

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG15/3 2.4 (16) vs St Ives 3.0 (18) ROUND 4- SUNDAY 5th May 2024 MIKE KENNY OVAL

Round 4 was against a St Ives side with many new faces in their team from previous weeks. Thankfully the rain held out long enough, and the game played out in relatively dry conditions.

St Ives jumped out of the blocks early with the first goal of the game. Lightning equalised in the second quarter, with Lexie kicking a nice goal from a set shot. From there it was tough end to end football with some great plays across the quarters.

Amali played well across the wing and mids, along with Lucy who had her best game this year, on ball and around the ground, in and under packs all day. Lucy missed out on her first goal of the year, beautifully intercepted on the line by Gabby who marked it and kicked truly.

Caitlyn Wise was put on one of St Ives better players who drove a lot of their attack early on, however was slowed when Caitlyn tagged her for the second half.

Sama made an impact in her season debut (after her week playing 15YG CHS School footy in Albury). Emma and Harper continued on their good form from last weeks game, with some nice plays.

Despite a leg injury, Abbey battled in the ruck against strong opposition, rotating with Agnes who also battled hard all day. Shout out to the girls who defended all day, Zayna, Alyssa, and Keira, pushing back many surges.

The play of the day went to Claire who showed determination to never give up and chased down a St Ives player who had a couple of bounces and was well on her way to setting up another goal.

Despite being in front from the middle of the second quarter, Lightning just needed that one goal to seal the win. St Ives kicked 2 late goals to take the lead with 1 minute to go. Lightning going down by 2 points 18 to 16.

The girls knew they had played footy this weekend, and are determined to turn this result around on the return match.

Score Northwest Lightning YGU15/3: 2.4.16

St Ives YGU15/3: 3.0.18

Goals: Lexie, Gabby

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