

# MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 17 vs Ramsgate Rams  
Round 8 – 14/06/2026  
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## Zach's 100th Game

There was plenty of excitement at the Home of Football as the Eagles took to the field against Ramsgate to celebrate a special milestone – Zach's 100th game. Congratulations Zach on reaching triple figures! It has been fantastic watching your journey through the Eagles and everyone was keen to help make the occasion one to remember.

Conditions were excellent after a morning of rain and the Eagles started as brightly as the sun shone, against a pared down Ramsgate Rams side of only 15.

Henry set the tone early with a strong intercept mark in defence before finding Oli, who took off down the wing and finished with a superb running goal. The pair combined again shortly after, with Oli gathering possession, taking a bounce and finding Josh, who drilled a brilliant long-range goal from outside 45 metres.

Lucas was influential in the ruck from the outset, winning several important contests. One of his strong taps allowed Callum to deliver the ball inside 50 where Josh was able to add a behind. Ethan was throwing himself into every contest and linked well with Linden, while Aiden's smart shepherd created space for the Eagles to work the ball forward through Lucas and several teammates before Jack A finished off the passage with a goal.

Ramsgate responded with a goal of their own but the Eagles continued to attack. Alistair showed great composure with a juggling effort when he was surrounded by Ramsgate players in our goal, Linden then laid an important shepherd and Oli capitalised with another major. After it then went down the other end, Emmett produced one of the defensive plays of the quarter, denying a certain goal and restricting Ramsgate to a behind. Oli continued his outstanding opening term with an intercept mark before linking with Ethan and then Linden, who found Tyler in space. The Eagles took a 22-7 lead into quarter time.

The second quarter became more of an arm wrestle. Aiden was dominant everywhere on the field, in attack and also in defence, repeatedly intercepting opposition attacks, while Tyler worked hard around the contest and booted it to Callum who was rewarded with a goal after finding space inside 50. Henry's pressure remained relentless and Jack A produced a crunching tackle that earned a holding-the-ball decision.

Ramsgate found a little momentum midway through the quarter and managed a goal following some fortunate bounces, but the Eagles' defenders stood firm. Emmett rushed through a behind under pressure, Tom worked tirelessly to close down space and spoil marks with his trademark punches and Ethan earned a free kick with a strong tackle.

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Coaches encouraged the team to keep attacking and the response was immediate, with Will creating opportunities deep inside 50 and Tyler unlucky not to convert.

Sam then produced one of the highlights of the quarter with a fierce tackle before launching the ball forward to Oli. Henry continued to provide drive from defence while the midfield battled hard to maintain field position. Late in the term, Will found Jake S in space and the Eagles entered half-time holding a healthy 40-16 advantage.

The third quarter was arguably the Eagles' best. Aiden was dominant around stoppages, winning clearances and repeatedly knocking the ball free from opposition hands. Some of his moves were like basketball steals. Henry continued to intercept strongly while Jake G and Tyler worked hard around the ball, with Jake G stopping a huge Ramsgate run by tackling him on the sideline.

Oli's run and bounce remained a feature of the game and he combined beautifully with Tyler and Josh before Jake S finished off the move with a goal. Zach became increasingly influential around the contest, linking up with teammates and helping drive the ball forward. When Josh rolled an ankle in stopping a certain Ramsgate goal, he still managed to keep the ball away from their forwards, demonstrating tremendous determination. Zach showed great support in mopping it up after Josh literally could no longer walk.

Linden took a strong mark from a kick-out and linked with Jake, who dribbled through a clever goal. Ethan then added another major after gathering the loose ball and soccering it through from close range. Lucas, Jack A and Callum all continued to contribute around stoppages, while Henry's intercept marking repeatedly frustrated the Rams. By three-quarter time the Eagles had stretched their lead to 62-28.

The final term saw Ramsgate throw everything at the contest but the Eagles' defence was outstanding. Tom spoiled strongly preventing mark after mark, Sam produced another important smother and Jack R repeatedly stood tall under pressure, preventing several scoring opportunities with intercepts, with Emmett also standing out chasing and winning loose balls down that end.

A brief flare-up between players added some spice to proceedings, but the Eagles quickly refocused. Linden showed excellent patience during a scrappy passage before swooping on a loose ball and calmly kicking a goal. Tyler earned a holding-the-ball free kick with another strong tackle and linked well with Will as the Eagles continued to control play.

Following a boundary throw-in, Cob found Linden who finished with a goal and a post-goal celebration Archer - perhaps acknowledging Zach's special day? We look forward to some more post goal celebration moves from the boys!

Jack R continued his superb defensive quarter, while Henry again marked strongly and linked up with Will and Callum in another attacking movement. Oli never stopped running and was involved in several late forward entries. Emmett had the final say, taking a mark in the Rams' 50 as the siren sounded to bring the match to an end.

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Final Score

HBE Eagles 11.10 (76)  
defeated  
Ramsgate 6.6 (42)

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