



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 11 Div 2 (Blue) (2.2.14) vs GLEBE
GREYHOUNDS (10.8.68)

ROUND 3 - SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

JUBILEE OVAL, GLEBE

An early morning start saw us showing up at the picturesque Jubilee Oval to take on the Glebe Greyhounds – one of the new teams the girls didn't play last year, though some had had a preseason game against them. They were a big and strong team, a challenge for the girls but this time after some initial struggles and a slow start the team pulled together and it was a lot more competitive with an impressive resilience shown tackling the bigger girls. If not for unlucky siren timing we could have had a few more goals – and especially unlucky in the last with Aurora, Imogen and Flossy building up a fantastic play resulting in Aurora running into an open goal but coming up about two seconds short.

Highlights:

- Olivia F brought some very smart play, with solid ruckwork and plenty of hustle getting back in defence to stop several Glebe forward movements.
- Eliza had tough and strong hands today, including a clean mark to help transition out of defence.
- Zahra provided great pressure, and moved the ball forward effectively consistently in tough situations.
- Flossy played a disciplined team role, keeping the team's structure well and supporting her teammates.
- Georgia B pressured Glebe players around the contest with key tackles winning at least one free kick.
- Olivia B was provided good organisation and rebounding from defence when down back.
- Sofia and Isabelle had a great first half in defence, working together providing communication with and helping their teammates as well as tackling and



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winning the ball. Sofia continued her ball winning impact in the fourth quarter while Isabelle moved forward and provided good structure up there.

- Valentina was strong over the ball against the bigger bodies but unfortunately a leg injury when tackled brought an early end to her game – it sounds like she's feeling better now, thankfully!
- Hazel worked up and down the field to make great use of space on the field to provide her teammates a disposal option.
- Pippa was a dynamic goal scoring threat this week, forcing the ball forward and then impacting the next contest time and again, and doubling down with some strong tackling against much bigger opponents – kicking two goals on the run was a great reward for her hard work.
- Tia showed a strong ability to lock the ball in when she gets her hands on the opposition, and she was able to clear the ball well when the ball bounced her way.
- Elsie was consistent in the ruck again despite the rising sun making life difficult at throw ups, and provided second efforts to win the ball off the ground and clearing it to a teammate.
- Imogen initially had some bad luck with the bounce of the ball in defence but after she got her eye in she saved at least three goals by getting a hand to the ball from a Glebe shot on goal. She was a well deserved Player of the Week.
- Aurora was good winning the ball off the ground and provided enthusiastic tackling, including being on the end of some great movement that almost resulted in a goal in the last quarter but was pipped by the siren.
- Alex was a key tackler this week, successfully catching players holding the ball as well as clever hands disrupting Glebe's ball movement.
- Arielle provided some great support from the sidelines and was an inspiration to her teammates.

Score:

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Goals:

Pippa 2.0; Sofia 0.1; Zahra 0.1



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