



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 2.3 (15) vs PITTWATER TIGERS 3.2 (20)
ROUND 5 - SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023
NORTH NARRABEEN RESERVE

In the end there was less than a goal, and just a handful of minutes in it. Pittwater triumphed in this sunny Mother's Day clash at North Narrabeen Reserve. But the real story was a tale of two well-matched and capable sides putting on a fine display of U12s football.

Having been out of 12s contention for the past year, the Tigers were something of an unknown quantity for our Bolts. But it didn't take long for the surfsiders to bare their teeth. Pittwater were strong: a young team of 10s and 12s; confident in their natural Tigerland habitat. Efficient kicking and marking allowed the Tigers to put to rest any questions about whether their side was up to the challenge.

Our Lightning were well on their game. With supporters on the sidelines fuelled by Mothers Day cupcakes (thanks Jo Chalker), the Bolts were demonstrating everything they've been developing through the first four rounds of this season. Their wide-kicking, ball-chasing attack coupled with tackle-landing, wall-building defence was reflected on a scoreboard that showed the two sides going effectively point-for-point by half time – with the Lightning just a smidge in front.

So tight was the defence from both sides that just two scoring shots were recorded after the half time break. Both of them went the Tigers' way. The first, a minor score in the third quarter, wasn't enough to put Pittwater in front. But the second – unfortunately for the Lightning - was a major with just three minutes to go. And despite gutsy and gallant efforts, there just wasn't enough time for the Bolts to build the opportunities to peg those five points back.





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Tight results like these are always the tough ones. Reflecting on a game that could've gone either way will help build lessons for next time. We appreciate our hosts putting on a fine game of football – but we'll also look forward to an opportunity to even up the ledger later in the season.

Goals: Emily B, Grace C

Score:

Q1: Tigers 1.1 (7) v NWL 1.0 (6)

Q2: Tigers 2.1 (13) v NWL 2.3 (15)

Q3: Tigers 2.2 (14) v NWL 2.3 (15)

FINAL: Tigers 3.2 (20) v NWL 2.3 (15)

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