

MATCH REPORT



HBE UNDER 9s vs WESTBROOK
ROUND 8 – 14th June 2026
VENUE: Mike Kenny, Cherrybrook

Our Eagles played a stellar match on Sunday, returning to the Winner's Circle in one of our gutsiest wins of the season. Westbrook were up to the task but our Eagles stood together to grind out the victory.

There were goals aplenty throughout the entire match, with Jack, Lev, Leo, Simon and Ollie notching up majors for HBE. Simon actually bagged a couple in quick succession, and Lev scored his first goal for the season, earning him Player of the Match for his efforts.

William had a great game but didn't see much action as we seemed to always be dominating at the opposite end to him, but he played with his usual happy demeanour and I'm sure he'll be in the thick of it next game.

Jude and Ted played with their standard vigour and determination, finding space on many occasions and driving the ball forward. Josh and Will also had great games, particularly around the ruck. Some solid tackling from both of these players stopped Westbrook in their tracks. Special shout out to Josh for leading the cheers for Westbrook unprompted after the match, true leadership material.

Alfie was glued to the ball for most of the match, but unfortunately couldn't get his targeting system dialled in was unlucky to finish with 3 behinds instead of a trio of goals. And Nick was at his definitive best, busting through tackles and calling the shots round the paddock. An awesome Captain's Knock.

Julian and Saathvik were continually eager for the ball throughout the four quarters, always heading to space and calling for the Sherrin. Saath was unlucky not to land a few good marks, but recovered the ball well and disposed of the ball effectively.

Arthav and Xandy were also busy around the ruck. Arthav's confidence seems to grow with each game, as does Xandy's zippiness and agility. Very handy players to have on any team.

And last but not least is Jordy who I thought had an absolute cracker. He seemed to be in everything and made some truly excellent tackles. His long kicks also were instrumental in getting the ball to our forwards to enable us to score.

Overall I couldn't be prouder of how the boys worked together on the weekend. Lots of chatter between the players, not only about strategy but also encouragement and support for one and other. Huge thank to our assistant coaches Will and Lachie for braving the early Sunday morning, and a massive thank you to Cathy for standing in to manage the team in Belinda's absence. Looking forward to the next game!

Goals: Jack (1), Lev (1), Leo (1), Simon (2), Ollie (1)

Report by Pete Robson

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