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# Football Operations Manager Aaron McLean

On behalf of the RDFNL Board of Directors, I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2023 Rookie Me Senior Women's Football Grand Final Day.

Thank you to our hosts today Woodend-Hesket FNC and well done to Paul Podbury, Anne-Louise Lindner and the many volunteers and committee members to ensure today is a areat success.

The RDFNL's first ever Women's Finals Series has been a great success and thank you to all clubs for their efforts over the last few weeks.

Congratulations to Kyneton and Macedon for making today's Grand Final, and good luck to all players, coaches and team support staff today.

Thanks to all our umpires who will officiate today, and who have been part of the big team throughout the season proper. Without umpires we effectively do not have a game, so everyone should be appreciative of their efforts throughout the season. As you watch from over the fence today, please be mindful that these men, women, boys and girls are out there doing the best job they can, just like our players are. Everyone makes mistakes and no umpire is perfect, but regardless of this I would ask that you please be respectful in your treatment of our umpires today, and into the future. Any form of abuse has no place at the RDFNL.

The inaugural 2023 RDFNL Women's Season has been a very successful one. Our junior

clubs have worked hard over the last few years to establish their junior and youth girls programs, and it came to a point last season where players were beginning to age out of our junior competition. With lots of hard work and discussions in the off-season, we welcomed existing Women's clubs in Kyneton, Melton and Mount Alexander Falcons to join the RDFNL in 2023 and beyond. This coupled with Macedon, Romsey and Woodend-Hesket starting their journey as Senior Women's teams and the RDFNL Rookie Me Women's competition was born. I'd like to specifically acknowledge those volunteers who ensured this competition would happen and made a significant contribution to its success in our first season. From Romsey, thank you to Jo Carroll, Wayne Milburn, Michael Richardson, Aaron Paterson and Ian Steward. A terrific effort to get a team off the ground in year one. We hope to see continued growth at the Redbacks. To the Falcons, thank you to Alana Wearne, Sam Henty and Robyn Pryor for your support. I strongly encourage everyone to get to a Mount Alexander home game to experience their welcoming community atmosphere along with kids sport, a DJ and BBQ, what more could you want. To our hosts tonight in Woodend-Hesket, thank you to Paul Podbury, Anne-Louise Lindner, Sue-Ellen Cook, Gav Spring and Colin Bromley who have led a great bunch of young footballers transitioning from junior to women's football. There's plenty of talent and I'm confident

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we'll see the Hawks competing on future Grand Final days. From Melton, thank you to Donna Emery, Michael Emery, Brian McNabb, Danielle Roczniak and Jess O'Loughlin for your efforts and support transitioning leagues. We look forward to watching the Bloods program continue to blossom. From Kyneton, Nat Korinfsky and the whole Tigers committee have been outstanding supporters of the RDFNL. Nat has been a great sounding board and greatly assisted in my development in women's football competition management. Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to Tamara Collins, Bevan Uren, Mark Cooke and Clytie Deering for your tremendous efforts to get the Macedon Women's team off the ground in 2023. In February, Macedon had 3 players, and tonight they run out to compete in the Grand Final. Tamara makes things happen and is a credit to where a positive attitude and strong determination can get you. There is no doubt many more people who have supported and ensured a successful season, from volunteer umpires, team managers, trainers, water carriers, timekeepers, umpire escorts and the list goes on, thank you.

A huge thank-you to the RDFNL sponsors and partners who are continuing on in their support of the League in 2023. The RDFNL are pleased to announce Bendigo Bank as the Major Sponsor once again. Bendigo Bank are a great fit for our league and have local branches in Gisborne, Romsey, Lancefield and Kyneton so please don't hesitate to visit for your banking needs. Our longest partner Melton Toyota are on board again in 2023 and we thank Grant Harrison and his team for their continued support. We welcome aboard new partners Rookie Me, Premier Data and Macedon Ranges Driving School. To our other returning sponsors in Adcell, Action Forklift

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These new sponsorships have helped the League break its sponsorship amount record and have assisted in reducing the costs for our Clubs which we are ever so thankful for. The team at RDFNL HQ and the RDFNL Board will continue to source these partnerships to assist our Clubs and their bottom line. The RDFNL will continue to consult and work with our clubs to ensure that we have the best league possible moving forward. We will continue to invest in our programs, evidenced by Premier Data, filming every match and providing increased coaching resources to all of our Women's clubs in 2023.

Thanks to RDFNL CEO Jordan Doyle for his support of me throughout this season, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Grace Bibby for your efforts throughout the year supporting and assisting me and promoting our competitions. Thank you to the RDFNL Board for their great support and faith. I wish all competing clubs good luck today and look forward to a great day at the RDFNL Rookie Me Senior Women's Grand Final. Win or lose, I look forward to seeing you all back bigger and stronger for season 2024.

Aaron McLean
Football Operations Manager,
Riddell District FNL

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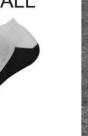
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#### **SENIOR WOMEN'S PREVIEWS**



# Media and Netball Manager Grace Bibby

#### **Kyneton vs Macedon**

In the inaugural Rookie Me Senior Womens grand final minor premiers Kyneton will take on the fourth place Macedon, Where they finished is irrelevant now as both teams start at zero. Macedon have saved their best football for the end of the season but is there best football good enough to beat the class outfit of Kyneton. Today we will find out.

#### From the Coaches:

**Kyneton:** We had a three year plan and we didn't mind where we were we were going to do our best to win a final. RDFNL has been a good fit and we are looking forward to once last challenge. Hopefully we can finish this season with a win and make it 10-0. They have some real play makers who set them up well in Lilli Collins and Lulu Slater but both teams are number one and number 2 for the season in contested possessions so it should be a great game. I said a few weeks ago we have to be careful of Macedon and now we really have to be careful because they have made it to the grand final. It would be the first premiership the club have won in womens and that is huge. It's the first senor womens for the RDFNL too so we would be chuffed. Those things can never be taken from you. After last years disappointed, we said we wouldn't let it stop us. If anything, it has been us more determined and it will taste even sweeter if we can win it this weekend.

Macedon: Yeah we have done it the hard way. Melton got on top of us in the third and we needed a big quarter to finish and we got there. Hopefully we can take that momentum into this week. There is definitely the belief there that we can win. We think we match up with them okay. We just go about our business as normal. Train hard, work harder and see how we go. We have had amazing support from the entire club which has been so great for the group. The Seniors

rolled in at MacPherson Park last week and then awesome back at the rooms. I have seen how a lot of women's programs run separately and they just do their own thing but the Senior men and Netballers have really embraced what we are doing. It has been very impressive. Having a senior women's has been the best thing for our development as a women's football club. We have been able to rotate some youth players through the seniors each week and give them experience and a stepping stone to come up and the juniors the same. We might lose a few who thought they would just have a go for a year but we are confident we will retain a lot of our senior group and we have some promising juniors and youth airls coming through.

#### Players to watch

#### **Kyneton:**

Taylah Moore - Reads the ball well across half back making it hard for the opposition to score

Heidi Erasmus – Wins plenty of the football all over the ground and does a good job of sending the Tigers into attack.

Jordan Savoia – Plays the wing role to perfection and has been a big difference to Kyneton in the second half of the season.

#### Macedon:

Lulu Slater - Our player of the week in the preliminary final. There is no pressure too great for Lulu Slater.

Lilli Collins – Another big performer last week does and exceptional job of winning the ball out of the middle.

Francesca Stevens – Has played some good games throughout the season and always gets plenty of touches.

**Prediction:** Kyneton to be tested but prevail as the inaugural RDFNL Senior Womens Premiers.









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NAME	Kyneton v Macedon	Margin	вов	Last Week	Season
Brenton Knott RDFNL President	Kyneton	12	Nat Korinfsky	1	26
Courtney Alexander Bendigo Bank	Kyneton	22	Teagan Ainslie	0	23
Michael Alvaro Rookie Me	Macedon	2	Lilli Collins	1	23
Peter Williams Rookie Me	Kyneton	14	Elizabeth Whittem	1	27
<b>Jordan Doyle</b> RDFNL CEO	Kyneton	32	Belinda Hateley	0	28
Aaron McLean RDFNL Footy Ops	Kyneton	1	Lulu Slater	0	27
<b>Grant McMillan</b> AFL Victoria	Kyneton	56	Alexandra Strawhorn	0	25
<b>Tara Murray</b> Star Weekly	Kyneton	45	Heidi Erasmus	1	27
<b>Ben Higgins</b> Leader	Kyneton	50	Taylah Moore	0	23
Grace Bibby RDFNL Media & Netball	Kyneton	58	Jordan Savoia	0	28



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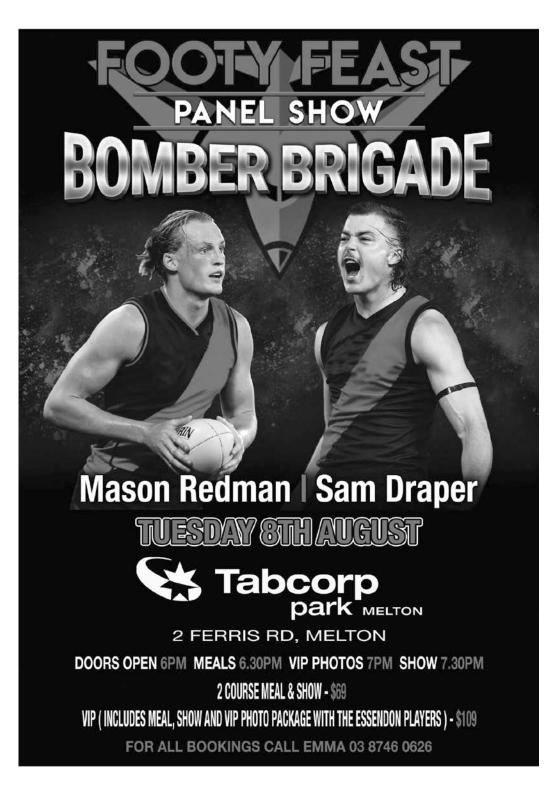




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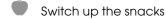


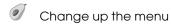




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#### PLAYER/ COACH PROFILE

#### CLUB

Kyneton FNC

#### POSITION AT THE CLUB

Senior Womens Coach

#### YEARS OF SERVICE

3 Years

#### **FAVOURITE DRINK:**

A good Port

#### **FAVOURITE PERSON AT THE CLUB AND WHY?**

Teagan Ainslie - Capt courageous, never gives up, ferocious and fearless.

#### **FAVOURITE SPORTING MOMENT:**

Coaching Coburg Senior Womens state league Volleyball to a championship

#### **FAVOURITE MOVIE:**

Any James Bond Movie (shaken not stirred)

#### WHO INSPIRES YOU?

Batman - He can do anything

#### A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER WHO BEST RESEMBLES THE GAME YOU PLAY OR COACH?

Nick Daicos - When I played cool under pressure but delivers

#### **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OR LIFE MOTTO:**

Never give up / Bring it on



#### **ROAD TO THE GRAND FINAL**



#### **Kyneton**

It has been an extraordinary season for the Tigers in the RDFNL.

Coming across from the Bendigo Football League Kyneton have dominated with bigger senior bodies and more experience every week.

They have been polished from start to finish and recorded an undefeated season.

The season was returned a perfect record for the Tigers minus the round five abandoned game with Melton which meant they shared the points on one occasion.

Tigers control the play and stifle the opposition as they try to surge the ball forward.

They will go into the grand final as favourites and rightly so.

Each week we have experienced new players putting their hand up with incredible stat lines and the consistency of their top performances have been incredible.

During the year Belinda Hateley, Alexandra Strawhorn and the captain Teagan Ainslie have all been recognized as the Premier Data player of the week and there could have been a whole lot more.

Heidi Erasmus has been very consistent throughout the season, Tayla Moore is another tough match up and Jordan Savoia saved her best football for the second half of the season.

The Tigers have made it near impossible to score allowing their opposition over the 10week home and away season just 17 scoring opportunities to their 191.

Outside of the abandoned match, in incredible fog Woodend Hesket got within 17 points of Kyneton.

Their biggest win came in round one against Romsey. Kyneton defeated the inexperienced Redbacks by 121 points.

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Kyneton	– Road to Grand Final
Round 1	Romsey Women's 0.1-1 lost to Kyneton 19.14-128
Round 2	Kyneton 13.9-87 defeated Woodend-Hesket Women's 1.0-6
Round 3	Mount Alexander Women's 2.1-13 lost to Kyneton 12.12-84
Round 4	Kyneton 11.11-77 defeated Macedon Women's 0.0-0
Round 5	Kyneton versus Melton Women's (Abandoned)
Round 6	Woodend-Hesket Women's 5.1-31 lost to Kyneton 7.6-48
Round 7	Melton Women's .3-15 lost to Kyneton 7.9-51
Round 8	Kyneton 10.12-72 defeated Mount Alexander Women's 0.0-0

Round 9 Macedon Women's 0.1-1 lost

to Kyneton 5.6-36

Round 10 Kyneton 16.10-106 defeated

Romsey Women's 1.0-6

#### Macedon

It has been a season of ups and downs for the Cats but one that will be remembered by all involved.

They started the season with just three players at their first training session. Two of which wanted to play and one who didn't.

Tamara Collins continued to drive the program and despite being the last team to enter the Senior Women's competition they had made a start.

As the season went on numbers begin to grow, their owns scores grew with it and their ability to stop teams from scoring big also started to take shape.

We have always known they have the star power with Lulu Slater and Lilli Collins but were they going to have enough depth to help get the four points.

During the year they were held scoreless on three occasions but they didn't lose hope.

They split their season with five wins and five losses and made their way into the top four.

During the ten-week regular season their best win came over Woodend Hesket in round five and their worse loss against Melton in round one.

That result would later become irrelevant.

In the finals they played their best football and shook the competition.

Finishing fourth they defeated the third placed Woodend Hesket and made their way into a preliminary final.

Once again they were the underdog and went in with a never say die attitude and with one quarter to play in the preliminary final they could have easily given up.

They ran over the top of the fancied Melton and will now play Kyneton in the grand final.

They know this game will not be easy.

In their two previous encounters Macedon have failed to score but they have done a good job in recent weeks to contain Kyneton.

Macedon have done extremely well to make it to the preliminary final and win lose or draw their season has been a successful one.

#### Macedon - Road to Grand Final

Round 1	Macedon 0.0-0 lost to Melton
	Women's 14.15-99

Round 2 Macedon 4.9-33 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 1.5-11

Round 3 Macedon 9.15-69 Defeated Romsey Women's 0.1-1

Round 4 Macedon 0.0-0 Lost to Kyneton Women's 11.11-77

Round 5 Macedon 7.6-48 Defeated Woodend-Hesket Women's 3.5-23

Round 6 Macedon 4.8-32 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 0.0-7

Round 7 Macedon 11.16-82 Defeated Romsey Women's 0.1-1

Round 8 Macedon 5.3-33 Defeated Melton Women's 5.6-36

Round 9 Macedon 0.1-1 Lost to Kyneton Women's 5.6-36

Round 10 Macedon 3.4-22 Lost to Woodend-Hesket Women's 5.8-38









#### **SEASON REVIEW**



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#### Melton

Melton will be disappointed that their season has come to an end

After sitting in second for the majority of the season to bow out of the race for the premiership in the preliminairy final will leave a sour tatse in their mouth.

It was an up and down season for the Bloods having changed coaches and some personnel.

Their best win of the season came in round one when they defeated the Cats by 99 points keeping them scoreless.

While other teams displayed improved results each week, Melton were slowing coming back to the field.

Their captain Jordyn Syme was comfortably their best player all season long while Taylah De Bono also lit up the premier data stats.

Melton had more experience than most teams in the competition but they were unable to make it to the big

They will no doubt use the off season to reset and come back bigger and better in 2024.

#### **Melton Results**

Round 1 Melton 14.15-99 Defeated Macedon Women's

Round 2 Melton 7.14-56 Defeated Romsev Women's 0.1-1

Round 3 Melton 4.1-25 Lost to Woodend-Hesket Women's

Rund 4 Melton 3.5-23 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 2.0-12

Round 5 Kyneton vs Melton (Game Abandoned)

Round 6 Melton 10.6-66 Defeated Romsey Women's 4.4-28

Round 7 Melton 2.3-15 lost to Kyneton Women 7.9-51

Round 8 Melton 5.6-36 Defeated Macedon Women's

Round 9 Melton 0.2-2 Drew with Woodend-Hesket Women's 0.2-2

Round 10 Melton 5.4-34 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 3.3-21

# **SEASON REVIEW**



#### Woodend-Hesket

It was a tough finish to the season for Woodend Hesket.

Woodend Hesket were improving steadily across the season but with some key players missing on elimination final day the result was not to be.

With one of the younger lists in the competition Woodend Hesket are going to take some beating over the next few

With a strong development program, they have the likes of Kat Bau, Mariam Habib and Macey Crowther all in the brown and gold.

All three girls were recognized as the Premier Data player of the week over the course of the season.

While the elimination final was probably the hardest loss to swollen their worse loss came in round two when they lost to Kyneton by 81 points.

Their best win of the season came in round eight when they defeated Romsey by 128 points.

All players will be better after having a year of senior football

Woodend Hesket have both Bau and Crowther training at the next level with Calder Cannons.

#### **Woodend-Hesket Results**

Round 1 Woodend Hesket 5.21-51 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 0.1-1

Round 2 Woodend Hesket 1.0-6 Lost to Kyneton Women's 13.9-87

Round 3 Woodend Hesket 5.11-41 Defeated Melton Women's 4.1-25

Round 4 Woodend Hesket 11.11-77 Defeated Romsev Women's 0.2-2

Round 5 Woodend Hesket 3.5-23 lost to Macedon Women's 7.6-48

Round 6 Woodend Hesket 5.1-31 Lost to Kyneton Women's 76-48

Round 7 Woodend Hesket 9.5-59 Defeated Mount Alexander Women's 4.3-27

Round 8 Woodend Hesket 19.16-130 Defeated Romsev Women's 0.2-2

Round 9 Woodend Hesket 0.2-2 Drew with Melton Women's 0.2-2

Round 10 Woodend Hesket 5.8-38 Defeated Macedon Women's 3.4-22



#### Mount Alexander

In their first year of competition Mount Alexander didn't disappoint.

While the wins were few and far between they showed class and should be admired for their work on and off field.

On field Jesse Boylan was outstanding.

Each week their stat line improved and in the games where Mount Alexander won, they were the dominant player on the ground.

Tash Ross Harris was also a Premier Data player of the week in round 10.

Mount Alexanders best win came against Romsey in round nine when they took the four points by a margin of 33 points.

On the other end of the scale their worse loss came in round three against Kyneton.

The margin there was 71 points.

Off field the Flacons have led from the front with their work in gender diversity and inclusion.

#### **Mount Alexander Results**

Round 1 Mount Alexander 0.1-1 Lost to Woodend-Hesket Women's 5.21-51

Round 2 Mount Alexander 1.5-11 Lost to Macedon Women's 4.9-33

Round 3 Mount Alexander 2.1-13 Lost to Kyneton Women's 12 12-84

Round 4 Mount Alexander 2.0-12 Lost to Melton Women's 3.5-23

Round 5 Mount Alexander 4.5-29 Defeated Romsey Women's 0.0-0

Round 6 Mount Alexander 0.0-7 Lost to Macedon Women's 4 8-32

Round 7 Mount Alexander 4.3-27 Lost to Woodend-Hesket Women's 9.5-59

Round 8 Mount Alexander 0.0-0 Lost to Kyneton Women's 10.12-72

Round 9 Mount Alexander 4.11-35 Defeated Romsey Women's 0.2-2

Round 10 Mount Alexander 3.3-21 Lost to Melton Women's



#### **SEASON REVIEW**



#### Romsey

Romsey were our most inexperienced team coming into the first ever womens season.

Romsey had a good mix of athletes but very few had played football.

Their captain Nicole Steward led from the front.

She was important for the development of the players around her and even won herself the player of the week honours in round nine.

Over the course of the season Romsey got their hands on the football more and more and they will all be better for the vear of football.

Romsey's best result came in round five

They may not have been a win but they did keep Mount Alexander to 29 points.

They also kicked four goals against Melton in round six which was their best attacking game.

A game they would like to forget was their 128-point loss at the hands of Woodend Hesket in round eight.

#### **Romsev Results**

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Round 10 Romsey 1.0-6 Lost to Kyneton Women's 16.10-106









#### KYNETON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB





#### MACEDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



#### Club Notes

It has been an incredible first year for our club entering the inaugural RDFNL Women's Competition. The Tigers Women's team was established in 2014 and it has been road filled with many ups and downs. The club and team are proud and excited to be playing in a Grand final for the very first time in our history and look back at a great season with many highlights such as our Pride Round, Indigenous Round and a strong win in our first finals appearance against Melton.

The Kyneton Football Netball Club Women's Team would like to thank the following people and organisations who have contributed to our growth and success on and off the field.

RDFNL - Aaron, Jordan, Grace, Tara and the Board

Our Sponsors: Kyneton Bowling Club and Kilcov Global Foods

Our Club Committee, Members, Players and Volunteers

2023 Coaches: Phil Hawkes, Kylie Munro and Belinda Hateley

Trainers: Tash Tobin and Karli Newton

Runner: Connor Munro

Team co-ordination and support: Natalie Korinfsky, Charlie Bracey, Peta Turnbull, Skye Sinclair, Teagan Ainslie and Marnie Love.

Club Photographer: Sophie McLeod

Our volunteers each week and at the wider club. Thank you!





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#### Club Notes

What a season it's been for the inaugural Macedon Women's team! It's been a fairy-tale finish as we prepare to compete in what will be many players' first grand final. Our first training session fielded three players and things were looking a little dicey but as Kevin Costner famously said, 'If you build it, they will come'...and they did! We finish the season with a full list and opportunities for our junior club players to showcase their skills.

We would like to dedicate these club notes to all the volunteers who helped getting us here. It just doesn't happen without trainers, runners, goal umpires, timekeepers, committees, team managers and coaches. In particular, we would like to thank the Macedon senior footy club for relishing the opportunity to take on an extra team and following up with genuine time and support of the women's program.

A big shout out to our coaching team of Slates, Josh and Jez. Keep it simple has never been truer...Slates, you are a genius!

Special mention to Clytie, our playing TM and Keith, our trainer, who have got us prepared and out on the oval each week. Also to Liam and Harley, regular volunteers, along with Rob, Finn, Sian and Kye...the list goes on.

To our sponsors and supporters, success doesn't come without you.

To the league and teams in the inaugural women's comp, congratulations on what has been a fun, competitive and friendly competition.

Last but not least, we wish the playing group all the best in today's game. Their commitment and positive attitude makes the Macedon Women's team a fun place to be. With a mix of young and old, first timers and experienced heads, we look forward to cheering them on as they give it all they've got!

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#### **SENIOR WOMEN'S GRAND FINAL**





Coach: Phil Hawkes

Assistant Coach: Kylie Munro & Belinda Hateley

#### **KYNETON**

No.	PLAYER GOA	LS BEHIND		
1	Teagan Ainslie (C)			
2	Natalie Korinfsky (VC)			
3	Rebecca Evans			
4	Shannon White			
5	Rebbecca Janitis			
6	Jordan Savoia			
7	Heidi Erasmus			
8	Emily Gibson			
9	Belinda Hateley (VC)			
11	Peta Turnbull			
13	Caitlin Nash			
14	Courtney Johns			
15	Jen Schellekens			
17	Emma Williams			
18	Suze Harrison			

No.	PLAYER GOALS	BEHIND
19	Terri Overstead	
20	Stacee Randall	
21	Sophie Fontaine	
22	Bree Meadows	
23	Skye Sinclair	
24	Nicole Rowan	
25	Taylah Moore	
26	Shannon Prendergast	
27	Jacynta Cochrane	
29	Beth Whittem	
31	Charlie Bracey	
32	Jane Rolls	
35	Nikita Jamson	
36	Alexandra Strawhorn	

TEAM	1/4 TIME	1/2 TIME	3/4 TIME	FULL TIME
KYNETON				





Coach: Damien Slater Assistant Coach: Josh Larsen

#### **MACEDON**

No.	PLAYER	GOALS	BEHIND
1	Anastasia Fisher		
2	Deanne Mills		
3	Tina Veliscek		
4	Kiara Andrews		
5	Adie Ward		
6	Sarah Miles		
7	Lulu Slater		
8	Bronwyn Slater		
9	Chek Stevens		
10	Lily Prater		
11	Scarlett Lynch		
12	Bec Lester		
13	Marion Maxted		
14	Ninna Harbison		
15	Clytie Deering		
16	Amy Miles		
17	Donna Parson		

PLAYER	GOALS	BEHIND
Lilli Collins		
Tamara Collins		
Shawana Andews		
Jayde Turner		
Ashlee Knight		
Laura Roberts		
Steph Briggs		
Kit Collins		
Bella Shaw		
Lola Coppin		
Caitoriona Goldsworthy		
Annie Horton		
Sarah McClean		
Chelsea Kemp		
Hayley Birch		
Narelle Kudnig		
	Lilli Collins  Tamara Collins  Shawana Andews  Jayde Turner  Ashlee Knight  Laura Roberts  Steph Briggs  Kit Collins  Bella Shaw  Lola Coppin  Caitoriona Goldsworthy  Annie Horton  Sarah McClean  Chelsea Kemp  Hayley Birch	Lilli Collins  Tamara Collins  Shawana Andews  Jayde Turner  Ashlee Knight  Laura Roberts  Steph Briggs  Kit Collins  Bella Shaw  Lola Coppin  Caitoriona Goldsworthy  Annie Horton  Sarah McClean  Chelsea Kemp  Hayley Birch

TEAM	1/4 TIME	1/2 TIME	3/4 TIME	FULL TIME
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#### **SENIOR WOMEN'S GRAND FINAL**





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# **KYNETON**







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Solid interceptor and great by foot delivering it out of the backline. Has never say die attitude



Great in and under player who has speed Loves fast flowing football and always on her side. Small in appears to be out on size but big in what she her own ready to take brings to the game. it down the wing. Loves hard for the ball



Able to read the play well, and is ready for the ball out of the pack Delivers well to the forward line and has an



First year player, a fast midfielder who has been dangerous in front of goals



A tough forward who provides strong leads and pressure on the ball



First year player, a whippy forward who is first to the ball and taking strong marks



Zippy midfielder who pops up everywhere. With a penetrating defender who can run kick, hard to contain the wing and provide



First time player who has really found her mojo in defence, contesting every ball and shutting down plavers



forward line to create opportunities and is hunary for a aoal!



is exceptional by foot. Experience and skills show in her ability to step up in matches. Selfless as a player who helps to build the team up.



Versatile player who is always hungry for the ball. Hard at the contest and gives her absolute all until the siren.



A utility around the ground, can play both in the backline and forward and have an impact. Determined to do well in every contest



First year player who continually works hard to hone in on her craft. Brings great physicality to the game



One of our key rucks and a versatile key forward and defende Great mark, and is able to work hard to follow up her ruck work



A areat leading forward, who is able to take a contested mark Has been key in finishing off games all season and will be looking to bag a few goals.



A strong midfielder who is pivotal in winning clearances and moving the ball quickly



A first year player and strong defender with clean hands and ability to take a contested mark



A versatile left footer dangerous in front of goals and through the midfield



has been plagued

with injury. A gutsy

speed

A fast defender with A very handy a strong mark and pin defender who has a point kick. Dangerous strong mark and can when on the run do some damage forward



First year player who has improved out of sight, slotting through her first goal in helping us to a preliminary final



Great by foot and always finds space for a solid mark. Can play forward and mids, and always has an impact on the game.



Can play both forward and back as a key player, Fights hard to ensure opposition doesn't get the ball and always encourages



First to the ball and great in and under player, Loads of pressure and can tackle hard. Works hard for her team



First year player who has a lot of speed. Has picked up the game well. Great outside player who can deliver it into the forwards.



Backliner turned key Plays her role so well in the forward. Always forward. Great pressure acts and can take a works hard to support solid mark. Excellent her team mates and has kick and is sure to bag a taken some areat marks



Solid around the ground with a great contested mark and the ability to read the play well. Car play forward and back and able to give the ruck a chop out



First year player coming up from youth girls. A fierce competitor. causina damage through the midfield and up forward



A first year player and TM of the team, Clytie is a handy forward who is improving game after game



A first year player who has found her place in the ruck, providing a strong contest and hard tackling



A first year player and strong defender who can shut down players



A strong midfielder with a booming left kick who is dangerous defence and is living near goals her best life!





and a solid kick for goal. A tough and versatile player who works hard



Hard in and under

player, who works to

put pressure on the

opposition to free up

other forwards to go

to work.

Can play almost any position. Great contested mark who is

accurate at delivering

to the forward line or

snagaina a goal.

Charlie Bracey Fast in and under defender who is always at the ball first. Is able to get the ball out fast to running players and makes areat decisions



Can double up as a defender and small forward. Like a magnet on her opposition player when in the backline and loves a few cheeky goals every contest when in the pocket



Jexandra Strawha Great positioning around the ground, and is happy to go in and under and do the hard work. Is a work horse in



Tough player, who fight: hard to get the ball out to outside runners. Can play forward or backline and has a great kick



First year player who can play both forward and back, providing a strong tackling presence



First year player, has really found her niche in the ruck, providing opportunities for strong midfield clearances



Co captain who leads by example, Strona forward and midfielder with a strong mark and penetratina kick



Strong on the last line of defence and an equally danaerous full forward with a clever kick and strong mark



Coming up from vouth airls, Bella is a fierce defender who is dangerous through the midfield



Surprise first year player coming up from juniors who has found confidence of late and is tearing it up in the back line and on the wina









under pressure.

#### **MELTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**



# MOUNT ALEXANDER FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



#### Club Notes

Melton Bloods womens team had a big year in 2023 starting fresh in the RDFNL league, with Jordyn Syme as the Captain and Danielle Roczniak as Vice Captain, they did a great iob with leading the team by example & assisting coaching staff when required.

Not knowing what to expect throughout the year we were ecstatic to bring home some wins and end up 2nd on the ladder coming into the finals.

For this season we had a lot of existing players from the previous season as well as fresh players who were new to football and were able to prove that their willingness to learn and adapt to our game plans, these players became great assets for our team and are eager to continue with us next season and hopefully many more seasons to come.

We started off the year strong winning our first game in the legaue by 99 points, this win gave us the confidence boost we all needed to prove our spot in the league. We came up against some strong teams who were able to beat us and gave us a different perspective with where we also needed improvement on the field.

Michael Emery was our coach for quite a few years and unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances handed in his resignation 3 quarters through the 2023 season, we really appreciate the effort and time Michael had contributed for our team. Melton Bloods Football Club assigned Brett Grambau as our

new coach to take us through the remainder of 2023 who in the little time he spent with us taught us a lot with a fresh new approach for us and we are extremely grateful for his willingness & knowledge to take our team through to the finals. Although we did not make it through to the grand final, we are hopeful that we can get there next year after finishing 2023 in the finals.

On behalf of our team, we would like to thank our coaching staff as well as the volunteers who put their hands up to assist with the games & a massive thank you to the RDFNL for welcoming us into the league, also to our sponsors who have supported us throughout the year.

We look forward to the 2024 season and many more to come.



#### Club Notes

Mt Alexander Falcons were thrilled to kick off the season with RDFNL as our first-ever official match of footy, in a home-andaway season, playing for premiership points! We had an unbelievable first season with great things happening both on and off the field.

- o We launched our sessions with Kelly Sports at our home games in Harcourt for all children attending the matches to try out some new games and for a little entertainment.
- o Auskick was a huge success with the little ones who have a new space to grow into.
- o Kyneton Tigers put up a great game for the second-ever Gender Equity Cup! The club's Gender Equity and Inclusion Action Plan was launched with a panel discussion with co-captain Alex Kelly, Kyneton Tiger Nat Korinfsky, Falcon Mitch Nivalis, Sports Focus' Lauren Fawcett, and Darebin Falcon and Olympian Sarah Hammond. Falcons kept the conversation going later in the season with a session on gender-diverse inclusion in sport and movement
- o Falcons went onto another great

match against the Kyneton Tigers for the Pride Cup Round

- o Our very own coach, Lil Waters was a finalist in the 2023 Pride in Sport Awards for LGBTQ Inclusive Coach of the Year.
- o Equal the Contest, a film documenting the journey of Mitch Nivalis becoming a part of the Mount Alexander Falcons; a community football club created by, and for, women and gender-diverse people was launched at the Castlemaine Film Festival. It picked up some serious media attraction around Aus with features in ABC News and The Guardian. The film will be heading to the Queer Screen Film Festival in Sydney in August.

Coach Recruitment. With the bittersweet news that our current beloved coaches are moving into playing roles, we are on the hunt for a new head senior coach. We encourage interested women or gender-diverse people to apply at football@mtalexanderfalcons.com.au.

Best of Luck! The Falcons are cheering for a great final between the Kyneton Tigers and Macedon Cats today. We can't wait to play you again in 2024.

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#### **ROMSEY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**



# 🗦 WOODEND-HESKET FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB 🔆



#### Club Notes

Romsey Women's Football Team had 33 players during 2023, congratulations to all that pulled on the redbacks Jumper this year mostly learning about footy, having fun and competing stoically during the season.

This was a fantastic response to establishing a team from scratch due mostly to the hard work of Nicole Steward, Jo Carroll and coaches Aaron Paterson and Michael Richardson.

To all that helped this team turn out for the season in 2023 thankvou, some extra thanks to the trainers, Justin, Lisa and Marty. Timekeeping Helen, Milly and Gerald for Goal umpiring as well, Odd jobs - Luke, Matt, Darcy, James, Fiona and the canteen people who looked after the team, finally a special mention to Mitch for performing the runner's duties every week. .

Thank you to the RDFNL for creating and supporting the competition and the Romsev FNC committee for their endorsement and support.

From our practice match against Macedon, then the first RDFNL Women's competition game held on, Friday 28th April 2023 at Romsey, with Romsey having the first kick ever in the new women's competition, 2 games with players running/kicking the

wrong way to the midseason momentous goal avalanche against Melton played in the fog and the roar of the Romsey supporters when the flags were waved 4 times in all. To the last game, an indigenous round against the undefeated Kyneton in Kyneton scoring another memorable goal.

The team played the season with enthusiasm, care and excitement for each other's and team achievements along the way and with respect for the opposition and umpires.

Congratulations and thank you to all the competing teams this year, well done to finalists Woodend & Melton and the Grand Finalists playing today Kyneton and Macedon, good luck to both teams.

The club encourages all team members that played this year to return next season while spreading the word in the off season about the fun and comradery that can be had in a footy team.

To all the Romsey FNC club sponsors thank you and to the Women's match day sponsors your support has been greatly appreciated by the playing group.

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#### Club Notes

The Woodend Hesket Football Netball Club has been thrilled to participate in the inaugural senior women's football competition and we would like to thank the league for all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to make this happen. We would like to also thank local law firm Chinka (HEP) Steel Solicitor who signed on as the major sponsor of the women's team in 2023.

The club fielded a very young side this year with our oldest player being 23 and the average age of the team being 18. Each week eight of the players played for the senior team and the U18 Youth Girls team. Despite how young the team was, their improvement over the season was fantastic, Unfortunately, a lack of depth meant we played short or did not have a bench in a couple of games. The team had six wins, three losses and a draw. A number of our players ranked highly each week in the player ranking points and we know we have some great talent at the club.



Highlights of the season included big wins over the Mount Alexander Falcons and Romsey and playing in the finals. A visit from Melbourne AFLW Premiership player Olivia Purcell in May who spoke to the players after their first home match about her journey to the AFLW, including her transition from junior to senior football was also a highlight.

The team finished the season 3rd on the ladder and took on Macedon in the elimination final. Unfortunately, with the team short some players and Macedon with a big support crowd the Cats got the win by 16 points.

Congratulations to Colin, Sue-Ellen, Gavin and Tobin for all of their hard work over the season getting the team on the oval each week. To all of the players, the club has really enjoyed seeing you develop as a team and the enthusiasm you have shown. The future is bright at the Hawks for women's football.



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#### **WOMEN'S FOOTBALL 2023 FIXTURE**

ROUND 1		KINGS BIRTHDAY BYE	
Friday 28th April		Saturday 10th June	
Romsey 0.1-1 def by Kyneton 19.14-128		ROUND 7	
Macedon 0.0-0 <b>def by Melton 14.15-99</b>		Saturday 17th June	
Saturday 29th April		Macedon 11.16-82 def Romsey 0.1-1 5pm	
Mt Alexander 0.1-1 def by Woodend-Hesket 5.21	-51	Melton 2.3-15 <b>def by Kyneton 7.9-51</b>	10:45am
ROUND 2		Woodend-Hesket 9.6-59 def Mt Alexander 4.3-27	12:30pm
Friday 5th May		ROUND 8	oop
Melton 7.14-56 def Romsey 0.1-1	7pm	Saturday 24th June	
Saturday 6th May		<b>Kyneton 10.12-72 def</b> Mt Alexander 0.0-0	
Macedon 4.9-33 def Mt Alexander 1.5-11	5pm	5:15pm	
Kyneton 13.9-87 def Woodend-Hesket 1.0-6 5:	30pm	Melton 5.6-36 def Macedon 5.3-33	10:45am
ROUND 3		Woodend-Hesket 19.16-130 def Romsey 0.2-2	5pm
Friday 12th May		ROUND 9	
Romsey 0.1-1 def by Macedon 9.15-69	7pm	Saturday 1st July	
Saturday 13th May		Mt Alexander 4.11-35 def Romsey 0.2-2	2pm
Mt Alexander 2.1-13 def by Kyneton 12.12-84	2pm	Saturday 8th July	
Woodend-Hesket 5.11-41 def Melton 4.1-25	10am	Macedon 0.1-1 def by Kyneton 5.6-36	5pm
ROUND 4		Melton 0.2-2 drew Woodend-Hesket 0.2-2	10:45am
Saturday 20th May		ROUND 10	
<b>Kyneton 11.11-77 def</b> Macedon 0.0-0 3:	30pm	Saturday 15th July	
Melton 3.5-23 def Mt Alexander 2.0-12 10:	45am	<b>Kyneton 16.10-106 def</b> Romsey 1.0-6	5:30pm
Romsey 0.2-2 def by Woodend-Hesket 11.11-77	5pm	Mt Alexander 3.3-21 <b>def by Melton 5.4-34</b>	2pm
ROUND 5		Woodend-Hesket 5.8-38 def 3.4-22 Macedon	5pm
Friday 26th May		SEMI FINALS	Opii
Romsey 0.0-0 def by Mt Alexander 4.5-29	7pm	Saturday 22nd July	
Saturday 27th May		Kyneton 14.13-97 def Melton 0.2-2	
Kyneton Melton 5:	15pm	Saturday 23rd July	
Macedon 7.6-48 def Woodend-Hesket 3.5-23	5pm	Woodend-Hesket 3.2-20 def by Macedon 5.	.6-36
ROUND 6		PRELIMINARY FINAL	
Saturday 3rd June		Saturday 29th July	
Mt Alexander 0.0-7 def by Macedon 4.8-32	2pm	Melton 2.4-16 def by Macedon 4.4-28	
Romsey 4.4-28 <b>def by Melton 10.6-66</b>	5pm	GRAND FINAL	
Woodend-Hesket 5.1-31 def by Kyneton 7.6-48	5pm	Saturday 5th August	





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#### by Paige Giles

#### Congratulations to the below umpires for their appointment in the 2023 Rookie Me RDFNL Senior Women's Grand Final

Field: Michael Bretag & William Bobetic

Boundary: Xavier Boag & Katherine Watson

Goal: Graeme Carter & Damien Ashford



#### Kvneton

#### **RDFNL Media Manager Grace Bibby catches** up with Kyneton Senior Womens coach Phil Hawkes ahead of their grand final.

#### GRACE: How excited is the group to be playing in a grand final?

PHIL: Everyone is very excited. There were a few nerves before the qualifying final so I dare say they will grow. It's been a long time coming so we are really excited.

#### GRACE: Is there any internal pressure having gone through the season undefeated?

PHIL: We are trying not to look at it as pressure but just another challenge for us. Each week we set everyone their own challenges and we think if we can all get those things done it will go a long way to getting the win. The results speak for themselves.

#### GRACE: How has the preparation been for the big day this weekend?

PHIL: We have tried to keep it as normal as possible we went to the pool and did recovery to start our week off. Then we have got into tome ball work and forward structures and watched some footage. We think the girls will be feeling good and ready to go come the first bounce.

#### **GRACE:** Who are some of your important players in the contest?

PHIL: I said before I took the job I didn't want it to be a 12 month contract I wanted it to be a three year plan. We have worked really hard. First year it was about defence and stopping teams from having scoring opportunities. Last year we worked on our midfield group and this year we are working on forward structure. We have a squad that can play a lot of positions and we have a lot of powerful athletes. I don't want to single out just one but I do think the way we play the wings is very important for our success.

#### GRACE: Is there anyone from the opposition vou need to keep an eve on?

PHIL: They have some real play makers who set them up well in Lilli Collins and Lulu Slater but both teams are number one and number 2 for the season in contested possessions so it should be a great game. I said a few weeks ago we have to be careful of Macedon and now we really have to be careful because they have made it to the grand final.

#### GRACE: What would it mean to your club to be the first ever senior women's premiers?

PHIL: It would be the first premiership the club have won in womens and that is huge. It's the first senor womens for the RDFNL too so we would be chuffed. Those things can never be taken from you. After last years disappointed, we said we wouldn't let it stop us. If anything, it has been us more determined and it will taste even sweeter if we can win it this weekend.

#### GRACE: How have you found your first season in the RDFNL?

PHIL: We had a three year plan and we didn't mind where we were we were going to do our best to win a final. RDFNL has been a good fit and we are looking forward to once last challenge. Hopefully we can finish this season with a win and make it 10-0.

#### GRACE: Is there anything I have missed you would like to mention?

PHIL: Bia thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. If you don't have them you get out there and look a little bit disjointed. They are the fabric that holds everything else together. We know it is going to be tough but hopefully we are the ones holding the cup up at the end of the four auarters.











#### WITH THE COACH



#### Macedon

# RDFNL Media Manager Grace Bibby catches up with Macedon Senior Womens coach Damien Slater ahead of their grand final.

## Grace: How excited is the group to be playing in a grand final?

Damien: We are pretty pumped up about it. We are excited but we are also really focused. We want to go in and have a crack we know Kyneton have been the best team all season but there is a feeling around the club that our girls are not finished yet.

# Grace: Finishing fourth you have had to win some tough games to make it does that fill the group with confidence?

Damien: Yeah we have done it the hard way. Melton got on top of us in the third and we needed a big quarter to finish and we got there. Hopefully we can take that momentum into this week. There is definitely the belief there that we can win. We think we match up with them okay.

### Grace: How do you best prepare for the grand final?

Damien: We just go about our business as normal. Train hard, work harder and see how we go. We have had amazing support from the entire club which has been so great for the group. The Seniors rolled in at MacPherson Park last week and then awesome back at the rooms. I have seen how a lot of women's programs run separately and they just do their own thing but the Senior men and Netballers have really embraced what we are doing. It has been very impressive.

#### Grace: Who are the key players for the Cats?

Damien: Probably our midfield group if you have to name them. Collins, Slater, Ward but it isn't going to be the stars that light up the stats each week its going to be the lesser-known players who need to step up and we are confident they can. It is going to take an entire team performance. We think we have the balance right with youth and mature age players.

# Grace: Kyneton have been the best team in it all year what do you have to do to get the win in the grand final?

Damien: Its their usual suspects each week. Moore, Erasmus, Strawhorn, Ainslie they are a very good team there is no doubt about that. We contained them in the wet at Macedon but I don't think that is a true reflection on either team. Anything can happen in a grand final.

## Grace: What would it mean to your club to be the first ever senior women's premiers?

Damien: Winning a grand final would be an amazing experience, finish the year with the ultimate success, but more importantly to us is the pathway our success will create. We had two people willing to play at our first training session. This season of womens has been so good for our development. Win, lose or draw we are confident we will keep a lot of our group together and have a senior team again next season.

# Grace: Macedon have been part of our junior program and moved into the senior ranks how important was the junior development in your success this season?

Damien: Having a senior women's has been the best thing for our development as a women's football club. We have been able to rotate some youth players through the seniors each week and give them experience and a stepping stone to come up and the juniors the same. We might lose a few who thought they would just have a go for a year but we are confident we will retain a lot of our senior group and we have some promising juniors and youth girls coming through.

#### Grace: Is there anything else you would like to mention?

Damien: A big thanks to the league for their efforts in getting a six-team competition up and running. We hope it only gets bigger. I don't know if too many people know just how much work Tamara Collins has done so a huge thankyou to her. She drove this from the beginning and we would not be having this conversation without her. Bring on the game!



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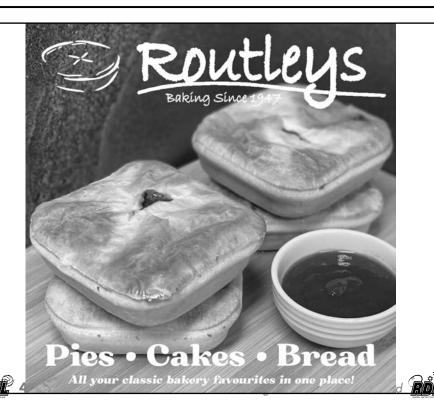
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#### **Rookie me Senior Women's**

**Macedon Women's** 

1.0, 1.1, 1.1, 4.4 (28)

Melton Women's

1.1, 1.2, 2.4, 2.4 (16)

**GOALS** 

Macedon Women's:

Lilli Collins 2, Anastasia Fisher 1, Lily Prater 1

Melton Women's:

Melina Ciavarella 1, Tayla Debono 1

**BEST** 

Macedon Women's:

Melton Women's:

Rhiannon Carra, Jordyn Syme , Tayla Debono, Melina Ciavarella, Linda Morren, Danielle Roczniak

#### **LADDER**

TEAM	Р	W	L	D	В	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
Kyneton	10	9	0	1	0	0	689	73	943.84	38
Melton	10	6	2	2	0	0	356	189	188.36	28
Woodend-Hesket	10	6	3	1	0	0	458	264	173.48	26
Macedon	10	5	5	0	0	0	320	329	97.26	20
Mount Alexander	10	2	8	0	0	0	156	390	40	8
Romsey	10	0	10	0	0	0	44	778	5.66	0

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

NAME	TEAM	WEEK	TOTAL
Taylah Moore	Kyneton Women's	0	31
Emma Williams	Kyneton Women's	0	16
Brittany Bowen	Woodend-Hesket	0	12
Natalie Korinfsky	Kyneton Women's	0	10
Kareena Jacobsen-Logan	Melton Football Netball Club	0	10
Rhiannon Carra	Melton Football Netball Club	0	10
Alice Bromley	Woodend-Hesket	0	10
Laura Roberts	Macedon	0	9
Lilli Collins	Macedon	2	8
Harmony Cassar	Woodend-Hesket	0	7
Heidi Erasmus	Kyneton Women's	0	7
Melina Ciavarella	Melton Football Netball Club	1	7
Samantha McClenahan	Woodend-Hesket	0	7
Breanna Meadows	Kyneton Women's	0	7









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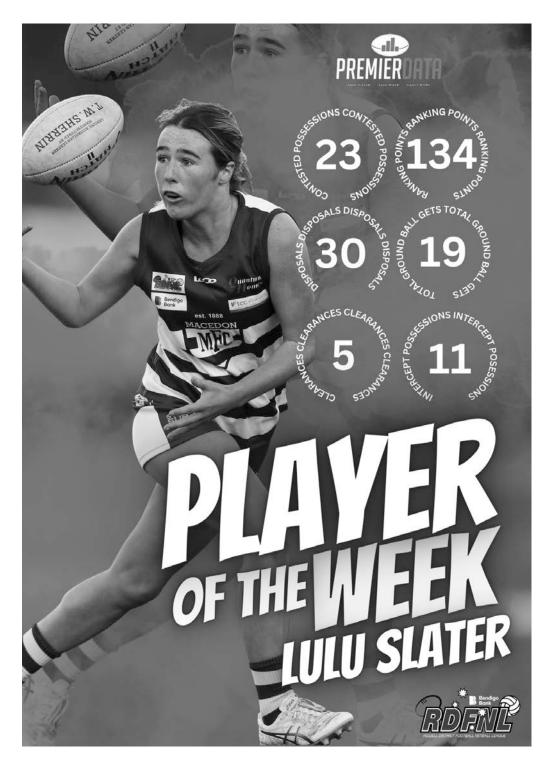
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