



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 14-/1 (36) vs EAST SYDNEY BULLDOGS (37)
ROUND 1 - SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023
ROFE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

Summary of Game

NWL u/14s Div 1 kicked off their season hosting the highly fancied East Sydney Bulldogs to Rofo Park, Hornsby Heights on a very wet Sunday afternoon.

The girls started in tremendous fashion dominating both the scoreboard and territory in the opening quarter. The midfield led by captain Claire, Maddi, Evana, Grace and new gun Bree dominated their battle.

East Sydney showed their class in the second quarter and got themselves a couple of goals but it was still the Lightning who held a 7 point lead going into halftime.

The girls again stepped up winning the third quarter in what was a tight and fierce contest with strong tackling from both sides, led by the Lightning's representative fullback, Ava.

The visitors kicked 2 goals in the final quarter to lead by 2 points with under a minute to go. The Lightning girls still had one last shot at goal with the last kick off the game but alas it went just wide for a behind to see the girls go down by just a solitary point, 37-36.

Lightning goal scorers were: Evana 2, Claire 1, Arlia 1 and Lucy 1.

3-2-1 votes went to Evana (3), Bree (2), and Claire (1) but this was an outstanding team performance and despite the loss there were so many positives to take from the game. NWL led the entire game until 1 minute before the fulltime siren. It was a heartbreaking loss but one that will drive the girls on moving forwards.

Report by Eamonn Byrne

East Sydney Bulldogs 5.7(37) d NWL 5.6 (36)

