

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 9s vs NORTH RYDE
ROUND 5 – 17th May 2026
VENUE: ELS Hall, North Ryde

It was a tough old game for our Eagles on Sunday against a North Ryde seeking retribution for their defeat a couple of weeks prior. We struggled all game to get the ball into our forwards, and when we did we just couldn't capitalise on the opportunity to drum up some majors. But the scoreboard certainly didn't reflect the effort on the field and our Eagles fought till the bitter end. Full credit to all the boys for sticking with it and giving it their all for the four quarters.

William showed how comfortably he is adjusting to the game with some excellent defensive efforts and some great ball handling skills. Asher was involved in some of our best passages of play, but was unfortunately pipped a couple of times for running the ball too far. But he showed excellent resilience in bouncing back straight back to defensive mode. Another player who had some excellent hand balls and real grit around the contest was Xandy, who had already played a full game for the Reds, so it was an amazing effort from him to back up so well.

Lev showed great enthusiasm when the ball was near and was eager to kick back out from the goal square. With a bit more courage in the contest he will become a great player. And Ted demonstrated what we have been practicing at training with some excellent running on the arc, and was rewarded with our only point of the game. Julian gave it his all as he does every week, and very happy to see him back on the field displaying his enthusiasm and dedication to our team.

Ollie absolutely dominated the defence, and showed real signs of leadership, calling his team mates in to position and encouraging them to keep pushing. Ollie's efforts were matched by Leo who had an absolute cracker all of the pitch. Both these players showed real strength with ball in hand and were key in stemming the flow of points from the opposition.

It was a typically consistent effort from Will throughout the whole match as he chased the ball and his opponents with vigour and determination. He also suffered a nasty head knock in the last quarter, but bounced back quickly to carry on the fight. A well deserved Player of the Match performance.

When you suffer a big loss it's easy to feel dejected, but I saw none of that from our boys on weekend. They just picked themselves up each quarter, ran their hearts out and just enjoyed playing footy. A fully commendable effort from all of them and they should be proud of themselves for how they conducted themselves. Lucky there's always next week!

Behinds: Ted (1)

Report by Pete Robson