



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 2.1 (13) vs NEWTOWN SAINTS 6/8 (44)
ROUND 7- SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023
ALAN DAVIDSON OVAL

Summary of Game:

The original draw had Round 7 as a bye for team. However, with Newtown entering the division recently we were given the chance for another hit out which the team embraced. It was a beautiful day at Alan Davidson Oval, Alexandria as the first quarter siren sounded. The girls' supporters were well caffeinated with many cafes within easy walking distance of the ground.

Our girls were in for a battle early as Newtown was up for a tussle. The Swans had a numbers advantage with 5 coming off the bench which served them in the end as they were able to insert fresh legs throughout the contest. We also had an injury which thinned our numbers. Get well soon, Savannah!

The Lightning got off to a slow start and were looking at a deficit as they headed to the first break. This will be a focus for the team going forward- getting off to a quicker, more explosive start. This will build confidence and put pressure on the opposition. We have some ideas from a strategic point of view but will be relying on the girls to turn up ready to play and to provide their ideas.

One of the pleasing take aways from the game vs the Swans was the fact that the Lightning won the 4th quarter even when the game was out of reach. Much to their credit our Bolts never give up! This has been a trait of this team from round 1.

The focus for the manager going forward will be to take some pictures (or get a parent to)!

There are some real positives to take away from the first half of the season. In each game played this season the girls have been competitive. The teamwork has improved as the girls' gel as a unit, skills across the pitch continue to improve and our bolts are still having fun.

Thanks to the girls for their efforts. Also, thanks to the parents for all of the help so far this season.

Score	Northwest Lightning YGU14/3:	2.1.13
	Newtown Saints YGU14/3:	6.8.44

Goals: Scarlett and Maeve

Report by Brian Hurd