

MATCH REPORT



HBE Div 2 - UNDER 14 vs Cronulla Sharks U14

DATE 3rd May 2026

VENUE: **Gwawley Park South** (Taren Point)

It felt like a long trek to Cronulla on a Sunday morning, but nothing compared to the Uruaski's who drove all the way Queensland! As both teams warmed up, Cronulla seemed up for it with a bootcamp style warm up regime, and with some broad boys on their team, the prospect of a win seemed optimistic. However, from 1st Bounce, it was the Eagles who soared into action first, quickly scoring 2 goals and a behind before the Sharks realised they were in for a game. But the Sharks rallied quickly, scoring 2 goals of their own. The quarter then became an arm wrestle, neither side giving any quarter, with only 3 behinds scored before the quarter ended, and the Eagles just 1 pt ahead. The combat continued in the second quarter, but the sharks started to assert themselves more (at times seaming a bit overly aggressive) and scoring 3 goals. But the Eagles hung in, knocking in 2 more goals, and the quarter ending with Cronulla only 2 pts ahead. The Eagles put in an impressive shift in the 3rd quarter, matching Cronulla in the skirmishes and tackles. The Eagles speed and feral play gradually wore down the Sharks, with the Eagles scoring 3 goals to 1 from the Sharks, turning the scoreboard in the Eagles favour. The last quarter was another close tussle, but the Sharks were only able to score 3 behinds to 1 Eagles goal, and as the game ended the Eagles were deserved victors. There were many positives to take away; Auggie's bone crunching tackles, Ryan's coolness under pressure, Onni's popping up everywhere to tackle and score, Lewis's magic escape from what looked like a certain tackle, Josh's deft handball, and Luke running from the defensive zone before launching a bazooka missile to score an incredible goal. But what was most impressive, was how unyielding and relentless the Eagles were, running themselves to the point of near exhaustion.

Score: HBE 58 vs Cronulla 41

Goals: Onni Badger (3), Ryan O'Connor (3), Luke Adams (1), Lewis Thompson (1)

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