



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs FOREST LIONS (0)
ROUND 3 - SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023
LIONEL WATTS OVAL

The forecast rain held off which was nice for both players and parents, as the NWL U10 Red girls took on Forest at Lionel Watts Oval. It was the first game this season the girls had played with 12 v 12 players, which was good to finally happen for the girls to experience having the maximum number of players on the field.

All of the girls did incredibly well on what was a very large and challenging field – simply getting the ball to move between zones at times was challenging, let alone to goal! There were a number of good marks, tackles, scrambling efforts and kicks across the game from all the girls.

Highlights from today included:

- Pippa playing her first game of AFL and it was fantastic to see her amongst it with the other girls.
- Borrowing Emily C from the Blue team for the day, which gave us some increased size and tackling power across the field – thanks Emily for coming to experience what it's like to be part of the Red team for a day!
- Alanna captaining the team and leading the girls well throughout the day.
- Perhaps not a highlight, but the girls dealt with the physicality of the game well – even those who sustained some bumps and bruises handled themselves incredibly well.
- The increased confidence in the ruck, which is something we worked on at training during the week – particularly Hazel & Georgia B.
- Ensuring that we stood on the mark (and right on the mark!) when Forest took a mark or were given a free kick – again something we worked on at training and Nathalie was all over this.
- Excellent positioning from Nya and Lucy standing that good kick behind play waiting for the ball to be kicked through, which it inevitably did.
- Really good support play and efforts to dispose of the ball when tackled from Elsie, Isabelle and Georgia G.
- Some excellent link up kicks and ball movement from Willow and Maddie.
- And finally Ash who took out our player of the match with some excellent breaks and running through the ground, good pick ups from ruck contests and pushing right up on to the zone boundaries pressuring the opposition – well done Ash!



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Score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with FOREST LIONS 0.0.0

Goals: Nya 2.0; Ash 1.0; Emily C 1.0; Alanna 0.1; Elsie 0.1; Willow 0.1

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Photos below.





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