

SENIOR WOMENS

GRAND FINAL



ROUND 18

SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH

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UPCOMING FIXTURE

MEN'S & NETBALL



VS



2:00PM

ROUND 18
MELTON REC RESERVE



VS



STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 17
ROMSEY PARK



VS



STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 18
GILBERT GORDON OVAL



VS



STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 18
TONY CLARKE RESERVE



VS



STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 18
ARNOLDS CREEK REC RESERVE

WOMENS



VS



4:00PM

GRAND-FINAL
TONY CLARKE RESERVE

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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

There is always a sense of mixed emotions when a football and netball season comes to an end.

This weekend, almost half of our senior teams will play their final game of the 2026 RDFNL season. For some, it will be the end of a challenging campaign. For others, it will be a chance to finish the year on a high. There will be celebrations, disappointment, pride and plenty of reflection as players, coaches, volunteers and supporters enjoy their final day together.

But while we say goodbye to a large number of our senior teams, there is plenty to be excited about.

Finals are just around the corner.

Next weekend, the RDFNL finals series begins.

This is the time of year every player works towards from the moment pre-season starts.

It is why we train through winter, why volunteers give up countless hours, why families spend their weekends at the football and netball, and ultimately, why we all play the game.

Before we get there, however, we have one final celebration of our junior season.

The RDFNL recently celebrated the achievements of our junior players at a fantastic Junior Presentation Night, with more than 450 guests coming together to recognise the players, coaches, volunteers and families who make junior football and netball so special.

A huge thank you to our MC for the evening, Brian Taylor, who helped make the night such an enjoyable occasion. We also thank Melton Entertainment Park for hosting us and for the excellent service throughout the evening.

And now, there is one final junior day to go.

This Sunday will be a huge day on the RDFNL calendar as MacPherson Park hosts 25 junior Grand Finals.

It is the final day of the 2026 junior RDFNL calendar and will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate junior football and netball across our league.

While we celebrate the end of one season, we are also excited about what lies ahead.

The RDFNL is delighted to welcome Wallan Senior Women's Football and Sunbury Lions Junior Girls' Football to the 2027 competition.

These two transfers represent an exciting step forward for female football and strengthen the pathway available to girls and women across our region.

For Wallan, the introduction of its Senior Women's team into the RDFNL means the club will compete as one senior club within the league, alongside its four senior men's football teams and five senior netball teams.

There is sadness as teams finish their seasons.

There is excitement as others prepare for finals. There is pride as our juniors complete their first or another chapter in their football and netball journeys. And already, there is anticipation about what the future will bring.

For those of you we will see around the ground and courts in the coming weeks best of luck.

For those that we will not see until senior presentation night or early next year thank you for being part of another special year of RDFNL football and netball.





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DYLAN MCDONALD

215 RANKING POINTS

50 DISPOSALS

12 MARKS

8 CLEARANCES

2 GOALS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
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RDFNL FOOTBALL TEAMLISTS

Click the division for match details and team lists.



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LOCAL FOOTBALL

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DISPOSALS

ROUND SEVENTEEN

DYLAN
MCDONALD

1

50



LUCAS
MOUSLEY

38

4

NATHAN
HROVAT

2

41



JAMES
GAFF

38

4

BEN
DESSERT

3

39



BLAKE
SOUTER

35

5

SAM
DARLEY

3

39



HAMISH
YUNGHANNS

35

5

COREY
PERTZEL

4

38



HAMISH
GOVAN

35

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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	Melton South vs Riddell	Woodend Heskett vs Kyneton	Romsey vs Gisborne Giants	Macedon vs Lancefield	Melton Centrals vs Wallan	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton South	Kyneton	Romsey	Macedon	Wallan	4	65
Courtney Alexander	Riddell	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	65
Terry Kernan	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	68
Brian McNabb	Melton South	Kyneton	Romsey	Macedon	Wallan	4	58
Jordan Doyle	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	68
Richard Thwaites	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	4	67
Grant McMillan	Riddell	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	72
Tara Murray	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	67
Ben Higgins	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	4	65
Grace Bibby	Melton South	Kyneton	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	72

PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



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RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



Both these sides will probably be taking precautionary measures in this game as they play each other again this time next week in a massive elimination final. The Panthers were flying heading into their matchup against the Cats last week, however they dropped their colours a little bit and lost the game by 40 points. They're back to their home turf this week though, a place where they've been nearly unstoppable all year. Sam Darley was South's best on the weekend with 39 disposals, 8 R50's and 152 ranking points, alongside him was Blake Souter with 35 disposals, 10 clearances and 145 ranking points. South were dominated through the midfield by Macedon losing the clearance count (-9) and hitouts (-18). The Bombers needed a win last week after a disappointing few weeks for them and they delivered. It was a 68-point win over the Redbacks showcasing that they still can be a threat come finals time. Nathan Hrovat's had an impressive back half of the season, he had 41 disposals, 9 clearances, 2 goals and 163 ranking points. Alongside him was Matt Pannucio with 23 disposals, 8 clearances and 113 ranking points. Riddell have had their fair share of injuries this season which hasn't helped them at all, losing players like Darby, Besanko and Saad has really hurt them so it will be interesting to see how they go come finals time. I think this could be a really close outing between these two sides in their pre finals warmup, however you can't tip against the Panthers on their home turf.

Prediction- Melton South by 20 Points



A good opportunity for one of these two sides to add another win to their tally in their last hitout of the year. Romsey were always going to be underdogs against a Riddell side desperate to prove themselves, they lost the game by 68 points. Corey Pertzelt was Romsey's best with 38 disposals, 7 clearances and 174 ranking points. Alongside him was Jack Jedwab who must be in team of the year conversations with the year he's had, he finished with 25 disposals, 6 goals and 141 ranking points. It's going to be a big offseason recruiting wise for the Redbacks, they were smashed through the midfield on Saturday and have beaten often there throughout this year. They were beaten in the clearances (-23) and hitouts (-21) highlighting their need for some more firepower through the middle of the ground. It probably didn't look like a good result for the Giants in a 65 point loss, however it's an improvement from last time around and their young players continue to improve. Brad Mangan was simply incredible, he kicked 7 and had 142 ranking points and considering the loss they had it's one of the performances of the year. Matt Quigley fresh from his contract resigning also had 20 disposals, 7 clearances and 142 ranking points. Gisborne had 7 eligibles under 19.5's out there on Saturday and after this week they'll all go help their under 19.5 team win a flag. These two teams are very similar and are hard to split however I think the Giants are in better form and will get this done.

Prediction- Giants by 3 points



RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



A little bit of a nothing game here as they look forward to the senior women's grand final following the final siren of this match. Wouldn't be surprised to see Macedon rest players here with their finals matchup already locked in against Kyneton. For Macedon in their big win over south Hamish Govan played well with 35 disposals, 7 marks and 135 ranking points, alongside him was Blake Watson with 30 disposals, 3 goals and 152 ranking points. For Lancefield it's unfortunately looking like they'll go through this season winless, hopefully there key players stay and they have a strong offseason to build for next year. They lost by 41 points to the Centrals last week, Walter King had 24 disposals, 13 marks and 161 ranking points. Alongside him was Tully Fattore with 21 disposals, 1 goal and 113 ranking points. This matchup only looks like it's going one way with the Cat's building more momentum and getting this done easily here.

Prediction- Macedon by 80 points



The Centrals probably got their final win of the season last week in a 41-point win over Lancefield. There's been strong signs of improvement this season for Melton, but they just couldn't put enough wins on the board to play finals. Dylan McDonald had an incredible game with 50 disposals, 8 clearances, 2 goals and 215 ranking points, alongside him was Evan Donoghue with 27 disposals, 53 hitouts and 160 ranking points.

Wallan have locked their massive final in with Diggers Rest in a week's time and this game won't really change anything for them so players will probably be rested. The Magpies are fresh off an 83-point win over Kyneton last week at home. A good performance by them and an elite performance from Jake Carlisle with 25 disposals, 15 marks and 192 ranking points. Alongside him was Ben Dessent with 39 disposals, 15 marks and 189 ranking points. It's hard to tip against the Magpies here who will be looking to add another win to the tally before next week's massive game.

Prediction- Wallan by 50 points



Another bit of a nothing game here between Kyneton who already has their finals matchup locked in and Woodend who have already bowed out of finals. Woodend come off the bye probably a little bit disappointed on how their seniors went this year. They have had a lot of youth come through the ranks and their U19.5's will play finals. Kyneton are struggling at the moment and they'll need a win here before their final against Macedon next week. They lost by 83 points against Wallan last week, they probably would've wanted to be closer so it's a bit disappointing for them. Hamish Yunghanns was Kyneton's best with 35 disposals, 11 clearances and 142 ranking points, alongside him was James Gaff with 38 disposals, 13 R50's and 108 ranking points. I think Kyneton should respond with a win here and build some momentum for a hard task next week.

Prediction- Kyneton by 30 points

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RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



It all comes down to this! It makes sense that these two teams are facing off for the premiership, they've been the two best teams in it all year and now they will face off for a fifth and final time.

Macedon are vying for a threepeat which would be an incredible achievement and really is a testament of how well their women's program is run. It was an undefeated season for the Cattery with their smallest winning margin being 28 points finishing 12-0 with an unbelievable percentage of 1377.05%. Macedon have had a number on Lancefield every time they have played including two weeks ago where they won by 70 points, they were also acquitted with the finals bye due to them finishing first on the ladder.

In terms of players, you really can't go past Ruby Watts, an in and under midfielder going for her third senior women's league best and fairest and premiership this season. Her numbers are off the charts averaging 34 disposals and 153 ranking points, she's also spent time with Carlton's women's program showcasing her ability. It's also been a breakthrough season for Taya Konias assisting Ruby in the Cats midfield, she also spent some time with Calder Cannons in the past few years and has averaged 30 disposals and 143 ranking points whilst also kicking 26 goals for the year. Charlotte Noonan up forward has also been Macedon's main target once again kicking 45 goals from 11 games and winning the league goalkicking convincingly. It's been an unstoppable season for Macedon, and they can cap it all off with another flag here. Lancefield are playing in their first senior women's grand finale, and they truly deserve it with the year they've had. They finished the season 8-4 with all four of their losses coming against Macedon which showcases that they will need a big upset to pull this off here. They look to be in good shape however with their dominant 55-point semi-final win over Riddell leaving the Bombers scoreless and sending Macedon a message that they will come to play. The Tigers this season have been led by none other than Molly Libardi, a contested beast and tackling machine who will need a massive performance to get her team over the line here, she's averaged 15 disposals, 10 tackles and 92 ranking points. Lilly Bromley has also had a great season averaging 17 disposals and 84 ranking points. Lancefield's 0-4 record against Macedon is going to be a big talking point going into this game, however anything can happen in a final like this and I think Lancefield will give themselves every chance to win this game.

Overall I think it's impossible to tip against the Cats here, one of the most dominant seasons we've seen and their strong recent performances against the Tigers should get them over the line here.

Prediction- Macedon by 25 points

Chatting with Macedon head coach Matt Liang

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

RDFNL General Manager of Operations Grace Bibby sat down with the 2026 Macedon Coach Matt Liang ahead of the 2026 grand final.

GRACE: How is the group feeling about heading into a grand final and having the opportunity to be premiers in 2026?

MATT: We've spent the last few weeks working hard and staying focussed since our last home and away game. It's been a bit different for the players this year with a longer break but it's just another challenge to work with that I'm sure will work out well.

GRACE: How has the teams form been heading into the grand final?

MATT: Macedon has had a pretty strong season. We have certainly been working on a 'team first' program and we'd love to showcase that on the last day of the season.

GRACE: How do you see the match up on Saturday?

MATT: Lancefield have clearly been our toughest opponent all year and we're certainly looking forward to the game. We know they'll give it their all and that's to be expected.

GRACE: Where do you think the game will be won and lost?

MATT: I think both teams are strong at the contest and that's probably a fairly key indicator as who can win the contest and clearance as to how it will play out.

GRACE: How do you think the standard of competition was this season?

MATT: It's been a shame losing a couple of sides that has reduced the competition to 4 teams. We've been fairly mindful of our opponents and making sure everybody is playing as much as they can as there is definitely a big opportunity to grow the league. At Macedon we have been working hard on improving our side and I think we are a better rounded team this season.

GRACE: Who have been your big improvers this season and who do you expect to stand up on the big stage?

MATT: Our biggest individual improvers this season have been Laura Wilkinson, Juliette Johnson and Katie Muller.(apologies to others who have been great too!!!) We have been working on a strong team emphasis that doesn't rely on any one individual to get us over the line. Its been great to see so many players having an influence in our team.

GRACE: There is a lot of talk about a three-peat do you use that as motivation?

MATT: You won't believe me but it honestly hasn't been mentioned once by me or the playing group. Maybe once or twice by others within our club. We are just really keen to put our best foot forward and play well on the big day.

GRACE: Who are your most important players?

MATT: Our midfielder co-captains Brianna Woodburn, Ruby Watts as well as Taya Konias have been amongst our most consistent. Our leading goal kicker Charlotte Noonan has been a great target whilst down back Sam Pointer is always super reliable.

GRACE: Who are the players to watch for the opposition?

MATT: Molly Libardi has had a great season and is really good around the contest with her pressure. The Bromleys are always consistent and reliable and Emily O'Brien is great leader and a player to look out for at Lancefield.

GRACE: What do you love about the RDFNL Women's Competition?

MATT: I love how the all the Women's teams in the RDFNL are developing their own culture and set of values within their clubs. It's a great thing and there really is an opportunity for this to grow moving forward for not only the clubs currently involved but for others to become entrenched in women's footy.

GRACE: Best of luck come Saturday afternoon. May the best team win.

MATT: Thanks Grace., can't wait!

Chatting with Lancefield head coach Cash Ferguson

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

RDFNL General Manager of Operations Grace Bibby sat down with the 2026 Lancefield women's coach Cash Ferguson ahead of the 2026 grand final.

GRACE: How is the group feeling about heading into a grand final and having the opportunity to be premiers in 2026?

CASH: The girls are all really excited and can't wait to take on the opportunity.

GRACE: How has the team been heading into the grand final?

CASH: It's been pretty consistent given the injuries we've had to manage throughout the year. But with close to a full strength team available this week, we will be in our best shape so far this season.

GRACE: How do you see the match up on Saturday?

CASH: Macedon are a fantastic and talented side. They been the benchmark for a number of years. But we firmly believe and are confident we can get the job done also.

GRACE: Where do you think the game will be won and lost?

CASH: Probably between the arcs.

GRACE: How do you think the standard of competition was this season?

CASH: I thought it was pretty good, just a bit of a shame we only had a 4 team comp this year.

GRACE: Who have been your big improvers this season and who do you expect to stand up on the big stage?

CASH: Every squad member has shown a ton of growth this year both on and off the field this season. I expect the whole team to stand up for each other as we've done all season. Massive game, Big pressure, even greater reward.

GRACE: There is a lot of talk about a three-peat do you use that as motivation?

CASH: Not at all. We want to write our own history.

GRACE: Who are your most important players?

CASH: Every single player in our squad. We got here as a team and it'll take a team to win it.

GRACE: Who are the players to watch for the opposition?

CASH: I think all the Macedon girls deserve respect. Macedon's entire midfield and centreline are extremely capable and very experienced.

GRACE: What do you love about the RDFNL Women's Competition?

CASH: The fact that it provides a fantastic space for Women and girls to grow in confidence while learning and experiencing what a great game we have.

GRACE: Best of luck come Saturday afternoon. May the best team win.



Grace Bibby



Cash Ferguson

2026 AT A GLANCE: MACEDON



HOME AND AWAY

Wins: 12

Draws: 0

Losses: 0

FINALS

Week 1 BYE

Biggest Score:

Macedon 113 defeated Mt
Alexander 2
(Round 6)

FINALS



F1

BYE

MACEDON



LANCEFIELD

R1

WON

RIDDELL



R2

WON



R3

BYE



R4

WON

RIDDELL



R5

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R6

WON



LANCEFIELD

R7

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RIDDELL



R8

WON



R9

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LANCEFIELD

R10

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RIDDELL



R11

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LANCEFIELD

R14

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FINALS WK 1

BYE

LANCEFIELD



R1

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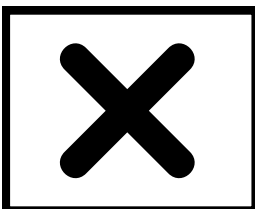
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R7

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R8

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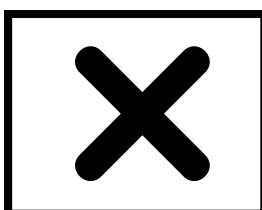
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R11

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R12

BYE



R13

WON



R14

LOSS



FINALS WK 1

WIN

2026 AT A GLANCE: LANCEFIELD



LANCEFIELD

HOME AND AWAY

Wins: 8

Draws: 0

Losses: 4

FINALS

Win: 1

Loss: 0

Biggest Score:

Lancefield 85 defeated Mt Alexander
(Round 5)

FINALS



F1

WIN



FINAL TEAMS

Coach:
Matt Laing

Lighting the path to success with passion, trust, and unbreakable team spirit.



1- Taya Konias
A game-changer from the first bounce to the final siren



2- Ruby Watts
Pure pace and passion wrapped in blue and white.



3- Laura Wilkinson
Adaptable and always in the contest.



4- Eve Moait
Deadly from deep and fearless in the pack.



5- Ruby Shepherd
Covers the field with explosive speed and energy.



6- Sarah Miles
The rock in defence and the spark in transition.



7- Ninna Harbinson
Fuels every surge with grit and vision



9- Jessie Unger
The shape-shifter who can own any position.



10- Sian Andrews
Fearless ball winner with killer speed.



12- Lily Prater
A blur of speed and heart from siren to siren.



13- Georgia Asquith
Blazes down the flank with unstoppable drive.



14- Brianna Woodburn
The engine that keeps the team roaring.



15- Clytie Deering
Relentless pressure and a never-say-die spirit.



16- Emily Consiglio
Unshakable under fire and fearless in the contest.



17- Tiane Rymer
Cool head in high-pressure moments



18- Lilli Collins
Thrives on pressure and delivers goals when it matters most



19- Tamara Collins
The steady hand steering the backline ship.



20- Tamara Collins
The unshakable wall when pressure peaks.



21- Sam Pointer
The adaptable ace who thrives anywhere on the field.



22- Sarah Mclean
Relentless in the chase and ruthless in the tackle.



23- Kalea Brodie
Strong, reliable, and always ready to step up for the team



25- Kaitie Muller
Unpredictable flair that keeps defenders guessing.



26- Juliette Johnson
Quick on her feet with a hunger for the contest.



27- Hannah Beasley
Quick on her feet with a hunger for the contest.



29- Shakira Parker
Dominates the air with fearless leaps.



31- Alex Cairney
The heartbeat of every play, bringing energy, vision, and drive.



33- Ciara Reeves
Brings intensity and determination to every contest



34- Charlotte Noonan
Master of the impossible goal.



35- Ella Clow
Thrives in the toughest match-ups.



35- Grace Sanders-Savage
Reads the play like an open book



Coach:
Cash Ferguson

A coach who is only as strong as his weakest link. Full of confidence and praise for his playing group.

FINAL TEAMS



LANCEFIELD



1- Lilly Bromley
Lilly is a great runner off half back and through the midfeild, shes quick and can win her own ball and lay a telling tackle



2- Caitlyn Ager
Caito is our rock down the back, she has stepped up for the team this season and held fulback superbly.



4- Emily O'Brien
Captain, leads from the midfield with her relentless running, never-ending work-rate and ability to run all day.



6- Rebecca Ager
Attacks the ball, shes surprisingly quick in bursts, you better be switched on if you're in her sights.



7- Ashleigh Coates
Her natural ability to read the play down back is a real asset and stable influence for the team



8- Meaghan Lyons
is the ultimate team player, she loves a laugh but come game day, she is our hard at it good at both overhead and on the deck



10- Laura Lonergan
Slotted into the ruck beautifully, her confidence has grown, as did her influence in the ruck and the contest



14- Caitriona Goldsworthy
Red is a very experienced and talented footballer who attacks the ball hard and brings others into the game.



15- Maddison Coates-Cowley
Defines determination after returning from giving birth during the season.



17- Kloe Soper
Jumping straight off her horse and into her footy, she has brought a positive attitude and great skills to the team.



18- Melissa Grant
A team-first player who works hard, supports the girls around her and gives everything until the final siren.



22- Esme Keen
plenty of football experience, a strong CHF who takes great marks and is a reliable goal kicker up forward



23- Taleeya Robotham
A strong versatile player that can play forward, back or even the wing, her booming kick a real asset anywhere on the field.



24- Bethany Lyons
Beth has excelled with her pace on the ground and willingness to fight hard and put on strong tackles or with her own ball



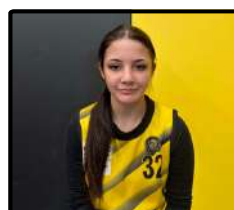
27- Sarah Turner
Smiling assassin, shes loud and lovable but deadly around goals, has great game sense and also happy to dish off



28 - Em Condron
Been with Lancefield womens from the beginning, she plays with heart, never gives up and loves her teammates



29- Keiley Walker
All rounder, playing anywhere from the backline to the wing, she's reliable, determined and always a real go getter.



32- Kayla Azidis
Might not be the biggest but certainly one of the bravest, willing to get under packs and brings others into the game



33- Harmony Cassar
Joined this season and proving to be a reliable, strong and determined player who gives her all across the ground.



35- Sassafras Gallus
Sass is playing her first ever season of football, she has an incredible natural talent both with her skills and footy IQ



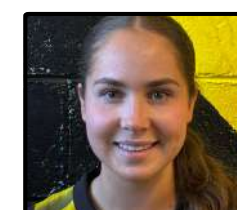
37- Molly Libardi
A tackling queen who never stops or gives up, working tirelessly through the midfeild and putting in the hard yards



38- Luzanne De Kock
Luzanne is a tough uncompromising ruck or halfback who can run all day and loves to take the opposition on.



39- Lily North
Lily has excelled in her skills and ability to attack the contest with meaning



40- Alice Bromley
For someone so young, Alice brings a wealth of skills and poise to the team, she has a calm head when playing



Sienna Green (EMERG)
Sienna is new to Lancefield but certainly not new to footy, bringing plenty of experience and strength to the backline



MACEDON

NO.	PLAYERS
1	Taya Konias
2	Ruby Watts (c)
3	Laura Wilkinson
4	Eve Moait
7	Ninna Harbinson
9	Jessy Unger
10	Sian Andrews
12	Lily Prater
14	Brianna Woodburn (c)
16	Emily Consiglio
18	Lilli Collins
19	Tamara Collins
20	Tamsin Muller
21	Samantha Pointer
22	Sarah McClean
25	Kaitlyn Muller
26	Juliette Johnson
27	Hannah Beasley
29	Shakira Parker
31	Alex Cairney
34	Charlotte Noonan
35	Ella Clow
41	Grace Sanders-Savage

COACH: Matt Laing

ASST. COACH: Brianna Woodburn

ASST. COACH: Sarah Miles

ASST. COACH: _____

TEAM MNGR: Clytie Deering

TIMEKEEPER/INTERCHANGE STEWARD: Rob Duoba

RUNNER: _____

RUNNER: _____

PHYSIO: Wayne Harbinson

DOCTOR: _____

TRAINER 1: Keith Miles

LANCEFIELD



NO.	PLAYERS
1	Lilly Bromley (vc)
2	Caitlyn Ager
4	Emily Obrien (c)
6	Rebecca Ager
7	Ashleigh Coates
8	Meaghan Lyons
10	Laura Lonergan
14	Caitriona Goldsworthy
17	Kloe Soper
18	Melissa Grant
19	Sienna Green
22	Esme Keen
23	Taleeya Robotham
24	Bethany Lyons
27	Sarah Turner
28	Em Condron
29	Keiley Walker
32	Kayla Azidis
33	Harmony Cassar
35	Sassafras Gallus
37	Molly Libardi
38	Luzanne de Kock
39	Lily North
40	Alice Bromley
5	Harriet Ziedaitis (emg)
15	Maddison Coates Cowley (emg)
16	Kirsty Albert (emg)

COACH: Cash Ferguson

ASST. COACH: Colin Bromley

ASST. COACH: _____

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TEAM MNGR: Em Condron

TIMEKEEPER/INTERCHANGE STEWARD: Rob Lakin

RUNNER: Andrew Smith

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PHYSIO: _____

DOCTOR: _____

TRAINER 1: Nicole Hardham



RDFNL Senior Womens 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!

Womens Football Tipping					
NAME	Macedon vs Lancefield	Margin	Margin	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Macedon	7 Points	Brianna Woodburn	2	22
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	45 Points	Ruby Watts	1	19
Jacqui Green	Lancefield	4 Points	Sienna Green	2	19
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	19 Points	Ninna Harbinson	1	23
Grant McMillan	Macedon	45 Points	Taya Konias	1	20
Tara Murray	Macedon	39 Points	Taya Konias	1	21
Ben Higgins	Macedon	30 Points	Taya Konias	1	22
Grace Bibby	Macedon	53 Points	Brianna Woodburn	2	23
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	50 Points	Ruby Watts	1	22



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 LANCEFIELD

 LANCEFIELD

EMILY O'BRIEN

51 6

ALICE BROMLEY

2 82

 LANCEFIELD

 RIDDELL

RUBY AYERS

48 7

HARMONY CASSAR

3 74

 LANCEFIELD

 RIDDELL

SHAI MYCHAL

45 8

MOLLY LIBARDI

4 68

 LANCEFIELD

 LANCEFIELD

LUZANNE DE KOCK

44 9

EMMA CROFT

5 59

 RIDDELL

 RIDDELL

MADINA NABOLE

40 10



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10 CONTESTED POSSESSIONS

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6 CLEARANCES

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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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Best of luck to our Junior footballers and netballers for this weekend in their Grand Finals. We'd love to see as much orange in the crowd and club support as we possibly can at MacPherson Park on Sunday.

Last weekend the senior club travelled over to Diggers Rest. Unfortunately neither our reserves or senior footballers could get a win, however across in the netball we had wins in C, B & A grade.

This weekend we head to Romsey with our reserves footballers and U19 netballers needing a win to make finals. Our U19.5's footballers, A grade, B grade, C grade and D grade having already qualified for finals.

Go Giants!

FOOTBALL

U11: Giants Orange VS Woodend Gold
8:00am - Oval #1

U13: Woodend Brown VS Giants Silver
9:20am - Oval #2

U13: Woodend Gold VS Giants Orange
10:30am - Oval #1

U17: Rookies 2 VS Giants Orange
1:45pm - Oval #2

U17: Giants Silver VS Sunbury Kangaroos
3:35pm - Oval #2

NETBALL

U11: Giants White VS Romsey Black
9:00am - Court 2

U11: Giants Silver VS Rupertswood Navy
11:30am - Court 2

U13: Melton South Navy VS Giants Silver
11:30am - Court 1

U17: Giants Silver VS Romsey Red
3.30pm - Court 1





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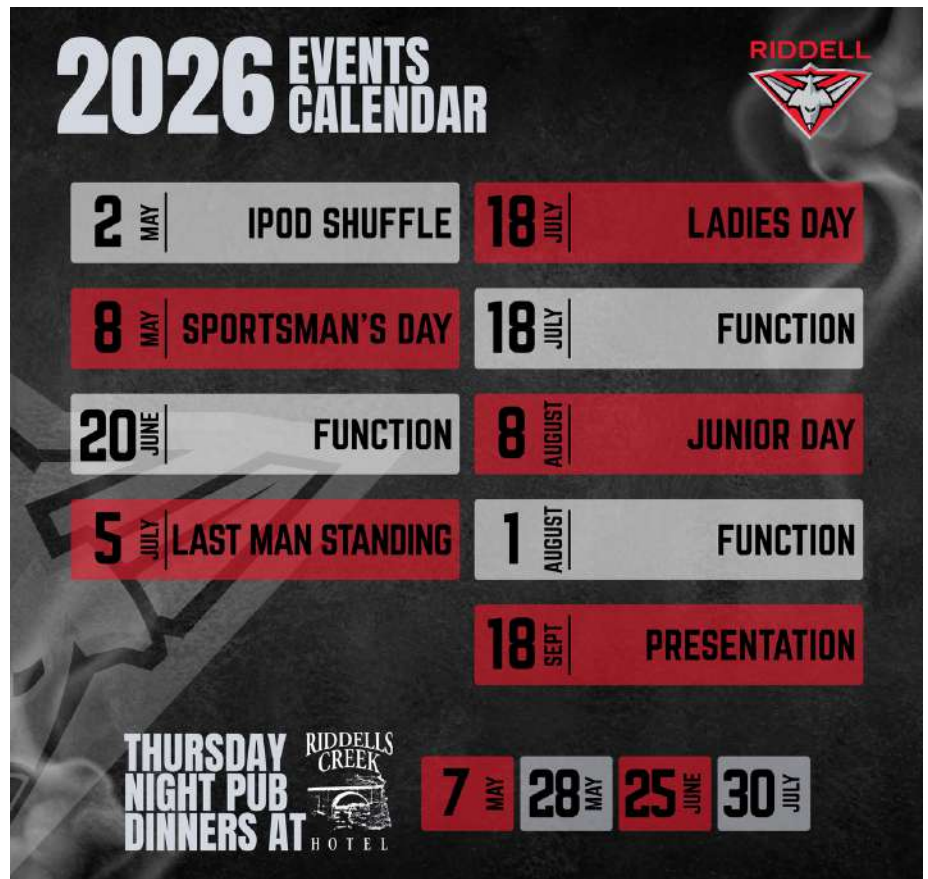
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We are stoked to announce the launch of our new and improved website, take a look today!

<https://riddell-fnc.myclubcms.com.au/football>

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 RIDDLELLS CREEK HOTEL		7 MAY	28 MAY
		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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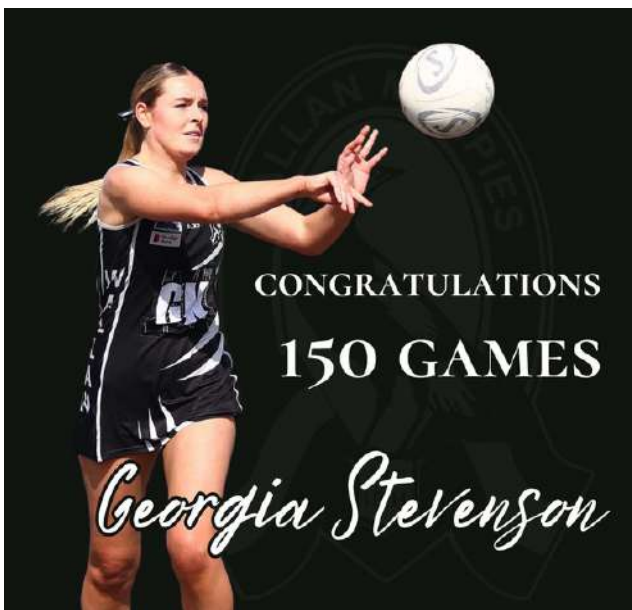


WALLAN *Club Notes*

As we play our final home and away round for the 2026 season it is a great time to say thank you to all our volunteers who show up every week and help out. You roll up your sleeves and get it done. We thank each and everyone of you!

Congratulations Georgia Stevenson on 150 club games. From GS to GK, and from Under 19s through to A Grade, we have absolutely loved watching you grow.

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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.

Get down to The Nest, wear your brown and gold, and make some noise! These are the games we play the whole season for. Let's send Romsey home empty-handed.

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Jai Nevin - Kyneton - Umpire Abuse - Two Weeks



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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

There is always a sense of mixed emotions when a football and netball season comes to an end.

This weekend, almost half of our senior teams will play their final game of the 2026 RDFNL season. For some, it will be the end of a challenging campaign. For others, it will be a chance to finish the year on a high. There will be celebrations, disappointment, pride and plenty of reflection as players, coaches, volunteers and supporters enjoy their final day together.

But while we say goodbye to a large number of our senior teams, there is plenty to be excited about.

Finals are just around the corner.

Next weekend, the RDFNL finals series begins.

This is the time of year every player works towards from the moment pre-season starts.

It is why we train through winter, why volunteers give up countless hours, why families spend their weekends at the football and netball, and ultimately, why we all play the game.

Before we get there, however, we have one final celebration of our junior season.

The RDFNL recently celebrated the achievements of our junior players at a fantastic Junior Presentation Night, with more than 450 guests coming together to recognise the players, coaches, volunteers and families who make junior football and netball so special.

A huge thank you to our MC for the evening, Brian Taylor, who helped make the night such an enjoyable occasion. We also thank Melton Entertainment Park for hosting us and for the excellent service throughout the evening.

And now, there is one final junior day to go.

This Sunday will be a huge day on the RDFNL calendar as MacPherson Park hosts 25 junior Grand Finals.

It is the final day of the 2026 junior RDFNL calendar and will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate junior football and netball across our league.

While we celebrate the end of one season, we are also excited about what lies ahead.

The RDFNL is delighted to welcome Wallan Senior Women's Football and Sunbury Lions Junior Girls' Football to the 2027 competition. These two transfers represent an exciting step forward for female football and strengthen the pathway available to girls and women across our region.

For Wallan, the introduction of its Senior Women's team into the RDFNL means the club will compete as one senior club within the league, alongside its four senior men's football teams and five senior netball teams.

There is sadness as teams finish their seasons. There is excitement as others prepare for finals. There is pride as our juniors complete their first or another chapter in their football and netball journeys. And already, there is anticipation about what the future will bring.

For those of you we will see around the ground and courts in the coming weeks best of luck.

For those that we will not see until senior presentation night or early next year thank you for being part of another special year of RDFNL football and netball.



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Netball Tipping							
NAME	Melton South vs Riddell	Woodend-Hesket vs Kyneton	Romsey vs Gisborne Giants	Macedon vs Lancefield	Melton Centrals vs Wallan	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Melton Centrals	3	56
Krissy Clement	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	68
Ben Higgins	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Wallan	5	57
Tara Murray	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	66
Jordan Doyle	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	67
Grace Bibby	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	67
Grant McMillan	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	62
Courtney Alexander	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	58
Richard Thwaites	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	3	60
Lauren Nolan	Riddell	Woodend-Hesket	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Wallan	5	63



RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



What a fantastic battle this will be. there is so much history between these two teams. Ciara Stewart was a long standing coach of the Macedon A Grade and likewise Michelle Rix was a Tiger through and through but as the years have gone by they have swappen and now in a do or die battle Macedon will be hoping they are on the right end of the result.

Macedon have got some injury concerns but they have also been able to blood some juniors in the second half of the season. We saw last weekend Olivia Nicholas and Shiloh Minton both in the A Grade line up.

Tayla Chamra has returned to A grade in the absense of Katie Clarke and Janelle Birch is marshalling the troops from the last line.

Lancefield's Shanae Brundell also formerly a Cat was last week named the player of the week.

As strong as Lancefield attacking end is their powerhouse is their defesnive line.

Bella Colladetti has had her best RDFNL season at Wing Defence while Bridget Dods is set for outstanding things.

They will meet Molly McGrath, Chloe Williams and one of their bigger bodiued shooters head on.

Lancefield have booked their spot in finals but this win could see them remain in third or a loss could see them move to fourth.

Eitherway they could very well meet the Cats again in the first week of finals if Kyneton go down to flag favourites Woodend Heskett.

Prediction: Lancefield to secure third spot on the ladder and Macedon to rely on other results.

For Kyneton it doesnt get any bigger.

They must beat reigning back to back to back premiers to book their spot in the A Grade finals. Going back to the start of the season when they met on Good Firday Woodend HEsket dominated the second term to get the game on their terms. Ellie Bird was still finding her feet but now she has been, dominated and gone again.

It has been a really positive year for the Tigers, They have all improved with the calibre of Kristiana Manua in the team and another year under the watchful eye of Dave O'Hare, but if they fall short of finals I think they may be disappointed.

For their season to stay alive they need four points and even then they need Macedon to lose. Woodend Heskett are sitting pretty in the top two with room to breathe knowing they will come up against Wallan in week one of the finals with a second chance should they need it.

They do have some concerns with player avaiability though and it is majority within their midcourt.

Georgia Bowkett and Tayissa Coppinger will likely be the ring defenderas with Natalie McDonald and Kaylia Stanton locked in down the other end but how they structure up throughout their mid court will be facinating to see.

Prediction: Woodend Heskett to end what has been an improved season for Kyneton.



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



It has been a tough season for MELton South but they recorded one win over Diggers Rest which is a step in the right direction.

They will just be hoping to enjoy their last run before turning their attention to the lower grades for finals. For Riddell they will know the four points is almost a certainty but they will want to win and win well to push for third spot over Lancefield.

Riddell have some injury concerns and some issues with state commitments the first week of finals so if they can sneak into third and play sixth that will help their cause.

Brianna DeHaas and Madison Browns will be key players this finals as they have all the experience despite being young.

Milly Shaw has had a great season in defence and Tilly Allen and Hayley Brown have stepped up to the plate but we know finals is a difference beast.

Prediction: Riddell to record their biggest win of the season against a struggling Panthers

Romsey at times have been competing with the best teams in the competition and with Maddison Thompson in the A Grade they look like a completely different team.

This weekend they will be without their A Grade coach Justin who is away playing in South Africa.

In good news he re-signed during the week.

Giants will once again play finals but how far they will go no one really knows.

They have developed a really strong list of players this season with youth in spades but do they have enough top end talent to compete with the best?

Malia Seumanutafa is still arguably the best shooter in the competition.

Prediction: Giants will want to take their best form into finals and I expect them to win this one comfortably.



The only way this result has any bearing on the finals calculations is if by some miracle Melton Centrals can find it within themselves to cause one of the biggest upsets this season.

They will have absolutely nothing to lose as they finish the season with a disappointing 3-12 record with the weekend's result still to come.

Wallan have been the far superior team and will be cautiously preparing for finals over the coming weeks

Prediction: Wallan to record another really strong performance on their way to finals.



It will be a season of wasted opportunity for Romsey. They have been some competitive in a lot of games but they have had a lot of close ones and will see their season finish at the end of the home and away season.



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