9.6.60 to Eagles 4.4.28. Once again a scoreline which really didn't reflect the effort, with several players really saving their best for last and one of the strongest all-round team efforts of recent games.

Player of the match this week was Theo, who was quick to pounce on any loose balls and played well in the forward line.

The Callum Mills award went to Tom, who pursued and tackled opponents all around the ground like a terrier. Thanks to all of our families for your help and support this season. We hope to see you again next season for U12.