

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 11's vs Willoughby  
ROUND 5 - DATE 17th May 2026  
VENUE Gore Hill Oval

## Summary of Game

Sunday morning footy delivered absolute scenes as the Hornsby Berowra Eagles Under 11s snatched a thriller against Willoughby in a game that had parents chewing fingernails and coaches rapidly recalculating scoreboards in their heads.

From the opening bounce, it was clear this wasn't going to be a walk in the park. Both teams came ready to play, tackling hard and chasing everything that moved. The Eagles got off to a solid start in the first quarter with two goals, while Willoughby stayed right in the contest with a goal and a behind.

The second quarter saw the Eagles add another major and head into halftime with a handy 18–8 lead. Spirits were high and confidence levels may have risen just a touch too early.

Willoughby, however, clearly had a very inspiring halftime speech because they came out absolutely firing in the third quarter, slotting two goals while keeping the Eagles to a couple of behinds. Suddenly the momentum had shifted and heading into the last quarter, Willoughby had edged in front 23–20.

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Cue the dramatic music.



The final quarter turned into an all-out battle. Players were diving on the ball, parents were yelling encouragement that may or may not have been useful, and nobody quite knew who was in front. Then, just a few minutes before the siren, the Eagles found a breakthrough with a clutch late goal.

The crowd erupted. Some parents nearly fell off the sidelines they'd been pacing up and down for the entire quarter. The team manager, after spending most of the game enthusiastically chatting and temporarily distrusting her own scorekeeping, had to seek confirmation from the ever-reliable goal umpire's scoreboard before declaring victory.

Final score: Eagles 26, Willoughby 25.

The Eagles had held on by a single point

What. A. Game

Score 26-25

Goals Dusty (2), Cooper, Jesse

P.O.M- Lachie

Report by: Lauren Urasaki (the unreliable scorer)

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