



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING U14/3 1.7 (13) vs MANLY BOMBERS U14/3 3.6 (24)
ROUND 7- SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023
MIKE PAWLEY OVAL

Summary of Game:

A baker's dozen of bolts turned up at Pawley Oval, in Curl Curl, to battle the always tough Bombers. A special shoutout to the girls- Scarlett, Sammy, Maeve, Alyssa, and Georgia- who backed up from the earlier Div 1 game at an adjacent field. It was a day to show support for the Singleton Roosters, who had so many of their community involved in the recent Hunter Bus crash, by wearing red and white arm bands. There was also a minute's silence before the game.

Our girls started strong and put the Bombers under pressure early. Taking and holding the lead through the first 3 quarters. Having two talls- Agnes and Eva- switching regularly in the ruck has helped be less predictable as well and providing development opportunities for them. Scarlett, Sammy, Maeve, and Angela provided the ball movement and offensive pressure throughout the game. Strong in the back and tough contesting the ball were Olivia, Georgia, Alyssa, and Rachel. Imogen was always around the ball and tackled well. Amali and Zahra were all over the field and have really developed skills in their first season with the Lightning- whenever they get the ball it feels like they may score!

It was a windy day, so the errant kicks made for a lopsided goal/behind ratio. The Bombers had a numbers advantage with 3 coming off the bench which served them in the end as they were able to insert fresh legs throughout the contest. They scored two goals in the last quarter which put the game just out of reach.

The girls took the result in stride- they would have loved to win the game, but they showed determination, great teamwork, and good ball movement. It seems like they had fun as the team photo shows with smiles even after the result.

When Coach Ben was asked to name his 3-2-1 vote results for the game, he wondered whether he could give all thirteen girls a rank of 3 based on effort and resilience. While this isn't allowed it does demonstrate the feeling of the coach (and the wider supporter group) towards the girl's efforts! They are a joy to coach, manage and watch.

Score	Northwest Lightning U14/3:	1.7.13
	Manly Bombers U14/3:	3.6.24

Goals: Maeve



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