



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

**NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG14/1 3.8 (26) d MAROUBRA SAINTS 2.5 (17)
ROUND 8 - SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023
ROFE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS**

The u/14 Div 1 team welcomed the high flying Maroubra Saints to Rofo Park on Sunday afternoon who had beaten the top two teams in previous weeks. A loss would see the Lightning girls bottom of the table and a win could see them as high as second given the closeness of the completion.

Early dominance from the midfield saw the ball camped in the 50 metre zone for the duration of the first quarter. Evana, Claire, Olivia, and Div 1 debutant Scarlett were winning the ball and feeding the forward line of Maddi, Maeve, Sammy, Arlia and Lily B. A goal from an acute angle to Maddi and a second to Bree saw the girls open up a 2 goal lead by quarter time.

The second quarter saw the defensive line work hard as the girls went into the breeze. Led by Ava at the back along with Georgia, Kate C and Lyla, the girls didn't concede a goal. Kate H was full of running on the wing and put in a cracking performance. Lucy and Lily S formed a new and solid centre half backline combination with some ferocious defending.

As has been the case this year, some inaccurate kicking in front of goal in the second half saw the Saints claw back a goal and get back into the match. The girls led by 10 points going into the last quarter.

Maeve kicked an early goal in the 4th to settle the nerves and the girls held on for an 9 point win which put them into outright second on the table.

Bree, Evana and Olivia were outstanding in midfield. Ava repelled a number of Saints attacks and Kate H had her best game of the season. Lucy was best on ground with a fantastic performance in a new position.

Final score:

NWL 3.8.26 (Goals to Maddi, Bree and Maeve) defeated Maroubra 2.5.17

Great win girls. Next up is a top of the table clash away to Manly after the long weekend.

Congratulation to Maeve and Sammy on their 50 game milestones.

Report by Eamonn Byrne