

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

LIGHTNING YG15/3 4.5 (29) vs CANADA BAY CANNONS YG 15/3 1.2 (08) ROUND 3- SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 ST LUKE'S PARK, CONCORD

In a highly anticipated Round 3 match, vs Canada Bay Cannons, was marked by the effects of a weeklong break on fitness and scorching heat, the Lightning took to the field with determination and grit. From the outset, it was evident that the Bolts were fully aware of the challenge ahead, ready to leave everything on the field.

Despite the week off affecting their fitness, the girls highlighted their cohesion and commitment as they surged ahead early on, establishing a three-goal lead in the first quarter. What followed was a game that truly tested their mettle, with each quarter becoming increasingly tight and fiercely contested.

Throughout the match, defensive pressure was on full display, with players exhibiting remarkable tenacity in their tackling and defensive efforts. One standout moment came courtesy of Georgia Wilk, whose courageous confrontation with a rampaging Cannon, after a series of blistering bounces, earned her one of the plays of the day.

Alyssa emerged as a defensive stalwart, delivering a series of crucial tackles and shepherds, including a pivotal intervention in the last quarter that resulted in a crucial free kick for the team. Meanwhile, Sasha, in her debut game and first stint in the ruck, impressed with her tenacity and adaptability, contributing significantly to the team's performance.

Lexie, in only her second-ever game, displayed her potential with a solid performance, capped off by a well-deserved goal. Harper's impact was felt with her clinical finishing, notching up two goals and demonstrating her skill in both attack and defense.

Emma's contribution was also noteworthy, as she scored a goal, adding to the team's tally. Abbey, displaying determination and skill, battled tirelessly throughout the game, delivering several precision kicks to set up scoring opportunities for her teammates.

In the end, it was a collective effort marked by resilience, teamwork, and unwavering determination that saw the girls' football team emerge victorious. As they celebrate this hard-fought win, they look ahead with confidence, knowing that they have what it takes to overcome any challenge that comes their way on the football field.

Score Northwest Lightning YGU15/3: 4.5.29

Canada Bay Cannons YGU15/3: 1.2.8

Goals: Harper (2), Emma, Lexie.

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