

# MATCH REPORT



HBE U12 vs Lane Cove Hunters Hill U12 Henry  
ROUND 9 - June 12 2026  
Steve Chisholm Oval

Round 9 brought the excitement of our first Friday night under lights, versus Lane Cove Hunters Hill at a buzzing Blackman Park. Eager players arrived early, allowing for an extended warmup. They formed an on-field huddle for a fire-up from captain Cadman and the game was on.

There were shades of last week in the first quarter as the Cats got off to a quick start with two early goals. Our boys stayed calm, steadied and pushed forward, resulting in a great goal from Arlo. However, the Cats' clean handling led to two more majors, for a score of 4.2 to 1.0 at the break.

Our side toiled hard in the second quarter but found it hard to progress from the midfield contests. By contrast, quick and clean ball movement from the Cats saw them push further ahead, scoring another 3.2 leading into half-time.

The third quarter was the highlight of the game. Refreshed after the main break, strong defending held the Cats to 2.3 for the quarter. Luke kicked straight and true for a fine goal, Cadman scored a behind and better forward pressure added an additional rushed point.

The boys kept pushing in the last quarter, managing several forward entries, one of which resulted in a goal from the ever-reliable Dion. It proved to be too late in the day however, as the opposition finished their game with 2.4.

It was once again a game where the scoreline did not reflect the effort from our side, who kept competing and had a strong third quarter. The difference this week was largely in the execution: our side could probably have scored at least 3-4 more goals with cleaner handling in front of the posts. The Cats, on the other hand, were quick and efficient in almost all of their forward entries.

Final score Cats 11.11.77 to Eagles 3.2.20. Our scorers this week were Arlo, Dion and Luke all with 1.0, and Cadman was unlucky to register 0.1.

Our first player of the match was Lewis who was around every contest all game, lively forward and unlucky not to get on the scoreboard. Second was Jude who was "the rock" this week, standing tall and competing hard at every ball-up and midfield contest.

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