

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 9s vs NORTH RYDE & PENNANT HILLS  
ROUND 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
VENUE: Rofe Park, Hornsby

It was a beautiful day at Rofe, and what better way to celebrate Mother's Day than two fantastic games played by our mighty Eagles. We had the awesome opportunity for the majority of our squad to play in both games, and our boys gave it their all across the entire eight quarters of footy.

The first game was against North Ryde which we clinched in a narrow victory. Ollie absolutely dominated this game, both in attack but more importantly in defence, and was our well deserved Player of the Match. Leo also had a cracking game in defence and stemmed the flow of points from the opposition. There were some great contests through the mids, particularly with Nick against his North Ryde counterpart, and it was great to see Saathvik and Atharv showing some hunger for the ball and getting stuck in around the ruck. Alfie chimed in for a goal, as did Asher who was finally rewarded with a goal in the last quarter after pressing the opposition defence all game. Full credit to Jordy who copped an injured knee in the first game, but gathered his courage to fight through the pain and take the field in the second game. Awesome effort!

Having played Penno the week before we knew we were in for a tough match, but our boys stepped up to the plate and delivered a valiant effort. The goals were sparse, but the "Triple J's", Jude, Josh & Jack, each bagged a major to get points on the board for Hornsby. The two Will's played exceptionally in the second game with possession after possession, fantastic to see these two debutants take to the game so quickly. Simon was dominant as ever, whether he was playing for Hornsby or Penno, and Xandy showed some real fight in the contest and speed with the ball in hand. Lev continues to improve each week with his match awareness and urgency on the ball. But Player of the Match went to Ted whose grit and determination was on full display whenever the ball was near, a stand out game for Ted.

We were sorry to not have Inba or Julian join us on the pitch, but so great of Julian to show his team spirit and come along and support his mates. And awesome sportsmanship showed by all our players when they filled in for the opposition and still gave it their all. Huge thanks to Jack R, Lachie W and Will C for donating their time to help out as Coaches and Runners, and massive thank you as always to all the parents who filled a role, particularly our fantastic mums for sharing their time with us on their special day.

Goals: Ollie (3), Alfie (1), Asher (1), Jude (1), Josh (1), Jack (1)

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