

#### **MATCH REPORT**

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs WILLOUGHBY/MOSMAN SWANS (0) ROUND 6 - SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 ROFE PARK

Our NWL U10 Red girls took on Willoughby/Mosman on a sunny, but blustery morning at Rofe Park. The team was missing a few girls out with illness and injury, although we welcomed Vally into the team for the first time this year and also Josie to add to our numbers.

The girls were given 2 key messages to take into the game – to do their best to jump out of the blocks and make a good start and also to use their voices!

Well, they heeded the first of the messages as the girls got off to a flying start and kicking 6 goals in the opening quarter...all of them off the boot of Georgia G!

The focus then shifted to ensuring the girls could look to move the ball well and create options for teammates off the ball – something we will continue to work on along with greater levels of talk.

It was a game which saw plenty of running due to the width of the field they were playing on. Whilst the ball moved back and forth across the ground, our girls ensured that it was mostly played in the mids and our forwards from start to finish. The girls had no trouble getting the ball through the goals this week, kicking a combined 13 goals shared across 7 players.

So, the girls have now played all the teams in the competition with the exception of our NWL Blue friends and isn't that shaping up to be a highlight of the season in a few weeks time!

Some key highlights of the match though were:

- Isabelle, Nathalie & Georgia G happily playing a quarter each for Willoughby/Mosman thank you to these girls, as we know nobody likes to do this!
- Georgia G kicking 6 straight goals and taking out Player of the Match!
- Hazel enjoying leading the team as captain.
- Ash & Vally combining in the midfield, proving the be a force to be reckoned with.



- Some excellent defence right on the goal line from Nathalie, Kira, Willow & Hazel, with the
  girls working together brilliantly to not only stop the ball crossing the line for a behind (I
  would have been happy to concede the point!) and clear the ball back upfield.
- Nya reading the play beautifully and finding herself in the right position time after time.
- Elsie working hard in the forward line finding herself in a number of good positions and able to move the ball toward goal unlucky not to come away with any goals herself.
- Georgia B, Isabelle & Alanna loving getting themselves stuck into the contest. It's great to see these girls not afraid to get into the action at all. A few good clearing kicks from these girls too.
- Josie playing her first game for NWL, stepping up from the Auskick ranks and finding her way following the ball across the field.

Thank you again to all the parents and supporters who came out to watch and help in all the many and varied ways! Special thanks to Almitra for her photos below.

Official score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with WILLOUGHBY/MOSMAN SWANS 0.0.0

Goals: Georgia G 6.0.36; Nya 2.1.13; Nathalie 1.3.9; Vally 1.1.7; Ash 1.0.6; Willow 1.0.6; Alanna 1.0.6

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Photos below.





























































































































