

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING U14/3 9.4 (58) vs KELLYVILLE/ROUSE HILL MAGPIES U14/3 8.6 (54)

ROUND 14- SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023 GREENWAY PARK, CHERRYBROOK

Summary of Game:

It was our final home game of the 2023 season and our Bolts have really built momentum. A reward for a season of hard work. We met up with the Kellyville/Rouse Hill Magpies for a very evenly matched contest. We started the day off with a celebration of Aggie's 50th match. Unfortunately, Aggie is injured, so she only played minimal minutes. Get well soon, Aggie! We also welcomed Ani to the team for a cameo. She recently started training with the team and was keen for a game between rep soccer commitments. We are hoping she will join the team full time in 2024.

The game started out slowly with both teams trading possession and getting a sense for the other team's strategies. The Magpies finished at the first break with a slight lead. Sam, Maeve, and Scarlett really set the tone for the quarters to come with their running and kicking through the middle.

The second quarter built a solid foundation. Solid ball movement and kicking from Ani, Zahra and Amali kept the ball and the pressure in the forward fifty. Tough stout defense- as always from-Georgia Waters, Georgia Wilk, and Alyssa kept the Magpies offense at bay. Special mention to Georgia Waters' barnstorming of the square to keep the ball moving in the Lightning's direction. quarter.

They say that the third quarter is the premiership quarter- well this was the case on Sunday. Three back-to-back-to- back goals and clinical pressure saw the Lightning take a handy lead into the last quarter. Maeve added another goal towards the end of the quarter which proved decisive. Solid play through the middle from Imogen and Rachael who have shown great game awareness and skill development this season. Tough tagging from Olivia and Eva's strong ruck work were key.

The Pies threw everything at the Lightning in the fourth quarter and clawed their way back into the contest. Our beloved Bolts showed composure and intense defense to cross the finish line as winners. The team should be proud of their efforts this season. This fourth quarter really encapsulates the season as a whole- the girls have never given up, continued to work as a team, and showed commitment to the effort. And I dare say they have had fun too.

Looking forward to our final game in Richmond vs the Mountain Lions.

Score Northwest Lightning U14/3: 9.4.58

Kellyville/Rouse Hill Magpies U14/3: 8.6.54

Goals: Amali (3), Maeve (2), Sam, Ani, Scarlett, Zahra

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