



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG U10's Blue (0) vs LEICHHARDT CYGNETS (0)
ROUND 3 - SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023
GLOVER ST SPORTING GROUND LILYFIELD**

In a thrilling game of Aussie Rules football the Northwest Lightning under 10's Blues took on the Leichhardt Cygnets under 10's.

The clouds parted ways for our match which started at 10am at the Cygnets home ground in Lilyfield. The Leichhardt Cygnets youth girls u10's is a very new team with a lot of very young and new players. The Cygnets turned up with 9 players and our Blues had 12. To help the Cygnets and to make the game enjoyable for all, the blues had 3 of our girls on rotation play for the cygnets so it was 12 Cygnets vs 9 NWL Blues on the field.



We started the game with Tia, Elise and Maddison in the forwards, Lucy, Sam and Olivia in the mids and Alex, Zahra and Sofia in the backs. While Emily S, Emily P and Indi played for the Cygnets in the first quarter

The 1st quarter started with a bang, as soon as the whistle blew and the ball was tossed in the centre ruck, Sam, Lucy and Olivia moved the ball around their opponents to get the ball to our forward line. Maddison's quick pass to Tia set her up for the 1st goal of the game.



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The ball was taken back to the centre only to see an almost exact repeat happen with Tia scoring her second goal within a matter of minutes.

Again, to centre ruck with the ball and it was moved through the mids back up to our forward line but this time it landed in the hands of Maddison who kicked it through the centre sticks for a goal.

Late in the first quarter the Cygnets succeeded in getting the ball to their scoring end. Our backs Alexandra, Zahra and Sofia were kept busy with the 3 blues vs 4 Cygnets battle to save the cygnets from scoring. The blues Emily P managed to score a behind for the Cygnets to get them on the board.





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2nd quarter we had Olivia, Samantha and Lucy in the forwards, Alex, Zahra and Sofia in the mids and Emily S, Indi and Emily P in the backs. Tia, Elise and Maddison headed over to the Leichhardt team to even the game out.

In this quarter we saw a lot of great ball skills from our girls. Sam and Indi both took marks in the early minutes of play. There were also numerous great tackles from Sofia and Zahra, Alex showcased some great kicks from the mid field, all which helped set up Olivia to make 2 behinds, take a mark and kick a goal.



3rd quarter we had Zahra, Alex and Sofia in the forwards, Indi, Emily S and Emily P in the mid field and Tia, Elise and Maddison in the backs with Olivia, Sam and Lucy playing for the Cygnets.

Straight out of the ruck after the whistle blew to start the 3rd quarter Emily P launched a kick straight to our forward line, some lovely hand passes helped set up Alexandra for a goal. This was followed by a behind from Sofia, Zahra kicked a goal, Sofia another behind, Sofia took a mark then kicked a goal. Zahra did the same taking a mark then kicked a goal, Indi took a mark, Sofia kicked a goal and Zahra kicked her third goal for the game.





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For the final quarter we had Emily P, Emily S and Indi in the forward line, Tia, Elise and Maddison in the Mid field and Olivia Sam and Lucy in the backs. Alexandra, Zahra and Sofia helped out the Cygnets.

Again we saw our girls move the ball around with some great hand passes and kicks, the 3 blues on 4 Cygnets player battles in each of the fields thirds tested our girls and their training on kicking the ball into space and working the ball through to each other really shone.



Emily Pace kicked her 1st goal for the game followed by a behind that almost knocked the goal post out of the ground. Indi took a mark and followed that with a behind, Emily P kicked another behind. Indi kicked another behind then a goal.



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Todays game was all about having fun, practicing our skills from training and promoting youth girls AFL, We look forward to playing the Leichhardt Cygnets again in round 8 at Mike Kenny Oval.

Thanks to our Coach Cyrille Fierens and Assistant Coach Mark Livy as well as our volunteers The Oliver Family for Goal umpiring and Tamara Haidari for Best and Fairest voting

Official Score

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING U10's BLUE 0.0.0 to LEICHHARDT CYGNETS U10's 0.0.0



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Goals and behinds

Olivia Fierens 1.2.8

Tia Kershaw 2.0.12

Sofia Fierens 2.2.14

Zahra Haidari 3.0.18

Maddison Oliver 1.0.6

Alexandra Tod 1.0.6

Emily Pace 1.3.9 (1 behind for Cygnets)

Indiana Livy 1.2.8

Tia Kershaw took out the coaches award for her first 2 goals of the game and her great plays of the ball.



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