

MATCH REPORT



Eagals Intraclub game.

DATE 25.4.2026

Rofe Park.

Another intraclub game for our Eagals who split into two sides of green and orange, nicknamed in a previous game by persons anonymous who both hold flags 'Green bean snakes' and 'Orange fall over Karens'. Conditions favoured good footy with no rain, a light breeze and the Oval in great condition. It was the second match of the weekend for some of the players with them backing up from a game in Balmain the day before.

It was clear early on that Rhian was in control of any ball ups as she dominated the ruck. This led to some awesome play by the Hornets. Stacey showed some great skills when grabbing a knock down, turning out of a tackle and kicking a behind. Rhi was also kicking long when not being tackled by Jemima, who was also seeing a lot of ball. Clare has cemented her spot as key defender in being the rock down back. She's a gun tackler with a rapidly improving kick and also managed to save some points on the goal line.

Cathy's always willing to put herself into contact and made a number of tackles. Nobody's sure if she expected Gaynor to take her out with one challenge though, talk about keep it in the family! Family ties remain intact we can report. Cathy also developed a new skill of skying the ball only to catch it herself. You can't coach that!

Ali was all action as ever, she's a real onballer continually blocking, spoiling and tackling players whether they had the ball or not (Rhi) and getting involved with play. AKA Knuckles, she has no fear and no lack of skills either taking an excellent overhead mark to run forward and just miss a maximum from distance. Ting Ting then turned on the pace with a run darting through the mids. Then Stacey had a shot that clattered against the tall upright. We witnessed some nice hand passing and a little bit of kicking in danger. Danielle and Clare had a right old wrestle for the ball with no clear winner. Danielle also had a long battle with Ting for the ball lasting at least a minute after the whistle had blown.

There was an awesome passage of play when Clare kicked out but Rhian gathered high, evaded a tackle, hand passed to Danielle, who gave it back, then shot whilst under pressure from Bronny only to see the ball tipped away by Clare to prevent a score!

Jemima deserved a goal for one of her shots but suffered one of the unluckiest bounces of all time as it landed just before the goal line and span off sideways for a behind.

The game was high intensity, plenty of shouting 'get in there' and yelling 'oh sh!t' if things went awry. The Eagals weren't just kicking bombs but dropping them too – F bombs mostly! Potty mouths

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was a description from one who shall not be named. Worse than the baldies? This match reporter isn't brave enough to go that far. All together it must have been tiring work judging by the number of times the timekeeper was asked how long was left in each quarter.

No scores were kept, some may have been settled (Gaynor on Cathy?), and at the end of the day footy was the real winner. All the ladies had contributed to a fine match and looked happily exhausted as they sat down afterwards for some well-earned refreshments.

We finish by thanking our umpires, Hazel, Isabelle, Maddie and Brody, who were all magnificent.

