



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG u10's BLUE vs WILLOUGHBY / MOSMAN SWANS
ROUND 12 - SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023
GORE HILL OVAL**

Winter mornings do not get any better than this, clear, crisp blue skies and round 12 of AFL.

This was our last away game for the season. We played the Willoughby / Mosman Swans at Gore Hill oval St Leonards.

We had an extra-large team today, our numbers were bolstered with 4 players from our Red team. We welcomed Nya and Willow Nicolson, Lucy Herweryer and Georgia Gryst to the Blue team today.

We had 17 players, the Swans had 12. We agreed to give 1 player each quarter to the swans to play 13 on the field, 5 in the centre and 4 in the forwards and the backs.

Gore Hill oval is a beautiful synthetic turf field, there were plenty of other matches and auskick events playing on the field and because of this our field was a little smaller than what we are used to. Our match started 9am sharp.

We started with Zahra, Lucy S, Elise and Georgia in the forwards. Indi, Nya, Olivia and Emily P in the centre and Sofia, Willow, Sam and Alex in the backs. Eliza, Lucy H, Emily S and Tia were on the bench for the 1st quarter. Emily C subbed to the Swans.

After the whistle blew the ball quickly made its way through the mid field and to our forward line. Georgia was relentless in kicking at goal. Georgia kicked 2 goals and 3 behinds in the 1st quarter.

Emily C and the Swans back line had their work cut out for them in the 1st qtr , fending off Georgia's goal attack. Our back line was very quiet in this quarter as all the action was concentrated to the mids and forwards.

At the end of the first quarter, we moved the goal posts and zone markers out to make our field as big as we could in the space we had.

2nd quarter we had Olivia, Nya, Emily P and Indi in the in forward line, Sofia, Willow, Elise, Sam and Alex in the mids, and Eliza, Lucy H Emily S and Tia in the backs.

Georgia played for the Swans this quarter and Zahra, Lucy S and Emily C were on the bench.

The play was very much evened out across the field, the Swans scoring 3 goals in this quarter to the NWL Blue teams 4 goals, this kept the whole team on their toes.



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Nya in this quarter kicked 2 goals, one of which was a super impressive kick from tight in the pocket.

Indi also kicked 2 goals this quarter. Indi carefully positioned herself on the field to be only a kick away, in doing this it meant she had a lot of time with the ball.

Sam worked very hard in the mids successfully smothering kicks from the opposition to help our Blue team regain possession.

Sofia also worked hard capitalising on loose balls in and around the ruck. Sofia's speed when down low was very hard for the Swans to tame.

At half time, the girls huddled around, had a drink and some oranges whilst listening to Captain Sofia speak about things that the team was doing well and some things they could improve on.

In the 3rd quarter, Sofia took 2 points from 2 behinds before nailing a goal and Willow scored a goal for us also. Sam grabbed a point for a behind in this quarter as well. Eliza made a couple great tackles and our back line was kept busy trying to subdue the Swans attempts at goal.

The 4th quarter we had Eliza, Indi, Emily S and Elise in the forwards, Sofia, Georgia, Zahra, Emily C and Lucy S in the centre and Lucy H, Olivia, Tia and Nya in the back line. Emily P played for the Swans and Willow, Sam and Alex took their turn on the bench.

In this fourth and final quarter, Coach Cyrille asked our forward line to help Elise score a goal, Elise did everything right, she was in the right place at the right time but unfortunately the Swans kept smothering her attack when she attempted a kick. Elise was super impressive in her tackling in this quarter and throughout the game.

Eliza and Emily S both scored goals this quarter. The team throughout this game displayed fantastic field position, Emily S was noted in this 4th quarter for doing so and as a result she ended up with a lot of ball time.

There were a number of marks taken today as well.

Nya took 2 marks, Olivia and Georgia took a mark each and Indi took an impressive 5 marks during the game.



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Elise Smith took out player of the week this week for her efforts throughout the game.



Thank you to our volunteers Geraldine Carson as Goal umpire and Nikki Tod for Best and Fairest voting.

Also thank you to our coaches Cyrille and Mark.

We look forward to round 13 next Sunday at our home ground Ern Holmes oval versing Forest Lions.

Official score:- DRAW

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG U10'S BLUE 0.0.0

WILLOUGHBY / MOSMAN SWANS 0.0.0



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Goals

Nya Nicolson 2.0.12

Emily Staley 1.0.6

Samantha Campbell 0.1.1

Eliza Noble 1.0.6

Sofia Fierens 2.1.13

Georgia Gryst 2.3.15

Willow Nicholson 1.0.6

Indiana Livy 2.0.12

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