

## **Lightning Matchday Report – 20/11/2022**

### **An unfortunate defeat for Lightning against Liverpool Feds last Sunday**

After Lightning's win in the FA Cup last week against Sheffield FC, the players focus turned to the remaining league fixtures before the Christmas break.

Lightning travelled up the country last Sunday for their away game against Liverpool Feds.

Fed's looked to put pressure on our players early on, with a corner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute. The attack looked dangerous with the ball needing to be cleared off the line by Lightning defender Lauren Taft.

Lightning displayed several early chances in the first half. With just 8 minutes in, we created a great team goal that saw Nicki Russell blast the ball into the back of the net. The goal however was called offside.

Goalkeeper Kiya Webb pulled out a great save in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, coming out of her area to deny a Fed's advance.

The first half saw some great dribbling by young midfielder Monique Robinson, whose shot in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute was blocked by the opposition keeper. She continued to show great skill and strength throughout the 90 minutes.

The first half saw Lightning have some great opportunities on goal, as-well as keeping good territory throughout the contest. Lightning however missed opportunities to capitalise on the opposition's momentum. Fed's kept Lightning on their toes with some dangerous chances at the other end.

### **Half-time | Liverpool Feds 0-0 Lightning**

The second half saw Fed's get two goals. The first in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute from a Fed's corner that put them ahead. Their second came from an individual error at the back of the Lightning defence, in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute. Despite this our defenders put their bodies on the line throughout this attack, unfortunately it wasn't enough to stop Fed's in their advance.

Lightning did not stop. In the 75<sup>th</sup> minute our super striker Georgia Stevens made a fantastic run-on goal to slide the ball into the bottom left corner, sadly her attempt hit the post. Stevens showed great determination throughout the game, which led her to be named Lightning's 'Player of the Match'.

The final whistle blew for full time. An unfortunate result for the players last Sunday. With the hard work the team put in throughout the week we felt we deserved more.

### **Full time | Liverpool Feds 2-0 Lightning**

**Next Match: Loughborough Lightning vs Stoke City Women (1pm Kick Off)  
27/11/2022**

**Second Round of Women's FA Cup**

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