



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING U14/3 7.3 (45) vs WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES
U14/3 9.7 (61)
ROUND 13- SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2023
WH WAGENER OVAL, ASHBURY

Summary of Game:

It was a rematch of the first-round game vs the Western Suburbs Magpies. In that match, our girls finished fast and only lost by the slimmest of margins. Since then, the Magpies have soared to the top of the table while the Lightning have fought hard and improved every week. The Lightning came into this game riding a two-game win streak.

Once again, the Lightning were outnumbered but acquitted themselves well against the Magpies from the opening bounce. Our girls put the opponent on the back foot from the beginning by starting aggressively and disrupting the flow. Strong play from Maeve, Amali and Zahra up front saw the Lightning take the lead into the first break. Savannah also provided consistent movement through the middle. Angela was around the ball for much of the first half which led to a goal.

The game settled into a fast paced, skilful contest in the second quarter with the Pies showing why they are the top of the ladder with some solid ball movement and straight kicking. The backline of Rachael, Georgia, and Alyssa was put to the test but mostly held firm as they do most weeks! The Magpies took the lead into halftime. Scarlett tagged the Pies best player and kept her to 2 goals- below her average per game this season. Imogen showed great ball awareness and tenacity always in and around the contests.

Coach Ben instituted a second half game plan where the team would flood the centre to provide forward movement into the Pies 50. This strategy was successful as our girls won the quarter but were still down at 3 quarter time but continues to disrupt the Pies plans. Olivia and Sam provided support through the middle to ensure the ball was kept moving forward. Strong ruck work and clearance work by Aggie again.

The 4th quarter continued with the same offensive flurry from both sides. They traded goals and provided lots of impressive ball movement and great marks. The umpires remarked on how great a contest it was. The Lightning didn't come away with the win, but it felt like the momentum of recent weeks continued.

Score	Northwest Lightning U14/3:	7.3.45
	Western Suburbs Magpies U14/3:	9.7.61

Goals: Maeve (2), Angela, Amali (2), Savannah, Sam

Report by Brian Hurd



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