

#### **MATCH REPORT**

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs LANE COVE CATS (0) ROUND 2 - SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023 ERN HOLMES OVAL

Round 2 at the Ern was quite the occasion, with both of our NWL U10 teams playing simultaneously on side-by-side grounds. It also meant that the girls got to warm up as a squad with the Blue team as well.

School holidays appeared to take its toll on player numbers and we played 9 v 9 against Lane Cove, a team which featured a few bigger, stronger bodies, to give our girls a bit of a test. The girls were more than up for the challenge taking it up to their opponents right from the opening ball-up, with lots of strong tackling and good ball movement across the game. It was a game which saw a few bumps and bruises for a few of the girls, and they all courageously picked themselves off and kept going.

#### Highlights of the game included:

- Super strong tackling by all the girls, with some notable mentions to Nathalie, Lucy and Georgia B.
- Good run and break from contests by many of the girls, especially Willow, Georgia G and Ash.
- Great positioning work across the field, particularly by Kira, Nathalie and Hazel.
- Excellent work in congested space with good ball movement options, led by captain Nya.
- Impressive efforts to dispose of the football when tackled by many of our girls including Georgia B and Ash.
- Some great scrambling efforts to defend our goal line and return to ball back up field.

A very solid performance in what was a much tougher hit-out than round 1.



Player of the match went to Nathalie for her tackling and positioning efforts

Score: NWL Red 0.0.0 drew with Lane Cove Cats 0.0.0

Goals: Ash 3.2, Georgia G 2.0, Willow 1.1, Nya 1.0

Photos below































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