

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 12 vs FOREST LIONS U12 MAROON  
ROUND 3 - MAY 3 2026  
VENUE: LIONEL WATTS OVAL

Round 3 brought the U12s to Frenchs Forest on the grassy field against the Forest Lions. Our numbers were down with only 12 players on field, but despite having no spares, the boys kept up a good pace and strong performance throughout the game.

Dion shone in the first quarter with Alex assisting in a stellar goal. Training was proving its worth with great passing from Arlo to Luke with a loose ball, and Luke showcased his precision skills with a spectacular side goal. Nathan also contributed a clean goal and there were many behinds by several players as we dominated the main part of the quarter. Cadman proved a solid force throughout, and Alex shined, as always, in the ruck.

The second quarter challenged Alex with the opportunity of a big tackle – which he took on with gusto! Luke assisted Theo with a celebratory goal and Elliot took advantage of the conditions with some impressive bouncing and kicking. The boys were holding their position well.

The Lions put on more pressure in the third, which Alex withstood, keeping his cool at the sideline and directing the ball to Elliot for a mark. Tom also executed a great mark, taking a pause to calm the energy down which Cam followed with a smooth goal. A swift kick down the wings by Elliot gained advantage for the remainder of the quarter.

The Lions were still holding strong in the last quarter; however, Cam set the play for a strong mark. Not to be outdone, Nathan raced in for a mark under pressure as well as flew in to scoop up a messy ball and also scored a tricky left goal. A great link up was demonstrated with a handball from Theo to Tom who followed it with a kick to Cam. Big shout out to Arlo who's bouncing on the run has greatly improved. Another outstanding mark by Elliot at the front of the goal from Luke. And before the final whistle blew, some magnificent marking by Tom who swept in from nowhere.

Official score: Eagles 10.12.72 to Forest 3.2.20. Our scorers this week: Dion (4.5), Luke (3.3), Nathan (1.1), Theo (1.0), Cam (1.0) and Arlo, Elliot and Lewis with 0.1 each.

The two players of the match awards went to Theo, who played a strong game and was always in the right place at the right time, and Alex, who had been off from an injury and looked like he was making up for lost time!

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