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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

We're excited to announce that our new league partner, Safe As 3 Houses, has come on board for the 2026 and 2027 seasons. They are bringing with them a unique opportunity for your club to unlock a significant new funding stream.

In July, Anthony Edmonds from Safe As 3 Houses will be joining us at the Presidents & Secretaries Meeting (Date and location to be announced next week) to reveal how this initiative works and why it's already generating strong interest.

But here's what you need to know now...

There is an opportunity for your club to:

- Host a simple, high-value session at your club
- Engage your players, members, and supporters
- And potentially unlock a substantial new sponsorship outcome

All without the usual heavy lifting that comes with traditional fundraising. This is designed as a genuine win-win delivering value to your members while creating a powerful financial boost for your club.

There are also added bonuses and surprises available for clubs who act early, including the potential involvement of a well-known AFL guest speaker.

To find out more, book a 30



PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The RDFNL is excited to welcome Safe As 3 Houses as an official partner - including exclusive naming rights to the Netball Player of the Week segments for 2026 & 2027.

Safe As 3 Houses helps everyday Australians grow long-term wealth through strategic property investment, targeting high-growth markets and strong cashflow opportunities.

minute info session with Anthony so you can get ahead of the crowd:

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=15351541&appointmentType=6007346>

Alternatively, feel free to contact Anthony direct: 0411 885 152 / anthony@safeas3houses.com

We hope our clubs can support Safe As 3 Houses as they support everyone in the RDFNL.





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BRODEN COLLINS

197 RANKING POINTS

29 DISPOSALS

23 CONTESTED POSSESSIONS

59 HITOUTS

16 CLEARANCES

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RDFNL FOOTBALL TEAMLISTS

Click the division for match details and team lists.



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LOCAL FOOTBALL

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HITOUTS

ROUND TEN

CHARLIE
ROSSETTI

1

121



CHRIS
STEWART

25

6

HAYDEN
DAVIS

2

61



MARK
KOVACEVIC

23

7

BRODEN
COLLINS

3

59



JOSHUA
GRABHAM

23

7

HAYDN
SMITH

4

44



JUSTIN
TENAGLIA

22

9

PATRICK
MAHONEY

5

27



SAM
INDIAN

21

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RDFNL Senior Mens

Football 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 football matches, which will be featured in the footy record. See how your tips stack up against the RDFNL experts each week!

Football Tipping							
NAME	Riddell vs Wallan	Macedon vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Lancefield	Woodend Heskett vs Diggers Rest	Melton South vs Romsey	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Riddell	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	40
Courtney Alexander	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	39
Terry Kernan	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	39
Brian McNabb	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Lancefield	Diggers Rest	Romsey	4	38
Jordan Doyle	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	40
Richard Thwaites	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	39
Grant McMillan	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	43
Tara Murray	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	40
Ben Higgins	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	38
Grace Bibby	Wallan	Macedon	Gisborne Giants	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	44



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RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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The Hawks face another tough assignment this week here in this matchup against the in-form Diggers Rest. Woodend were disappointing last week losing by 37 points at home to the Cats giving up 30 scoring shots. In very tough conditions Daniel Toman somehow continued to flourish with 41 disposals, 9 clearances and 178 ranking points. Alongside him was Fletcher Banfield with 32 disposals, 10 tackles and 142 ranking points. It was a reality check for the Hawks as most of the stats skewed their way, winning the disposal count (+92) and clearance count (+8). However, their inability to stop big man Charlie Rosetti didn't help as he had 121 hitouts and the hawks lost the overall count by 119. The Burras continued their winning form against Romsey last week winning by 81 points. Big man Callum Moore kept his league goalkicking lead with 20 disposals, 7 goals and 150 ranking points, Hayden Davis also dominated through the ruck with 9 disposals, 51 hitouts and 111 ranking points. Diggers advantage through the midfield continues to win them games every week, they smashed Romsey in the clearance count (19) and hitouts (84). Hopefully a more competitive Woodend show up here as it won't get easier for them against the in-form burras, however without a formidable ruckman I think Diggers midfield will run rampage here and get it done easily.

Prediction- Diggers by 50 points

Two teams at the bottom end of the ladder face off here in a game where both clubs will be desperate for a win. It was a competitive first three quarters that Gisborne played against South on the weekend before they conceded seven goals in the last quarter and ended up losing by 54 points. Matt Quigley had a huge game with 40 disposals, 15 clearances, 2 goals and 169 ranking points, alongside him was Mitchell Bongiovanni with 20 disposals, 10 tackles and 100 ranking points. This is a massive game for the Giants who have only won one game for the season which came in round two and now in a winnable matchup at home this week they'll want nothing more than the 4 points. Lancefield unfortunately never looked likely against Wallan last week losing by 110 points in tough conditions. Riley Omeara had another great game with 22 disposals, 7 tackles and 110 ranking points, he was well supported by Jordan Watkins who had 24 disposals, 6 tackles and 100 ranking points. The Tigers lost the disposal count (-140), marks (-76) and inside 50s (+20) in a game where they were exposed around the ground statistically. I expect both teams to go into this game thinking they'll have a good chance of winning however I think Gisborne will get it done at home here.

Prediction- Gisborne by 35 points

RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



A massive game that could go either way at the home of the Bombers in what's expected to be one of the games of the year here. Riddell were ultra impressive last week in a 28-point win over the Tigers where most expected the game to be closer. Bryce Williamson was Riddell's best with 34 disposals, 11 rebound 50s and 145 ranking points, alongside him was Haydn Ross with 31 disposals, 13 marks and 143 ranking points. Wallan as expected got it done by 110 points by Lancefield last week. Dion Hill filled the stat sheet with 32 disposals, 4 goals and 188 ranking points, supporting him was young star Nash King with 35 disposals, 8 marks and 141 ranking points. A real danger game this week for the Magpies where if they do get it done, they're well set up to be undefeated for the rest of the season. I expect this to be a really high quality game featuring two in form teams, but I think Wallan will just get it done here.

Prediction- Wallan by 8 points



The panthers look to extend their winning streak to 5 against a more competitive Romsey side this weekend. The panthers were shaky in the first 3 quarters against the Giants last week but remarkably piled on 7 goals in the last quarter cruising to a 54 point win. Our player of the week Broden Collins had a huge game with 29 disposals, 16 clearances and 197 ranking points. Alongside him was Blake Souter with 39 disposals, 8 clearances and 168 ranking points.

Romsey were disappointing last week against Diggers Rest losing by 81 points at home where they were so competitive the week before against Wallan. Corey Pertzelt was Romsey's best with 29 disposals, 9 clearances and 144 ranking points, alongside him was Samuel Wilson with 20 disposals, 7 marks and 114 ranking points. I expect Romsey to be a much better side this week against the Panthers, however South are way too good at home and don't look like losing at the moment.

Prediction- Melton south by 4 goals



An intriguing game here featuring Macedon hoping to hold their top 4 position while Melton are trying to make an end of season push to make the top 6. Macedon cruised home to a 37-point win against the Hawks last week in a game where they probably should have won by more kicking 12.18. Charlie Rossetti's performance is surely going to generate some traction this week with an unbelievable 121 hitout performance alongside 15 disposals and 188 ranking points. His ruckwork clearly benefited Blake Watson who had 32 disposals, 10 clearances and 187 ranking points. Melton Centrals come off the bye into this matchup two games outside of the top 6. Evan Donoghue has been Melton's best this season averaging 22 disposals, 26 hitouts and 130 ranking points. Alongside him has been recruit William Kritharis who's averaging 33 disposals and 121 ranking points. I expect Melton Centrals to be competitive off the bye here, but I think Macedon's form is better now and they'll win this one.

Prediction- Macedon by 25 points

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Macedon vs Lancefield	Riddell vs Mount Alexander	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Macedon	Riddell	2	14
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	Riddell	2	12
Jacqui Green	Lancefield	Mt Alexander	2	14
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	Riddell	2	16
Grant McMillan	Macedon	Riddell	2	13
Tara Murray	Macedon	Mt Alexander	2	15
Ben Higgins	Macedon	Riddell	2	15
Grace Bibby	Macedon	Mt Alexander	2	16
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	Riddell	2	15



RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

Click the for match details and results



RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

Click the for match details and results





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MOLLY LIBARDI

228 RANKING POINTS

34 DISPOSALS

21 TACKLES

8 CLEARANCES

6 INSIDE 50'S

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TACKLES

ROUND EIGHT

MOLLY
LIBARDI

1

21



LANCEFIELD



LANCEFIELD

KAYLA
AZIDIS

7

6

KIARA
FASHAM

2

12



RIDDELL



MACEDON
CRICKET

TAYA
KONIAS

6

7

EMILY
OBRIEN

3

11



LANCEFIELD



MACEDON
CRICKET

SAMANTHA
POINTER

6

7

EMMA
CROFT

4

10



RIDDELL



LANCEFIELD

KLOE
SOPER

6

7

SARAH
MCLEAN

5

8



MACEDON
CRICKET



RIDDELL

KAYLA
AYHAN

6

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RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



VS



The two best teams within the senior women competition face off for the third time this season. Macedon's advantage on the competition keeps extending week by week, they'll be keen for this matchup once again having beaten Lancefield twice already this season. It was an 83-point win against the Falcons last week for the Cats where they kept the Falcons scoreless for the game. Taya Konias is going to give Ruby Watts a run for her money at the league best and fairest as she was Macedon's best again with 42 disposals, 8 I50, 3 goals and 176 ranking points. Alongside her was Brianna Woodburn who had 33 disposals, 25 hitouts, and 169 ranking points. It was a very close call for Lancefield last week who were nearly upset by the Bombers winning by 5 points away from home. Molly Libardi was unreal for the Tigers collecting 34 disposals, 21 tackles and 228 ranking points. Alongside her was skipper Emily Obrien who had 30 disposals, 11 tackles and 142 ranking points. Although the Tigers went far away from losing they did control most of the stat count beating the Bombers in disposals (+31), clearances (+5) and tackles (+21). It's impossible to tip against Macedon here with the season there having but don't be surprised if Lancefield are competitive in this one.

Prediction- Macedon by 35 points



VS



An exciting matchup awaits us here with both teams winning one game each in their matches against each other this year. Riddell were impressive last week against the Tigers narrowly losing by 5 points and after a strong couple of weeks the Bombers will be keen to win this one. Lauren Shaw was Riddell's best against Lancefield with 25 disposals, 8 R50, and 140 ranking points. And young Tessa McNair was also outstanding with 23 disposals, 7 clearances and 116 ranking points. The Falcons were disappointing in last week's matchup against the cats not registering a score in an 83-point loss. Ella Hayes has clearly been the Falcons most consistent this season with 21 disposals, 6 clearances and 112 ranking points. Alongside her was Casey Sowula with 20 disposals, 6 marks and 82 ranking points. I expect this to be a hotly contested affair as both clubs have their best chance of winning in this matchup, however I think Riddell's form is better than the Falcon's now and they'll get it done here in a close one.

Prediction- Riddell by 8 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."

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



DIGGERS REST

Club Notes



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GISBORNE GIANTS

Club Notes



Last weekend we travelled over to Melton South to face a strong football & netball program. In the netball, our B & A grade got the wins, while over in the footy our 19.5's & reserves came away with victories.

This weekend we welcome Lancefield at home, and we encourage all supporters to stick around for a drink & pizza back at the clubrooms after the games.

This weekend our juniors are hosting our Netball Play for Breast Cancer Network Australia Pink Sports Day. Pick up a raffle ticket at the club and win some fantastic prizes, while also donating to support Australians affected by breast cancer.

GISBORNE GIANTS

PINK sports day

28TH JUNE

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- ♥ \$90 Vics Sunbury Voucher
- ♥ \$80 Cottage Flowers Voucher
- ♥ \$70 3 Little Pigs Voucher x 2
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PINK sports day

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28TH JUNE

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LANCEFIELD

Club Notes



It's a big Winter on the social calendar at Lancefield. Don't miss these functions with plenty of good times to be had.

JULY 4 – FRAT PARTY OLYMPICS...

Our next Players Function is here with the Lancefield Frat Olympics. Think you've got what it takes to lead your team to victory? Gather your mates and get ready for a night of epic challenges, fierce competition, and unforgettable memories! We'll have multiple game stations. Physical, mental & strategic challenges. Points up for grabs at every event. Bonus points for team spirit, energy and more. Our DJ will keep the vibe up. Prizes on the line and, more importantly, ultimate bragging rights! This night takes place on Saturday 4th July with a 7pm start at the Laurie Green Pavilion, \$20 entry at the door.

JULY 18 - REVERSE RAFFLE...

One of Lancefields major fundraisers is coming up soon with our annual Reverse Raffle to be held on the night of Saturday July 18. This will be after our home game against Romsey so stick around for what is always a good night. We've kept tickets the same price as the last few years at \$65 and they are available from players or from the bar on game days. It includes free beer, wine and soft drinks with discounted mixers from 7-9pm. We'll put on a meal for the night and someone is going to take home the grand prize of \$5,000 cash!!! Don't worry if you don't scoop the 5K, on top of your food and free drinks you'll also kick back and laugh the night away with "Lancefield Karaoke!" We'll have the DJ warming up the crowd and get you singing along before you get the chance take the mic yourself and entertain the town. This could be the night you get discovered.

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Club Notes





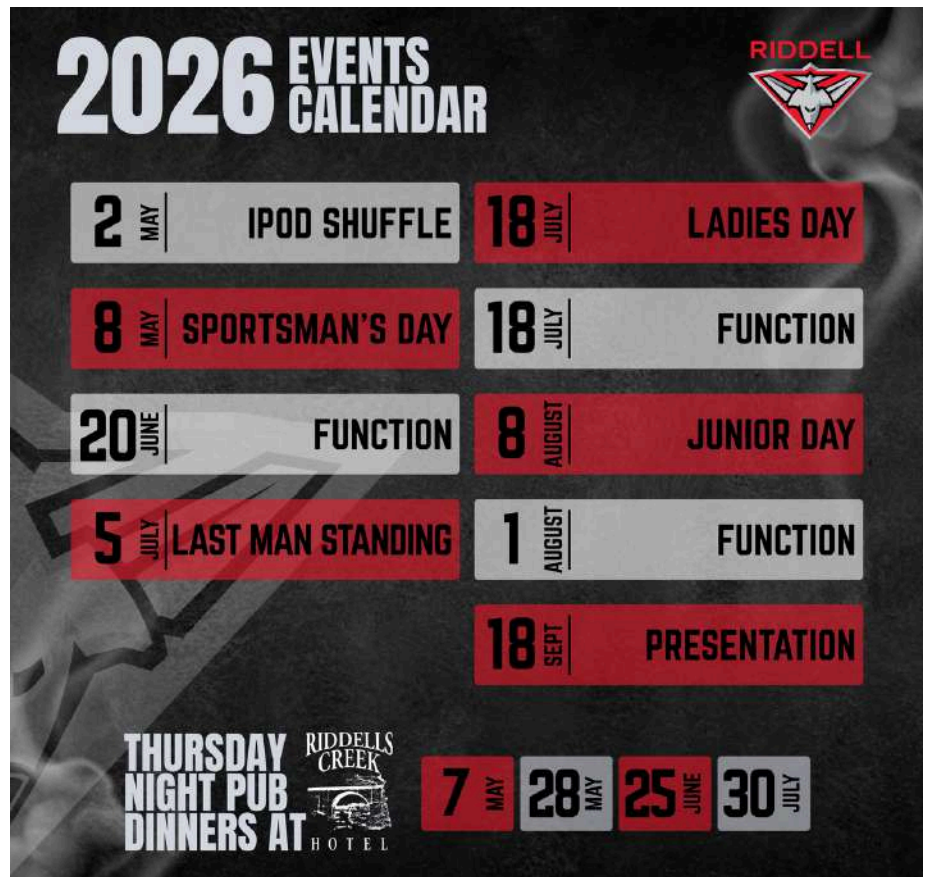
RIDDELL Club Notes

We are stoked to announce the launch of our new and improved website, take a look today!

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A place where you will find all club history, easy links to access relevant websites, full team lists and much much more!

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 RIDDELLS CREEK HOTEL		7 MAY	28 MAY
		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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ROMSEY

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WALLAN Club Notes

Last weekend we were delighted to have Riley Callaghan make his Senior debut and Jess Boek make her A Grade debut last weekend against Lancefield.

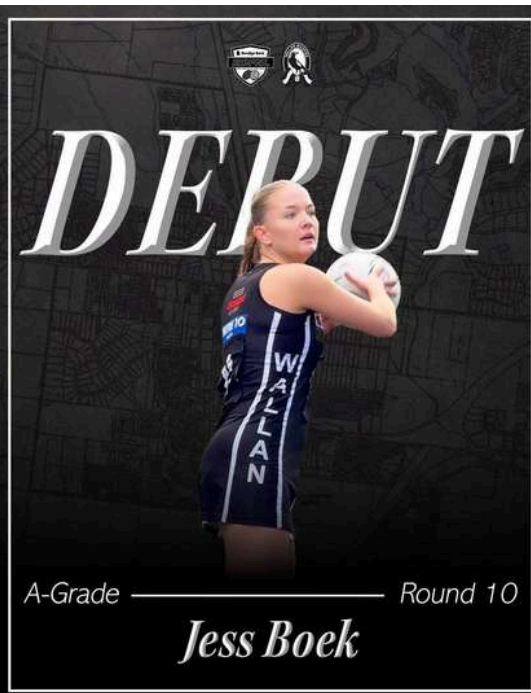
Riley has been playing some very strong football in the Under 19s and through his commitment, dedication and consistent performances he earned his opportunity! Riley embraced the opportunity, played his role for the team and even kicking two goals to cap off a great win. Riley has an exciting future ahead of him and is another great example of the strong junior to senior pathway. We look forward to watching his development in the years to come and are excited about what he can contribute to the future of Wallan Football.

In Jess's first year at the club, Jess has worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserved her opportunity. Her smooth movement, composure, and ability to dominate through the midcourt are just some of the reasons she earned her chance at A Grade. A talented and hardworking player, Jess continues to impress with her determination, commitment, and team-first attitude.

We are proud to see her reach this milestone and look forward to watching her play many more games in the black and white.

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WOODEND HESKET

Club Notes

ROUND 11 – HOME VS DIGGERS REST

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MEGADRAW – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Our massive Megadraw is coming up on Sunday 5th July – and you won't want to miss out! This is your chance to win big, so make sure you get your tickets before they sell out.

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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Burnout is real especially if you're an administrator, volunteer or a coach. Administrations, volunteers and coaches understand the 'can't wait for the season to be over' feeling. Sorry everyone else. I am hoping everyone enjoyed the long weekend and is ready to hit the second half of the season head on with a positive outlook.

The old 'buck stops with us' for results, organising and special requests can be extremely draining. How can we start preparing for weeks in advance and how do we prevent repeating this same feeling or burning out year after year?

I've got a few tips you might like to try:

1. Say no. If you've been asked to Coach more than one team....think again. Ask yourself, can I give 100% to more than one team? Whatever the outcome, be measured in your answer for 'yes' I can Coach two teams or 'no', I can only Coach one team

2. Organise an amazing Manager. This is one of the best decisions you'll make. Ask someone who is prepared to go above and beyond to make sure all those little things which can end up being huge things are attended to

3. If you are a coach prepare your sessions. Before the season even starts map out your sessions. Eg if you only have one hour per week, then introduce skills that builds the individual and creates a skilled team.

4. If you are an administrator map out your season. What needs to be done at the end of the year that can be in progress during the year, what needs to happen on Saturday/Sunday that I can knock over early in the week.

5. Introduce a Facebook page or WhatsApp for communication with parents/players

depending on the age of the players. The more that can be communicated to a group the more time you will save.

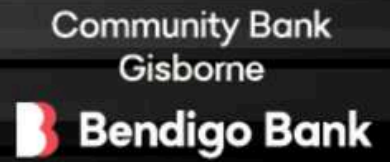
6. Upskill. If there are Coach Education Courses on offer, sign up. Point of difference between Coaches that want to improve and those who are babysitting can be in acquiring knowledge. Coach Education is empowering and brings new energy into your Coaching world

7. Control what you can control. If you can't change the outcome don't let it change you. Things are always going to happen outside of your control sometimes it is easier to just go with it than fight it. If you choose to fight it what are you getting out of it?

8. Be kind to yourself. Yes, it's a privilege to Coach players, to be involved in sport but, hey, pat yourself on the back because it is a privilege for them to be Coached by you and for them to turn up each week with equipment, umpires and scorers.

It is a great time to sit back, watch the smiles on everyone's faces and know you played a part in community sport in 2026.

POS	TEAM	PTS	%
1	Wallan	36	137.3
2	Lancefield	32	147.4
3	Woodend Heskett	32	129.8
4	Riddell	28	120.3
5	Gisborne Giants	28	114.9
6	Macedon	24	130.9
7	Kyneton	24	115.3
8	Melton Centrals	20	89.87
9	Diggers Rest	8	84.22
10	Romsey	8	76.31
11	Melton South	4	37.48



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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	Riddell vs Wallan	Macedon vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Lancefield	Woodend Heskett vs Diggers Rest	Melton South vs Romsey	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Wallan	Melton Centrals	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	32
Krissy Clement	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	3	40
Ben Higgins	Riddell	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	3	33
Tara Murray	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	39
Jordan Doyle	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	40
Grace Bibby	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	1	39
Grant McMillan	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	34
Courtney Alexander	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	33
Richard Thwaites	Wallan	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	2	36
Lauren Nolan	Riddell	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Romsey	3	41



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Wallan have jumped out to one game clear on the RDFNL A Grade ladder after an impressive win over Lancefield.

Wallan are sneaking under the radar and most weeks go unmentioned but they are fast becoming serious contenders.

They do not have the same fire power that other clubs bring in but they are consistent and they share the work load.

Riddell are similar in that they have plenty of depth across the court without having to bring in big names.

Riddell were able to have a late surge to overcome Kyneton in the last quarter and have now moved up into fourth position.

The mid court battle in this one will be exciting with Mady Brown and Gen Carboon set to play against each other.

Both teams rely so much on their leadership and tenacity through the middle section of the court. In attack each team have a big target that will cause some headaches for the opposition defence.

Riddell are currently only one win outside of the top two which is incredible effort for their young group. While we knew Tilly Allen, and Hayley Brown were stars of the junior competition I think even they would be pleased with how they are going at A Grade level.

Wallan have a tough month of netball ahead of them and this will really set them up nicely for a strong run home.

Prediction: Wallan to win in a close one but Riddell to have their chances.

Gisborne Giants have had a bit of a lull in their middle stages of the season but they would have taken confidence out of a strong win over Melton South.

Lancefield is another good test to see where they are at before they play Wallan next week.

Lancefield went down to Wallan last week and will be eager to bounce back but we know they are depleted particularly in defence.

Lilly Florance is having an amazing season in attack as is Chloe Hodgson and Mia Daly in the midcourt.

Shanae Brundell has been a fantastic recruit for Lancefield over the past few seasons while originally a lower grade player at Macedon she has made a significant impact at this level now and consistently as well.

Like the previous game both teams have a strong presence in attack.

Malia Seumanutafa is a gun and continues to show how important she is to the Giants success.

This battle will be won in defence.

Both teams are strong in attack and through the midcourt but if there is a defender who can get on top early pick off some early intercepts and send their team in attack I think that will make the difference. Will it be Bridget Dods, Lauren Clymo or someone we least expect.

Both teams will be desperate for these four points which makes it great viewing for the RDFNL supports.

Prediction: Lancefield to take the points.



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Woodend Hesket suffered a shock loss that noone saw coming to Macedon last weekend. It was a tight game dominated by defenders but the absence of Kaylia Stanton proved to be too big for the Hawks to overcome.

It was tough conditions but the young goalers had plenty of opportunities and will be disappointed with their shooting percentage across the day.

Sarah Duff played her role to perfection in a tough battle with Hayley Birch through the middle of the court.

We know Woodend Hesket's best is near impossible to stop but the weakness is going to be whether they have their best players available.

For Diggers Rest they would also have been disappointed particularly with their first and third quarter scoring a combined 10 goals in 30 minutes of netball. It seemed they just continually broke down across their goal line.

Prediction: Woodend Hesket to bounce back with a big win.



What a win it was for Macedon Cats. After some late mail that Janelle Birch was out I wrote them off completely and they did what noone expected and to a degree, did it with ease.

It was a game played in the defensive ends and it was the playing coach Katie Clarke who stepped up to the plate. Like a fine wine she gets better with age and her composure combined perfectly with sisters Hayley and Janelle.

They will need to be on their game again this weekend as they take on Melton Centrals.

This contest is always physical so we hope both teams can play fairly and enjoy the game. Melton Centrals are fresh of the bye last weekend and will be raring to go.

Imogen Sexton and Manon Muir will have plenty of work to do as always but if they can get some contributors around them they could cause an upset. There is only one win separating the two teams on the ladder.

Prediction: Macedon to continue on their winning ways.



Romsey got the job done over Diggers Rest last weekend in a strong showing.

Most would have thought the game would be more competitive but it wasn't to be as Romsey ran away winners.

This is a good opportunity for them to make it two wins in a row as they travel to Melton Rec Reserve to take on Melton South.

We love that Melton South continue to show up and work hard and this will be a game where they can take some positives out of and hopefully see improvement on the score board.

Prediction: Romsey to take a good win into the bye to consolidate their strong month of netball.



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