



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG14/1 2.4 (16) v MANLY BOMBERS 5.2 (32)
ROUND 9 - SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023
WELDON OVAL, CURL CURL

A mouth watering top of the table clash on Sunday saw the u/14 Div 1 girls travel to Manly to face the ladder leaders.

The girls wore red and white arm bands and participated in a minutes silence to pay their respects for the victims of the Hunter Valley bus tragedy prior to the start of the game.

The Lightning girls dominated the first 10 minutes but their pressure didn't amount to any significant scores. Somewhat against the run of play Manly kicked a goal midway through the first quarter and from there they began to take the ascendancy. The Lightning girls were slightly off the pace and were made to pay with two more quick goals to the opposition in the 2nd quarter. Maeve kicked the teams first major just before halftime and momentum had begun to swing. Evana as always worked tirelessly in midfield and was well supported by Claire, Madi and Ava.

Manly kicked the only goal of the third quarter. Madi got one back for the visitors early in the last, soccering through from close range as the Lightning girls went all out attack but sadly they couldn't get the job done with Manly kicking the last goal of the game. It was a tough day however the girls never gave up. Special mention to Lucy who played out of position and once again showed she is Miss Versatility with another astute performance.

Final score: Manly 5.2.32 defeated NWL 2.4.16. (Goals to Maeve and Madi)

Best on ground went to Evana. She again put in a top performance. Her work rate, consistency and quality are a joy to watch.

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