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ROUND 16
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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

The RDFNL Board are pleased to announce the 2026 Preferred Senior Finals Venues pending council approval.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season

Please see below for the breakdown:

SENIORS

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - Qualifying Final
- Greenhill Reserve - Wallan (Sunday) - Elimination Final 1
- Romsey Park - Romsey (Sunday) - Elimination Final 2

Week 2 Semi Finals –

Saturday 29th Sunday 30th August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - 2nd Semi Final
- Gilbert Gordon - Woodend (Sunday) - 1st Semi Final

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Week 3 Preliminary Finals –

Saturday 5th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Preliminary Final

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Week 4 Grand Finals –

Saturday 12th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Grand Final

The RDFNL are pleased to announce the Junior Finals Series preferred venues for 2026.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season.

Each year when selecting venues we take into consideration many factors including, parking, temporary fencing requirements, travel to and from other venues, surface standards, facilities, committee support and sharing of the hosting over previous years.

Please see below for the dates and venues subject to council approval;

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Sunday 2nd August

- Eric Boardman #2 (Sunbury Lions)
- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Melton Rec Reserve (Melton South)
- Kyneton Showgrounds (Kyneton)

Kyneton will host all netball matches

Week 2 Preliminary Finals –
Sunday 9th August

- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Gilbert Gordon (Woodend)

Woodend will host all netball matches

Week 3 Grand Finals –
Sunday 16th August

- MacPherson Park (Melton)





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10

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11



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TULLY
FATTORE

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Football Tipping							
NAME	Melton Centrals vs Macedon	Kyneton vs Melton South	Riddells vs Diggers Rest	Wallan vs Lancefield	Woodend Hesket vs Romsey	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton Centrals	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Romsey	4	59
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Romsey	2	57
Terry Kernan	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	3	59
Brian McNabb	Melton Centrals	Melton South	Riddell	Wallan	Romsey	3	52
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	2	59
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	2	59
Grant McMillan	Macedon	Melton South	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	2	62
Tara Murray	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	3	58
Ben Higgins	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	2	57
Grace Bibby	Macedon	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Woodend-Hesket	3	63



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RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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The most important matchup for these two teams this season in a game that's nearly too close to call. Kyneton are coming off a dominant 118-point win over Lancefield where they kicked 17.23, a nice little percentage booster for them which means if they win this game, they'll take over the Panthers fifth spot. Hamish Yunghanns has been incredible since he joined Kyneton midway through this season, this form continued last week with 37 disposals, 11 clearances and 183 ranking points. Alongside him was Isaac Barassi with 36 disposals, 9 clearances and 177 ranking points. One thing we can't ignore is Kyneton's record on their home deck, they've only had two losses this year to Diggers and Wallan who are arguably the competitions two best teams. They'll probably be going into this one as favourites due to their home advantage, but we can't ignore how good Melton South's last half of the season has been and a massive challenge awaits. It really is incredible what Melton South did last week knock off the undefeated Wallan who no one has really come close to this season. It was a 14-point gritty win on their home deck where they haven't lost on since round 1 to Diggers Rest. Blake Souter put in a match winning performance with 40 disposals, 12 clearances and 198 ranking points. Alongside him was Sam Darlye with 39 disposals, 6 marks and 166 ranking points. Being able to contain Wallan's elite players was what won them the game, players such as Lachlan Smart and Chris Stewart had sub-par games due to South's relentlessness and gameplan. This game's so hard to call but I'm taking Kyneton here only due to their home advantage.

Prediction- Kyneton by 2 points

One of the biggest rivalries in the RDFNL, there's always fireworks when these two teams play each other and expect nothing less in a game that will define the top four. Diggers cruised home against Woodend as expected, they'll be starting to look at playing Wallan in that first final now as that's all but locked in which will be a huge game. Callum Moore had another massive game with 27 disposals, 9 goals and 186 ranking points, he needs 25 more goals including finals to kick 100 for the season which will be interesting to see. Alongside him was Caruana with 26 disposals, 9 clearances and 120 ranking points. Riddell suffered a shock loss last week to the Gisborne Giants by 16 points, they had won 9 of their last 10 before this loss so it kind of comes out of nowhere and raises some question marks on where they are at. Callum Williamson had a great game with 34 disposals, 13 clearances and 168 ranking points, alongside him was Mark Kovacevic with 26 disposals, 57 hitouts and 168 ranking points. Riddell dominated clearance, but it's clear they were pretty poor with their ball use. They had 20 more turnovers than their opposition including 11 more in their forwardline. They also lost the mark count (-27) and intercept possession count (-26). They have to be better with the ball this week against Diggers if they want to respond to this loss. I think basing this game on form Diggers should get this done by a few goals, however Riddell always love to make a surprise so anything could happen here.

Prediction- Diggers by 18 points



RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



One team with their eyes on the prize and the other crawling towards the finish line. Wallan had a shock loss to Melton South last week, their first loss of the season where their big players didn't have their best games and, in the end, it looked like South wanted it more. Steven Boyall had an elite game for his Magpies with 34 disposals, 12 clearances and 172 ranking points, alongside him was Dion Hill with 21 disposals, 7 marks and 120 ranking points.

Lancefield has had a disappointing 2026 campaign with another heavy 119-point loss to Kyneton last week. Walter King had another outstanding game with 28 disposals, 11 marks and 138 ranking points, alongside him was Tully Fattore with 23 disposals, 11 marks and 107 ranking points. Wallan need to respond here and unfortunately, I think it will be a tough outing for Lancefield in this one.

Prediction- Wallan by 80 points



An interesting matchup awaits us here where the ladder doesn't tell us the full story on how close this might be. Melton Centrals had an outstanding 16-point win against Romsey away from home last week where many expected them to drop this one. Evan Donoghue continued his stellar season with 34 disposals, 14 clearances and 182 ranking points. Alongside him was Dylan McDonald with 34 disposals, 7 clearances and 166 ranking points.

Macedon need to keep winning to hold a strong position on the ladder come finals, they come off the bye sitting 9-4 and are a real contender to win the flag this year. Macedon's best player this year has been Blake Watson, a key young player for the Cats averaging 32 disposals and 147 ranking points. You also can't forget about Charlie Rossetti's season averaging 16 disposals, 61 hitouts and 138 ranking points. This game could be closer than some would expect, but Macedon have more to play for here and I think they'll get this done.

Prediction- Macedon by 35 points



Two teams playing for pride here in what could be a close game at the home of the Hawks. Woodend probably aren't having the season they would've liked; they suffered a 62-point loss to Diggers Rest last week and have only had 2 wins on the year so far against Lancefield and the Giants. Marcus Stapleton was Woodend's best last week with 27 disposals, 7 marks and 142 ranking points, alongside him was Daniel Toman with 35 disposals, 8 clearances and 130 ranking points. Romsey has had a positive last few weeks beating Lancefield and coming close to both Kyneton and Melton Centrals. They lost to Melton by 16 points last week where many expected them to win due to their positive form. No surprises that Jack Jedwab was Romsey's best with 16 disposals, 7 goals and 128 ranking points, alongside him was Matthew Burkett with 28 disposals, 6 clearances and 128 ranking points. This one is very close to call but I think Woodend's home ground advantage will get them over the line here.

Prediction- Woodend by 7 points

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187 RANKING POINTS

34 DISPOSALS

15 CLEARANCES

14 TACKLES

6 MARKS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CLEARANCES

ROUND FOURTEEN

AMY TACEY

1 15



LILLY BROMLEY

4 5



ELLA HAYES

1 15



NICOLE WOODMAN

4 5



TESSA MCNAIR

2 13



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3 6



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3 6





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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."

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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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Last weekend we hosted Riddell for the first time at Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, and what a terrific day it was on the footy field winning all 3 matches. Our 19.5's secured a top 2 finish, our Reserves remain in the hunt for their first finals appearance, while the seniors had arguably their best win in their short history defeating the two time reigning premiers.

Over on the netball court there were mixed results with our D grade and B grade having wins. All 5 teams currently sit inside the top 6 with 2 games to play.

This weekend with the bye our attention turns towards our juniors embarking on their finals campaign, good luck!



★ RDFNL JUNIOR ★

FINALS

WEEK 1

★ SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026 ★

★ FOOTBALL ★				★ NETBALL ★			
TIME	GRADE	MATCH	VENUE	TIME	DIVISION	MATCH	COURT
8:10am	U11C	WOODEND GOLD vs GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE	KYNETON SHOWGROUNDS	8:00am	11 & UNDER DIV 3	GISBORNE GIANTS WHITE vs MELTON CENTRALS	COURT 1
10:25am	U15C	EYNESBURY vs GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE	MELTON REC RESERVE	9:40am	11 & UNDER DIV 1	SUNBURY LIONS BLUE vs GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER	COURT 1
10:40am	U13C	GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE vs WOODEND GOLD	KYNETON SHOWGROUNDS	12:10pm	13 & UNDER DIV 1	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER vs WOODEND BROWN	COURT 2
11:55am	U13A	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER vs WOODEND BROWN	ROMSEY PARK	2:40pm	13 & UNDER DIV 1	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER vs SUNBURY LIONS BLUE	COURT 1
2:35pm	U17A	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER vs SUNBURY KANGAROOS	ROMSEY PARK	5:40pm	17 & UNDER DIV 1	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER vs ROMSEY RED	COURT 1
3:35pm	U17B	GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE vs GISBORNE ROOKIES 2	ERIC BOARDMAN RESERVE #2	5:40pm	17 & UNDER DIV 1	RIDDELLS CREEK RED vs GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE	COURT 2



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LANCEFIELD

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VALE TERRY O'MEARA...

Lancefield is a club that has always been built on families. One of the most significant families in our clubs history is the O'Meara family. Sadly the patriarch of that family, Terry O'Meara, passed away over the weekend. Terry was the father of Ryan, Danny and Patrick who all played in premierships at Lancefield and the grandfather of Grace, Piper & Lily, to Riley, Jake, Flynn & Amy and to Ruby, Emmy, Nellie, & Meg. Terry was a familiar face always taking great pride in watching his grandchildren on the football fields and netball courts. Lancefield FNC extends its sympathies to the O'Meara family and to all the friends Terry made at our club over so many years. Our footballers and netballers will wear black armbands on Saturday as a tribute to Terry.

WOMEN'S PRELIM FINAL...

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

SEPTEMBER 5 – PRESENTATION NIGHT...

Save the date for our Presentation Night for this year. Straight from the Prelim's to the Preso. We're locked in at the fantastic Mount Monument winery. We'll have buses teed up so keep the date free for a great end of year night.



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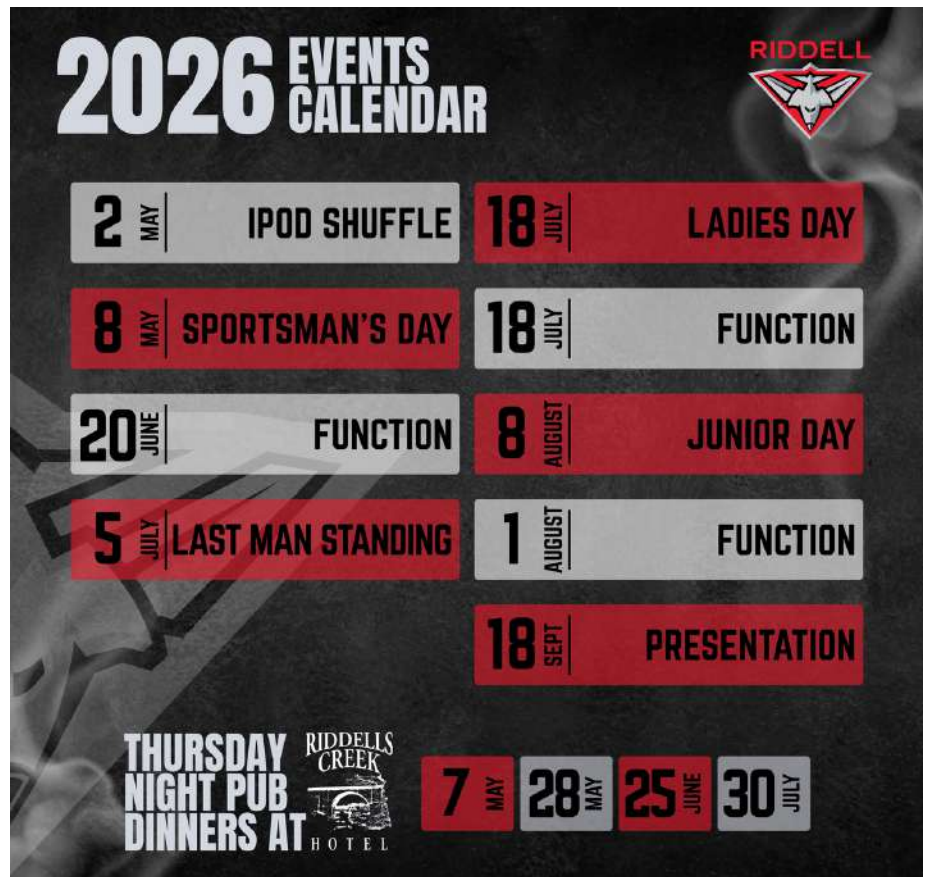
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A place where you will find all club history, easy links to access relevant websites, full team lists and much much more!

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 RIDDILLS CREEK HOTEL		7 MAY	28 MAY
		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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Round 16 – Romsey comes to The Nest, and this one feels big. We're deep in the season now, finals contention is real, and every point is precious. Gilbert Gordon needs to be rocking today, and we know our incredible supporter base is going to deliver.

Romsey is a quality side who will push our teams hard. But playing at home, in front of our people, with everything on the line – that's when this club raises its game. Our netballers and footballers are primed and ready to put on a show.

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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

The RDFNL Board are pleased to announce the 2026 Preferred Senior Finals Venues pending council approval.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season

Please see below for the breakdown:

SENIORS

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - Qualifying Final
- Greenhill Reserve - Wallan (Sunday) - Elimination Final 1
- Romsey Park - Romsey (Sunday) - Elimination Final 2

Week 2 Semi Finals –

Saturday 29th Sunday 30th August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - 2nd Semi Final
- Gilbert Gordon - Woodend (Sunday) - 1st Semi Final

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Week 3 Preliminary Finals –

Saturday 5th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Preliminary Final

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Week 4 Grand Finals –

Saturday 12th September

Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Grand Final

The RDFNL are pleased to announce the Junior Finals Series preferred venues for 2026.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season.

Each year when selecting venues we take into consideration many factors including, parking, temporary fencing requirements, travel to and from other venues, surface standards, facilities, committee support and sharing of the hosting over previous years.

Please see below for the dates and venues subject to council approval;

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Sunday 2nd August

- Eric Boardman #2 (Sunbury Lions)
- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Melton Rec Reserve (Melton South)
- Kyneton Showgrounds (Kyneton)

Kyneton will host all netball matches

Week 2 Preliminary Finals –
Sunday 9th August

- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Gilbert Gordon (Woodend)

Woodend will host all netball matches

Week 3 Grand Finals –
Sunday 16th August

- MacPherson Park (Melton)

We are so lucky to have such great netball facilities across many venues in our RDFNL competitions. Thanks to the clubs and the councils for their on going efforts in this space.



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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	Melton Centrals vs Macedon	Kyneton vs Melton South	Riddells vs Diggers Rest	Wallan vs Lancefield	Woodend Heskett vs Romsey	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Macedon	Melton South	Riddell	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	4	49
Krissy Clement	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	5	59
Ben Higgins	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	3	48
Tara Murray	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	3	57
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	4	58
Grace Bibby	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	4	58
Grant McMillan	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	4	52
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	3	49
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Wallan	Woodend-Heskett	4	53
Lauren Nolan	Macedon	Kyneton	Riddell	Lancefield	Woodend-Heskett	4	59

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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



In terms on crucial games for both clubs this is right up there. Lanefield are knocking on the door of the top two while Wallan are looking to finish the year as minor premiers currently one game clear of Woodend Hesket.

It has been a case of two very different seasons for these two clubs. Wallan have consistently played with a very similar line up while Lancefield have consistent disruption to theirs.

A huge positive for the tigers is that their defensive stocks have been restored with Shaid Sasalu returning from injury and playing well last week in their win over Kyneton.

For Wallan they easily accounted for Melton South who are struggling to find their best on a consistent basis.

The Key match ups in this event will take place down the attacking end for Wallan. Last week the Wallan attackers were well on top and so were the Lancefield defence and this week they wont have it as easy.

Shaid Sasalu will likely start on Maeve Donegan while Bella Colladetti will have an important role to play to limit Gen Carboon and Bridget Dods will be crucial to stopping Konstantopoulis.

Six fantastic players going head to head makes for exciting viewing.

The result is like an eight point swing with their current ladder position.

Prediction: Wallan to win in a close one and stay at the top of the table.

Woodend Hesket made short work of Diggers Rest last weekend and they will be eyeing off another big win over Romsey this weekend.

Romsey will have other ideas and they will not have forgotten that they got the job done when noone expected it this time last season in the same fixture.

Romsey have been in good form of late with a big win over Melton Centrals but the question is do they have the power to hold off Woodend Hesket this time around with stars across the court.

Last week we saw Tayissa Coppinger in centre which freed up goal defence for Jessica MARTIN who is developing nicely under the guidance of the starstudded defence.

Georgia Bowkett was at her usual best and in attack Natalie Mcdoanld continues to shine.

Kaylia Stanton was out of the line up this week which made room for Milla Howard who slotted in nicely to the goal shooter position.

Emma Grech will have a tough week backing up her player of the week honours when she comes up against the defenders of Woodend.

In the midcourt that is one area the Redbacks will look to get on top of with Abbie Conway havng a fantastic season for Romsey.

Woodend Hesket will go into this one as favourites but Romsey will believe they are capable of an upset despite knowing they will not take part in the A grade finals this season.

Prediction: Woodend Hesket to stay in reach of Wallan at the top of the table with a strong win.



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Melton Centrals have really struggled to compete against the stronger teams this season and hosting Macedon will be another tough ask.

Centrals lost a few really key players in the off season including Avana Hobson who gave them some height in defence.

Both of those aspects were critical as they went down to Romsey who are also young and developing.

Imogen Sexton continues to shine but they just do not have the depth to match the stronger teams.

Hayley Hill has been playing well as has Romina Barbuto but they should be out classed by the Cats this weekend.

Macedon will be without their coach Katie Clarke who has been sidelined with a back complaint while their attacking end is really starting to dominate with Caitlyn Muir back and Molly McGrath continuing her rise.

Even with a couple of injuries their strength will be too much for the Melton Centrals line up to match.

Prediction: Macedon to record a strong win and keep their hopes of playing finals alive.



Last week is the first game the Tigers have played this season without Ellie Bird.

Ellie has given them a tall target to feed and it may take time for them to fill her shoes. Time of which they do not have with just three games remaining in the regular season.

Even without Bird the Tigers should be able to easily account for Melton South.

Melton South will be eyeing off one more scalp before the seasons end and if previous results are anything to go by this might be a chance.

Casey Smart has been crucial to the young Panthers team.

Prediction: Kyneton to record a much needed win.



Riddell are flying at the minute having defeated Gisborne Gats last weekend and securing their spot in the RDFNL finals unless something drastic was to happen in the final three rounds.

With injuries and unavailabilities mounting at Diggers Rest they look as though they will limp to the finish line this season.

Riddell welcomed back Briana De Haas which will bolster their mid court for the run into finals if she can play the remaining games to qualify.

Riddell have more experience and skill across the court in comparison to Diggers Rest and this should be a comfortable win for the bombers.

It will be a good opportunity for the team to work on some finals structures and match ups while also resting players if need be.

It has been a great season for the young Bombers and their fearless attitude with have a couple of other clubs nervous if they meet them early in their finals campaign.

Prediction: Riddell to record a strong win and



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