



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 2.1(13) v BALGOWLAH SUNS (73)
ROUND 3 – SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023
ERN HOLMES OVAL, PENNANT HILLS

Summary of Game

The turf at Ern Holmes Oval looked lush – but maybe sounded a bit squelchy underfoot – as the Northwest Lightning 12s gathered at Pennant Hills for their first home game of the season.

Having travelled all the way from the Peninsula with a sizeable squad of 15, the Balgowlah Suns had also brought along a physical and confident gameplay that would serve them well across the ground. The Lightning were first to the scoreboard, but from that point on it was to be very much the Suns' day.

Balgowlah were dominant and determined, and showed some great skill around kicking and marking, along with speed that proved a huge advantage, and confidence in the physical matchups would blitz the Bolts.

The Lightning worked hard to contain and restrain, holding together where they could, and working to stake out a gritty defence as they must. It forced the Suns to earn every score. Some courageous counterattacks helped to push out the looming threat of a runout win to late in the third quarter. But by the end of that term, the Suns had proved too hot.

The battle continued though, right to the final siren. And while it wasn't a victory for the Lightning, it was a gutsy and determined show, albeit one that has taken its toll on the ranks.



As Coach Daniel was heard to say in the rooms afterwards: we're writing the story of our 2023 season and this is just the start of the tale. We'll take what we learn in games like this and file it away, building our experience and ready to apply it next time around.

Goals: Annabel M (3)

Score:

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