



NORTHWEST LIGHTNING YOUTH GIRLS

MATCH REPORT

MAROUBRA SAINTS (69) Vs NORTH WEST LIGHTNING (27)
ROUND 13- SUNDAY 28th July 2024
Heffron Park

When we thought our Sunday mornings could not get any colder, Heffron Park, home for the Maroubra Saints proved us wrong. Gusty and freezing winds made it feel like it was just 5 deg C. However, it proved to be a very good contest on the field with the Northwest Lightning girls arriving ready to play. Attempting to use the wind to their advantage when they had the chance, both teams fought hard with the score locked up at half time. Whilst the Saints came away with the win, the final score did not fully reflect what a great game it was.

Player Highlights

Emily C again playing in defence in the full back position for most of the game today proved priceless. Em took several great marks and saved her fair share of goals. Excellent tackles again today Emily was able to stop the Maroubra attack in their tracks on more than one occasion.

Emily W – also made some great tackles and second efforts. She marked her players well and created space for the ball and her teammates.

Georgia – It was great to have GG back playing Div 1 today. Her hard running and quick breaks from the ruck were valuable as were her tackles. When she had an opportunity in the goal square GG did not waste time and kicked a well-deserved goal today.

Kira – also good to have Kira playing for us today. Her long kicks are always on show and she successfully made good space around the ruck and moved the ball forward well from the mid field. Kira kicked a great goal in the second quarter to lock the scores up.

Willow made some excellent efforts onto the ball today, quickly running down her Maroubra opponents. Her ferocious energy around the rucks won her team possession on many occasions. Willow narrowly missing a free quick but was rewarded with a behind.

Sam C was super strong from the first whistle today. Sam played very strongly in the midfield making multiple disposals and slowing the Saints attack with some excellent tackles. Sam was rewarded with a goal from almost half way in the second quarter.

Emily P - The intensity that Em played with onto the ball today was notable. She ran hard, tackled hard, and did not give up. She had a couple of very quick hard passes out to her teammates to keep the ball moving forwards today.



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Maddie D - made some excellent kicks under pressure today and was unlucky some calls didn't go her way. Her tackling was extremely solid and she moved well into space for her teammates to move the ball toward their own scoring range.

Maddie O – A very well deserving player of the match today. Maddie was fast and onto the ball whenever she had the opportunity. Her aggression in attack and defence was evident and Maddie was able to regain possession when it looked to be lost.

Nya – tackled very strongly today and had some great break away runs. She tackled was able to turn over possession on a few occasions from the ruck and fought hard to regain possession. Her assist to GG for a goal in the 4th quarter was also a highlight.

Nathalie - had time in backs and forwards today using her skills effectively at both ends of the field. Nat showing her awareness of the flow of place to be in the right place at the right time. Nat had a great kick at goal scoring 1 behind.

Indi - Indi was completely on fire from the start today clearing the ball well from the midfield and setting up opportunities for her team mates to run into space. Her kicks were strong and accurate today and she was rewarded with an excellent goal off a free kick in some very windy conditions.

AJ - fast and furious as always AJ was there to make the important tackles. She really slowed the Maroubra attack today and interrupted their ball movement. AJ is proving very versatile and played well across the entire field today.

Anna – was very strong in the back and midfield today making some excellent tackles and clearing kicks. Her defensive skills continued to add much pressure to the Saints attack and it was hard to get past her today.

Zahra – Zahra as always bringing her tenacity and determination to the field today. With some great second efforts. She ran well off the bench and marked her players well all game. Zahra kicked a behind after breaking free from some strong defence.

Mikaela Williams - It was great having Makalea back in the team today. She ran well off the bench – and had some good moments on the ball today. She had some nice touches and tackled well whenever she had to opportunity.

Elsie – ran hard onto the ball today and had some notable second efforts. She was always there to support her teammates and moved well into space to create opportunities for movement. Elsie is always valuable to have in our mid and back line.

Score: -

Maroubra Saints 11.3.69 def Northwest Lightning YG11-1 4.3.27

Goals:-

Georgia Gryst: 1.0.6

Zahra Haidari 0.1.1



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Kira Breden 1.0.6

Indiana Livy 1.0.6

Natalie Hill 0.1.1

Willow Nicolson 0.1.1

Samantha Campbell 1.0.6

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