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ROUND 2
GILBERT GORDON
RESERVE

WOMEN'S

18 APRIL 2026

5:00PM



ROUND 1
LANCEFIELD PARK

18 APRIL 2026

5:00PM



ROUND 1
RIDDELLS CREEK
RECREATION RESERVE

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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Administrative diligence is rarely the most visible part of community sport, but it is one of the most important. Within the Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL), where more than 300 teams and over 8,000 athletes participate each season, the integrity of competition depends not only on performance on the field or court, but on the accuracy and care taken behind the scenes. At its core, sports administration is about fairness. Eligibility rules, permits, registrations, and competition by-laws exist to ensure that every match is contested on equal terms. When these processes are followed diligently, the outcome of a game reflects the efforts of the athletes. When they are not, even unintentionally, it can compromise the integrity of the result and the experience of all participants.

The RDFNL acknowledges that the vast majority of administrative errors are just that, errors. They are rarely deliberate and often occur in environments where volunteers and club officials are managing complex responsibilities under time pressure. Registrations, clearances, age eligibility, and exemptions all require careful attention, and the systems used to manage them, such as PlayHQ, are only as effective as the information entered into them.

However, the consequences of even honest mistakes can be significant. Ineligible players, incorrect team sheets, or overlooked permits can lead to forfeited results or altered outcomes. These decisions are never taken lightly, but they are necessary to maintain a level playing field across the competition. Every club, player, and supporter deserves confidence that matches are conducted fairly and within the established rules. This is why diligence is not just an administrative expectation, it is a shared responsibility. Clubs play a critical role in upholding the standards of the league. Ensuring that players are correctly registered, that eligibility criteria are met, and that all documentation is accurate requires consistent

processes and clear internal communication. Investing time in these areas reduces the likelihood of issues arising and protects both the club and the competition as a whole.

Equally important is understanding the scale and structure of communication within the RDFNL. With thousands of athletes and hundreds of teams participating, the league does not have the capacity to communicate directly with individual players or parents. Instead, effective communication relies on clear channels between the league and club leadership.

For this reason, all official communication is directed through club executives. These individuals act as the vital link between the RDFNL and their respective playing groups, families, and volunteers. It is essential that club executives disseminate information accurately and promptly, and that members of the community respect and utilise these established channels. Direct communication with parents or individual participants is not feasible at a league level and can lead to confusion or inconsistency.

By reinforcing these communication structures, the RDFNL ensures that information is consistent, traceable, and accountable. It also empowers clubs to take ownership of their operations and maintain strong internal governance.

Ultimately, the goal of the RDFNL is not to penalise clubs, but to foster a fair, transparent, and well-managed competition. Administrative diligence supports this goal by minimising errors, protecting the integrity of results, and ensuring that all participants compete on equal terms.

Community sport thrives on trust, trust in the rules, trust in the processes, and trust in one another. By prioritising careful administration and clear communication, the RDFNL and its clubs can continue to provide a positive and equitable environment for every athlete who takes the field.



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MITCHELL BONGIOVANNI

187 RANKING POINTS

38 DISPOSALS

11 CLEARANCES

10 TACKLES

2 GOALS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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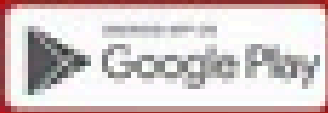
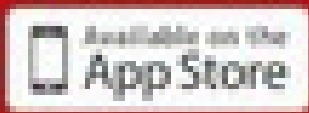


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DISPOSALS

ROUND TWO

BRODIE HOYNE
1 **46**
MACEOON GASTRO

CHICKENS REST BURRAS
JAIDYN CARUANA
34 6

RILEY OMEARA
2 **39**
LANCEFIELD

MACEOON GASTRO
JOSH GOVAN
34 6

MITCHELL BONGIAVANNI
3 **38**
GISBORNE GIANTS

LANCEFIELD
JORDAN WATKINS
34 6

BLAKE WATSON
4 **35**
MACEOON GASTRO

RIDDELL
NATHAN HROVAT
33 9

TYE BROWNING
4 **35**
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RDFNL Senior Mens Football Tipping

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Football Tipping						
NAME	Wallan vs Melton South	Macedon vs Riddell	Woodend Hesket vs Gisborne Giants	Lancefield vs Kyneton	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton South	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Kyneton	3	8
Courtney Alexander	Wallan	Riddell	Gisborne Giants	Kyneton	4	9
Terry Kernan	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Kyneton	4	9
Brian McNabb	Wallan	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Kyneton	1	5
Jordan Doyle	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Hesket	Kyneton	4	9
Richard Thwaites	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Kyneton	4	9
Grant McMillan	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Hesket	Kyneton	4	9
Tara Murray	Wallan	Riddell	Gisborne Giants	Kyneton	4	9
Ben Higgins	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Kyneton	4	9
Grace Bibby	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Hesket	Kyneton	4	9





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Riddell District Football Netball League



RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



It doesn't get much better than this, a grand final rematch between two sides hitting their strides early in the season. Macedon have come out of the gates flying, cruising past both Gisborne Giants and Lancefield in a dominant fashion. Brodie Hoyne was all class against the Tigers with 46 disposals, eight clearances and 188 ranking points and Charlie Rosetti was at the forefront of a dominant hitout performance with 16 disposals, 60 hitouts and 175 ranking points and Brad Cooke also continued his very strong start to the year kicking 5 majors for the day. Macedon's dominated the tigers through the middle with their star-studded midfield winning in clearances (+10), contested possessions (+38) and hitouts (+61). Riddell on the other hand showed plenty of promise in their clash with Diggers Rest, particularly in a strong first half before fading late. Former AFL player Nathan Hrovat starred in his first game for the club with 33 disposals, 15 contested possessions and 125 ranking points. And Callum Williamson was equally influential with 27 disposals, 16 contested possessions and 136 ranking points. Riddell are going to have to be better this week and tidy up their ball use if they want to challenge this very strong Macedon side, they lost the disposal count (-58) and mark count (-19) against Diggers. With plenty of star power on both sides, this one has all the ingredients for a high-quality, hard-fought contest. Expect high intensity footy with plenty of fireworks. However Macedon look to tough to stop right now and are carrying heavy momentum, but if Riddell can lift, they could challenge the cattery and this could go down to the wire.

Prediction- Macedon by 2 goals

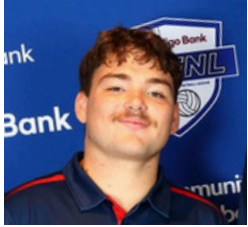
This is shaping up to be one of the most exciting matchups of the round. Wallan are undefeated after playing two weaker sides and South earned their first win against arch-rivals Melton centrals last week. Young talent Nash King was quality for Wallan with 31 disposals; three goals and 153 ranking points and Lachlan Smart also continued his great start to the year with another three goals for the magpies. Wallan have been impressive, especially in their dominant round one win over Melton Centrals, but they'll still find there's another gear to find after a harder fought 20-point win over Woodend last week. Despite that, they controlled the game statistically, finishing ahead in clearances (+12) and marks (+40) showing they were the stronger side. Melton South, on the other hand, will take plenty of confidence from their gritty 13-point win against archrivals Melton Centrals. Given Wallan dismantled that same Centrals side two weeks ago, the Panthers should know they'll need to lift again here. Sam Darley will probably be featured in the match reviews every week at this rate with him starring again tallying 31 disposals, 6 marks and 91 ranking points while his ruckmen Broden Collins also dominated with 22 disposals, 40 hitouts and 119 ranking points. The Panthers got the better of Wallan the only time they met last season, winning by 40 points on their home deck adding another layer of intrigue for this clash.

This game will be another close one, but I think Wallan's strong start and home ground advantage will be too much for the panthers and they'll win this one.

Prediction- Wallan by 4 goals

RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



Another quality matchup awaits here, with both sides coming off encouraging Round two performances, albeit in very different results. How about the Giants!

After a tough round one loss, they responded in the best possible fashion with a statement win over Romsey, arguably the biggest win in the club's history. Their stars absolutely delivered with Mitchell Bongiovanni earning player of the week honours for the Giants with a dominant 38 disposals, 11 clearances and 187 ranking points, his fellow star midfielder Matt Quigley also performed well with 26 disposals, 9 clearances and 135 ranking points all while their skipper Brad Mangan kicked four for the day.

Gisborne smashed Romsey in every disposal category for the game including kicks (+30), handballs (+51) and contested possessions (+36). There were worrying signs for Woodend Heskett after round one, but they responded and surely would've been happy with only a 22 point loss against a very strong Wallan outfit. Daniel Toman once again for Woodend Heskett was their best player with 28 disposals, eight tackles and 147 ranking points, fellow teammate Alex Gray also performed well with 16 disposals, 10 contested possessions and three goals. Woodend Heskett and the Giants met twice last season with Woodend Heskett winning twice by an average of 24 points, however a stronger Giants side this season should set this up to be an exciting and close clash, but I have the Giants continuing last weeks form in their first ever win over the Hawks.

Prediction- Gisborne Giants by 2-3 goals

Two very different starts to the season for both sides here. Lancefield return home under lights and will be desperate to show they can compete with the top sides after two tough losses to open their season.

A 94-point loss to Macedon last week highlighted the gap, and they'll need to lift significantly here to avoid a similar result. Jordan Watkins was massive for Lancefield in their defeat with 34 disposals, 10 contested possessions and 153 ranking points, alongside him Riley O'meara with 39 disposals, 11 contested possessions and Lachlan Sayers kicking four of their seven goals for the game. Kyneton, on the other hand, come in fresh off the bye and full of confidence after a dominant round one performance.

Their 62 point win over Woodend featured 31 scoring shots showcasing how dangerous they can be in attack. Their forward line is stacked with young talent and firepower and one of those players in that forward line is Isaac Barassi who played well against Woodend a few weeks ago tallying four goals and 15 disposals and Harry Ryan and Angus Nolte supported him kicking four goals combined showcasing how scary good this forward line is.

Through the middle Caleb Fisher showed out again with 23 disposals, 12 tackles and 129 ranking points and his fellow teammate James O'Sullivan had 21 disposals, eight clearances and 95 ranking points. Expect a better Lancefield outfit this week after their first two performances however I think Kyneton are way too good here and win this easily.

Prediction- Kyneton by 80 points

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RDFNL Senior Womens Football Tipping

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



RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

Click the for match details and results



RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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BRIANNA WOODBURN

184 RANKING POINTS

34 DISPOSALS

6 CLEARANCES

6 REBOUND 50S

6 1%ERS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RANKING POINTS

ROUND ONE

BRIANNA WOODBURN

1 **184**



WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB
MT ALEXANDER
FALCONS

ELLA HAYES

120 6



RUBY WATTS

2 **167**



RIDDELL

EMMA CROFT

109 7



LAUREN SHAW

3 **137**



LANCEFIELD

MOLLY LIBARDI

97 8



TAYA KONIAS

4 **130**



Macedon Castles

LILLI COLLINS

90 9



AMY TACEY

5 **122**



RIDDELL

AVA OSBORNE

86 10

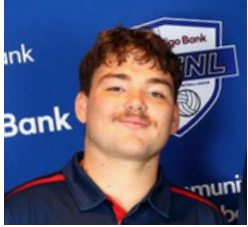


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RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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The first round of our senior women's competition is officially over and what a round it was! The first clash of round 2 is Lancefield versus Mt Alexander who both lost their first games of the year so both teams will be looking to bounce back here. Lancefield may not have come away with the win against premiership favourites Macedon, but there was a lot to like about their performance, taking it up to a top side ultimately let down by inaccuracy in front of goal.

Molly Libardi led the way for Lancefield with 16 disposals, 14 contested possessions and 97 ranking points she was supported by her teammate Sienna Green who had 14 disposals, 11 contested possessions and 68 ranking points.

Lancefield although they lost were strong in the contested ball around the ground beating Macedon in contested possessions (+10) and hard ball gets (+9) which are great early signs for them. Mt Alexander would've been disappointed with last week's result against Riddell and will be looking to bounce back against equally stronger competition here. Amy Tacey was huge for the Falcons in defeat tallying 25 disposals, 12 clearances and 122 ranking points, Ella Hayes was also outstanding with 22 disposals, 12 tackles and 120 ranking points. Although they lost it was clear that Mt Alexander won the clearance battle easily outmatching Riddell (+11) and hitouts (+12). This will be a highly competitive matchup but with how competitive Lancefield were last week I see them winning this one.

Prediction- Lancefield by 3 goals

This is more than just a game of footy, it's a special occasion. For the first time, the senior women's competition joins the PUKA Up Cup and ANZAC day fixture, bringing together two incredibly important causes: raising awareness for mental health and honouring those who served.

It sets the stage for what should be a powerful and high-quality contest. Macedon have picked up right where they left off, looking every bit the team to beat again this season.

Their stars were on full display last week against Lancefield, with Brianna Woodburn dominating across the ground with 34 disposals, 33 hitouts and 184 ranking points along with her teammate Taya Konias who starred with 26 disposals, 12 contested possessions and 2 goals, reigning senior women's best and fairest Ruby Watts showed her usual class with 31 disposals, 12 tackles and 167 ranking points.

Across the board, Macedon controlled the key stats winning the mark count (+28), clearance (+5) and disposals (+19). Riddell however will be looking for victory in this massive matchup, after they had a very positive first win of the year against Mt Alexander. Lauren Shaw stood out for the Bombers in their win with 27 disposals, 14 contested possessions and 137 ranking points, her teammate Emma Croft also lent a hand with 19 disposals, 1 goal and 109 ranking points and Ava Osborne also kicked two majors. Riddell would love to win this one after going 0-4 to Macedon last year including their loss in the grand finale. Expect Riddell to come out the blocks in a highly competitive matchup but I expect Macedon to be too good here.

Prediction- Macedon by 4 goals

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.”

To book a session in for your club contact **Grant McMillan via grant@rdfnl.com.au**



DIGGERS REST

Club Notes



*Diggers Rest Football Netball Club remembers, honors and pays tribute to
all
Australians who served and died in war and on operational service past and
Present.*

*The spirit of ANZAC, with it's qualities of courage, mateship, endurance and
sacrifice continues to have meaning and relevance, and we acknowledge
the
contribution and suffering of those who put their lives on the line to allow us
the many freedoms we appreciate in our country, including our ability to
share
game days on weekends with family and mates in this great competition of
Football and Netball.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.*



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GISBORNE GIANTS

Club Notes

It was a terrific weekend last weekend when we welcomed Romsey to the Precinct with the Giants recording 7 out of 8 victories for the day.

This was capped off with our Ipod shuffle and season launch night where attendees went all out in their costumes.

It's not too late to become a Giants member for season 2026, scan the code and join up!

Congratulations to Mitch Bongiovanni for being recognised as the player of the week. Mitch has been a terrific acquisition to the young Giants program.

We are looking forward to travelling up to Woodend, on an important day on the calendar for all Australians & New Zealanders. We honour the values that original ANZAC's displayed; loyalty, selflessness, mateship and courage and today we gather to remember those who have served to defend Australia.

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LANCEFIELD

Club Notes



ANZAC DAY...

This week Lancefield FNC is honoured to participate in our annual ANZAC Day 'Clash of the Tigers'. On this day we honour the 13 Lancefield players who never returned from war, their names adorning our men's and women's football jumpers and netball dresses. The players deemed to best exemplify the ANZAC spirit of skill, courage, self sacrifice, teamwork and fair play in men's and women's football and netball will be awarded medals struck in honour of, not just three great Lancefield players, but three great Australians who represented their nation with great distinction. Ike Johnston, Bonny Lamb and Jack Bristow, champion Lancefield players, who gave their all for their nation, be it storming the beach at Gallipoli, going over the top in the Battle of the Nek, caring for their fellow soldiers on the Western Front or leading men through the Battle of Ypres. Their sacrifice and dedication to country, along with all those that went with them, will never be forgotten.

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MACEDON

Club Notes





MELTON CENTRALS

Club Notes





MELTON SOUTH

Club Notes





2026



MOUNT ALEXANDER *Club Notes*



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RIDDELL Club Notes

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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 RIDDILLS CREEK HOTEL

7 MAY	28 MAY	25 JUNE	30 JULY
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- Endurance & Courage: The grit to overcome adversity, often invoked in times of natural disasters, personal hardship, or pandemic challenges.
- Ingenuity: The resourcefulness to solve problems and innovate under pressure.
- Sacrifice: Acknowledging the ultimate sacrifice made by over 103,000 Australians in various conflicts and peacekeeping missions to protect our freedoms.

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Club Notes

Round 3 is a big one. ANZAC Day at The Nest. Woodend vs Gisborne Giants. And our Season Launch after the final game.

Before the first bounce and first whistle, we'll pause to honour and remember all service men and women who have served our country. ANZAC Day reminds us of sacrifice, mateship, and the values that bind communities together. Lest we forget.

Then it's game on. The Giants are tough opponents, and our Hawks will need to bring their best across footy and netball. But if there's one thing this club knows how to do, it's rise to the occasion on big days.

And after the footy and netball wraps up? We're launching the 2026 season properly. The clubrooms will be buzzing, the community will be out in force, and we'll celebrate everything that makes this club special. Stick around - you won't want to miss it.

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COMING UP

Round 4 – Romsey vs Woodend in Romsey.

SAVE THE DATE: May 23 – Woodend vs Riddell at home! Women of the Nest event throughout the day, followed by Mr Hawk after the final game.

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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by *General Manager Operations Grace Bibby*

After round two I am just going to leave this here.

The Importance of Attention to Detail

In the fast-paced world of netball, success doesn't come solely from athletic prowess or strategic brilliance on the court—it's also forged behind the scenes. Effective management is the backbone of any successful netball team or organization, and at the heart of great management lies one critical skill: attention to detail. Whether you're coordinating schedules, handling equipment, managing points, scoring or ensuring player welfare, it's the small things that often make the biggest difference.

1. Player Welfare and Development

Attention to detail is crucial when it comes to tracking player fitness, health, and development. Injuries can sometimes result from overlooked signs—slight changes in movement, subtle complaints of fatigue, or missed physiotherapy sessions. Detailed monitoring of these elements helps managers intervene early, providing the necessary support before small issues become major setbacks. It also ensures each player is progressing according to their individual goals, creating a more cohesive and motivated team environment.

2. Compliance and Governance

From insurance paperwork and safeguarding protocols to league rules and regulations, netball managers are responsible for a vast range of compliance matters. A minor oversight—like a missing stroke on the scoresheet or an ineligible player taking the court—can lead to serious consequences, including forfeited matches. or reputational damage.

Maintaining meticulous records and double-checking every compliance detail is essential for smooth, issue-free operations.

3. Game Day Execution

Game day is where preparation meets execution, and here, attention to detail truly shines. Uniforms, equipment, warmup routines, bench setup, substitution strategies, and sideline communication all need to be seamless. Managers who plan thoroughly and anticipate needs ahead of time enable the coaching staff and players to stay focused on the match itself. A forgotten piece of kit or a missing water bottle might seem trivial, but it can cause unnecessary stress or distraction at a crucial moment.

4. Effective Communication

Clear, accurate, and timely communication is the glue that holds a netball organization together. Miscommunicating training times, misinterpreting feedback from players, or failing to pass on critical updates can lead to confusion and frustration. Attention to detail in how, when, and what is communicated builds trust, ensures alignment, and keeps everyone moving toward shared goals.

5. Building a Professional Culture

When managers consistently demonstrate attention to detail, it sets the tone for the entire team. It signals professionalism, care, and a commitment to excellence. Players and staff are more likely to take pride in their own roles when they see that nothing is left to chance.



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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	Wallan vs Melton South	Macedon vs Riddell	Woodend Heskett vs Gisborne Giants	Lancefield vs Kyneton	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	3	6
Krissy Clement	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	3	8
Ben Higgins	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	Lancefield	3	4
Tara Murray	Wallan	Riddell	Woodend-Heskett	Lancefield	4	7
Jordan Doyle	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	Lancefield	4	9
Grace Bibby	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	Lancefield	3	8
Grant McMillan	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	Kyneton	2	5
Courtney Alexander	Wallan	Riddell	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	3	8
Richard Thwaites	Wallan	Riddell	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	4	7
Lauren Nolan	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	Lancefield	3	7



RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Macedon have been so close in each of their opening round matches but they will be eager to get on the winners list when they take on Riddell. Riddell are a new look team with a lot of local talent and juniors now making up their a grade team. It was a good start to the fixture them defeating Diggers Rest but it will be a step up when it comes to their opposition this weekend. Macedon's Molly McGrath is fast becoming one of the best players in the competition with her speed and agility across the attacking line the match up between herself and Mady Brown will be next level. Prediction: Macedon to record their first win of the season



It has been a fast start for Wallan jumping out of the blocks to record a big win over Melton Centrals and then over last years premiers Woend Hesket. Melton South on the other hand have had a tough start but in promising signs for the club they won the third quarter last week. Wallan will be looking to continue their fast start with a nother big win. Younger players are shining for the magpies with Amanda Su'a being named players of the week with Alyssa Pearce and Alannah Judd not too far behind. Prediction: It is hard to see Wallan losing this one as Melton South continue their rebuild.



After several of their players were away for round two Woodend Hesket will have to bounce back from a disappointing loss. Gisborne Giants on the other hand sit above Woodend Hesket on the ladder with two wins without loss. The amount of talent on this court this weekend will be exciting for all. Georgia Bowkett and Malia Seumanutafa will be the key match up of the game and whoever gets on top there will go a long way to recorded the four points for their team. Prediction: Woodend Hesket to win in a nail biter!



Arguably the match of the round with some key inclusions for Kyneton over the summer. Given they had a bye in round two we are still a little unsure what their team will be able to achieve in 2026 but they are certainly building. Lancefield have also had a strong start to the season with a big win over Romsey and a tighter affair against Macedon. Both teams rely heavily on their defensive ends and have big key shooters down the other end. Midcourt battle will be huge. Mia Daly or Alex Stawhorn? Prediction: Lancefield to win by the barest of margins





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