

### NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

### MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING U14/3 3.9 (27) vs BALGOWLAH SUNS U14/3 5.6 (36) ROUND 10- SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023 BALGOWLAH OVAL

#### Summary of Game:

Round 10 was a late start on the Northern Beaches. Upon arrival we were told they were running even later than scheduled! By the time the game started it was nearly dinner time, but this didn't deter our Bolts from, once again, giving it their all on the field. It also meant great sunset photos (see below). Shout out to Jen (Sam's mum) for taking some great photos this season.

The scores were locked up at 7-7 at quarter time with both teams feeling out their opponents for what would turn out to be a very spirited game played. Strong clearance work from Ava, Agnes, Scarlett, and a booming boot from Georgia set the stage for good forward momentum.

The Lightning put the pressure on the Suns in the second quarter, with the ball being in their forward 50 for most of the quarter. The Lightning had more shots on goal in the second quarter but were unlucky that a couple more didn't fly straighter. Sam, Amali, Zahra, and Sama up front again showed great skill. Having Sama back after an injury layoff provided a spark to the team. We also welcomed Savannah back after some time away. She always provides a positive influence and play on the team.

More of the same quality play from both teams in the third and fourth quarters. Lots of forward pressure and defensive stops. Olivia and Angela provided good support through the middle of the ground. There was good teamwork and lots of good ball movement. The tough back line of Alyssa, Rachael and Georgia W were stout and tough all game.

The Suns scored an early goal in the fourth quarter which briefly took the wind out of the sail of the Lightning. However, the team rallied and showed great resilience by moving the ball into the forward 50 for more shots on goal. A victory was not on the cards today, but the team's positivity and ball movement will surely lead to a victory or two in the back end of the season.

Score Northwest Lightning U14/3: 3.9.27

Balgowlah Suns U14/3: 5.6.36

Goals: Sam, Sama, and Amali

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