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3:00PM



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5:00PM

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RIDDELLS CREEK REC RESERVE

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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

If you are a senior football manager make sure you read this....

RDFNL By-Law 128 –

Eligibility for Finals

SENIORS

a) A player must play in at least four (4) premiership matches played over a minimum of four (4) rounds of the current season to qualify to play in the final series. A player selected as an interchange player and whose name is on the list of players exchanged before the commencement of the match and who is on the ground in uniform and ready to play and remains so ready until the conclusion of the match, shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in such match.

b) A registered player, playing four games with the Reserves or Under 19.5, or a total of four games in the Senior Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 19.5 during the minor rounds in any one season, shall be eligible to play in the final series in the Senior Grade competition.

c) In addition to 126 b, to be eligible to play Reserves finals matches, a player must have played a minimum of 1 game in that competition in the home and away season. The requirement to have played a minimum of 1 game in the Reserves in the home and away season to be eligible to play Reserves finals matches does not apply if both the Seniors and the Reserves of the player's club are playing finals on the same weekend.

d) Any player who, during the currency of the season, has played MORE THAN 9 matches in the minor rounds with the Senior Grade of his Club :

i. shall be ineligible to play in the finals of the Reserve Grade competition, except and unless, the player belongs to a Club which has its Senior Grade and Reserve Grade teams playing in the finals on the same weekend.

ii. shall be eligible to play in the finals of the Under 19.5 competition if they have played a minimum of four (4) Under 19.5's games during the Home & Away season, regardless of how many Senior, Reserves & TAC Cup games played.

e) A player may only participate in one finals match in the age group the player has qualified for in any round of a finals series. No player is allowed to play in more than one finals match during the same round of finals, the only exceptions to this rule are if a club has senior, reserve and U/19.5 teams in the finals and find themselves short of players in the reserves or U/19.5 competitions, it is then permissible to bring a player up from a lower age group to fill any vacancies.

f) A player is free to interchange between his VFL and Under 18 TAC Cup club team during the RDFNL home and away season.

g) A VFL listed player is eligible to play finals matches provided they have met the qualification rules as outlined in rule 126 a).

h) For the purpose of Senior Finals Eligibility, RDFNL Club 18 matches shall be counted towards Senior matches played in the RDFNL





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MITCHELL BONGIOVANNI

236 RANKING POINTS

51 DISPOSALS

16 CONTESTED POSSESSIONS

14 MARKS

1 GOAL

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RDFNL FOOTBALL TEAMLISTS

Click the division for match details and team lists.





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HROVAT

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4

MATT
QUIGLEY

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11



DANIEL
TOMAN

9

4

PATRICK
MAHONEY

2

11



BLAKE
WATSON

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EVAN
DONOGHUE

3

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SHAUN
CAMPBELL

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RILEY
OMEARA

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Football Tipping

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Football Tipping							
NAME	Diggers Rest vs Melton south	Kyneton vs Macedon	Lancefield vs Riddell	Melton Centrals vs Woodend Heskett	Wallan vs Gisborne Giants	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	4	44
Courtney Alexander	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	44
Terry Kernan	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	44
Brian McNabb	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	1	39
Jordan Doyle	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	45
Richard Thwaites	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	44
Grant McMillan	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	48
Tara Murray	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	5	45
Ben Higgins	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	4	43
Grace Bibby	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Melton Centrals	Wallan	5	49



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By Seth Cornish



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A clash featuring two sides who faced heavy defeats last week setting up a season defining clash for both teams. It was a story of 3 quarters for the Centrals side last week after being up at half time and only down by 10 at the end of the third quarter, they ended up losing the game by 78 points conceding 10.9 in the last quarter. It was always going to be a hard day out for Evan Donoghue rucking against Charlie Rosetti and although he lost the hitout battle he still dominated around the ground with 25 disposals, 6 marks, 10 clearances and 138 ranking points. Alongside him was Jake Armistead with 34 disposals, 10 marks and 132 ranking points. It's a massive game for Melton this week and if they want to beat the Hawks, they'll have to improve their midfield numbers considerably as they lost the clearance count (-74) and hitout count (-71). Woodend were disappointing last week against the Burras at home losing by 131 points. Daniel Toman was the Hawks best as usual with 26 disposals, 6 tackles, 9 clearances and 107 ranking points. Alongside him was Alec Binns with 7 disposals, 8 tackles and 87 ranking points. This sets up to be an intriguing clash where both teams desperately need a win, however I think Melton Centrals will take confidence out of their first 3 quarters against the Cats and they will win this one against an out of form Hawks.

Prediction- Centrals by 24 points

A crucial matchup awaits here in a game that could formidably change the top 6. The Tigers return off the bye sitting in sixth place and two games ahead of seventh. The opportunity to beat one of the top 4 teams awaits as they have lost games to Riddell, Diggers Rest and Wallan now. Skipper Caleb Fisher has been Kyneton's best this season proving himself as one of the premier players of the competition, he's averaging 26 disposals, 4 clearances and 127 ranking points. Alongside him has been Danny Grmusa who's also enjoying a great season averaging 25 disposals, 12 contested possessions and 116 ranking points. It's a massive opportunity for the Tigers who still have to play Wallan and Diggers again this season and their 6th position isn't completely locked up yet. The scoreline probably flattered the Cats a bit in the end who were down at halftime, it was a last quarter barrage kicking 10 goals 9 as they managed to cruise to a 78-point win. Charlie Rossetti has continued to showcase his unstoppable form with 22 disposals, 76 hitouts, and 174 ranking points. Alongside him was Blake Watson with 37 disposals, 8 clearances and 169 ranking points. This contest is really close to call, but I think Kyneton have a statement to prove at home and will get it done here.

Prediction- Kyneton by 8 points



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By Seth Cornish



An opportunity to bounce back awaits for the Bombers in what sets up to be a one sided matchup here. It was a really disappointing result for Lancefield last week who weren't competitive in probably their best chance to get a win for the year. However a shining light in a tough season for the Tigers has been the emergence of young Walter King, he had 23 disposals, 12 marks and 140 ranking points last week and was comfortably Lancefield's best player. Alongside him was Leroy Ristevski who had 29 disposals, 14 clearances, 9 tackles and 135 ranking points. Riddell were disappointing last week against Wallan at home losing by 62 points. There were some key outs for the Bombers including ruckman Mark Kovacevic and star forward Zakkaria Saad. Bryce Williamson was Riddell's best with 34 disposals, 10 marks and 156 ranking points. Supporting him was Nathan Hrovat with 38 disposals, 9 clearances and 138 ranking points. I predict Riddell will bounce back hard here and get it done easily against the Tigers.

Prediction- Riddell by 90 points



The second meeting between these two sides in six weeks this time at the home of the Magpies. The Magpies got the job done last time by 95 points and they'll be hoping for the same result here. A huge 62-point win over the Bombers for the Magpies extends their unbeaten streak to 10 and their run home is extremely favourable meaning they'll probably still be undefeated come finals time. Ben Dessent was Wallan's best last week with 31 disposals, 14 marks and 153 ranking points. Alongside him was Chris Stewart with 16 disposals, 8 goals and 125 ranking points.

The Giants were impressive last week against Lancefield on the back of some huge performances from their star players, Mitchell Bongiovanni had one of the best games of the season with 51 disposals, 14 marks, 1 goal and 236 ranking points. He was well supported by his skipper Matt Quigley with 44 disposals, 21 contested possessions, 11 clearances and 202 ranking points. I expect the margin to be closer than the last time these two faced off however Wallan will be too good once again.

Prediction- Wallan by 50 points



The first time these sides have met since the first round of the season in what sets up to be an intriguing affair. The Burras were very good against the Hawks winning the game by 131 points away from home. Shaun Campbell led by example with 27 disposals, 8 clearances and 159 ranking points, alongside him was Callum Moore who extended his league goalkicking lead with 22 disposals, 9 marks, 9 goals and 158 ranking points. Melton South continue to be impressive as they have been for the past six weeks with an 82-point win over the Redbacks. Lachlan Pritchard was Melton's best with 25 disposals, 10 clearances and 120 ranking points. Alongside him was Blake Souter with 29 disposals, 6 tackles and 120 ranking points. It was a 75-point win for Diggers over South earlier this season, however I have a feeling it will be closer this time around with the Burras being without the services of Callum Moore this week.

Prediction- Diggers by 40 points

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Mount Alexander vs Lancefield	Riddell vs Macedon	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Lancefield	Macedon	2	16
Courtney Alexander	Lancefield	Macedon	2	14
Jacqui Green	Lancefield	Macedon	0	14
Jordan Doyle	Lancefield	Macedon	2	18
Grant McMillan	Lancefield	Macedon	2	15
Tara Murray	Lancefield	Macedon	1	16
Ben Higgins	Lancefield	Macedon	2	17
Grace Bibby	Lancefield	Macedon	1	17
Richard Thwaites	Lancefield	Macedon	2	17



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RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

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RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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RUBY WATTS

184 RANKING POINTS

38 DISPOSALS

22 CONESTED POSSESSIONS

6 INSIDE 50'S

3 GOALS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DISPOSALS

ROUND TEN

RUBY
WATTS

1

38



NINNA
HARBINSON

21

6

TAYA
KONIAS

2

29



GABRIELLE
SMITH

19

7

TESSA
MCNAIR

3

26



LAUREN
SHAW

18

8

BRIANNA
WOODBURN

4

23



MADY
BROWN

17

9

ALEX
CAIRNEY

5

21



LIL
WATERS

16

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RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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The Tigers make the trip up the road this week to face the Falcons for the fourth time this season. The Falcons were disappointing last week against Riddell where they were unable to score a goal against a side they have beaten before. Gabrielle Smith was Mt Alexanders best with 19 disposals, 8 tackles and 79 ranking points, alongside her was Amy Tacey with 9 disposals, 8 tackles and 57 ranking points. The falcons were dominated statistically also, they were smashed in the clearance count (-36), Inside 50s (-21) and disposals (-99). They were without the services of Ella Hayes who has been their most consistent player through the middle this season so hopefully she's back this week to give the Falcons a chance. Lancefield were also unfortunately scoreless in their matchup against a dominant Macedon side, it was a game where the Tigers best players couldn't get going, Macedon had the top 6 players on the ground in ranking points. Molly Libardi was Lancefield's best with 15 disposals, 8 tackles and 66 ranking points. Alongside her was Lilly Bromley with 11 disposals, 7 tackles and 53 ranking points. I think this sets up to be a one-sided affair, Lancefield need to bounce back after their loss, and they have proven they can beat Mt alexander on three different occasions this season.

Prediction- Lancefield by 70 points



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An exciting game awaits here with both sides coming off great wins keeping their opponents scoreless. Remarkably the tides have turned at Riddell, two weeks ago they were unable to field a side against Macedon and last week they fielded 24 players to cruise home to a 53-point win over the Falcons. It's great to see and it will be interesting again this week if Riddell can be competitive against the Cats. Tessa McNair was Riddell's best last week with 27 disposals, 8 clearances, 2 goals and 137 ranking points. Alongside her was Tess O'Donnell with 15 disposals, 6 tackles and 89 ranking points. Macedon had one of their best performances of the year keeping the Tigers goalless in a 49-point win. Ruby Watts was elite with 38 disposals, 4 tackles, 3 goals and 184 ranking points, alongside her was Taya Konias with 29 disposals, 6 tackles and 121 ranking points. Macedon simply controlled the game by having more of the ball and using it more efficiently, they beat Lancefield in the disposal count convincingly (+70) and the disposal efficiency (+22%). It would be amazing to see Riddell take it up to the Cats and be competitive in this one after their previous weeks, however while I think this encounter will be closer than previous ones the Cats are way too good and will get this done.

Prediction- Macedon by 35 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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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.

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PINK sports day

28TH JUNE

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LANCEFIELD

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1966 & 1996 PREMIERSHIP REUNION...

This Saturday we're celebrating two of the great teams in Lancefield Football Netball Club history, with a 30-year reunion for our 1996 Premiership side and a 60-year reunion for our 1966 Premiership side. We'd love to see as many past players, volunteers or their families there as possible as we celebrate these special milestones in the Laurie Green Pavilion at 12:30.

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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MOUNT ALEXANDER

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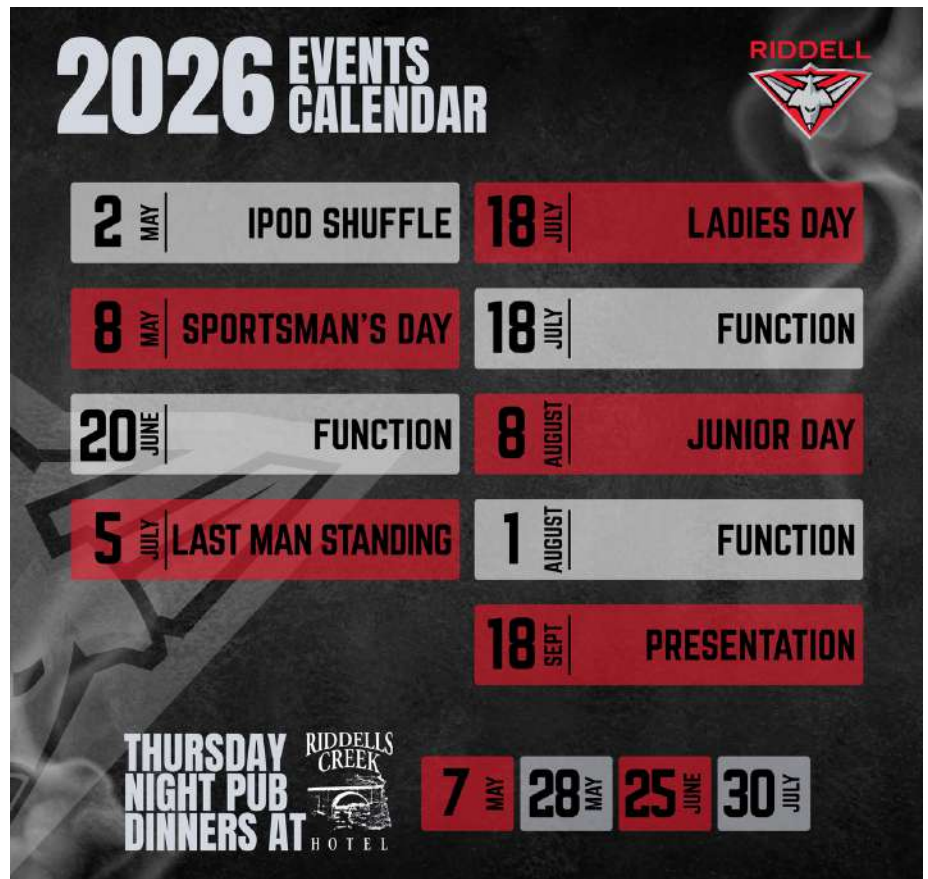
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Don't forget to save the date for all of the events on our 2026 events calendar!
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2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

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
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		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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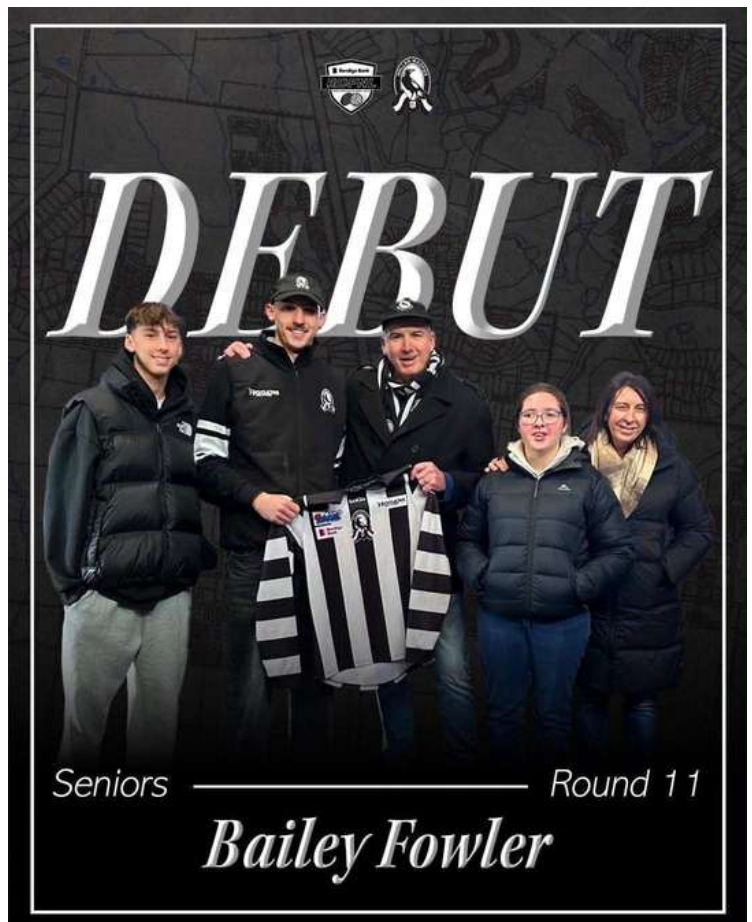
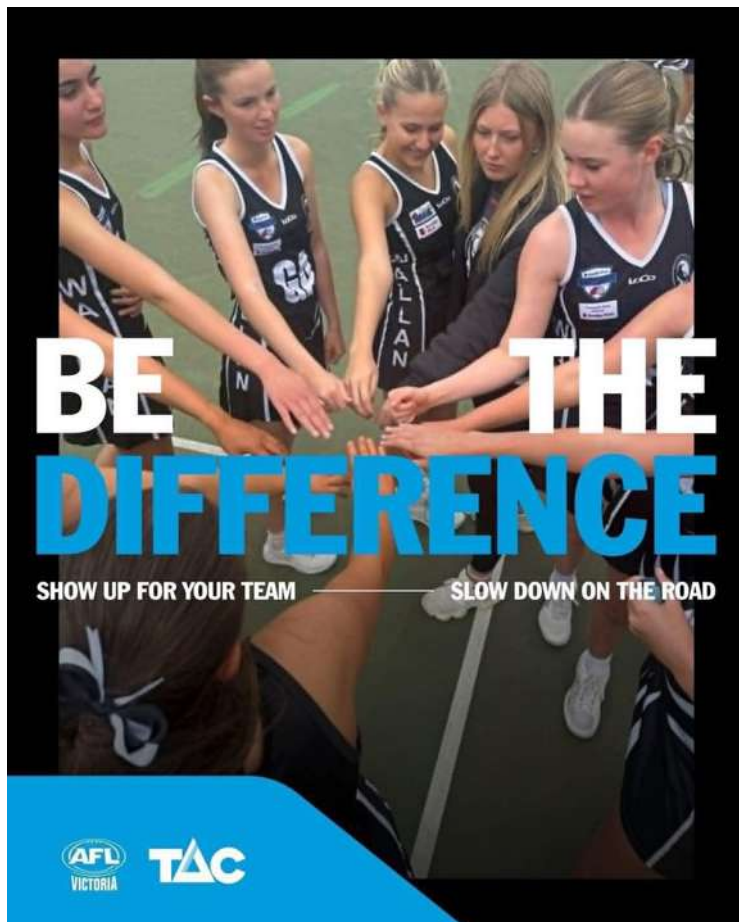


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Congratulations to Bailey Fowler on making his senior debut last weekend against Riddell. Bailey comes from a proud and well-known Wallan football family, and the opportunity was one he thoroughly deserved. A talented Wallan junior with enormous potential, Bailey has worked hard for his chance at senior level and showed exactly why the club has such high hopes for his future. Playing an important role in both the ruck and forward line, Bailey competed strongly, contributed to the team's victory, and showed plenty of promising signs in his first senior game.

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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

The Riddell District Football Netball League is pleased to have had multiple athletes selected in the 2027 state pathway program.

Netball Victoria has released its trial lists for the 2027 Talent Academy and the 17/U & 19/U State Sides.

Athletes have been identified based on their performances at State Titles held in March, or the Central West Zone Association Championships held in May & June.

The following athletes have been identified and invited to trial for the 2027 Talent Academy:

From the 2026 Region State Titles squad:

- Leila McMahon - Sunbury Lions

From the Central West Zone Association Championship tournament:

- Ruby Dunn – Gisborne Rookies
- Alani Fisher – Gisborne Giants
- Harmony Tupaea – Diggers Rest

The following athletes have been identified and invited to trial for the 2027 19U State team from the 2026 Region State Titles squad:

- Alannah Judd – Wallan

The following athletes have been identified and invited to trial for the 2027 19U State team from Central West Zone Association Championship tournament:

- Jewel Evans – Romsey

We also want to recognise many other athletes who play in the RDFNL weekly competition but were selected through other representative teams.

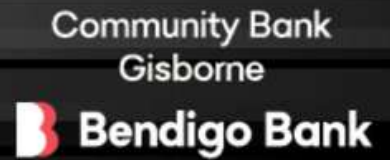
The Talent Academy Trials for the Central West Region area take place on Sunday 22 November at Eagle Stadium, Werribee.

The 2027 Netball Victoria State Titles will take place in Bendigo on March 6th-8th 2027.

Full team lists can be found by clicking here:



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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	Diggers Rest vs Melton south	Kyneton vs Macedon	Lancefield vs Riddell	Melton Centrals vs Woodend Heskett	Wallan vs Gisborne Giants	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton South	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Gisborne Giants	2	34
Krissy Clement	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	43
Ben Higgins	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	2	35
Tara Murray	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	42
Jordan Doyle	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	43
Grace Bibby	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Riddell	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	42
Grant McMillan	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Gisborne Giants	3	37
Courtney Alexander	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	36
Richard Thwaites	Diggers Rest	Macedon	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	3	39
Lauren Nolan	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	Riddell	Woodend-Heskett	Wallan	2	43



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Riddell will be looking to continue its recent improvement when it hosts Lancefield in an important RDFNL A Grade clash.

Lancefield has been one of the competition's strongest sides this season, building its success on consistent scoring and disciplined team defence. The Tigers have shown they can take control of games with quick ball movement and efficient use of possession.

Riddell, meanwhile, has steadily improved throughout the season and has become increasingly competitive against quality opposition. The Bombers' defensive pressure and ability to create turnovers will be crucial if they are to challenge Lancefield.

Winning the battle through the midcourt and converting centre passes will be key for both teams. Madison Brown is having another stellar season and Mia Daly is always a great contest.

Lancefield will look to establish its attacking rhythm early and maintain scoreboard pressure across four quarters. Riddell will be confident it can stay in the contest if it limits unforced errors and capitalises on its defensive gains. With finals approaching, both sides have plenty to play for and neither will be willing to give an inch. Lancefield enters the match as deserved favourites, but Riddell has shown enough improvement to make this an entertaining contest.

Prediction: Riddell to win in a close game.

Wallan will be looking to continue its strong season when it hosts the Gisborne Giants in an intriguing RDFNL A Grade contest. The Magpies have been one of the competition's benchmark teams, consistently putting together four-quarter performances. Their ability to convert turnovers into goals has been a key factor in their success throughout the season. The Gisborne Giants have been inconsistent this season with some good wins and some losses they would like back. Their willingness to attack the contest and play with confidence has made them a difficult opponent each week but close results just haven't gone their way.

Wallan will aim to control the tempo through the midcourt with the likes of Gen Carboon being the steady head and Dakota Lister applying pressure. For Gisborne, protecting possession and capitalising on scoring chances will be crucial if they are to cause an upset. If they can find a strong path into Malia Seumanutafa that will go a long way to winning.

While the Giants continue to build valuable experience, Wallan's consistency and depth make them deserved favourites. Expect the Magpies to be tested early before their class across four quarters proves the difference.

Prediction: Wallan to win in another strong match up with Gisborne Giants. This is fast becoming a strong rivalry in the RDFNL A Grade.



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



On the back of their best victory since their premiership-winning years, the Burras have a genuine opportunity to make it two wins in succession this weekend.

Diggers Rest capitalised on a depleted Woodend Heskett line-up last week, but their performance should not be underestimated. Anica Scherer led from the front with an outstanding display, while Ceri Evans also played a pivotal role in a memorable victory.

Melton South also produced an encouraging performance despite falling short against Romsey. The Panthers continue to invest in developing their young talent, and the strength of their junior program was highlighted by the number of players selected in the 2027 State Pathway Program announcements. While results may not always go their way this season, Melton South's focus on youth development is laying a strong foundation. If the group remains united and committed to the process, the future looks exceptionally bright.

Prediction: Diggers Rest too strong in this contest.



A top-four calibre contest awaits this weekend as Kyneton hosts Macedon in what looms as one of the most important matches of the RDFNL A Grade season.

Both sides have produced impressive performances throughout 2026 and enter the clash with genuine finals aspirations, making every quarter likely to

have significant implications for the ladder.

Macedon has built its season on disciplined defensive pressure and an ability to grind opponents down across four quarters. While not always producing the highest scores in the competition, the Cats have consistently found ways to win through relentless defensive effort, strong transition through the midcourt and composure in key moments. Kyneton, meanwhile, has showcased one of the competition's most potent attacking units. The Tigers have regularly put scoreboard pressure on their opponents with quick ball movement, accurate shooting and an ability to capitalise on turnovers. When their attacking end is firing, they are capable of blowing games open in a matter of minutes.

Prediction: Macedon to continue on their winning ways.



Saturday's clash shapes as one of the standout contests of the round as Melton Centrals look to challenge reigning powerhouse Woodend Heskett on the back of two consecutive losses.

Melton Centrals were missing players as they suffered a big loss to the Cats.

Both teams have fallen victim to Macedon in the past fortnight and this is a good chance to either team to strike back.

The key battle will be whether Melton Centrals can consistently feed their goalers under pressure. Woodend Heskett's defensive unit has built its reputation on forcing turnovers and capitalising on opposition mistakes, while the Hawks' patient attacking style makes every possession count. For the Hawks to win they need all their key players to return.

Prediction: The Hawks to take the four points.



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