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**SATURDAY MAY 16TH**

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# UPCOMING FIXTURE

## MEN'S & NETBALL

16 MAY 2026

STANDARD TIMES



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16 MAY 2026

STANDARD TIMES



ROUND 6  
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ROUND 6  
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STANDARD TIMES



ROUND 6  
LANCEFIELD PARK

## WOMEN'S

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5:00PM



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# ACROSS MY DESK

## by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Across the opening five rounds of the season, we have unfortunately seen an increase in poor behaviour across our competitions, including abuse directed at umpires, players, officials and spectators, both at venues and online.

This is a reminder that the RDFNL is a community competition. Our clubs should be safe, welcoming environments where people can enjoy sport, connect with others and spend a positive few hours each weekend.

At times, the desire to win and frustration around losing is beginning to overshadow the reasons we are all involved in community sport. We ask all clubs to reinforce to members that the RDFNL has zero tolerance for poor behaviour, on the field, around venues and on social media.

While not everyone involved holds an official role, the behaviour of individuals still reflects directly on clubs and the wider competition.

We appreciate that many clubs already promote these values, however the volume of incidents and formal complaints this season means we all need to work together to improve standards moving forward.

The RDFNL's primary role is to administer competitions, including grading, player points and salary cap management, fixtures, umpires and the list goes on. We will continue to support clubs wherever possible, but we cannot monitor behaviour across every venue each weekend without the support of clubs and their members.

Please also take note of the following reminders:

- Ensure all teams are selected prior to 5pm Friday. RDFNL staff should not regularly be resolving registrations, transfers or player points issues on game day.
- Please seek permission before filming games where possible. Filming individuals away from play without consent is not appropriate, and requests to stop filming should be respected.
- If issues arise with opposition supporters or members, please contact the opposition

- ground manager or match day coordinator rather than approaching individuals directly.
- Respect match day schedules by breaking huddles on time to help games run efficiently and support umpire travel between venues.
- In junior competitions and Under 19.5 football, please ensure all coaches and officials understand player number requirements and relevant by-laws and how we even the contest.
- In the event of a serious injury requiring a stretcher, player welfare must remain the priority. Time clocks should remain stopped until the stretcher has fully cleared the playing surface, and umpires should not be pressured to resume play.
- Social media standards will continue to be monitored closely. RDFNL platforms are intended to promote the game positively, not to target the league, staff, clubs, officials or members. Suspensions and account bans may apply where necessary.

We understand the season has presented challenges for many clubs already, and everyone is doing their best. However, improving behaviour across our competitions requires a collective effort from all of us.

If we can continue reinforcing these expectations within our clubs, we believe it will go a long way toward ensuring a positive and enjoyable second half of the season for everyone involved.

We are not asking everyone to agree with our decisions, or the umpires or the coaches and players but we are asking everyone to be respectful.

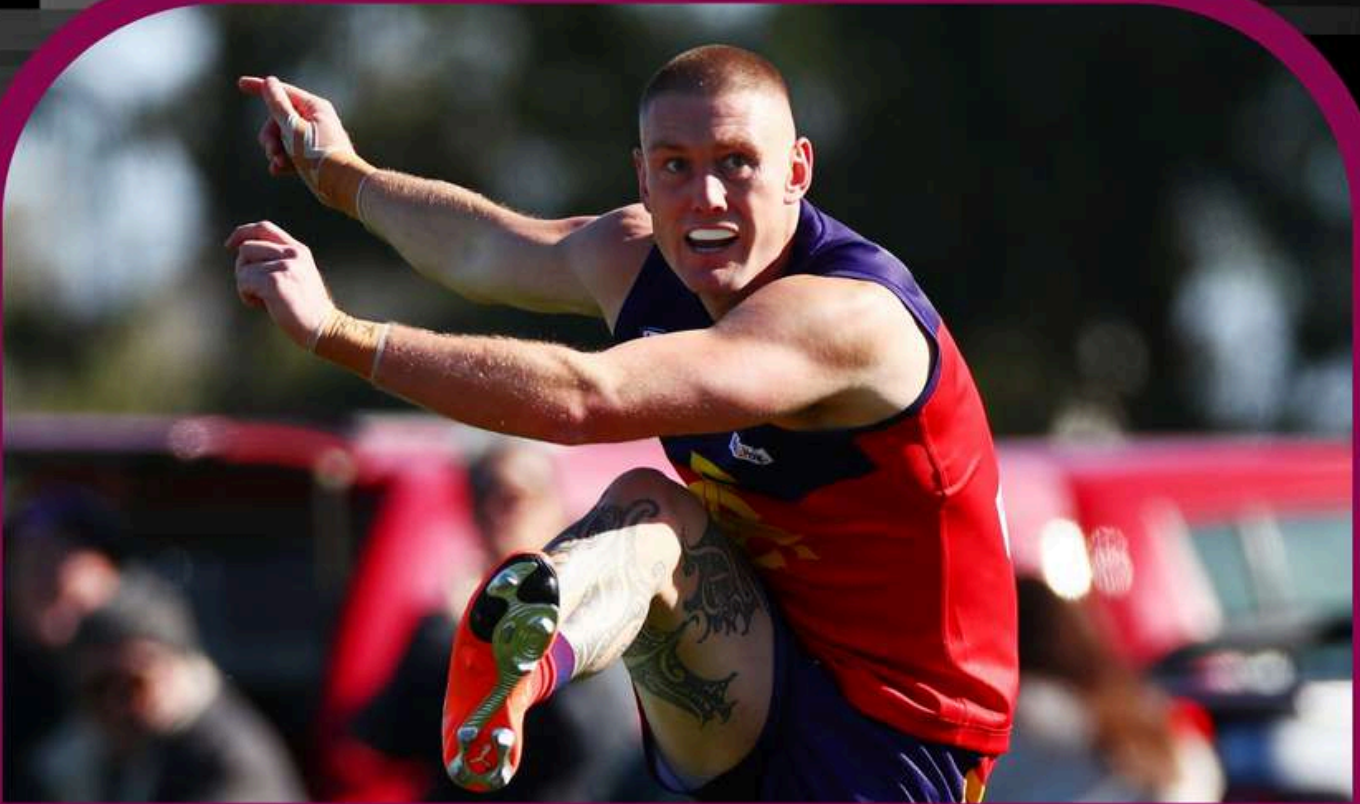
I also want to reinforce that RDFNL staff are not in a position to communicate with coaches, parents or players and we ask that all communication be filtered through the club execs or department managers.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



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**CALLUM MOORE**

**274 RANKING POINTS**

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**34 DISPOSALS**

**28 SCORE INVOLVEMENTS**

**15 GOALS**

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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# GOALS

## ROUND FIVE

CALLUM MOORE

1 15



RIDDELL

ZAKKARIA SAAD

4 5



MITCHELL DAY

2 6



MACEON CATS

LEIGH BRENNAN

4 5



MATTHEW DARBY

2 6



MACEON CATS

JASON COOKE

4 5



CHAN HARGRAVES

4 5



MSENG PANTHERS

ALEC GOODSON

4 5



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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	Lancefield vs Woodend Hesketh	Riddell vs Melton South	Romsey vs Macedon	Wallan vs Diggers Rest	Kyneton vs Melton Centrals	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Woodend-Hesketh	Melton South	Romsey	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	5	19
Courtney Alexander	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	3	17
Terry Kernan	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	4	18
Brian McNabb	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Romsey	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	5	17
Jordan Doyle	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	4	19
Richard Thwaites	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	3	18
Grant McMillan	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	4	21
Tara Murray	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	4	18
Ben Higgins	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	3	19
Grace Bibby	Woodend-Hesketh	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Kyneton	5	21





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# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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This is shaping up as the biggest game in the RDFNL so far this season. Two undefeated teams go head-to-head in a blockbuster clash, with one side set to face their first loss of the year. The hype around this matchup is deserved, with both teams playing some incredible football through the opening month of the season. Wallan have been one of the standout teams of 2026 and enter this clash 4-0 full of confidence. Before the bye, the Magpies impressed with a three-goal win over a strong Kyneton side, proving they can match with quality opposition. Young gun Nash King has been sensational starting the year averaging 30 disposals and 144 ranking points, Wallan will really be hoping they have him this week. Another player that will give Diggers something to think about is Jake Carlisle who's back with the Magpies averaging 18 disposals and 108 ranking points. If Wallan are going to challenge Diggers, they'll need to lean on their areas of strength that has led them to being at this point. They lead the competition in marks and sit third for clearances which are strengths that could be crucial in this massive contest. No one has been within 40 pts of Diggers Rest this year as they continued to look unstoppable last week winning by 179 points against the Giants. Callum Moore has officially arrived in the RDFNL after his incredible performance on the weekend with 15 goals, 34 disposals and 274 ranking points. He will be a massive headache for the Magpies this week, I'm sure. Marcus Calvaresi also had a massive game with 31 disposals, 12 marks and 175 ranking points. Diggers rest dominated this game without Hayden Davis and Shaun Campbell who rested last week to be unleashed in this massive matchup. Everything points towards this being one of the highest quality RDFNL contest's we've seen in recent years. Wallan have the talent to push the Burra, but the Burras are playing with too much firepower now, and they'll be incredibly hard to stop.

**Prediction- Diggers by 4 goals**

This looks to be another fantastic matchup between two sides who have had very similar starts to the season. The panthers are back! In one of the surprises of the season so far, Melton South pulled off a thrilling win over the Tigers after many doubted they could respond after their 67 point loss to Wallan the week before. The game went right down to the wire, with the Tigers missing a shot after the siren that would've stolen the win. Broden Collins was huge for South with 28 disposals, 6 clearances and 150 ranking points, alongside him was Sam Darley who had 33 disposals, 6 Inside 50's and 149 ranking points. While it took until the last kick for them to win the game the Panthers thoroughly deserved their win last week, they won the disposal count (+16), rebound 50s (+11) and 1%ers (+10). Riddell in pursuit of a 3 peat haven't blown anyone away in terms of their performances, but they're still putting the wins on the board including a 32-point win against Romsey last week. Riddell conceded 6 goals in the first quarter to the Redbacks in a big scare for them in a matchup they really didn't want to lose. They were able to recover however and only concede 7 more goals for the rest of the game. Nathan Hrovat was huge again with 43 disposals, 5 clearances and 164 ranking points, alongside him was Jacob Chahine who had 28 disposals, 10 marks and 138 ranking points their skipper Matthew Darby also kicked a bag of 6. Riddell dominated the Redbacks in most facets of the game including disposals (+51), marks (+32) and rebound 50s (+6) they will hope to do the same this week for them to win. This is set to be a very high-level close matchup, however I have Riddell winning in a very close matchup at home.

**Prediction- Riddell by 4 points**

# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



Two sides 2-2 to start the season so far as we look forward to a very intriguing matchup at the Kyneton Showgrounds. Both teams will be eager to build momentum and stay in touch with the top half of the ladder. Kyneton missed their chance last week with a point on the siren losing to Melton South in a game the tiges were probably expected to win. Their midfield stood tall although with Caleb Fisher being influential again with 33 disposals, 1 goal and 167 ranking points he was assisted by fellow midfielder teammate Danny Grmusa who had 33 disposals, 13 clearances and 154 ranking points. Melton Central's got it done against Lancefield by 38 points last week in an inaccurate win for them kicking 13.21. Evan Donoghue was elite for his side with 29 disposals, 6 clearances and 176 ranking points and he was well supported by Josh Borg who had 30 disposals, 14 marks and 3 goals. Melton dominated this game however it wasn't reflected on the scoreboard because of their inaccuracy, something they will want to patch up this week as Kyneton's forward line will make them pay. I expect Melton Centrals to be competitive, but I think Kyneton will be hungry to respond and cruise home here.

**Prediction- Kyneton by 5 goals**



These two sides come into this clash with very different starts to the 2026 season, and it sets up to be an important game for both clubs. Macedon will be trying to continue their momentum near the top end of the ladder, while Romsey really need to find consistency in their 4 quarter performances. Romsey gave Riddell a huge scare in their matchup last week in the first quarter piling on 6 goals but their inconsistency which they have showed this season was telling as they only scored 7 goals for the rest of the game. Nathan Blair was the Redbacks best player with 21 disposals, 10 marks and 124 ranking points, alongside him was Nathan Rayment who had 23 disposals, 5 clearances and 116 ranking points.

Romsey are going to have to move past their inconsistency woes this week or they will be punished against a very strong Macedon side. Macedon responded accordingly after their disappointing loss the week before with a 120-point win over Woodend. Blake Watson was huge for his side with 36 disposals, 11 Inside 50s and 181 ranking points. Big ruck man Charlie Rosetti is probably the best ruckmen in the RDFNL to start the year with 21 disposals, 65 Hit outs and 180 ranking points. I expect Macedon to win this one quite easily and continue to pile on the wins against an inconsistent Romsey side.

**Prediction- Macedon by 80 points**



Two teams coming off heavy defeats last week look to bounce back here in a must win game for both clubs. Woodend were super disappointing last week against Macedon going down by 120 points, at their best they've shown they can compete, but they've struggled to maintain that week-to-week and will be keen to respond here. Daniel Toman once again was massive for his side with 47 disposals, 16 tackles and 236 ranking points, Jack Binns was also impressive with 35 disposals, 10 R50's and 146 ranking points. Lancefield have still not been able to get their first win of the year so far after a 38-point loss to Melton Central's last week. Riley O'meara was elite in defeat for his side with 36 disposals, 9 clearances and 156 ranking points, alongside him was Leroy Ristevski who had 28 disposals, 2 goals and 151 ranking points. Lancefield must improve if they want to get a win this season, they lost the disposal count to centrals (-78) and the mark count (-46). I hope a competitive Lancefield will show up to play against Woodend this week, however I think the Hawks will be too good and will be keen to respond after last week's poor performance. Prediction- Woodend by 50 points

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# RDFNL Senior Womens Football Tipping

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Riddell vs Macedon	Lancefield vs Mount Alexander	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Macedon	Lancefield	1	5
Courtney Alexander	Macedon	Mt Alexander Falcons	1	4
Jacqui Green	Macedon	Lancefield	1	5
Jordan Doyle	Macedon	Lancefield	1	6
Grant McMillan	Macedon	Lancefield	1	4
Tara Murray	Macedon	Lancefield	1	6
Ben Higgins	Macedon	Lancefield	1	6
Grace Bibby	Macedon	Lancefield	1	6
Richard Thwaites	Macedon	Lancefield	1	6

## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

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## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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## **BRIANNA WOODBURN**

**184 RANKING POINTS**

**32 DISPOSALS**

**9 CLEARANCES**

**23 KICKS**

**24 HIT OUTS**

# **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

# CONTESTED POSSESSIONS

ROUND FOUR

RUBY WATTS

1

17



TAYA KONIAS

4

12

BRIANNA WOODBURN

2

16



ALEX CAIRNEY

4

12

NINNA HARBINSON

3

13



RUBY SHEPHERD

8

11

SOPHIE FOSTER

4

12



SAMANTHA POINTER

9

8

ELLA HAYES

4

12



GEORGIA ASQUITH

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# RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



These two sides face off again in their 2nd matchup of the season after Macedon were able to get it done quite easily in the first. Riddell have been a little bit disappointing to start the year, they've managed to get their sole win against the falcons but lost to the Tigers and Cats after that. Lauren Shaw has been the Bombers best player by a long shot, she's averaging 27, disposals, 12 contested possessions and 115 ranking points proving that she is one of the premier players of the competition. Alongside her is Keely Wallace Kilbane who is averaging 17 disposals and 60 ranking points. The Bombers were beaten by 109 points the last time these sides met, and they'll no doubt spend plenty of time reviewing that performance ahead of this rematch. Macedon completely dominated the contest in that game, especially around contested possessions (+50) groundballs (+43) and hard ball get (+8). If Riddell are going to be more competitive this time around, their pressure and work around the contest will need to improve significantly. The Cats haven't been close to losing this season as they continue to be the benchmark of the women's competition. They haven't had a goal kicked against them for two weeks running now and it might continue this week if they keep this form up, Brianna Woodburn had a massive game last week with 32 disposals, 9 clearances and 184 ranking points, her star teammate Ruby Watts also had a great game with 30 disposals, 6 clearances and 2 goals. Similarly to last time out I think Macedon will be way too good here and beat Riddell comfortably.

**Prediction- Macedon by 70 points**

Lancefield have been quite impressive to start the season and are looking like they have really improved in comparison to last season. Lancefield are coming off the bye here against the Falcons after they beat Riddell by 56 points two weeks ago. Molly Libardi has been in outstanding form so far this season being the Tigers best player averaging 14 disposals, 11 contested possessions and 93 ranking points. Right behind her is Harmony Cassar who's averaging 22 disposals, 20 kicks and 88 ranking points. It was a 73-point win for the Tigers when they faced the Falcons in round two, they smashed them all around the ground especially in inside 50s (+26), marks (+11) and disposals (+73). If Lancefield bring the same brand of footy, they have been taking into their games they shouldn't have any issues winning this one. The Falcons were held scoreless last week at home against an undefeated Macedon side, and they'll need to be much better than last week if they want to get a result here. Sophie Foster was the Falcons best player last week with 16 disposals, 12 contested possessions and 73 ranking points, once again Ella Hayes was good with 15 disposals, 10 tackles and 62 ranking points. Lancefield should continue to maintain their form here and get it done against the Falcons easily.

**Prediction- Lancefield by 80 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.”

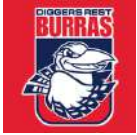
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## What is Tackle Your Feelings?

- 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.”

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

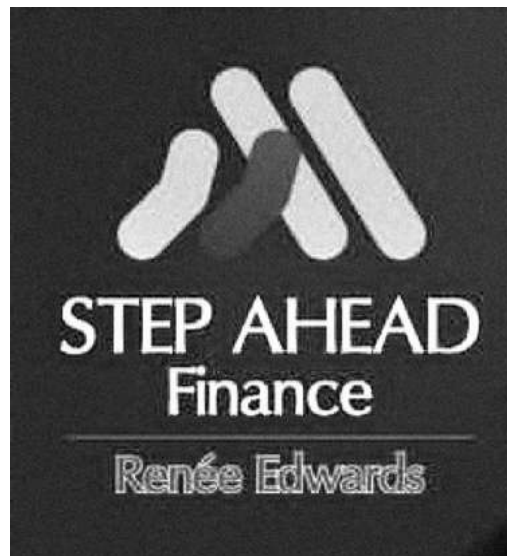


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# GISBORNE GIANTS *Club Notes*



Last weekend we welcomed Diggers Rest to the home of the Giants. Terrific wins on the netball court to A grade, B grade and C grade who all remain undefeated on our new courts. It was a disappointing day on the footy field for both our Reserves & Seniors with the 19.5's having the bye.

This weekend we get an opportunity to take a breath with the bye. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing weekend before we gear up to host Wallan next weekend.

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# MACEDON

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# MELTON CENTRALS

## *Club Notes*



The scoreboard finally reflected what everyone around the club has been building toward. In a huge day for the club, our Under 19s, Reserves and Senior sides all celebrated victories against Lancefield Football Netball Club last Saturday, the first time in almost a decade all three football teams have won on the same day.

It was a massive result for the entire playing group and a great reward for the hard work happening across every grade at Melton Centrals Football Netball Club.

The Under 19s set the tone early with a dominant 10.7 (67) to 3.1 (19) victory. Aiden Harrison starred up forward with three goals, while Ryan McDonald added two in a strong team performance. H. McKay, R. King and S. Connelly were outstanding contributors across the ground.

The Reserves continued the momentum with a hard-fought win, with J. Snowdon, M. Fitzpatrick and J. Perks leading the way in an even team effort that showcased the depth building within the club.

The Seniors then capped off a memorable day with a commanding 13.21 (99) to 9.6 (60) win. Jordan Borg and A. Elkasovic both finished with three goals, while Dylan Fawcett and Dylan Jobson added two each. Jon Armistead was influential all day and was well supported by Jordan Borg, Jon Ferri, Evan Donoghue and Jordan Davis in one of the side's most complete performances of the season.

More than just the wins, Saturday highlighted the growing belief, connection and culture right across the club. Days like this are special, and the challenge now is to carry that momentum into the weeks ahead.





# MELTON SOUTH

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**2026 EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>2</b> MAY	<b>IPOD SHUFFLE</b>	<b>18</b> JULY	<b>LADIES DAY</b>
<b>8</b> MAY	<b>SPORTSMAN'S DAY</b>	<b>18</b> JULY	<b>FUNCTION</b>
<b>20</b> JUNE	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>8</b> AUGUST	<b>JUNIOR DAY</b>
<b>5</b> JULY	<b>LAST MAN STANDING</b>	<b>1</b> AUGUST	<b>FUNCTION</b>
		<b>18</b> SEPT	<b>PRESENTATION</b>

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<b>7</b> MAY	<b>28</b> MAY	<b>25</b> JUNE	<b>30</b> JULY
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# WALLAN Club Notes

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# WOODEND HESKET

## Club Notes



Round 6 takes us to Lancefield, and the Tigers will be up for it on their home patch. Our teams know what's required and they'll be ready to make it a tough afternoon for the hosts. Six rounds in and the season is well and truly underway. The squads are finding their rhythm, the hard work at training is starting to show, and this is the time of year you see teams really click. We're backing our Hawks to do exactly that.

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# NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

## by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Across the opening five rounds of the season, we have unfortunately seen an increase in poor behaviour across our competitions, including abuse directed at umpires, players, officials and spectators, both at venues and online.

This is a reminder that the RDFNL is a community competition. Our clubs should be safe, welcoming environments where people can enjoy sport, connect with others and spend a positive few hours each weekend.

At times, the desire to win and frustration around losing is beginning to overshadow the reasons we are all involved in community sport. We ask all clubs to reinforce to members that the RDFNL has zero tolerance for poor behaviour, on the field, around venues and on social media.

While not everyone involved holds an official role, the behaviour of individuals still reflects directly on clubs and the wider competition.

We appreciate that many clubs already promote these values, however the volume of incidents and formal complaints this season means we all need to work together to improve standards moving forward.

The RDFNL's primary role is to administer competitions, including grading, player points and salary cap management, fixtures, umpires and the list goes on. We will continue to support clubs wherever possible, but we cannot monitor behaviour across every venue each weekend without the support of clubs and their members.

Please also take note of the following reminders:

- Ensure all teams are selected prior to 5pm Friday. RDFNL staff should not regularly be resolving registrations, transfers or player points issues on game day.
- Please seek permission before filming games where possible. Filming individuals away from play without consent is not appropriate, and requests to stop filming should be respected.
- If issues arise with opposition supporters or members, please contact the opposition

- ground manager or match day coordinator rather than approaching individuals directly.
- Respect match day schedules by breaking huddles on time to help games run efficiently and support umpire travel between venues.
- In junior competitions and Under 19.5 football, please ensure all coaches and officials understand player number requirements and relevant by-laws and how we even the contest.
- In the event of a serious injury requiring a stretcher, player welfare must remain the priority. Time clocks should remain stopped until the stretcher has fully cleared the playing surface, and umpires should not be pressured to resume play.
- Social media standards will continue to be monitored closely. RDFNL platforms are intended to promote the game positively, not to target the league, staff, clubs, officials or members. Suspensions and account bans may apply where necessary.

We understand the season has presented challenges for many clubs already, and everyone is doing their best. However, improving behaviour across our competitions requires a collective effort from all of us.

If we can continue reinforcing these expectations within our clubs, we believe it will go a long way toward ensuring a positive and enjoyable second half of the season for everyone involved.

We are not asking everyone to agree with our decisions, or the umpires or the coaches and players but we are asking everyone to be respectful.

I also want to reinforce that RDFNL staff are not in a position to communicate with coaches, parents or players and we ask that all communication be filtered through the club execs or department managers.

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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	Lancefield vs Woodend Hesket	Riddell vs Melton South	Romsey vs Macedon	Wallan vs Diggers Rest	Kynetonvs Melton Centrals	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Melton Centrals	4	18
Krissy Clement	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Kyneton	5	21
Ben Higgins	Woodend-Hesket	Melton South	Macedon	Wallan	Kyneton	4	14
Tara Murray	Woodend-Hesket	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Kyneton	5	20
Jordan Doyle	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Kyneton	5	22
Grace Bibby	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Kyneton	5	22
Grant McMillan	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Melton Centrals	5	17
Courtney Alexander	Lancefield	Riddell	Macedon	Wallan	Melton Centrals	5	18
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# RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



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Lancefield and Woodend Hesket makes for an exciting contest. Lancefield have been able to record wins in each of their games whilst going under the radar where Woodend Hesket dropped one game when they were undermanned against Wallan.

Since then Woodend Hesket have barely put a foot wrong accounting for Macedon who are another challenger just last week. Lancefield have included some key players into their lineup including Bridget Dods who has been fantastic in defence and Olivia Maye who played her first game last week and added some depth to their mid court.

The mid court battle will be a fierce watch with Emily Fitzgerald Sarah Duff and Hayley Rogers coming up against the likes of Mia Daly, Chloe Hodgson and Olivia May.

Shanae Brundell was also fantastic in goal shooter last week for the Tigers she scored 25 goals in the last quarter alone to dominate. Georgia Bowkett will be the likely matchup for her but Woodend Hesket will have to work hard to cover the loss of their playing coach Ty Coppinger.

Jess Martin has been playing a good role coming off the bench to give the like of Coppinger and Rogers and break and would be the likely player to start on the court.

Shaid Sasalu and Kaylia Stanton will also be fun to watch for the neutral supporter.

This result either way will have a significant effect on the results moving forward.

Prediction: Lancefield to cause an upset.

Each time Melton Centrals and Kyneton meet they are in similar positions on the A grade ladder.

It sets the contest up for a fierce battle. This time around Kyneton will go into the game as favourites with their book ends Ellie Bird and Kristiana Manua.

Kyneton will be chock full of confidence as they come into this one on the back of a strong win over Melton South. Ellie Bird was fantastic in that outing shooting 73 goals from 75 attempts at 97%. She was named the RDFNL player of the week. Melton Centrals blooded some youth with Isla Webber making her debut coming up from juniors. Webber has been part of the RDFNL for many years which shows the pathway from our junior competition to our senior competition is still strong.

Chelsea Lapsley also made her debut crossing over from previously playing female's football. Unfortunately for Melton Centrals they are lacking depth this season. In previous years they have been playing or on the cusp of finals but with the likes of Avana Hobson moving on it is hard to see them replicating those results. and look like likely to miss the finals.

Against Kyneton they may struggled to counteract the height and strength at both ends of the court. Imogen Sexton continues to be a shining light for Centrals.

Prediction – Kyneton to win comfortably.



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# RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Riddell take on Melton South after a solid performance to defeat Romsey in round five. Shelby Holter came back into the Bombers lineup and gave them a presence in their attacking half. Maddy Brown and Amelia Haxby are starting to combine well in the mid court and youngsters Tilly Allen and Hayley Brown are holding up the goals shooting end.

For Melton South they continue to struggle with Florence Coleman battling hard in the mid court the shining light.

Unfortunately, they were no match for the height of Ellie Bird of Kyneton and they will face similar difficulties this weekend with Holter.

We also know the Chirs O' Sullivan will be moving interstate I the coming weeks. We wish him the best of luck for whatever comes next.

Prediction – Riddell to record another strong victory.

I depth across the court.

Maggie Payne will be crucial in this contest as she would be the likely matchup for Maeve Donegan who has had a great start to the year.

Wallan will look to consolidate their form in the mid court with Genevieve Carbon, Dakota Lister Alana Judd and Alyssa Pearse all having great starts to the season. Wallan are generally slow starters but they have not put a foot wrong yet this season and Lucad Bennett Hullin will be hoping with another year of experience under most of their belts they are ready for a premierships surge this season.

Prediction – Wallan will be too strong in this one



After a tough loss last week, Macedon will roll up their sleeves and head to Romsey for another big match. The Cats are the team in better form but Romsey have a way of showing up against good opposition. Romsey who lack height and depth will have a hard time counteracting Molly McGrath Hetty Donahue and Janelle Birch all of which played well last week. For Romsey they're missing Savannah Forbes who has been a target in attack. It looks like Romsey a couple of strong players short of being competitive in this contest.

Prediction – Macedon Cats to win this one comfortably.



Fresh off the buy Wallan will host Diggers Rest. Diggers Rest were competitive against Gisborne Giants last week but a lacklustre third term resulted in a comfortable win to the Giants. Diggers Rest playing coach Anica Scherer and Leona Hristovska continue to be the shining lights but the Burra lack



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