



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG U10's Blue (0) vs LANE COVE CATS YG U10's (0)
ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023
ROFE PARK HORNSBY

This Autumn morning had all the hallmarks of an alpine winter's day.

We were playing the Lane Cove Cats at our home ground, Rofe Park. The clouds were only just holding back the rain for the girls warm up and start of our clash and when I say warm up that was rather tricky when the temperature was 9 degrees but felt like 5.4.

We started the game at ten minutes past nine, the girls were excited for a big game as we had heard the Cats were tough opposition. Each team had 10 players, we agreed to play 4 players in the mids, 3 in the forwards and 3 in the backs.

Emily P, Emily S and Indi started the game in the forward line, Emily C, Tia, Elise and Alexandra in the mids and Olivia, Lucy and Zahra in the backs.

The whistle blew to start the game, there was a quick tap of the ball from Emily C in the ruck, our mid field quickly moved the ball to the forwards and Indi scored the first goal of the game within the first minute of play. Back to the centre ruck and the mid field carbon copied the first play with a nice kick straight to the hands of Indi for her to take a mark, Indi composed her self to kick to Emily P who then hand passed to Emily S for her to score our second goal for the game.



Emily S scored the 3rd goal in the first quarter followed by a behind then goal to Indi.

Our girls came in for a drink and a congratulations on a great start to the game from Coach Cyrille when the first quarter siren sounded.



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Just as the girls took to the field for the second quarter, rain drops started falling, it felt like the temperature had dropped again, the rain got heavier and the girls even saw small hail on the field.



We are very lucky our lightning team are not afraid of wet weather, unfortunately we all know Cats don't like the rain, our lightning team shone through.

2nd quarter saw Emily C, Tia and Elise in the forwards, Alex Olivia, Lucy and Zahra in the mids and Indi, Emily S and Emily P in the backs.



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Zahra was lightning quick in the mids and kicked the ball to Tia who then passed it to Emily C for a goal. The ball returned to the centre ruck then in a blink of an eye it was back in Emily C's hands to kick for her 2nd goal and then again Emily C kicked her 3rd goal in a row, scoring a hat trick. The rain was not putting our Lightning girls off their game.

Between the mids with some fantastic passes from Tia and the forwards Emily C then scored 3 behinds followed by another goal.

3rd quarter saw the rain ease off slightly, Alexandra, Olivia and Zahra were up front, Emily S, Emily P, Indi and Lucy in the mid field and Emily C, Tia and Elise in the backs.

In the 3rd quarter we saw some huge kicks from Olivia, one of which Zahra scooped up and kicked a goal with.

We also saw some great sportsmanship from Alexandra who hand passed in front of the goals to Zahra to score her second then third goals.

We saw Indi carve up the mid field with some great runs and kicks to the forward line. Olivia did some textbook shepherding, for Alex who then kicked to Zahra, back to Olivia for her to score a goal followed closely with a behind.



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In the fourth and final quarter, our Lightning Blue girls were also blue in colour, it was freezing on field. The girls were encouraged to put their jumpers on under their guernseys to head out to play.



Emily S, Lucy and Indi were in the forwards, Emily C, Emily P, Tia and Elise were in the mid field and Alexandra, Zahra and Olivia were in the backs.

Our Lightning Blue girls were encouraged to work the ball around and practice their hand passes by Coach Cyrille, the umpires were also asked to favour the Cats as they were not having as good a game as we were.





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The lightning girls did what was asked of them, after a few hand passes the ball landed in the hands of Indi for her to score a goal. A nice straight hand ball from Emily S landed in the hands of Indi for her to score again.



Emily P put a nice kick up from the mid field to Indi, Indi then passed to Emily S, Emily S then kicked one of the biggest kicks of the game straight down the centre of the middle sticks for her 3rd goal of the game. Indi finished the game off with her 5th goal of the game.

The girls all shook hands with the opposition and were congratulated by Coach Cyrille for a great game played in some tough conditions.





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Emily S took out the Coaches Award for her hard work today.

We look forward to playing the Lane Cove Cats again on their home turf at Blackman Park in what will be Lightning Blues first game under lights on Friday 23rd June for our round 10 bout.

Thanks to our Coach Cyrille for his leadership today, thanks also to our stand in Assistant Coach John Livy (Indi's Grandfather) for his help today with working the whiteboard and his best and fairest voting.

Thanks also goes out to Tim Smith for goal umpiring, Matt Carson for BBQ duties, Adam Smith for ground duties and Nikki Tod for Canteen duties.

A big thank you to everyone who braved the weather this morning!!

Offical Score DRAW

Northwest Lightning YG u10's Blue 0.0.0 vs Lane Cove Cats YG u10's 0.0.0

Goal scorers

Emily Staley 3.0.18

Olivia Fierens 1.1.7

Zahra Haidari 3.0.18

Emily Carson 4.3.27

Indiana Livy 5.1.31

Report by Collin Pace Team Manager