

# MATCH REPORT



## HBE UNDER 12 vs MANLY BOMBERS U12 PHANTOMS ROUND 1 - APRIL 19 2026 FRANK GRAY OVAL

U12 kicked off their season with a trip to North Curl Curl to play the Manly Bombers. Fresh from a good hitout on season opening day, we fielded almost the entire squad - 19 players - in perfect conditions for footy.

The boys stamped their authority on the game early, pushing forward and creating scoring opportunities. A trademark running goal from Luke opened the account. The forward pressure continued, creating excellent goals from an angle first from Arlo and then Elliot. Late in the quarter, Lincoln calmly slotted his first goal for the team from some distance.

A scintillating second quarter followed. After several chances in the first quarter, Oscar was finally rewarded with a goal. Tom was busy around the goal square, collecting crumbs for two great finishes. There were two more goals from Luke and Alex was unlucky, just missing the wrong side of the big posts. Elsewhere the midfield won lots of ball and the defenders were strong, keeping the opposition to just one goal.

It was consolidation and defence for the third quarter as our opponents rallied, but couldn't find a way to goal. At the other end Tom picked up one more and Luke was busy with 1.3. We started to see some nice chains of play down the wings; one set of kick-marks involving Cam, Dion and Cadman being a particular highlight.

With both teams tiring a little in the last quarter, strong defence sealed the game for our boys, with scores to Luke (1.1) and Arlo (0.1) icing on the cake.

Official score: Manly Bombers 1.0.6 to HBE 12.9.81. Our scorers this week: Luke (5.5), Tom (3.0), Oscar (1.2), Arlo (1.1), Elliot (1.0), Lincoln (1.0) and Alex (0.1). Excellent efforts from everyone else.

We awarded two player of the match awards. Luke was busy all game and unstoppable in the forward half. Tom was deadly accurate as a goal line crumber and put his body on the line as a follower (sore but undamaged, thankfully!)

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