



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG14/1 3.6(24) v MAROUBRA SAINTS 4.3 (27)
ROUND 12 – SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023
HEFFRON PARK

It was 2nd v 3rd on the ladder as the NWL girls travelled to Heffron Park on Sunday morning to face the Maroubra Saints.

With a unique shaped “oval” and a strong breeze, the girls were out of their comfort zone.

The first 3/4 of the game went goal for goal in a tight contest. Some ill-discipline and some uncharacteristic errors gifted the Saints a couple of majors. It was the 3rd quarter that the girls failed to take advantage of the strong breeze at their back. The ball was camped inside the Saints 50 but the NWL team couldn’t manage a goal, taking just the slender of leads into 3/4 time.

The Saints kicked an early goal in the 4th quarter to take the lead before the Lightning girls had a number of chances to retake the lead however could only manage minor scores. It was a courageous, never say die attitude into a strong breeze but in the end it wasn’t to be and again some inaccurate goal kicking cost the team dearly. The girls went down 4.3.27 to 3.6.24. Goals to Olivia, Claire and Evana.

Lily S and Lucy both had strong games across the backline.

Evana and Bree worked tirelessly across the midfield picking up numerous possessions.

Our forward line had plenty of chances but just couldn’t quite get the job done this week.

Lily S picked up player of the match for her tough tackling and distribution out of the defensive third.

The girls have the bye next round before their two final matches prior to the finals.

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