



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 11 Div 2 (Blue) (0.0.0) vs
WILLOUGHBY/MOSMAN SWANS (9.7.61)
ROUND 6 - SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024
MIKE KENNY OVAL, CHERRYBROOK

This week found the Willoughby/Mosman Swans travelling to visit us at Cherrybrook, kicked off by a Welcome to Country for Sir Doug Nicholls round by a local family. On a coolish but sunny day it was about as good as it gets for football (save for some early cutting wind).

The Swans proved strong and organised competition but the Div 2 girls fought it out with a lot of really promising performances that unfortunately didn't hit the scoreboard despite the ball spending a fair bit of time in our forward line in several of the quarters. The defensive pressure was really strong, and seeing several girls teaming up to take down some of the taller Swans girls was a common sight.

Highlights:

- Aurora had a number of effective efforts, winning the ball off the ground and getting it to teammates in better positions.
- Imogen continues her good efforts, working hard with a couple of tackles and attacks on the ball.
- Isabelle put in a heap of work in defence and midfield, rucking against and tackling the much taller Willoughby/Mosman girls with several good ball winning efforts.
- Anika shone up forward and came very close to having a couple of goals.
- Olivia F put in some smart and effective defensive work, intercepting plenty of opposition forward movements and rebounding up the middle.
- Eliza was her usual consistent self, with confident contested work to grab disputed balls and also got her hand to spoil several Willoughby/Mosman shots on goal.



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- Zahra was dynamic around the contest, forcing the ball forward when she had it and laying some very solid tackles when without it.
- Sofia played to her usual very high standards, winning the ball and providing the Lightning with an advantage in the contest, until an unfortunate bumped eye forced her to the bench.
- Flossy put together some great midfield pressure around the ball and a couple of courageous ruck contests.
- Pippa played some very resilient and dogged football, winning the ball and powering through opposing players over and over again.
- Alex read the ball well and intercepted and disrupted Willoughby/Mosman whenever they tried to move the ball forward through her space.
- Olivia B was a real force around the contest, winning maybe half a dozen free kicks with her tackling and pressure. She made everything stick this week!
- Mikaela started the game with a bang, making an impact time and again when she either got the ball or an opponent got in arms reach.
- Hazel won a well-deserved Player of the Week award for her great marking skills on the wings and enthusiastic ball work when close-in.
- Tia demonstrated strong hands over the ball against some very competitive opposition.
- Elsie had some smart forward work, getting to the drop of the ball regularly to provide a contest.
- Nathalie worked incredibly hard up and down the ground, through ruck contests and following up with some tough tackles.

Score:

NWL Div 2 (Blue) 0.0.0 dft by Willoughby/Mosman Swans 9.7.61

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