



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 5.8 (38) d FOREST LIONS 5.1 (31)
ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023
MIKE KENNY OVAL, CHERRYBROOK

You know it's an early start at Mike Kenny Oval when it's our footprints tracking across the early morning dew on the turf! But you can't fault the Lightning's enthusiasm for this round four matchup against the Forest Lions. Clearly everyone had been up early and downed a few weetbix and was ready for this game. Special mention to the Lions who had to make a super-early trek halfway across the city to visit us.



From the start this game was a closely fought contest between two closely matched teams. The Lions were strong and confident but it was the Lightning putting their fast, fit and ferocious mantra into operation. Speed was of the essence as quick work from the midfield delivered the ball forward and allowed the team to quickly capitalise.



With Coach Daniel having taken off the hand-passing handbrake, there were some great sequences of play. Well timed sharing of the ball meant keeping things moving and keeping plenty of opportunities up front. And down the back, when the Lions managed to find their way towards goal we piled on courageous defence, making it ever harder for the Lions to find their way towards the posts.

The Lions regrouped after half time and pushed their nose out in front, but the Lightning responded quickly and forcefully to regain control of the lead. At the final change, Coach Daniel reset the theoretical scoreboard to nil-all and challenged the team to win the quarter and win the game - and the team took it on. Determined defence, another late push up front and the Lightning were home for a tight but well-deserved win. Thanks to Forest for a great contest, and to the weather for holding off until the final siren!



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Goals: Luella, Emily B, Annabel (3)

Score:

Q1: NWL 1.1 (7) FOREST 0.0 (0)

Q2: NWL 3.3 (21) FOREST 2.1 (13)

Q3: NWL 4.6 (30) FOREST 4.1 (25)

FINAL: NWL 5.8 (38) d FOREST 5.1 (31)

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