



# NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

## MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 (18) vs Willoughby-Mosman (42)  
ROUND 1 - SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023  
MIDDLE HEAD OVAL, MOSMAN

### Summary of Game

Round 1 rolled in, like the weather over the coast for the Lightning 12's. A day we'd been eagerly anticipating since February, decided to test our resolve and eagerness.

The team went toe to toe, goal for goal, with their opponents up until half time with the two teams only being separated by 2 points at the main change.

The ball went up and back, with every players will holding the dam wall as long as they could.



The rain and wind continued to batter our troops, however the girls bravely fought on at each contest and then we sought refuge in the sheds for their half time respite, oranges and debrief.



As we reappeared, conditions worsened somehow and our opponents through some very dogged determination and talent took control of the match and set up a lead too hard for the Lightning to chase down.

With one final rally at three quarter time, the girls threw everything they could and walked away with a much more even last quarter and heads held high. This was the most pleasing part of the day as the girls gave everything they had left and showed a lot of guts to keep pushing to the end.

They made an old grumpy coach and a drenched parent group, very proud. We were all in it together and weirdly an excellent bonding experience for a developing young squad and the Lightning of tomorrow.



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Well done, let's go again in Round 2.  
Hopefully the boots are dry by then!

## Score:

Willoughby 6.6 (42)

NWL 3.0 (18)

## Goals:

Emily Hall (1)

Emily Browne (1)

Gemma Rayment (1)

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