

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 11 girls vs Balgowlah Suns
ROUND 5– 17 May
Rofe Park

Foggy, misty and slightly wet for our girls this morning. Reflecting on the difficult game with the Suns last year, the girls were weary of their tough opponents. Against a super tall team, we were a bit short in the ruck, but it didn't stop the Eagles fighting hard for the ball the whole game.

From the whistle, the girls challenged well, Juliette S doing a sensational job in the ruck against taller opponents, Layla and Ari going in for some good tackles early. But the Suns had some lucky bounces go their way and opened with a few quick goals. After a lovely save from Charlotte and a few marks, our backs worked so hard all quarter, some great clears from Millie, Maeve, Char and Indi trying to keep the ball away from their goal. Off a long clear from Ari, Harriett came so close to a goal down the other end, and with fantastic hustle from the mids, Ari found herself in space for our first goal just before the buzzer.

Thanks to some strong defence from the start of the 2nd, the girls made great connections all the way down to their goals, some sensational hand passing from Maeve and Harriet resulted in a goal from Layla. The backs really pulled together with some great tackling from Millie, Alana and Char, and lots of behinds from the Suns saw us working really hard to clear the ball out.

Advice for the 3rd: mark in defence. The girls seemed energised as they ran out, and good hustling by Josie, Indi and Charlotte kept the ball away from their goals. A great mark from Alana to Maya, and then we had the ball dangerously close to our goals for a while. This quarter was impressive with our girls working so hard, the ball moving from end to end. Lots of marks, lots of great kicks and wonderful teamwork kept the Suns goalless for the quarter.

The last quarter was tough, with our backs busy defending from the ruck. Fantastic clearing from Juliette, Harriet and Alana. All our mids and backs really gave it their best against very strong and tall opposition. Despite a tough game, the girls really put in an amazing team effort.

Score Eagles 🦅 2.1.13 v 12.8.80

Goals: Ariela (1), Layla (1)

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