



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 (60) d ST IVES NAVY (0)
ROUND 12 – FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023
ACRON OVAL, ST IVES

A first Friday night outing for the YG12s promised a new under-lights footy experience for most of our team - and, it must be said, the team manager as well! Acron Oval was a bit chilly on the sidelines, but what the temperature lacked in heft was more than offset by the enthusiasm of 16 ready-to-play Bolts and one under-the-weather but ready-to-cheer teammate!

The Bolts stepped out quickly from the siren to seize control. Great collaboration and coordination shared the scoring opportunities around and a convincing lead was on the board by quarter time.

St Ives Navy put their defensive house in order after the first break. They regrouped; beefed up their strength in the centre contest and locked down the scoring opportunities through to half time despite plenty of up-forward time by the Lightning. (Note also that the Lightning's defence remained in strong form too!)



Coach Daniel reinforced the three-Fs at half time and the Bolts were away again after the long break. With a St Ives team sharing a few players from their White team, there were opportunities for the Lightning to probe the St Ives squad and put themselves to the measure. The strong position on the scoreboard allowed some flexibility on the where and how players played - and an opportunity to mix things up. That shared around some scoring opportunities right through to the final

siren - with just seconds denying the Bolts one final chance on the siren.

The strong win means the Bolts are in a good position as we near the end of the home-and-away season. That means it's looking near-to-certain that the Lightning have earned themselves a finals berth, although it won't be until we reach the end of Round 15 that it's officially confirmed.



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Keep your diaries clear, Lightning supporters - these Bolts are setting themselves up for an exciting finish to Season 2023!

Goals: Annabel 3, Gemma 2, Sophie K 2, Jaimee 2, Abi, Browney, Luella

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