



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG12 6.10 (46) d MANLY BOMBERS 2.0 (12)
ROUND 13 – SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023
ROFE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

Today the Northwest Lightning became ‘the mob’. No, not an organised crime family, or a group of rampaging protestors. But Coach Daniel encouraged our Bolts to think like a mob today - a cohesive, indivisible group - greater than the sum of its parts, and stronger than one individual. The ‘mob’ is the mindset we’re going to need as the Lightning head into their campaign for the finals in 2023.

And Round 13 sealed the deal on that front. Home at Rofe Park for the first and only time this season, and up against the Manly Bombers who have proved similarly elusive, the Bolts showed that they’re a formidable force in the Sydney Harbour North competition.

On the field, this ‘mob’ of committed and collaborative Bolts went big and early. By quarter time they had stepped out to a four goal lead built on great sharing, handpassing, kicking and connecting, while knitting together determined defence that kept the opposition scoreless through the first and into the second quarter.



It was hot for July and playing on Rofe’s expansive turf meant everyone was getting plenty of opportunity to run. Coaches Daniel and Chloe made the most of the depth of our bench to keep people fresh and feisty and ready for the challenge. Thanks to Mel R for powerlifting a half-time’s worth of water supplies back to the bench at half time.



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The Bombers were good, with a few familiar faces who are veterans of the team that dominated last year's YG12s competition, and with a few new and emerging stars on the rise. They showed everything that we'll be expecting to see more of in years ahead: strong and accurate kicking, speed to spare and able to capitalise on the opportunities they could find to put a major score on the board in each of the final quarters.



The Round 13 victory is the Lightning's ninth of the season. It means that a finals campaign for the Bolts is now confirmed. But exactly where we land on the ladder at the end of Round 15 will determine what that campaign looks like. As our 'mob' showed today, working together as team will set them ready for whatever the rest of the season sends their way.

Scores:

Q1: NWL 3.7 (25) v MANLY 0.0 (0)

Q2: NWL 4.7 (31) v MANLY 0.0 (0)

Q3: NWL 5.8 (38) v MANLY 1.0 (6)

FINAL: NWL 6.10 (46) v MANLY 2.0 (12)

Goals: Annabel 2, Browney, Gemma, Jaimee, Evie

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