



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 14/3 (30) vs WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES (31)
ROUND 1 - SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023
ROFE PARK**

Summary of Game

The YGU14/3 Lightning have had a productive preseason with all roads leading to an exciting round 1. The weather provided for some wet and muddy conditions. This did not stop the girls, led out by captain for the day, Sam M, from giving full effort for 4 quarters. Whether the girls were new to the club or had been around for a few years they played well together. There was lots of chatting and supporting each other on and off the field.

The Magpies got on top early taking a handy lead into the first quarter break. Coach Ben talked about remaining composed and playing together. The backline held firm with defensive pressure and great tackling from Georgia W, Rachel A and Alyssa H. The Magpies did not score in the final quarter and only scored 1 goal and 1 behind in the second half.

The midfield group was one of the reasons the Lightning stayed in the game led by Asha J, Sama A, Scarlett L, and Imogen C. Ruck duties were ably performed by Eva H- her first time in the role. Other solid performers on the day were Claire S and Savannah T (who left the game early with a knee complaint).

The forward line anchored by Angela R, Sam M, Zahra B and Amali B who were always threatening the goals and maintaining pressure.

Despite being down big in the first quarter the Lightning stormed back and just missed a comeback win for the ages going down 31-30 in the end. There is much to be proud of and much to take away from the game. Go Lightning- bring on Round 2!

Score	Northwest Lightning YGU14/3:	4.6.30
	Western Suburbs Magpies YGU14/3:	4.7.31

Goals Sam M (2), Sama A and Zahra B

Report by Brian Hurd



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