



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YG 11/1 (12) vs MAROUBRA SAINTS (72)
ROUND 2- SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024
ERN HOLMES OVAL

MATCH REPORT

What a game for our first Div 1 match for the U11 NWL girls. A beautiful warm and sunny Sunday morning and the heat was on. Maroubra brought a fit and fast team who kept the Lightning girls on their toes. We had 14 players and the Saints had 11. We agreed to give them a player to start with so played 12 on 12. Whilst the final score was quite one sided and the mercy rule was invoked, there was some great ball movement and plays from both teams and when we had some ball possession in our attacking zone, the girls made the most of it.

Some key moments and highlights from the game today were:

Emily C was super strong in defence and the midfield today, always seeking out the ball and breaking the oppositions momentum. A well-deserved player of the match today.

Georgia G— speedy and tenacious as always GG wasted no time to turn a goal opportunity into 6 points.

Willow made an excellent hand pass to assist a goal today also running well and making lots of solid tackles also.

Alisha was a strong and committed defender today who made more than a few big second efforts.

Elore covered the ground well also managing to interrupt the opposition's play whenever possible.

Emily W showed great courage in tackling and chasing down some fast Saints players.

Nya was very busy in the backs today making lots of tackles and some clearing kicks when possible. Nya was also very productive in the ruck.

Maddie Oliver dug deep today, marking her players well whilst taking a hit to the leg.

Emily P – such a trouper while not feeling 100%, she did her best to defended well and supported her teammates in an overall great effort.

Nathalie Hill – another of our tough girls out there today – taking a head knock in the first quarter then a foot to the back later in the game. We were so glad to hear she was all ok after her hospital check-up that afternoon.

Anna positioned herself very well up front and came up with a great goal. Anna did a nice job moving the ball whenever she had the opportunity.

Poppy Ally – providing assists up front whenever possible, had to compete with some strong Saints defenders.



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Alanna (AJ) never gave up in defence today making multiple tackles and was very strong in the ruck also. A great effort all round from AJ today.

Sam Campbell added to our defensive line with many possessions and some good clearing kicks also.

Thank you to all our parents who came to support and cheer for our girls today. And also, to our volunteers on the BBQ and the goal umpires. We appreciate all the support we have.

Score: Northwest Lightning YG U11 2.0.12 to Maroubra Saints 11.6.72

Goals:

Anna Sarkodee 1.0.6

Geogia Gryst 1.0.6

Report by Karen Nicolson