



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 14/3 (16) vs CANADA BAY CANNONS (24)
ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023
GREENWAY PARK (BOTTOM OVAL)

Summary of Game

The YGU14/3 Lightning had another hotly contested game, this week's opponent was an undefeated Canada Bay Cannons. It turns out that the visitors enjoy a hard-fought tussle almost as much as our Bolts.

This week's captain, Imogen, led the team out under sunny skies. The field was wet after heavy rain in the morning and became soggy with a mid-game downpour. The Lightning pressed the advantage early with strong ball skills, and defensive pressure from a stout back line taking a one-point lead into the quarter break- 7-6. Coach Ben commented that it was probably the strongest first quarter of the season.

During the second quarter the Lightning continued to move the ball forward with very strong midfield movement, sharp hand passes and impressive marks across the field. The Cannons also displayed swift ball movements and they found themselves just in front at the major break. The home team were not deterred by the effort needed to come back from a deficit.

The third and fourth quarters were a tight, tense battle for possession which saw the Cannons continue to be just slightly out in front of the Lightning. The Bolts forward line was strong all game and certainly had some chances out in front of the sticks. The Cannons were able to convert on more of their scoring chances and snuck home with a good victory.

There has been solid improvement from the whole playing group since the start of the season. The girls are supportive teammates and strong footballers. For the second week in a row, they had some bad luck in front of the goals and the wet ball made for some difficult chances, but this will surely turn their way with continued hard work. Most importantly they all seem to be having fun! It is still early in the season and the girls have a lot to be proud of and still plenty to work on. The team is onto the Eastern Suburbs for a round 5 match up against the Maroubra Saints.

Score	Northwest Lightning YGU14/3:	2.4.16
	Canada Bay Cannons YGU14/3:	3.6.24

Goals Maeve (2)

Report by Brian Hurd



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