

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 9s vs WESTBROOK  
ROUND 1 – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
VENUE: Rofe Park, Hornsby

What an awesome way to kick off our season with a massive win over Westbrook at Home over the weekend! It was a cracking day weather-wise, but more importantly it was an absolute cracking game of footy, with both teams showing some real prowess on the field. There were no signs of rust from our veterans returning from our U8s last year, and our new debutants followed suit, making us look like a team that had played together for multiple seasons.

Right from the bounce our Eagles ripped in, winning the ball and getting it forward. In his first ever game Josh notched up our first points for the season with an outstanding goal in the 1st quarter. The goals flowed in the 2nd quarter as well, with Will H and Leo sending the ball through the middle timbers. Impressive stuff from these three rookies. And whilst we kept our scoreboard ticking over our amazing defence kept the opposition's board clean, part in parcel to a strong blockade of defence from the ever reliable Nick, Inba and Lev. Special mention to Inba for throwing himself on the ball later in the game!

Leo picked up where he left off in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with another early goal, and was soon followed up by Xandy with an excellent goal under pressure to open his account for the season. Jude had a fantastic game all over the park and was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal but his 2 behinds certainly helped our total. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Alfie finally zeroed in his targeting mechanism and scored an amazing goal on the run, and Jack's efforts in defence were well rewarded with a goal and a behind upfront.

There was some excellent play and running of the ball through the mids with Saathvik and Ted being stand outs for us. And Arthav had a really great game for his first ever hit out, great to see him smiling and enjoying himself, expecting big things from him in the future.

Over all I couldn't be happier and prouder of how all the boys played. To gel so well as a team in our first game is quite rare, and I know that our success will flow on from the amazing teamwork and sportsmanship our players are showing. Special shout out again to Julian for coming and supporting the team even though he wasn't feeling well. Can't wait to have you back out on the park with the boys soon! And congratulations to Leo for being awarded our Player of the Match!

Also, huge thank you to all those who helped out with a role on the day, and just for coming and supporting our Eagles. Can't wait for the next game!

Goals: Josh (1), Will H (1), Leo (2), Xandy (1), Alfie (1), Jack (1)

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