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7:00PM

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LANCIEFIELD PARK



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ROUND 14
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by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

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JACK JEDWAB

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23 DISPOSALS

15 MARKS

14 GOALS

16 SCORE INVOLVEMENTS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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GOALS

ROUND FOURTEEN

JACK JEDWAB

1 14

ROMSEY REDBACKS

CALLUM LARGE

4 5

MACEON CRISTO

TOM GAWTHROP

2 6

HAWKS WOODEND-HESKET FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

BRADLEY MANGAN

4 6

GISBORNE GIANTS

CALLUM MOORE

3 5

DIGGERS REST BURRAS

MATTHEW PANNUCIO

3 6

RIDDELL

MITCHELL DAY

4 5

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3 6

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RDFNL Senior Mens

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Football Tipping							
NAME	Romsey vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Riddell	Diggers Rest vs Woodend Hesket	Melton South vs Wallan	Kyneton vs Lancefield	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Melton South	Kyneton	5	55
Courtney Alexander	Romsey	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	55
Terry Kernan	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	56
Brian McNabb	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	4	49
Jordan Doyle	Romsey	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	57
Richard Thwaites	Romsey	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	57
Grant McMillan	Romsey	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	60
Tara Murray	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	55
Ben Higgins	Rimsey	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	55
Grace Bibby	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Kyneton	5	60



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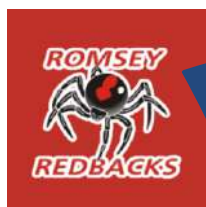


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RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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What a game this is going to be! Most expected the Redbacks to win last week to cement their 3rd win of the year, but not many expected them to do it in the fashion they did with an 112-point smashing over the tigers. What a performance it was from Jack Jedwab who single handedly outscored the Tigers himself with 23 disposals, 15 marks, 14 goals and 211 ranking points. Alongside him was another incredible performance from Ash Milane with 41 disposals, 6 clearances and 207 ranking points. It was easily Romsey's best performance of the year and confidence they will take into this week with another massive matchup at home against the Centrals. Melton Centrals final hopes are all but over now with a 72-point loss against Riddell, it was probably a game that they expected to lose but they would've liked the margin to be a bit lesser than what it was. Evan Donoghue continued his strong season for the Centrals with 20 disposals, 8 marks and 134 ranking points. Alongside him was Dylan McDonald with 16 disposals, 7 marks, 2 goals and 110 ranking points. The Centrals were smashed through the middle which was what won Riddell the game in the end. Melton lost the clearance count (-34) and hitouts (-21), it's near impossible to win a game when the clearance and hitout count are that much against you which also resulted in Riddell entering their forward fifty 23 more times than Melton. I think this game could go either way but the momentum is in Romsey's favour and I think they'll get this done at home.

Prediction- Romsey by 8 points

A big game for the Panthers to prove to the competition they are a real threat come finals time. It was a nervous 9-point win over the Hawks for the Panthers where they looked like they lost it at times. Melton South's struggles away from home continue to show and it something they'll need to improve with their top six position now locked in. Big man Broden Collins took advantage of Woodends limited rucking abilities with 27 disposals, 63 hitouts, 14 clearances and 169 ranking points. Alongside him was Blake Souter with 23 disposals, 9 clearances and 119 ranking points. Statistically South were beaten in most areas showcasing South's continued struggles away from home, their only wins at other venues have come against Lancefield, Woodend and Melton Centrals. Wallan return from the bye as the team to beat coming into finals, they sit 12-0 and probably won't be beat for the rest of the regular season. Heath Shaw still hasn't played a game either which is something Wallan will have to think about if they want to qualify him for finals. Wallans 12-0 record makes sense if you look at their senior list this year players like Nash King, Lachlan Smart, Dion Hill and Jake Carlisle are incredibly hard for teams to matchup with. Nash King has been Wallan's best player this season when he's been available to play due to his VFL duties, he's averaging 31 disposals, 7 clearances and 154 ranking points. You also can't ignore the recruitment of Lachlan Smart which has been massive for the Magpies, he's averaging 5 goals a game and if it wasn't for Callum Moore he'd be smashing the league goalkicking. I think because it's at home it will be easier for the Panthers to make this competitive, however Wallan will be too good here.

Prediction- Wallan by 30 points



RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



An opportunity for Kyneton to bounce back here in what's expected to be a one-sided matchup. Kyneton are another team that are struggling away from home with a 38-point loss to the Burras last week. Caleb Fisher continues to be consistent for Kyneton with 26 disposals, 8 marks and 135 ranking points. Alongside him was Reece Tompkins with 14 disposals, 8 1%ers and 102 ranking points. Most deemed it as Lancefield's last chance to get a win with their matchup against Romsey at home last week, however it ended up being a disappointing performance going down by 112 points. It's been a tough season for Lancefield, but the shining light has been the emergence of young star Walter King he had 35 disposals, 11 marks and 168 ranking points. Alongside him was Tully Fattore with 24 disposals, 8 marks and 126 ranking points. I think Kyneton will bounce back here and win easily against a low confidence Lancefield side.

Prediction- Kyneton by 90 points



Two teams familiar with each other in their second matchup within a five week span at the home of the burra here. It was a statement making 38-point win over Kyneton last week at home for the Burras, and after their loss to Macedon the week before it was a game, they had to win. Marcus Calvaresi had a huge game with 32 disposals, 6 marks and 153 ranking points, alongside him was Brandon Lester with 32 disposals, 8 150's and 139 ranking points.

The Hawks were the best we've seen them since the start of the season last week in a narrow nine-point loss to Melton South. Daniel Toman had another huge game with 39 disposals, 11 tackles, 10 clearances and 194 ranking points. Alongside him was Brendan Butler with 25 disposals, 3 goals and 111 ranking points. It was an 131-point win for the Burras five weeks ago in this matchup and while I think the result will be the same the margin should be lesser this time around.

Prediction- Diggers by 70 points



Two sides on opposite ends of the ladder face off in what could be a competitive clash. The Giants went down by 74 points last week to the Cats, they probably wanted a better result, but a lot of their focus is on their under 19.5s now with those eligible players returning to that side to help the Giants win the flag. Matt Quigley continues to be rock solid for the Giants, he had 30 disposals, 6 tackles and 120 ranking points, alongside him was Mitchell Bongiovanni with 24 disposals, 7 clearances and 100 ranking points. Riddell continue to win the games that they are expected too with a 72-point win over Melton Centrals last week. Matthew Pannuccio had his best game of the year with 32 disposals, 3 goals and 164 ranking points, alongside him was Bryce Williamson with 36 disposals, 12 marks and 150 ranking points. Riddell's record against the teams below them can't be ignored here and I think they will get this done easily here.

Prediction- Riddell by 60 points

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Macedon vs Lancefield	Mount Alexander vs Riddell	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Macedon	Mt Alexander	2	20
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	Riddell	2	18
Jacqui Green	Lancefield	Mt Alexander	1	17
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	Riddell	2	22
Grant McMillan	Macedon	Riddell	2	19
Tara Murray	Macedon	Riddell	2	20
Ben Higgins	Macedon	Riddell	2	21
Grace Bibby	Macedon	Mt Alexander	2	21
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	Riddell	2	21

RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

Click the for match details and results



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RUBY WATTS

157 RANKING POINTS

39 DISPOSALS

7 CLEARANCES

10 INSIDE 50'S

2 GOALS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TACKLES

ROUND THIRTEEN

MOLLY LIBARDI

1 20

 LANCEFIELD

 LANCEFIELD

KAYLA AZIDIS

7 6

MADY BROWN

2 9

 RIDDELL

 RIDDELL

KIARA FASHAM

7 7

ALICE BROMLEY

3 8

 LANCEFIELD

 MACEDON CASTLES

RUBY WATTS

6 8

EMMA CROFT

4 8

 RIDDELL

 RIDDELL

JESSICA SPROULE

6 9

SASSAFRAS GALLUS

5 7

 LANCEFIELD

 MT ALEXANDER WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB FALCONS

AMY TACEY

5 9



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RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



One side that has cemented themselves within finals and another side that has nothing to lose face off here. The Falcons were more competitive last week against the Cats losing by 61 points, this time however they managed to score a goal which is something they haven't been able to against Macedon this year. Susan Cadman was the Falcons best with 22 disposals, 4 marks and 94 ranking points, alongside her was Gabrielle Smith with 29 disposals, 7 R50's and 93 ranking points. It's the last game of the year for the Falcons and it's probably winnable for them, they're going to finish the year on the bottom but have had some positives come out of it in a growing senior women's competition. The Bombers will be desperate for a response this week after a 31-point loss against the Tigers last week. Lancefield is who they will be playing in the prelim final, so it's vital they have a strong performance this week to build momentum coming into finals. Jessica Sproule was Riddell's best last week as she so often is with 20 disposals, 6 tackles and 81 ranking points. Alongside her was Emma Croft with 15 disposals, 8 tackles and 71 ranking points. This game could go either way but I think Riddell have much more to play for and need to get a win on the eve of finals.

Prediction- Riddell by 9 points



Could this be our grand final matchup in a few weeks' time? Lancefield had one of their best performances of the season last week against the Bombers keeping them goalless in a 33-point win which is momentum they will want to take this week in a massive game against the Cats. Molly Libardi was Lancefield's best with 14 disposals, 20 tackles and 95 ranking points, alongside her was Alice Bromley with 16 disposals, 8 tackles and 80 ranking points. Lancefield haven't been able to string a competitive performance together against the Cats this year and this week is the right time to do it. Macedon's season has been one to remember, one of the most dominant teams we've ever seen in the RDFNL. They sit 1000% above everyone and have only had 55 points scored against them for the whole season. Their dominance continued last week in a 61-point win over the Falcons. Ruby Watts was once again best on with 39 disposals, 10 I50'S, 2 goals and 157 ranking points, alongside her was Taya Konias with 25 disposals, 4 clearances and 110 ranking points. This will hopefully be a more competitive game this week, however Macedon continue to prove repeatedly they are the best team in the competition and they'll cement that with another win here

Prediction- Macedon by 25 points

TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS

'Be a Champ'

- Tackle Your Feelings ambassador Nathan Buckley and social media larrikins the Shepmates have teamed up to create a humorous video celebrating local football club culture and encouraging players and coaches to help support the mental health of their footy mates
- Watch the video
- As part of the campaign, Tackle Your Feelings is looking to celebrate and recognise those local 'champs' who go above and beyond when it comes to investing in mental health
- Being referred to as a 'champ' is not always cast in a positive way, so Tackle Your Feelings is looking to reclaim the phrase and spin it around to celebrate these people who often don't get the recognition they deserve with the role they play at their clubs
- We want players, coaches, committee members, support staff and umpires to be a champ and book their club in for a Tackle Your Feelings workshop
- Clubs can register for a workshop at **tyfo.tackleyourfeelings.org.au/login/**.

Adam Baldwin, Program Manager said:
"Clubs are beginning to understand their responsibility to create an environment which supports the mental health of their players. We want clubs to prioritise mental health in the same way they currently do physical health. Tackle Your Feelings is a free program that can help clubs kick-start the development of their own mental health game plan."

Book a @tyf_au workshop today.



What is Tackle Your Feelings?

- Tackle Your Feelings is a FREE mental health program for community football/netball clubs
- The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018 following the death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh
- The program is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health.
- The program is based on the education delivered to the AFL industry and is led by high-profile player and coach ambassadors
- Since 2019, the TYF program has been delivered to more than 10,000 participants in every Australian state and territory and it's available to your club in 2024
- Quote from TYF ambassador Nathan Buckley: "It's an awesome program. It's so succinct and gives you really good strategies... it's a really good conversation starter."

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Grant McMillan via grant@rdfnl.com.au



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GISBORNE GIANTS

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Last weekend we welcomed Macedon to the Precinct. Congratulations to James 'Nipper' Wright on his 300th senior game, a terrific effort.

We had wins in the 19.5s footy, as well as winning all 5 netball matches! What a great achievement from our netballers.

Tonight is our last person standing event so come along!

Today we welcome Riddell for the first time to the precinct as we #bandtogether for the AFL TAC round.



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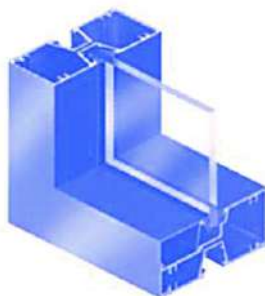
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LANCEFIELD

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RAFFLE WINNER...

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For a small country club like ours, fundraising isn't just important, it's essential. Every ticket purchased ensures we can continue providing the best possible environment for our players, volunteers and members. To everyone who bought a ticket, thank you. Your support means more than you know.

WOMEN'S PRELIM FINAL...

Finals footy is coming to Lancefield! The Tigers have locked in second spot on the ladder so will host the women's football Preliminary Final. Clear your calendar for Saturday August 8 after our Melton Centrals home game when our girls will take on the team that finishes 3rd on the ladder for a spot in the Grand Final. This night last year was a big occasion and we can't wait to get behind the Tiges as they take their shot at a Grand Final spot.

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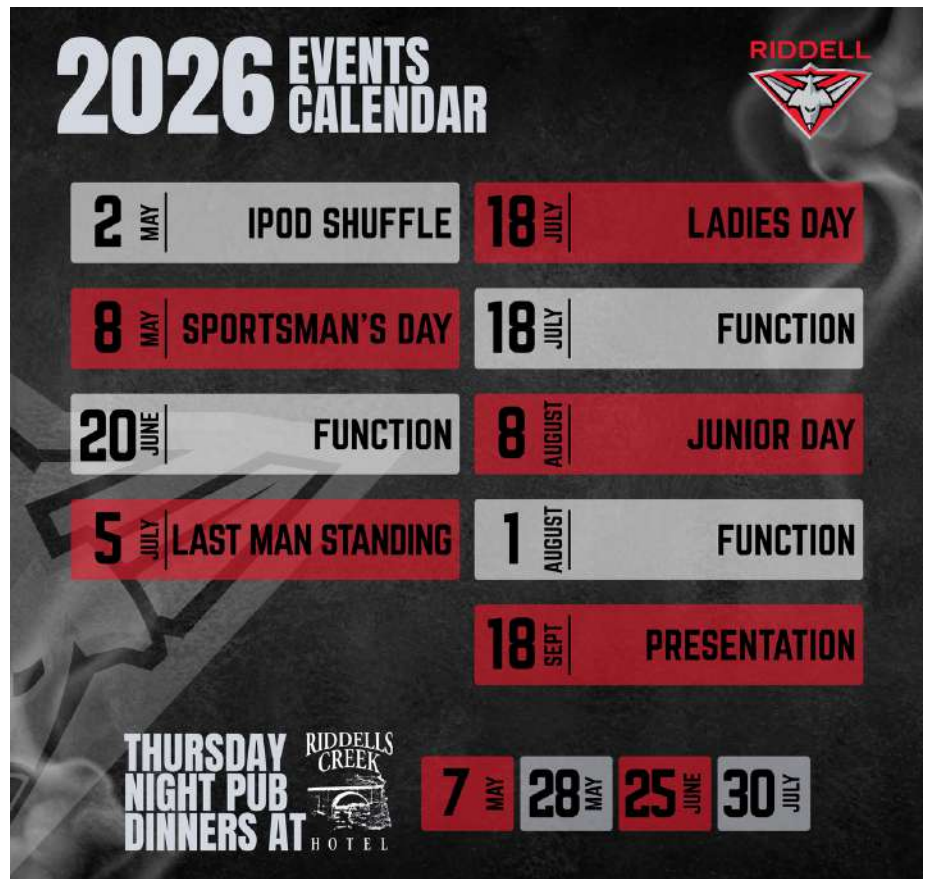
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Don't forget to save the date for all of the events on our 2026 events calendar!
events calendar.jpg



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

2 MAY	IPOD SHUFFLE	18 JULY	LADIES DAY
8 MAY	SPORTSMAN'S DAY	18 JULY	FUNCTION
20 JUNE	FUNCTION	8 AUGUST	JUNIOR DAY
5 JULY	LAST MAN STANDING	1 AUGUST	FUNCTION
		18 SEPT	PRESENTATION
THURSDAY NIGHT PUB DINNERS AT RIDDLELLS CREEK HOTEL		7 MAY	28 MAY
		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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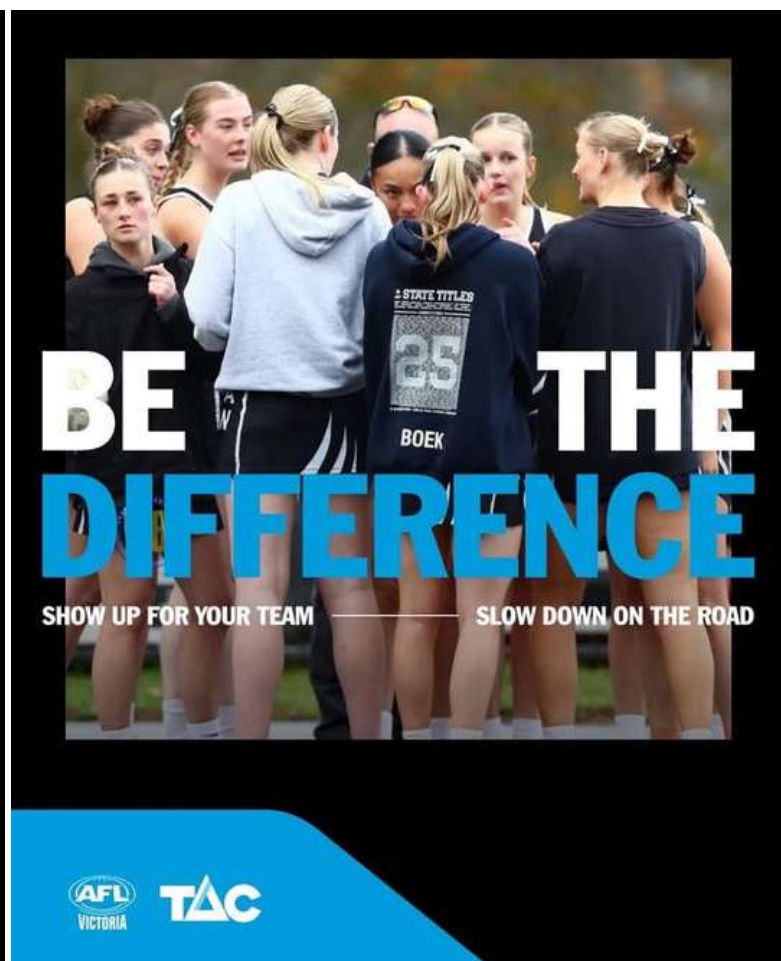
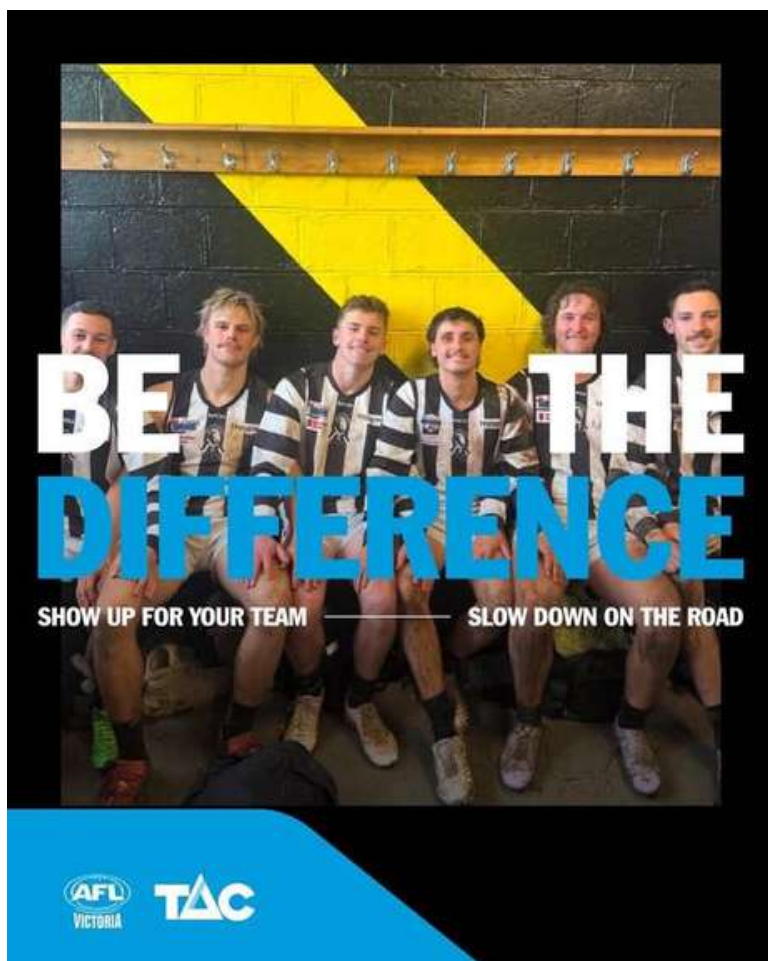
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With finals on the horizon, every game now is crucial. The players and coaching staff have been dialled in all week, preparing for what's sure to be a fiercely competitive contest. Our netballers and footballers have the quality to win anywhere - and today, we're out to prove it.

If you're making the trip, fantastic - the players love seeing the brown and gold in the crowd. If you're watching from home, keep the faith. We'll be giving it everything we've got!

TAC ROAD SAFETY ROUND

Round 15 is TAC Road Safety Round, and Woodend Heskett FNC is proud to be part of this important initiative. Whether you're heading to Diggers Rest today or anywhere else on our roads - please slow down, stay focused, and look after each other. The Macedon Ranges roads can be unforgiving, and no result on a footy field is worth taking risks to get there. Drive safe, everyone.

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by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

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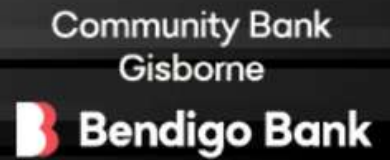


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RDFNL Netball Tipping

Each week throughout the 2026 season, a panel of RDFNL staff, executive, sponsors and media will submit their tips for the weekend's senior netball matches, which will be featured in the footy record. See how your tips stack up against the RDFNL experts each week!

Netball Tipping							
NAME	Romsey vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Riddell	Diggers Rest vs Woodend Hesket	Melton South vs Wallan	Kyneton vs Lancefield	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Romsey	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	4	45
Krissy Clement	Romsey	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Kyneton	4	54
Ben Higgins	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	45
Tara Murray	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	54
Jordan Doyle	Romsey	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	54
Grace Bibby	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	54
Grant McMillan	Romsey	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	48
Courtney Alexander	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	46
Richard Thwaites	Romsey	Gisborne Giants	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	49
Lauren Nolan	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Wallan	Lancefield	5	55



RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



With just four points separating the four teams feature on this page both these games are going to be a fantastic watch! Who will make their way into third and who could have to keep fighting for that sixth spot.

Gisborne Currently lead the pack of four sitting in third spot and they will intend of staying there. Their form over the last month has been exceptional and the likes of Emma Vitalone and Olivia Craske are really playing some strong netball.

On the other side of the table you have Sienna Phelen Smith and Shelby Holter who have grown in confidence as the season has progressed.

Mali Seumanutafa will be a tough match up for the Riddell young defence but they have shown throughout the year they can match it against most of the league powerhouses.

The leadership of Mady Brown will be important. She now has a lot of experience in high pressure environments and will be able to guide her younger teammates to play with some composure.

One thing player in the favour of Riddell is they are fearless. They never give up so if Giants have a lapse they will be ready to pounce.

Prediction: Riddell to win in an upset!



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Kyneton are in the top six and have a game and a bit on Macedon but with Ellie Bird missing games late they will be looking for at least one or two more wins before the home and away season finishes.

Kyneton have done a fantastic job to close the gap on playing finals after a slow start to their netball in the RDFNL.

Their recruiting was exceptional but if those key inclusions are missing they will be vulnerable.

For Lancefield they rely so heavily on their defence and Shaid Sasalu looks to be back this week which will settle them.

Bridget Dods and Bella Colladetti have held the ship steady in her absence.

If both teams are at full strength this will be fantastic to watch but if Kyneton are missing players they will struggle.

Prediction: Lancefield to win in a close one.



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After a draw with Kyneton Romsey would have been disappointed to fall like they did against Lancefield. Melton Centrals went down by a big margin to Riddell. Both teams look set to miss the finals in 2026 but they will each be trying to finish their season with some confidence and a few wins on the board for their young teams.

Romsey have done a great job bleeding their youth again this season as have Melton Centrals.

But their depth is just not quite there yet which is why they cannot compete with the best teams in the competition.

Both teams will be in good stead next season if they can keep their current lists while adding some top end talent to support their development.

Imogen Sexton and Manon Muir are the two key players for Melton Centrals while for Romsey Abbie Conway has had a great season.

It is great to see Emily Miles back in the A Grade line up and she would make a huge difference if she was consistently playing.

Prediction: Melton Centrals will be too strong in this one.



Fresh off the bye Wallan will be looking to roll into the last few rounds of the competition with a comfortable win over the Panthers.

Maeve Donegan will cause the smaller defence of the Panthers plenty of issues. Her height and accuracy will mean MELton South will not get too many second chances to come out of defence.

Their young group have been playing some good netball and will enjoy a test against one of the competitions best all round teams.

Prediction: Wallan to be too strong.



Woodend Hesket will go into this match against Diggers Rest as comfortable favourites.

Woodend Hesket had a rough couple of weeks but they have dominated in the last few outings and look set for a run at their fourth straight premiership.

They do have some selection dramas with Sarah Duff being injured the last two weeks and Laura Carland who briefly came back and is now jetting overseas. Natalie McDonald did a power of work last week in Goal Attack shooting a large volume of goals but also assisting in the mid court.

She will have to continue with those efforts until Duff or a replacement makes their way back.

For Diggers Rest they are limping to the line this season with a number of players missing and injuries. It has been a tough year for the Burras but they will take confidence out of the fact they beat the Hawks earlier in the year!

Can they make it twice in one season or will the Hawks turn that results around?

Prediction: The Hawks to take the four points.



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