



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs LEICHHARDT CYGNETS(0)
ROUND 12 - SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023
ROFE PARK**

Round 12 presented a beautiful sunny, winter day for football at Rofe Park as the U10 Red girls faced off against Leichhardt for the third time this season.

It was a particularly special occasion, as we saw the future of girls football at the club on display with 6 girls from the Auskick ranks of our alliance clubs playing in the side for the first time! Whilst there may have been some nerves with some of these girls, it didn't take long for these girls to get stuck in and have a red-hot go along with the older girls! Maddy, Indi, Juliet, Julliette & Margot (along with Josie who has actually played a few other games), should be really proud of how they played their first game of junior football!

For the older girls, this game presented a different opportunity – one where these girls were to show some leadership having the younger girls in the team, show them how it is done & make sure that these girls were included. These girls did exactly that and likewise should be incredibly proud of how they went about this during the game.

Thank you to all the girls who also played a quarter for Leichhardt to even out numbers without fuss and played as you normally would – we know that no one really likes doing this and that it is a bit strange playing against your own teammates.

Some highlights of the game were:

- Nathalie, Maddie & Ash – as appointed captain and zone leaders for this game, did exceptionally well with their primary task of making sure the younger girls knew what they were doing & were included.
- Isabelle – a tough game for Isabelle, coping a ball to the face, bravely coming back on playing a fantastic game with some excellent tackles. Well deserving of Player of the Match!
- Kira – played an excellent well-rounded game. Continues to fly under the radar as a solid performer week in, week out! Played exceptionally well during the quarter she played for Leichhardt too – wouldn't be surprised if she scores B & F votes for them!
- Elsie – the goals keep coming for Elsie! Continuing to look more and more at home in the forward line.
- Pippa – doesn't she love getting stuck into the contest and trying to get her hands on the ball?! Fantastic to watch her go about this followed by her quick breaks from the contest.



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- Georgia B – put up a great fight in defence when matched up against Alanna in the 3rd quarter when playing for Leichhardt. So good to see her always giving it her all and doing it with a smile on her face too!
- Alanna – another player who quietly keeps on improving week to week. It was her second efforts which impressed this week, playing a very sound game.
- Josie – continues to build in confidence on the football field and finding herself well positioned after now playing a handful of games across the season.
- Margot – the umpire's favourite today who made point of telling her that she put a smile on his face with the way she played today! An excellent first game with plenty of touches of the football!
- Indi – didn't look phased playing her first game out and looked very comfortable tracking the ball in the midfield!
- Maddy – had the toughest job of everyone today in her first game, being the only one not to really know any of the other girls! Found her way through the game and came away with a few possessions and kicks.
- Juliet – you wouldn't have known that it was her first game come the second half of the match. Some excellent possessions, breaks from contest and kicks down field. Wasn't phased being tackled. And I think a bit stiff being called for running too far with the ball (it was a great run)!
- Julliette – a goal in your first game! Can't ask for much more than that! A great first game!

Official score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with LEICHHARDT CYGNETS 0.0.0

Goals: Nathalie 2.2.14; Ash 2.2.14; Pippa 2.0.12; Maddie 1.1.7; Elsie 1.0.6; Juliette 1.0.6

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Photos below.



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