



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG10 RED (0) vs MANLY BOMBERS (0)
ROUND 5 - SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023
ROFE PARK**

A Mother's Day Classic! You couldn't have asked for a better afternoon of football for our girls. Our Red team facing off against Manly, whilst our Blue team simultaneously played against Willoughby/Mosman on side-by-side fields. A lovely autumn afternoon and a big crowd had flocked to Rofo Park to enjoy an afternoon of girls football.

We approached the game with caution, showing great respect to Manly having not come up against them before in u10 girls football. Manly had good player numbers and are well known as a strong club in the Sydney football scene and for a team full of girls having only played 4 game of football before they played incredibly well and will be powerhouse in the future.

The girls were led out by captain Isabelle for the game and led the team in the round of applause for our umpire marking Community Umpire Round.

Our girls played some fantastic football with their strongest showing of the season so far. The positioning of the girls within their zones was superb and easily the most pleasing aspect of the game. It was also great to watch the girls work hard with repeated efforts especially when the ball seemed to stay within zones for extended periods – something they haven't had to deal with too much this season.

Some key highlights of the match were:

- Nya & Willow both playing exceptional roles positionally being that kick behind play. Willow taking out Player of the Match for exactly this and her decision making to stay out of the contest, when you could see she desperately wanted to rush in.
- Nathalie, GG, Isabelle & Kira for their repeated efforts in the forward line in the 3rd quarter. The ball must have stayed in that forward zone for most of that quarter. Whilst things didn't quite go their way with kicking accuracy, their defensive efforts, positioning and ability to get the ball back as Manly tried to clear it out of the zone time after time was sublime.
- Pippa & Maddie being out multiple goal scorers. These girls are starting to look very comfortable in the forward line and are finding a knack to get opportunities to kick at goal.



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- Alanna played a great game with her tackling and positioning, but it was her 4th quarter which was the stand out. A solid mark, plus an exceptional effort to take another which would have easily been the best mark I've seen at this age. This was also backed up with her bouncing straight back up after taking a kick to the shoulder/head.
- Hazel & Lucy both found their legs chasing players down in defence and also had some great moments kicking and clearing the ball under pressure.
- Georgia B managed to put some of our kicking practise from training into the game as she had a number of kicking opportunities where she was able to successfully move the ball downfield.
- Ash led the forward momentum in the middle and forward zones when she was there throughout the game and was a key reason the ball didn't enter our defensive zone during the first quarter.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who came out to watch. It really was an excellent atmosphere!

Special thanks to all the mums for being there on Mother's Day!

Score: NWL RED 0.0.0 drew with MANLY BOMBERS 0.0.0

Goals: Maddie 2.3.15; Pippa 2.0.12; Ash 1.4.10; Nathalie 1.1.7; Nya 1.1.7; Georgia G 0.5.5; Willow 0.1.1; Kira 0.1.1

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Photos below.



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