



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 11 Div 2 (Blue) (0.0.0) vs ST IVES
SAINTS (13.8.86)

ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 05 MAY 2024

ERN HOLMES OVAL, PENNANT HILLS

Finally – our first home game! After Round 1 was washed out, we'd been checking out Greater Sydney but returned home to Ern Holmes Oval on a day that featured predictions of apocalyptic amounts of rain absolutely none of which eventuated in a very pleasant surprise. This week we were facing the top of the table St Ives Saints in a tough game against some very talented players.

And a big big thanks to the U15 Div 3 girls who came down to help out as water carriers! It was much appreciated, and great to see the camaraderie with our Div 2 girls.

Highlights:

- Imogen is really showing an ability to get her hands on the ball in space with good vision.
- Eliza had a very good game, making a significant impact in contests with both tackling and forcing the ball out to her teammates.
- Flossy played in the last line of defence, shutting down her opponent and putting pressure on St Ives players running forward.
- Anika was a willing tackler against the big bodies of St Ives.
- Sofia was very reliable, backing herself with consistent ball winning everywhere in the ground.
- Pippa rose to the challenge with her movement of the ball forward but also committing to tackling successfully even without the ball.
- When the ball came Aurora's way she was always ready to grab it and push forward.



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- Alex was a machine in defence, with plenty of intercept marks, ball winning, and kicking it back up the field.
- Kira was really dangerous in space, reading the ball, winning it and rebounding it to the Lightning's advantage.
- Olivia F forced St Ives to account for her defensive efforts, with clever positioning ahead of the ball leading to a number of interceptions.
- Olivia B was a very dependable performer in the midfield and across the ground today with her ability to get her hands to the ball.
- Valentina rebounded excellently from her hurt leg last week, taking out Player of the Week by having a consistent impact this round, with smart positioning seeing her collecting the ball repeatedly.
- When Hazel goes for the ball, she won it and passed it off to teammates to rebound well.
- Tia did well with her positioning, setting up well but was a bit unlucky with where the ball headed.
- Isabelle played successfully in a link up role between the midfield and the forward line, getting a number of balls into the forward for teammates to collect.
- Elsie got in some clever spoils and was not outmarked, holding the ball up to allow other Lightning players to get to the contest to help.
- Nathalie was a wall in defence as always but also pushed up into the middle and the ruck, with some great taps to her teammates.
- Anna had a great first quarter but was incredibly unlucky to get her hand stood on and had to come off.

Score:

NWL Div 2 (Blue) 0.0.0 dft by St Ives Saints 13.8.86

Goals:

Report by Donald Shepherd.



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