



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 11 Div 2 (Blue) (2.3.15) vs FOREST LIONS (11.4.70)

ROUND 2 - SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

LIONEL WATTS OVAL, FRENCHS FOREST

A very warm day greeted us at Lionel Watts Oval over in Frenchs Forest for our first game after a washed out Round 1. The Forest Lions are always a tough team to play and were again this year, with the Lightning girls overcoming a slow start, a couple of late outs and more feeling under the weather, to put together a number of well-executed possessions and were a bit unlucky later in the game not to score several more earned goals.

Highlights:

- Sofia had a very impactful game in all four quarters, laying tackles and following up by winning the ball and sending it forward for the team to run on to.
- Anika showed an admirable attack on the ball and tried her best to repel repeated Lions' forward movements.
- Olivia F's kicking game was on song today, especially some very good kicks out of defense to release pressure.
- Eliza put together some great forward pressure, resulting in a deserved goal.
- Zahra put forward an early claim on Mark of the Year, pulling an intercept mark straight out of midair. She also laid a lot of effective tackles stopping Lions players running forward.
- Alex made some tough efforts to win the ball, especially for some promising forward movements.
- Winning the ball on the ground, Valentina was dangerous around the edges of the contest.
- Arielle tried hard and kept running even under tough conditions including several outnumbered efforts.



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- Making an impact at both ends of the ground, Pippa prevented goals with a successful goal line tackle and several other defensive efforts while also had a number of good clearances in the forward line to get the ball forward for scoring opportunities.
- Lucy pushed up into the middle and was able to win the ball and then kick it to our forwards' advantage.
- Hazel was a very consistent marker and provided a useful link when transitioning the ball from the backline.
- Tia laid several tough tackles including one on the goal line to stop a Lions forward.
- Elsie worked hard today, spending time in the ruck, frequently getting her hands to the ball and taking a couple of great marks under pressure.
- Kira was very busy through the midfield, getting her hands to contested balls and laying tackles preventing Lions players from moving.

Score:

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Goals:

Sofia F 1.2; Eliza 1.0; Pippa 0.1

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