

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 14/3 (15) vs MANLY BOMBERS (31) ROUND 3 SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023 ERN HOLMES OVAL

Summary of Game

The YGU14/3 Lightning played a great, hard-fought contest against Manly at Ern Holmes Oval this week. They showed great skill, teamwork and determination but came up short against the Bombers. It was a close contest across the 4 quarters with Manly stretching the lead late in the game.

The ground was soggy from the recent rain, but the skies cleared up just in time for the game. The Lightning were led out, through a guard of honour made up of the YGU14/1 team, by the day's captain, Scarlett. Also making her U14 debut was Annabel who acquitted herself well playing up from the U12 squad. She showed no fear and even scored a great contested goal!

The story of the day was tough contests across the field and strong defence from both sides. The first quarter was a battle as each team tried to get on top of the other. The backline held firm with defensive pressure and ball awareness from Georgia Waters, Georgia Wilkes, and Alyssa H. Imogen also provided strong support and defensive pressure. This group has really solidified over the first few rounds and always provide resistance.

The midfield group was under pressure all day but performing well was Scarlett, Imogen, Olivia, and Amali. The skills across the middle of the field continue to improve each week. Ruck duties were ably carried out by Eva who is showing great skill and determination.

The forward line anchored by Angela, Sam, Rachael, Maeve, and Annabel had some scoring chances but were met with some bad luck and strong Bomber defence.

The girls continue to train well and play hard and smart footy, so they will continue to improve and gel as a team. Most importantly, they all seem to be having fun. Next week, the Canada Bay Cannons travel to Greenway Oval.

Score Northwest Lightning YGU14/3: 2.3.15

Manly Bombers YGU14/3: 4.7.31

Goals: Annabel, Eva Report by Brian Hurd



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