



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG U10's BLUE vs LEICHHARDT CYGNETS
ROUND 8 - SUNDAY 4th JUNE 2023
MIKE KENNY OVAL CHERRYBROOK

There were a few firsts today: our first home game at Mike Kenny Oval Cherrybrook, our first game in winter, our first time welcoming three under 8's Auskick girls to play with us Isabelle Wallin and Josephine and Maddie Limbrey and it was our first time running through the Northwest Lightning banner. But there were quite a few things that were not new to us, it was a grey, rainy wet morning, we got to play side by side with our U10's red team, and today we played the Leichhardt Cygnets for the second time this season.



The game started with Emily C, Emily P and Isabelle in our back line. Elise, Josie and Tia in the mid field and Maddie L, Zahra and Emily S in the forwards

We saw some great football throughout all zones of the field, the ball was worked through the midfield with Elise and Tia heading the competition with Josie following in for support. Our girls worked the ball to our forwards for Emily S to narrowly miss the centre sticks for a behind. The Cygnets worked the ball through the mids to their forward line where our backs Emily C and Emily P took to showing Izzy our U8's academy player how to tackle and defend our goal line. The girls got the ball back into the midfield, Alex who started off playing for the Cygnets jumped in to replace Maddie who needed to come off. Alex got hold of the ball and kicked long to make our forwards, Emily S got hold of the ball again to kick our first goal of the day.



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The second quarter started and the rain slowly eased, we had Lucy, Elise and Samantha in the forwards, Alex, Emily C and Izzy in the centre and Zahra and Emily S in the backs while Tia worked off a knee pain she suffered in the first quarter.



The second quarter was very similar to the first with a lot of ball movement around the field. The girls displayed a lot of techniques they have learnt in training such as turning back around when faced with defenders to create space for a kick or find team mates to hand ball to. They also did well with their short passing accurately finding players who were outside the contest to move the ball down the field.



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Sam took a mark in the forwards and Emily C took a mark in the midfield off a high kick and Sam kicked a goal for the Blues



After the half time break we started with Alexandra, Emily C and Isabelle in the forwards, Emily P, Emily S and Zahra in the mids and Samantha, Josie and Lucy in the backs.





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The whistle blew to start the 3rd quarter the ball was tossed in the ruck and Emily P made a tap which was picked up by Zahra and the ball made it through the mid field into the forwards for Alex to score a behind. The kick back in by the cygnets again made it back to the centre of field and into the opposition forward line, Sam worked tirelessly defending the goal line with the help of Lucy and Izzy. Sam kicked back into the mid field with Emily S marking it to take a kick forward, this mark earnt her a high 5 from coach Cyrille. Alex took hold of the Sherrin and kicked a goal.



The ball made its way back to the Cygnets forward line and our backs headed by Sam displayed awesome pressure holding off the Cygnets for so many plays. The cygnets eventually broke through to score a goal. The whistle blew to signal the end of the third quarter and the girls came in for a drink.





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Fourth quarter started with Emily P in the backs along with Josie and Alex. Izzy, Lucy and Emily C were in the mids and Tia, Sam and Elise in the forward line.

The ball spent a lot more time in our forward line in this last quarter. Sam and Tia both managed to score a behind each early in the fourth, Sam displayed some great hustling to fend off 2 Cygnets tackling her charging through to score a goal, Sam followed this up with 2 more behinds, then another goal.



There was then a held tackle in the goal square with a ruck held in which Sam tapped the ball in the ruck for it to go through the goals for a behind.

The ball was kicked in by the cygnets for Sam to get hold of it again and score another goal, her fourth for the game.



Out of the centre ruck Emily C got hold and placed a beautiful kick into the hands of Sam for a mark. Elise then got hold and she kicked a behind to finalise the game.



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The whistle blew for the end of the game and all the girls came to the middle to give 3 cheers for the other team and 3 cheers for the umpire.

We then met the NWL u10's Red team off the fields for the group to sing the team song together.

Two coaches awards were handed out today, Alexandra Tod and Samantha Campbell both received these awards today for their awesome work on the field.

Both teams then featured in a short video by AFL Sydney and then headed to the clubhouse for a sugar overload morning tea with our opposition teams the Leichhardt Cygnets and Forest Lions.



Thanks to our Coach Cyrille for all his hard work and the volunteers Tim Campbell on goal umpire, Farhad Haidari, Tim Smith and Robbie Kershaw on BBQ / canteen duties.

Photos by Farhad Haidari and Collin Pace



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OFFICAL SCORE :-

DRAW

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG U10'S BLUE 0.0.0

LEICHHARDT CYGNETS 0.0.0

GOALS AND BEHINDS

Samantha Campbell 4.4.28

Emily Staley 1.1.7

Alexandra Tod 1.1.7

Elise Smith 0.1.1

Tia Kershaw 0.1.1

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