



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs LEICHHARDT CYGNETS (0)
ROUND 7 - SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023
GLOVER STREET OVAL

Our NWL U10 Red girls travelled to the inner west to take on Leichhardt Cygnets for the second time this year at their home ground. It was great conditions for football on a lovely, sunny, autumn day.

It was extremely pleasing to come up against a Leichhardt team which had grown in numbers since playing them in Round 1, and they were able to field a full team of 12 girls.

Within our girls squad, we had juggled some of our players with a few of our regular Red players bolstering our Blue friends in their game against Forest. This gave opportunity for some in our Auskick ranks to join us, including Izzy W for her first game of junior football! We also managed to sneak young Maddie L onto the field for a quarter, making quite possibly a first in a Lightning team, with 3 girls from the same family playing together!

The instructions for the girls for the game were to focus on passing the ball between each other to move it down field when in possession, rather than look for the long options or going straight for goal. Overall, the girls did quite well with this task. Admittedly, it was quite the challenge as our girls have become quite used to a style of football where they have been able to move the ball downfield quite well and efficiently.

Some key highlights of the match though were:

- Having 8 individual goal kickers!! So great to have such a spread of goal kickers this week!
- Pippa loving her time captaining the team and did a great job!
- A number of girls, including Kira and Alanna enjoying the extra space to run away from the contest and get a kick away.
- Georgia B with her scrambling efforts at the contest.
- Elsie positioning herself brilliantly during her time in the forward line. Whilst unlucky not to get a few possessions or come away with a goal, I could sense it was only a matter of time. This sort of positioning work, where the girls aren't just running in at the ball is exactly what we are looking at developing with the girls.



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- Georgia G again with a sole focus of kicking goals and coming away with 4 goals for her efforts and an equal number of behinds.
- Isabelle kicking her first goal!
- Lucy, Nathalie & Maddie D having a strong presence in and around the ruck contests.
- Izzy W and Maddie L getting their first taste of girls junior footy and Josie getting her first touch of the football despite having a short run last week.
- Hazel making a real presence on the field this week with some great ball taps in the ruck, excellent positioning work and tackling efforts and kicking her first goal of the season (and backing it up with a second) to claim our Player of the Match.

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 again to Almitra for her fantastic photos below.

Official score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with LEICHHARDT CYGNETS 0.0.0

Goals: Georgia G 4.4.28; Lucy 3.0.18; Hazel 2.1.13; Pippa 1.2.8; Isabelle 1.1.7; Nathalie 1.1.7; Maddie D 1.0.6; Alanna 1.0.6; Kira 0.3.3

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Photos below.



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