

# MATCH REPORT



## HBE U15's v Ramsgate Ram DATE 3.5.2026

Tonbridge Street Oval

The away day at Ramsgate gave us an oval we'd never quite seen the likes of — narrow enough to pass for a soccer pitch and oddly lopsided, with one end wider than the other. Still, both teams had to deal with the same quirks, so play on. The sun was shining, the breeze was up, and the Eagles were keen to build on last week's performance and make it two wins on the trot.

Hornsby started brilliantly, slotting three goals into the wind in a statement first quarter. Robby kept his hot goal streak going, clutching a lovely kick from Henry and drilling the opener. Andrew and Elliot were quickly into everything. Haydo kicked the second after Jon burst through and released him with a tidy handball, and Hayden added our third after slick link-up play from Loz and Lachie. Finn nudged a behind from a tough angle but would warm up as the game went on. There were some sharp chains from Lachie, Will, Riley and Julian, and Hammer was busy too, dancing past two opponents before clearing. Ramsgate managed only two behinds as the Eagles' midfield and backline squeezed them for time and space all quarter.

Hornsby opened the second term with a slick passage from Andrew to Robbie to Finn, who finished it off with a goal. Andrew added a behind as the wind strengthened and began to favour the Eagles. Tristan, Ronin and Jon were rock-solid, shutting down Ramsgate's forward pushes, though a strange fifty penalty gifted the Rams their first of the quarter. They added another before Ronin and Andrew combined to send the ball to Finn, who stepped back from his defender and snapped a brilliant high goal. Andrew then fired up the group with a huge tackle. Loz found Ronin on the lead, but his shot faded wide. Henry kept piling on tackles. Robbie then produced a moment of magic, gathering the ball and launching a monster torp for his second, before adding his third soon after — his second hat-trick in as many weeks. Tristan followed with three crunching tackles in succession, pinning the Rams deep. Boundary umpire Ryan was battling the wind as much as anyone, with throw-ins becoming an adventure. At half time, the Eagles were well on top, leading 48–14.

Ramsgate came out with the wind and jagged the first goal of the third. Henry and Hammer hit back with strong tackles, and Will saved a certain major by rushing a behind. Riley, Hammer, Jon and Lachy were all involved as the Eagles fought the ball forward into the teeth of the breeze. Hammer forced another rushed behind, and Ronin, Robby and Lachy kept driving the ball clear. Every possession was a battle now. Ramsgate added another goal for 28–49. Jon pulled off a brilliant tackle to deny a certain goal, though the Rams found one soon after. The pressure was rising. Jon then climbed over the pack to take a spectacular mark, and the Eagles locked the ball inside Ramsgate's defensive third. Finn snapped truly to reduce the margin, and Andrew followed up with a strong finish of his own. Jon added to his season's tally with a spectacular barrel kicked goal.

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Then came one of the moments of the match. Riley spotted a sudden shift as the Rams won quick ball from the ruck and, with no hesitation, threw his face into the path of the clearance kick to win it back for the Eagles. He then drilled a kick from the boundary that Finn marked and slotted from a ridiculous angle into the wind. Finn's next shot smacked the tall post high up. That brought the quarter to a close, the Eagles having survived the storm and taking a 36-point lead into the final change.

The Eagles stormed home with four goals in the final quarter. They owned the centre bounce, with Ronin and Andrew combining beautifully to launch the ball forward, and Finn feasting on the delivery with clinical finishing. Ramsgate shuffled defenders but nothing stopped him. Jon's shot was pushed wide by the wind, Loz marked but missed to the same side, and Finn sent another just the wrong side of the post. The Rams couldn't escape their defensive 50 as the Eagles kept them hemmed in. The siren cut off what looked like another scoring opportunity. The 94–34 win was comprehensive — a line in the sand and a standard that pointed firmly toward finals football.



Finn was player of the match. A shoe in after kicking nine goals in the game. He led the forward line and made himself available for kicks from the mids and the boundaries. He was also physical and gave their defence no time on the ball.

Brent's coach's comment: Super proud of the boys for putting on a stellar performance and coming away with a big win. The plan was to bring the pressure at every contest with high-intensity tackles, smothers, and contested marks. We also focused on moving the ball quickly into the forward line straight from the middle, which worked really well on the smaller field—Finn ended up slotting 9 goals, with great support from Andrew, Jon, and Ronin through the centre clearances.

Best on ground were Finn, Andrew, Jon, Ronin, and Robby, but a special shoutout to Loz, Riley, Henry, and Tristan for their big efforts and improvement.

Boundary Umpire Ryan's comment: You're only as good as your last throw!

Notable: Julian remains undefeated in an Eagles guernsey.

Period Scores				
END OF PERIOD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
 Ramsgate Rams U15 Div 3	2 0.2	14 2.2	34 5.4	34 5.4
 Hornsby Berowra Eagles U15 Div 3	19 3.1	48 7.6	70 10.10	94 14.10

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