



# NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

## MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG14/3 (60) d MAROUBRA SAINTS (0)  
ROUND 11 – SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023  
ERN HOLMES OVAL, PENNANT HILLS

With no signs of holiday lethargy, U14 Division 3 Lightning crackled, zapped and blazed across Ern Holmes Oval under cloudy skies on Sunday, with the mercy rule invoked at half time vs the Maroubra Saints.

From the opening bounce Eva dominated in the ruck, and led a prolific mid-field group that ensured the game was played in Lightning's forward line. Eva, Rachael and Scarlett won the early hard ball battle and were a springboard into attack. In the opening terms the forwards worked hard and kicked truly with Meave contributing two goals and Zahra finishing the game with a team high three six pointers.

Hard running and silky skills from Samantha were rewarded with two of her own goals and multiple inside 50 deliveries. Amali combined well by hand and foot across the forward line and kicked two goals, and Angela's good positional play earned her a goal. Olivia was tagged by the Saints' principal defender but gathered possessions and only a cruel bounce of the ball prevented her from kicking a major.

Contributing to the scoreboard dominance was strong defensive play all around the ground. Ferocious tackling from Scarlett in the mid-field resulted in numerous turnovers and her tenacity at the ball kept it moving forward. In the opening terms Imogen and Georgia created an impenetrable barrier across the half back line. Georgia spelled Eva in the ruck later in the game and her strength in the pack and long kicking saw her kick two goals. Imogen too transitioned seamlessly into the forward line and kicked a goal.

The second half of the game, saw the Lightning work on their transitional play and sharing the ball. There was still heat in the game, but the team were able to put together some stunning passages of play, linking up long chains of handball, and kicking to leading players.

With a lot of talent still to return to the side after the holidays there is some real excitement heading into the second half of the season.

Final score: Lightning 60, Maroubra 0.

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