



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 14/1 3.4 (22) d MANLY BOMBERS 2.3 (15)
ROUND 4 – SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023
MIKE KENNY OVAL, CHERRYBROOK



The girls welcomed the Manly Bombers to Greenway Park on Sunday afternoon. The Bombers were the undefeated ladder leaders. The team warmed up in the driving rain but by the start of the game multiple rainbows were out and the sun was shining.

The team led by this week's Captain, Claire, who celebrated her 50th game for the club started the game like a house on fire. As has been the theme this year, our midfield dominated the first

quarter with Evana, Claire and Madi winning the contests against some very good opposition. Olivia and Lucy linked the midfield to the forwards well and fed Maeve and Lily B some great inside 50s. Two goals to Claire and Evana had the girls up 12-0 by quarter time.

A third goal midway through the second quarter saw the girls start to believe that this could be their day. Bree was having a blinder on the wing and Grace was linking well with the midfield with some great handballs. Manly though aren't top of the table for nothing and they clawed their way back and kicked a goal before halftime to reduce the deficit.

The second half was a seesawing contest with both teams going at the footy hard. Only some great defensive work by Ava who repelled several raids kept the Lightning girls in front. She was ably assisted by Lily S, the two Georgia's, Sama, Savannah, Kate C and Lyla. Manly managed to kick the only goal of the quarter.

The last quarter saw the girls hold on. Ava and Georgia in particular holding firm. A fantastic last quarter by Kate H who was full of running saw the team home in a cracking 7 point win in a very tight contest.

Final score:

NWL 3.4.22 to Manly 2.3.15

Goal scorers: Evana 2, Claire 1

3-2-1: Evana was outstanding in the midfield to take out this weeks best on ground. 2 points went to Ava for her brilliant display in defence and the 1 point went to Bree who won the football with her toughness and speed on countless occasions.

Great results girls.

Report by: Eamonn Byrne