



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 13/2 (1.3.9) vs BAULKHAM HILLS (6.9.45)
ROUND 5 - SUNDAY 12 May 2024
CHARLES MCLAUGHLIN OVAL, BAULKHAM HILLS

Summary of Game

The Lightning 13/2's travelled across the Hills District, to take on neighbours the Baulkham Hills Hawks. Strong preseason opponents and last season's Western Sydney Premiers.

The Hawks were fast out of the blocks on their home deck and caught the Lightning on the back foot after we failed to take a few early chances. With some rushed clearances coming straight back at us, we found ourselves behind considerably at the end of the 1st quarter.

The majority of the second quarter was similar to the first, where lots of Lightning turnovers saw the game played heavily in the Hawks half. But sometimes it only takes a kick, a run, a tackle or to stand your ground for the game to turn. We did the latter just before the break.

Our Bolts are continuing to find their rhythm and learn the game style for 2024 and sometimes when you get challenged, it's hard to trust yourselves enough to stick to what you're trying. At half time we reaffirmed who we were, centred ourselves and implored each other to get back to being us and smashed a container of oranges.

The 3rd quarter belonged to the Lightning as we took it forward with strength and will. Locking it in with our wall, marshalled by our midfield and getting results. The 3rd quarter belonged to us, and the real Lightning had arrived.

The 4th quarter was a closely fought contest with our hosts claiming the upper hand and the win.

I'm really pleased with how the team responded and recognised where they can be better personally and as a collective.

What did we learn from today? Probably, our biggest lessons so far.

GO LIGHTNING!





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(Photos can be attached)

