



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING RED (0) vs NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 BLUE (0)
ROUND 14 - SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023
MIKE KENNY OVAL, CHERRYBROOK

Round 14 saw our Red girls come together with our friends and the other half of the U10 squad, in the Blue team. There wasn't as much hype around this game as the previous occasion earlier in the season. Both teams were missing a few players, including a couple of late outs for our Red team with Lucy fracturing her arm and Pippa out sick. There were also some quiet concerns within the coaching ranks as to how we could possibly create a situation like the first derby which resulted in a draw – the reality being we all knew that that was unlikely to occur again!

The day started with both teams warming up together and coming together to run through a combined banner displaying the names of all the girls in the 2 teams.

The girls from both teams were set a new challenge today, further preparing them for U11s football next year, with no coaches on the field meaning that the girls would have to increase the communication between each other, work out for themselves who was going to take which roles and position themselves accordingly and probably most challenging of the lot staying focussed when the ball wasn't near them to be ready for when it does eventually come. Both teams actually did incredibly well with this, so much so I think they have seen the last of me on the field with them during the game! Besides, I actually thought I could see what was going on across the field much better from the sideline!

The game was played with an intensity that we knew that it would, with players from both teams going hard for the ball, even though it resulted in a few bumps and bruises to players from both teams. The ball moved from end to end across the game and proved an excellent game to watch.

Some player highlights of the game were:

- Nya – played an excellent 4 quarter game. Positioned excellently in the midfield and backline picking up numerous possessions and then teamed up wonderfully with Willow in the 4th quarter in the forward line to kick 2 goals.
- Willow – similarly played a very strong game. I think it helps that I have worked out that you can't play the 2 twins in the same midfield or backline as they both want to play an identical role and get in each others way!
- Kira – her ability to kick and kick long on the run without breaking stride is a real asset to her game and was great to see on multiple occasions during the game.



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- Georgia B – wasn't phased by trying to take on some of the tall, strong girls on the Blue team including the likes of Emily C. Great to see and obviously no fear!
- Isabelle – tackling superstar against the Blues. Another who isn't afraid to get in there and give it a go!
- Nathalie – excellent use of her height in the ruck and contested play.
- Elsie – a brilliant run down in space down the wing with a fantastic clearing kick. Looked very comfortable in the midfield today.
- Georgia G – a tough day out with a finger in the eye and an ankle injury. Great job getting back out there. Was actually so good seeing her run backwards at times to give herself space and better options to move the ball forward – a concept that very few at this age group work out and manage to execute under pressure on game day.
- Alanna – a very solid game regularly finding herself either with hands on the football or near the contest. Did exceptionally well positioning off the ball in anticipation of it coming towards her.
- Ash – played a very strong game although what impressed was her efforts to take marks under the high ball with other players around.
- Hazel – just great having her back out there and getting among things after a lengthy break following her fractured wrist.
- Maddie – the second efforts of this girl were incredible in the midfield. The running, tackling, follow-up and more made for a great game played.
- Vally – credit should be given for playing the tough role of playing in both teams during the game.

Official score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with NWL Blue 0.0.0

Goals: Nya 2.0.12; Ash 1.4.10; Georgia G 1.1.7; Vally 1.0.6; Kira 0.1.7

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Photos below.



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