

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING UNDER 9'S vs ST IVES ROUND 6 - SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024 ACRON OVAL, ST IVES

Summary of Game

In a thrilling display of teamwork and determination, the girls delivered an outstanding performance today. Their cohesive effort was great to watch. Some highlights of the game were:

- Indi: Capitalised on clear passages of play, scoring a spectacular goal in the first quarter and, despite narrowly missing a goal in the last quarter, quickly rebounded to score in the dying minutes.
- Hannah: Demonstrated exceptional all-round skills with tenacious defence and impressive passage plays. Her relentless pursuit of the ball was a standout, ensuring possession through sheer determination. Earned a free kick due to a high tackle, leading to a fantastic goal kicked by Charlotte as a result of key passage of play.
- Iris and Juliet: Together they delivered crucial marks and clearances, applying defensive pressure in the final quarter to limit scoring opportunities. In an unforgettable moment, a kookaburra landed on Juliet's back during midfield play, adding a touch of magic to her strong performance.
- Priscilla: Showcased her powerful kicks, consistently driving the ball forward when she could and helped create clear passage.
- Charlotte and Emily: Exhibited relentless tackling as part of a formidable defensive team especially in that third quarter, effectively disrupting the opposition's play and maintaining control for NWL.
- Juliette: Worked tirelessly, she consistently smothered the ball and offered crucial support to her teammates throughout the whole game.
- Estella and Margot: Have forged a dynamic friendship, their chatter never ceasing as they seamlessly melded into a formidable duo, working hard to stop their opposition advancing despite occasionally being distracted.

It was an absolute delight witnessing the NWL girls take to the field with such camaraderie, supporting each other and enjoying every moment of the game. Despite St. Ives' attempts to unsettle them with minor provocations, the NWL team remained unfazed, maintaining their focus and resilience from start to finish.

Score: 25 to 20

Goals: Charlotte (1 goal), Indy (2 goals) and Hannah (1 goal and 1 behind)

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