



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs BALGOWLAH (0)
ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023
BALGOWLAH OVAL

It was a day when a trip towards the beaches, felt like a trip to the alps! The bitterly cold and wet weather made for tough conditions for the girls just to get out onto the field. Many of the girls complained about not being able to feel their hands or the ball stinging when they caught the ball. That said, the girls got on with it as they took on their toughest opponents yet in Balgowlah.

It was a game in which the defensive efforts shone, positioning on the field paid off and the girls took advantage of opportunities as they came.

Highlights from today included:

- Ash fronting up even though she didn't feel her best and valiantly getting through the first quarter before getting out of the cold to head home (I'm sure there were some other girls wishing they could go home then too!).
- Some great attacking efforts on goal by Georgia G, backed up with some fierce tackling.
- Superb running and clearing kicks from Willow throughout the game and finished off with some brilliant positioning in the midfield in the last quarter, helping us rebound the ball back into the forward zone.
- Strong breaking and clearing from the contest by Nya, following up with some great following of the ball.
- Excellent positioning behind the contest by Isabelle allowing her to pounce on the ball and opponents when it broke free.
- Some fantastic repeat efforts at the contest by Maddie both in attack and defence.
- A first class defensive game by Nathalie, showing that nothing gets past her in the defensive line. I lost count of how many tackles she made!
- The efforts made to dispose of the ball under pressure and whilst being tackled were very pleasing to watch from Alanna, Kira, Hazel and Georgia B.
- Lucy fulfilled her captaincy responsibilities exceptionally well.
- And finally, Pippa kept herself busy all game fighting for the ball and niggling the opposition ball carriers. She also closed out the game with 2 goals in the last quarter. A brilliant game for someone in only their 2nd game of football and taking out our Play of the Match!



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Score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with BALGOWLAH 0.0.0

Goals: Pippa 2.0; Georgia G 1.1; Maddie 1.1; Lucy 1.0

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Photos below.





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