



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG13/2 7.8(50) vs PITTWATER TIGERS 0.0(0)
ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024
ROFE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

Rain? Bah! Mud? Pfft. Mere trifles for our YG13/2s for this home ground outing at Rofo Park.

OK... so just as the opening siren went the rain clouds did threaten and it looked for all money that Rofo Park was in for a drenching. But those leaden skies held fire and our Bolts took advantage of damp but not dismal situation to execute a formidable game of football.

It was a start that had the Lightning quick on the board, great examples of the team working together, building defensive lines and taking advantage to get on the board. Pittwater were no slouches themselves, but the Lightning's unified defence kept their opportunities limited and play very much in the Bolts' forward half.

After the first break, Pittwater reset and responded with a defensive pile-on. Scoring opportunities became harder to find as Lightning players discovered that they could barely take a step without a yellow-and-black shadow.



After half time, the Lightning were determined to overcome and found ways to get back to the board, with some impressive kicking and marking with players working together to keep the ball moving and using the full dimensions of the ground to put together momentum.

By the final quarter, the Bolts' advantage in having had a couple of extras on the bench throughout really started to pay dividends. Some quick interchanges, some moving of the chess pieces, and a relentless determination saw the scoring opportunities shared and the result well beyond doubt.

It wasn't the warmest of days but having an on-field water supply thanks to Amia T from the YG17s was much appreciated – and we're pleased that Annie, Evie



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and Shiori could reciprocate later in the day. Thanks also to the Pittwater Tigers for their competitive spirit - we'll look forward to another encounter later in the season.

Progressive score

Q1 NWL 2.1 (13) v 0.0 (0)

Q2 NWL 2.6 (18) v 0.0 (0)

Q3 NWL 3.8 (26) v 0.0 (0)

FINAL NWL 7.8 (50) v 0.0 (0)

Goals: Gemma, Louise, Grace, Harper, Annie M, Alex, Sarah J

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