



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 6/3 (39) vs EAST SYDNEY BULLDOGS 11/11 (77)
ROUND 6- SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023
ERN HOLMES OVAL

Summary of Game

The YGU14/3 Lightning were keen to get back on the field after an abandoned game the week before. The girls trained well through the week and were ready to welcome the ladder leading East Sydney Bulldogs to the Ern for a Sunday afternoon match. The girls and club started the day by celebrating Alyssa, today's captain, recently played 50th game. They wore the Indigenous jersey in honour of the AFL's Sir Doug Nicholls Round. The team spirit and good vibes were on display early and all day.

The team also welcomed three Under 12 Lightning superstars to fortify our numbers and to give them valuable experience. The crack trio of Sarah, Annie and Evie were a terrific addition to the team and provided strong ball movement, tackling and defensive pressure. You are welcome anytime!

The Lightning had their best quarter to start a game. They matched the Bulldogs shot for shot and tackle for tackle- even having the lead at quarter time. The back line of Georgia, Alyssa and Olivia were under pressure early and often, but they played hard all day.

Their field awareness is also growing each week. The girls are now anticipating where their teammate is heading. The midfield of Scarlett, Zahra and Amali provided a lot of the ball movement and had some break away runs. Eva was in the ruck battle all day even copping a stray elbow or two, but she never wilted. The forward line included Angela who is showing excellent improvement and Sama who was always around the ball and who provided spacing with her booming kicks.

During the second quarter the Lightning continued to move the ball forward with strong midfield movement, sharp hand passes and impressive marks across the field. The Bulldogs also displayed swift ball movements and they found themselves in front at the major break. They were getting on top of the Lightning and running our girls ragged.

The third and fourth quarters were won by the Bulldogs who pressed their advantage and scored a few goals late on a tired Lightning back line and midfield. We also had an injury or two to contend with. It was commented on by a couple of the parents how inspirational the bolts were to never give up even scoring a couple of goals once the game was beyond their reach. Their effort cannot be faulted, and wins will surely come if they keep the pressure and teamwork up.

Score	Northwest Lightning YGU14/3:	6.3.39
	East Sydney Bulldogs YGU14/3:	11.11.77

Goals: Scarlett (2), Zahra (2), Angela, and Amali



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