



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs FOREST LIONS (0)
ROUND 8 - SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023
MIKE KENNY OVAL

Round 8 saw our u10 Red girls playing at Mike Kenny Oval for the first time this year against Forest Lions. It was another occasion which saw both of our u10 teams playing side-by-side against different opposition, now having happened at all 3 of our home grounds.

We had 2 late omissions from the team, as Pippa was struck down by illness and Hazel injured in a mishap before warm-up even got underway, which turned out to be a fractured wrist.

Thankfully, we had already made plans for Maddison, Sofia & Olivia to join the our team, from the Blues for the day and they all relished the opportunity to play with different teammates for the day. An agreement was also reached with Forest to play 14 v 14, to maximise the game time for all of the girls.

The weather during warm-up and the start of the game wasn't particularly kind as the rain fell. It didn't seem to phase our girls too much, as they came out incredibly strong kicking a number of goals in the opening half.

The Forest girls were always going to fight through until the end of the game and they did just that, putting a number of our girls under pressure in the 3rd and 4th quarter.

The standout highlight was being able to get our entire u10 squad (blue & red) together with our opponents Forest & Leichhardt for a post-match morning tea.

Some key highlights from the match though were:

- Georgia's barrel going right through the middle of the posts for an amazing goal.
- Nathalie's brilliant long range goal from not far into the forward zone.
- Georgia B just wanting to get into everything and get her hands on the ball all game, earning her a Player of the Match award. You didn't see too much of her, but that was because she was in all the scrappy stuff all game long.



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- Alanna playing an amazing game positionally and continuing to pluck marks as if she's got glue stuck to those hands, similarly earning a Player of the Match award.
- Perhaps not a highlight – but Maddison's attack on the ball and opponents, which also earned her a bleeding mouth early in the game.
- Ash bouncing up to get straight back into things and make amends when pinged for holding the ball – something that doesn't happen often to Ash.
- Elsie continuing to find herself in all the right places positionally and a couple of very well delivered kicks.
- Isabelle finding the courage to get in an tackle and compete with some of the strong Forest bodies.
- Olivia's footwork on a few occasions dragging her player to the left, only to quickly switch back right to get a good kick away.
- Sofia's run from the contest with the ball and tackling efforts were excellent.
- Lucy and Nya's second efforts looking for the next contest after the ball had moved on.
- Maddie's repeat efforts whilst the ball almost seemed locked in the forward zone both with her work getting the ball to goal and also defensively as Forest tried to work it out.
- And finally Willow captaining the team very well and leading with some excellent ball movement and off-ball positioning.

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

Official score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with FOREST LIONS 0.0.0

Goals: Georgia G 3.2.20; Ash 2.0.12; Willow 1.1.7; Nya 1.1.7; Nathalie 1.0.6; Maddie 0.1.1; Olivia 0.1.1; Sofia 0.1.1; Maddison 0.1.1; Alanna 0.1.1

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Photos below.



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