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**SATURDAY MAY 23RD**

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# UPCOMING FIXTURE

## MEN'S & NETBALL

23 MAY 2026

STANDARD TIMES



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23 MAY 2026

STANDARD TIMES



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## WOMEN'S

22 MAY 2026

7:00PM



**ROUND 6**  
LANCEFIELD PARK

23 MAY 2026

5:00PM



**ROUND 6**  
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# ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Leaving this here for another week. Across the opening six 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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## **DANIEL TOMAN**

**190 RANKING POINTS**

**40 DISPOSALS**

**9 CLEARANCES**

**5 TACKLES**

**1 GOAL**

# **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

# RDFNL FOOTBALL TEAM LISTS

Click the division for match details and team lists.



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# RDFNL FOOTBALL RESULTS

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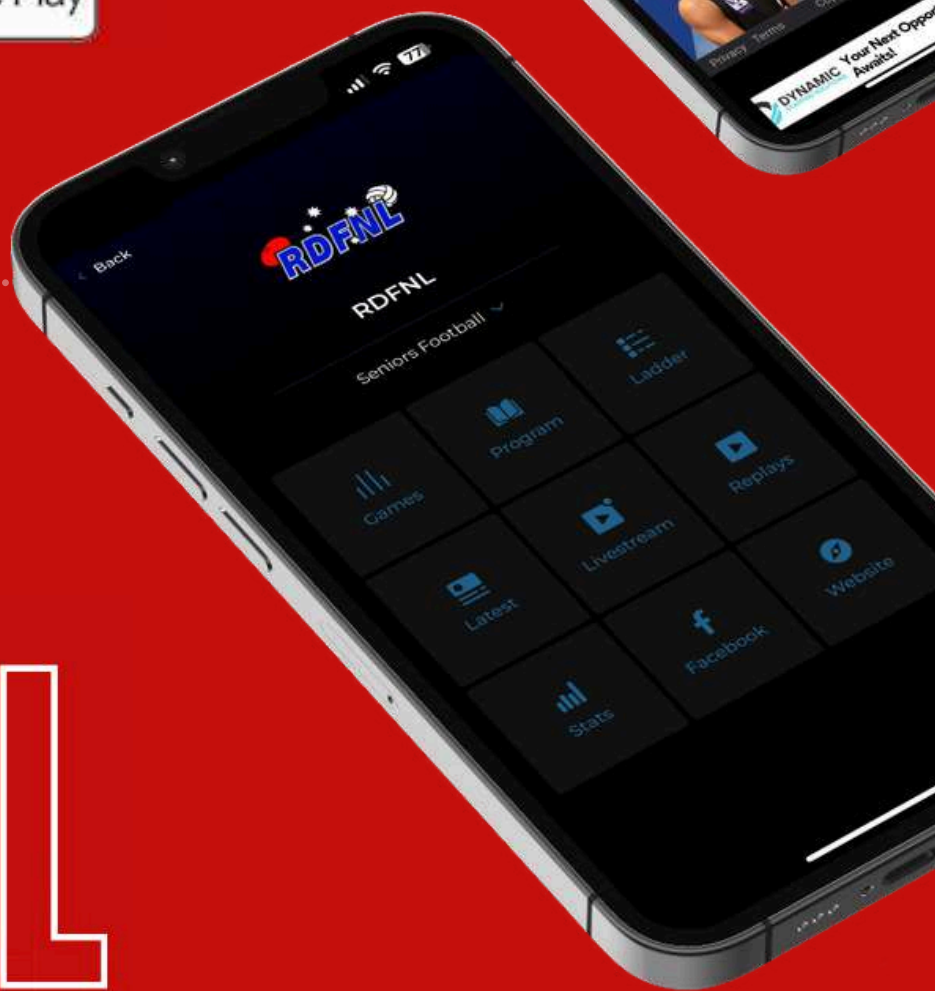


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## ROUND SIX

SHAUN STEWART

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KYNETON




DANNY GRMUSA

11 6

BRYCE WILLIAMSON

2 14



PATRICK MAHONEY

11 6

JAKE CARLISLE

2 14



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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	Kyneton vs Romsey	Diggers Rest vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Wallan	Melton South vs Macedon	Riddell vs Woodend Heskett	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Melton South	Riddell	2	21
Courtney Alexander	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	21
Terry Kernan	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	22
Brian McNabb	Romsey	Diggers Rest	Gisborne Giants	Melton South	Riddell	4	21
Jordan Doyle	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	23
Richard Thwaites	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	22
Grant McMillan	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	25
Tara Murray	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	22
Ben Higgins	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	23
Grace Bibby	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	4	25





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# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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Two sides who have had very different starts to the season meet here in what shapes to be a tough challenge for the Redbacks. Kyneton were outstanding against Melton Central last week and bounced back strongly after their loss to the Panthers the week before. Danny Grmusa had a huge game for the Tiges with 35 disposals, 6 clearances and 177 ranking points, alongside him was Francis Randall with 28 disposals, 4 goals and 142 ranking points. Big utility Ethan Foreman also kicked 7 majors for the day nearly outscoring Melton by himself. Kyneton smashed the Centrals in the contested ball winning the contested possessions (+31) and dominated the midfield winning the clearance count (+17) and Inside 50's (+30). Kyneton will hope to continue rolling with a win here against the Redbacks before they have a massive game against Diggers next week. Romsey were once again disappointing this week losing to Macedon by 53 points as there inconsistent performances continue. Jack Jedwab was Romsey's best once again with 18 disposals, 12 marks, 2 goals and 108 ranking points, he was supported by Nathan Rayment who had 17 disposals, 5 clearances, 2 goals and 104 ranking points. This game begins a pivotal six-week stretch for Romsey where they face arguably the competitions top sides, including two matches against Kyneton as well as games against Diggers and Wallan. They will need to lift significantly around the contest to compete with the Tigers, especially given their current form and strength at home After Kyneton's huge win last week and considering how well they play at home I think this will be really hard for the Redbacks to fight back here and I have the tigers winning comfortably.

**Prediction- Kyneton by 80 points**

Two sides who had disappointing performances and weren't up to their standard in round 6 hope to respond here in this matchup. Diggers were far from their best against an impressive Wallan side last week and they really need a statement win here. Jaidyn Caruana was monumental for his side in defeat with 25 disposals, 8 marks, and 108 ranking points. Mitch Day was also huge after he became the main target up forward with 14 disposals, 4 clearances and 5 goals. Diggers were unfortunate with injuries throughout the game with Moore going down with a hamstring, Cicero with a shoulder and Jamie Anderson with a hamstring concern. Those absences could create some challenges structurally and may give Melton Centrals some areas to target. Melton Centrals were very disappointing against Kyneton last week where they were dominated in all facets of the game in a 118 point loss. Most expected them to lose but nowhere near that much and it doesn't get easier here against the Burra who will be keen to respond after their loss. Kritharis was huge for Melton with 42 disposals, 14 contested possessions and 111 ranking points, fellow midfielder Deacon Fawcett also played well with 23 disposals, 4 clearances and 102 ranking points. It really is back to the drawing board for Melton who now fall to 2-3, they were dominated statistically by Kyneton especially in marks (-29), clearances (-17) and disposals (-83). I expect both teams to be much better than last week in this contest, but Diggers will be way too good here at home.

**Prediction- Diggers by 70**

# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



An intriguing matchup awaits at the home of the Panthers as Melton South take on an in-form Macedon outfit looking to continue building momentum. The panthers were disappointing last week in their 37 point loss to the Bombers, and after such an impressive win the week prior, their inconsistency continues to be a major talking point. Jake Thornton Gielen continued his strong season for the Panthers with 37 disposals, 9 marks and 155 ranking points, alongside him was Sam Darley who had 38 disposals, 14 rebound 50's and 154 ranking points. Macedon continued their positive run of form in a dominant 63-point win over Romsey away from home. Thomas Rutledge had a great game for the cats with 29 disposals, 7 marks, 5 clearances and 126 ranking points, right behind him was Blake Watson who had 28 disposals, 9 Inside 50's, 2 goals and 124 ranking points. Macedon will want to win this one before they have a huge game against Wallan next week at home. While Melton South should be more competitive than last week in this one, I think Macedon's midfield power is too strong and they will get the job done here.

**Prediction- Macedon by 50 points**



Both sides enter this clash off the back of impressive wins and this shapes as one of the most exciting matchups of the round at the home of the Hawks. Woodend after being down at halftime did was expected of them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half running over the top of the Tigers in a 47-point win. Daniel Toman earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> player of the week honour this week with 40 disposals, 9 clearances, 1 goal and 190 ranking points, he was well supported by his midfielder teammate Brendan Butler who had 27 disposals, 9 marks and 105 ranking points. Marcus Stapleton also kicked a bag of 6 and took 10 marks with easily his best performance of the season.

Riddell, meanwhile continued their strong recent form with an impressive win over the Panthers and now look to be building serious momentum in their pursuit of a three peat. The bombers have now put together three strong performances in a row and are beginning to resemble the side many expected to see coming into the season. Bryce Williamson was huge for the Bombers last week with 30 disposals, 14 marks and 149 ranking points, alongside him was Callim Williamson who had 31 disposals, 10 clearances and 145 ranking points. If both sides are playing well this could be a close matchup but I have the Bombers stealing this one away from home.

**Prediction- Riddell by 35 points**



Two sides face off at opposite ends of the ladder at the home of the Giants in this clash. The Gisborne Giants come off a well needed bye after they have been plagued with injury's early in the season, they fall now to 1-4 and play the in-form undefeated Wallan side in what looks to be a one-sided affair. Matt Quigley is clearly Gisborne Giants best player once again this season averaging, 34 disposals, 7 marks and 138 ranking points, alongside him is recruit Mitchell Bongiovanni who has impressed at his new club averaging 22 disposals, 5 clearances and 110 ranking points. Bradley Mangan is also leading the goalkicking for Gisborne again ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the competition with 17 goals from his 5 games and averaging 3.4 a game in the season. Wallan were outstanding in their clash against the Burra now making themselves the only undefeated side in the competition. Big ruckman Chris Stewart led the charges for Wallan with 34 disposals, 10 clearances, 2 goals and 180 ranking points, alongside him was young superstar Nash King who had 29 disposals, 12 inside 50s and 167 ranking points. Hopefully Gisborne gain some players back from injury in this clash, but nevertheless I think Wallan continue their strong form in an easy victory over the Giants here.

**Prediction- Wallan by 90 points**

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# RDFNL Senior Womens Football Tipping

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Lancefield vs Riddell	Macedon vs Mount Alexander	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Lancefield	Macedon	2	7
Courtney Alexander	Lancefield	Macedon	1	5
Jacqui Green	Lancefield	Macedon	2	7
Jordan Doyle	Lancefield	Macedon	2	8
Grant McMillan	Lancefield	Macedon	2	6
Tara Murray	Lancefield	Macedon	2	8
Ben Higgins	Lancefield	Macedon	2	8
Grace Bibby	Lancefield	Macedon	2	8
Richard Thwaites	Lancefield	Macedon	2	8



## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

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## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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**KARLY O'MALLEY**

**178 RANKING POINTS**

**34 DISPOSALS**

**5 CLEARANCES**

**8 TACKLES**

**9 REBOUND 50'S**

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

# TACKLES

## ROUND FIVE

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1 16



LANCEFIELD



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LIBBY BAKER

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NICOLE WOODMAN

2 9



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LANCEFIELD

SASSAFRAS GALLUS

6 7

KARLY O'MALLEY

3 8



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RACHEL WINTERTON

5 8

KAYLA AZIDIS

3 8



LANCEFIELD




LANCEFIELD

ALICE BROMLEY

4 9

AMY TACEY

3 8



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LANCEFIELD

LUZANNE DE KOCK

4 9



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# RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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Lancefield have had a strong start to their season currently at 3-1 with their only loss coming against Macedon. Lancefield got it done last week with an 85 point win over Mount Alexander keeping them scoreless in a great win. Alice Bromley had a day out for the Tigers with 29 disposals, 6 clearances and 142 ranking points, alongside her was Luzanne de Kock who had 21 disposals, 4 tackles and 135 ranking points. Lancefield also had Ziedaitis, Turner and Cassar kick three goals each for 9 of their 12 goals of the day. Lancefield's star-studded midfield dominated the Falcons with ease smashing them in clearances (+17), Inside 50s (+32) and disposals (+94). Lancefield would love a win here as they look ahead to playing their biggest competition in Macedon next week. Riddell unfortunately had to forfeit their game last week so hopefully this week we can see them put a team on the park as the competition is better with them in it! Riddell are 1-2 to start the year losing to both Lancefield and Macedon early in the season, so hopefully they build on these losses and turn their season around. Lauren Shaw has had a massive impact for the Bombers this season easily being their best player averaging 27 disposals, 12 contested possessions and 115 ranking points. Alongside her has been Ava Osborne who has also been impressive averaging 10 disposals and 72 ranking points. After their loss to Lancefield by 56 3 weeks ago Riddell will really be hoping to improve here and narrow that margin. Hopefully we see a more competitive Riddell side this time around, but I think Lancefield will be way too good here at home.

**Prediction- Lancefield by 45 points**

These two sides are set to faceoff in their 2<sup>nd</sup> matchup of the year at the home of the cats. Macedon are coming off a week off last week after their opponents forfeited, Macedon have continued to be the benchmark of the senior women's competition dominating nearly every statistic filled with star studded power throughout the field. Macedon's midfield is arguably their biggest weapon with Brianna Woodburn as their ruck, alongside Ruby Watts and Taya Konias in their midfield it's nearly impossible to stop for every team in the competition. Brianna Woodburn has arguably been Macedon's best player this season averaging 28 disposals, 6 clearances and 166 ranking points, Ruby Watts is also tearing the competition apart once again averaging 32 disposals, 17 contested possession and 156 ranking points. They also have the competitions leading goal scorer currently in Charlotte Noonan who's kicked 9 goals from 3 games. The Mount Alexander Falcons have had a tough start to the season falling to 0-4 after their 85-point loss to the Tigers last week. However, a positive in their start to the season is the recruitment of last week's player of the week Karly O'Malley who had 34 disposals, 5 clearances and 178 ranking points last week in a massive performance for her and her side. Nicole Woodman was also good with 12 disposals, 9 tackles and 55 ranking points. The Falcons are really going to have to improve after they lost to Macedon by 97 points last time out where they were dominated across the ground, hopefully the recruitment of Karly O'Malley who didn't play last time out can help the Falcons in being more competitive. While I think we'll see a more competitive Mt Alexander side, Macedon are way too good right now and will win this with ease at home.

**Prediction- Macedon by 90 points**

# TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS

## ‘Be a Champ’

- Tackle Your Feelings ambassador Nathan Buckley and social media larrikins the Shepmates have teamed up to create a humorous video celebrating local football club culture and encouraging players and coaches to help support the mental health of their footy mates
- Watch the video
- As part of the campaign, Tackle Your Feelings is looking to celebrate and recognise those local ‘champs’ who go above and beyond when it comes to investing in mental health
- Being referred to as a ‘champ’ is not always cast in a positive way, so Tackle Your Feelings is looking to reclaim the phrase and spin it around to celebrate these people who often don’t get the recognition they deserve with the role they play at their clubs
- We want players, coaches, committee members, support staff and umpires to be a champ and book their club in for a Tackle Your Feelings workshop
- Clubs can register for a workshop at **tyfo.tackleyourfeelings.org.au/login/**.

Adam Baldwin, Program Manager said:  
 “Clubs are beginning to understand their responsibility to create an environment which supports the mental health of their players. We want clubs to prioritise mental health in the same way they currently do physical health. Tackle Your Feelings is a free program that can help clubs kick-start the development of their own mental health game plan.”

**Book a @tyf\_au workshop today.**



## What is Tackle Your Feelings?

- Tackle Your Feelings is a FREE mental health program for community football/netball clubs
- The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players’ Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018 following the death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh
- The program is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health.
- The program is based on the education delivered to the AFL industry and is led by high-profile player and coach ambassadors
- Since 2019, the TYF program has been delivered to more than 10,000 participants in every Australian state and territory and it’s available to your club in 2024
- Quote from TYF ambassador Nathan Buckley: “It’s an awesome program. It’s so succinct and gives you really good strategies... it’s a really good conversation starter.”

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



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# GISBORNE GIANTS Club Notes



We've had a lot of representative action in our juniors with association netball happening last weekend with Abbey Wellington, Ruby Scott, Milla Ansell, Sienna Siphthorp, Emily O'Grady, Emmerson Neyland, Adele McKibbin, Olive Peavey, Indy Hicks, Alani Fisher, Bella Howley, Jaeda Bullen, Evie Carroll & Roxy McCabe who represented teams across RDFNL, MRNA, Parkville & Essendon Thunder.

A special shout out to Myah Fenn who was part of the U17 reserve winning team.

Also a shout out to our football interleague representatives and we wish them all the best for their upcoming matches representing the RDFNL.

Today we welcome Wallan as we wear our indigenous jumpers aligned with Sir Doug Nicholls round in the AFL.



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<b>UNDER 14A BOYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitchell Bugeja</li> </ul>	<b>UNDER 14B BOYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooper Pierobon</li> <li>Ethan Patchett</li> <li>Henry Watson</li> <li>Lewis Lethbridge</li> <li>Patrick Shea</li> <li>Tanner Clark</li> <li>Tyler Agnew</li> </ul>	
<b>UNDER 15B BOYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jordan Gauci</li> <li>Tex Lang</li> <li>Tom Bourke</li> <li>Tom Gilmour</li> <li>Zane Brown</li> </ul>		

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# KYNETON

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# LANCEFIELD

## *Club Notes*



### HALL OF FAME...

For generations, the Lancefield Football Netball Club has been home to some of the finest players our great Australian game has seen, VFL premiership players, VFA leading goalkickers, League Best & Fairest's, premiership players and more. To recognise the achievements of these players the Lancefield Football Netball Club is proud to announce that we are establishing the Lancefield Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will honour and celebrate the greatest players to ever wear the yellow and black over 153 years, individuals whose achievements, character and contribution to the club deserve to have a light shone on them and be remembered for generations to come.

To mark this historic occasion, the club will host an official Hall of Fame Inaugural Inductees night later this year, a gala evening celebrating the stories, achievements and legends that built the Lancefield Football Netball Club into what it is today. More details, including selection committees, dates and ticketing information will be announced in the coming weeks.

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# MELTON CENTRALS

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# MELTON SOUTH

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# MOUNT ALEXANDER *Club Notes*



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# RIDDELL Club Notes

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**

<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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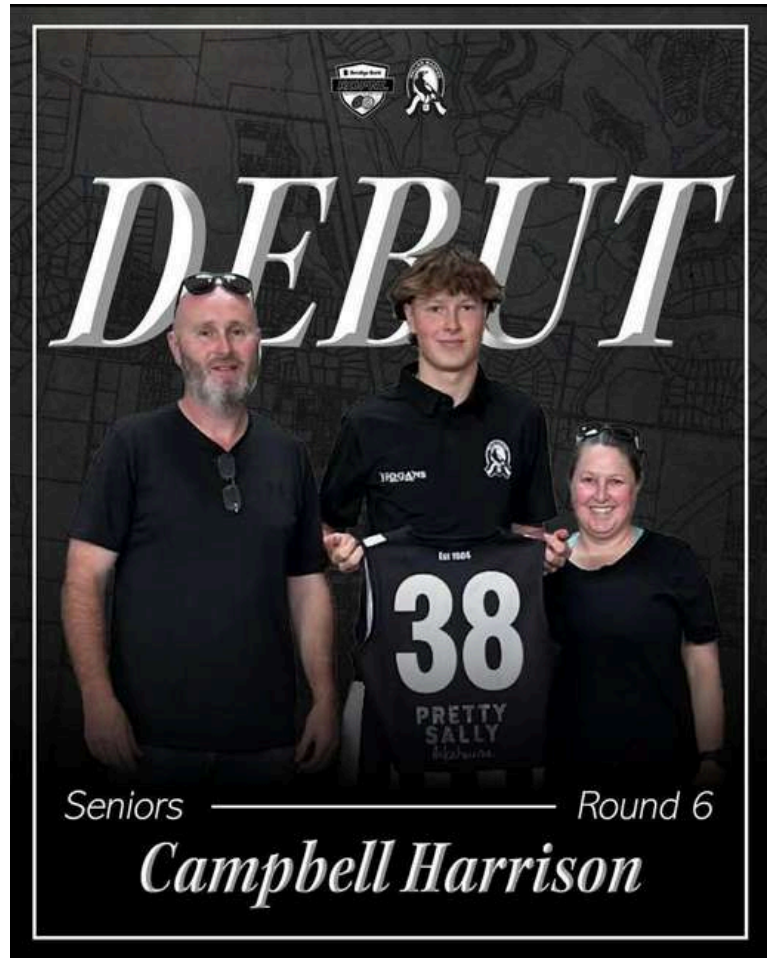
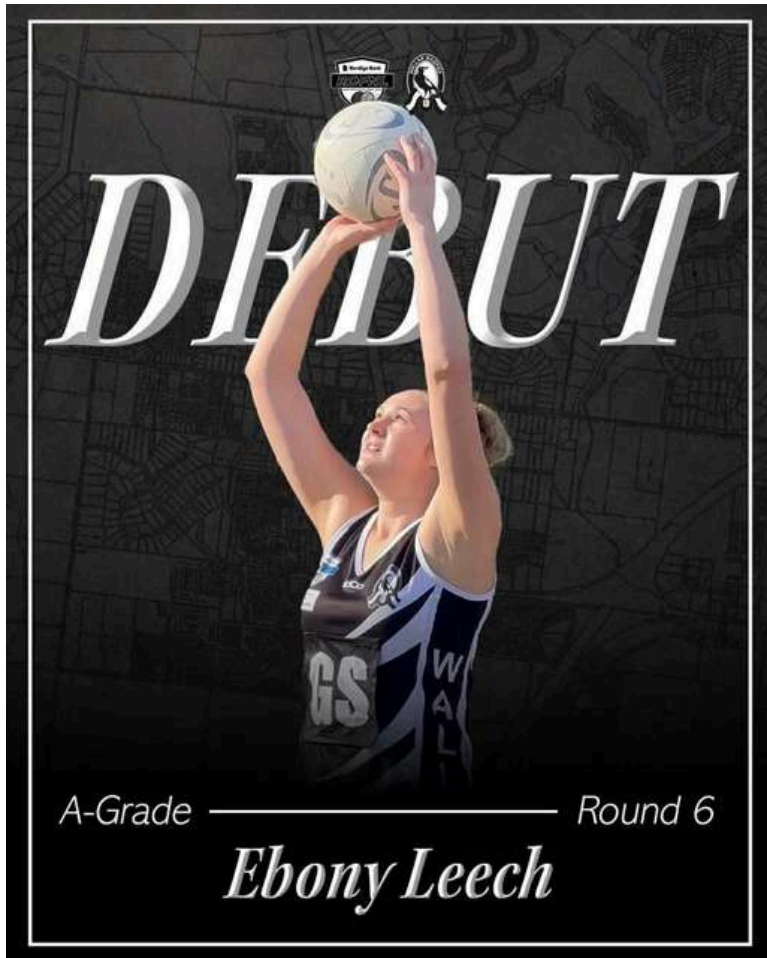
A big week at Greenhill reserve both on and off the field. This week the Club 18s will host Eynesbury on Friday night while everyone else will travel to play the Gisborne Giants on Saturday.

A huge congratulations to Ebony Leech on making her A-Grade debut and Campbell Harrison on making his Senior debut last weekend against Diggers Rest.

Ebony was a pivotal member of last year's Under 19s premiership side, Ebony has taken leaps and bounds this year, stepping into B-Grade and consistently showing why she has become such an integral part of the team's early success. When given her opportunity, Ebony absolutely crushed it, taking the chance with both hands and scoring 19 goals in her two quarters as Goal Shooter to help steer our A-Grade side to a strong win!

Campbell is another one of our young superstars to come through our junior program. Currently part of the Calder Cannons program this year, Campbell has been playing with the Calder Cannons leading into his senior debut.

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# WOODEND HESKET

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Round 7 is a home game, and not just any home game – it's one of the biggest days on the Hawks' social calendar. Woodend takes on Riddell at Gilbert Gordon, and the atmosphere is going to be electric.

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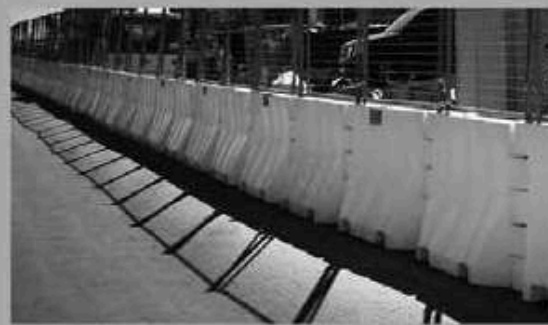
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# NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

## by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

Leaving this here for one more week. Across the opening six 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

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Netball Tipping							
NAME	Kyneton vs Romsey	Diggers Rest vs Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants vs Wallan	Melton South vs Macedon	Riddell vs Woodend Heskett	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Romsey	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	3	21
Krissy Clement	Kyneton	Melton Centrals	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	25
Ben Higgins	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	18
Tara Murray	Kyneton	Melton Centrals	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	5	25
Jordan Doyle	Kyneton	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	26
Grace Bibby	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	4	26
Grant McMillan	Kyneton	Melton Centrals	Wallan	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	3	20
Courtney Alexander	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Wallan	Macedon	Riddell	3	21
Richard Thwaites	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	3	21
Lauren Nolan	Kyneton	Diggers Rest	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Woodend-Heskett	5	25





# RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



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Considering Gisborne Giants are still such a young club in the RDFNL senior competition these two teams have some history of close games. We expect this weekend will be no different. Gisborne Giants will not want to be caught napping in the early stage of the game as they come into this contest on the back of the bye.

Wallan easily accounted for Diggers Rest last weekend. They added some youth into their line up with Ebony Leech making her A grade debut. Malia Seumanutafa has been a stand out this year for the Giants but the new recruit of Kim Borger will be a huge talking point come Saturday.

Is Kim filling in to replace Seumanutafa or is she lining up beside her.

If Seumanutafa and Borger are both playing the Wallan defence will be in for a tough day.

Down the other end of the court Maeve Donevan has had a great start to the season. Bec Konstantopoulis has also been very consistent. The youngsters have been on the edge of success for some time and are now the more experienced in the line up with some rookies coming through.

Wallan are currently undefeated and have looked comfortable in each of their performances but this will be another strong test for their group.

Gisborne Giants have been going a long well without too much fuss but they haven't beaten any of the top teams as yet this would be a good scalp for them.

Prediction: Gisborne Giants to win in a close one.

Woodend Hesket fought off Lancefield last week after they trailed at each of the breaks. Woodend Hesket dominated in the last quarter scoring 15 goals to Lancefield eight to run away winners.

In the absence of Ty Coppinger Hayley Rogers stepped up into Goal Defence and was named in the best players as was Emily Fitzgerald who looks to be the preferred option in centre at this point. Riddell on the other hand made light work of Melton South handing them a 61 goal defeat. Riddell lost some key players and had a change in coach but have settled quite well.

Shelby Holter looks to be back to some of her best netball and is moving freely around the court with the youth of Hayley Brown and Tilly Allen around her.

Amelia Haxby is stepping up in the midcourt and their defenders are playing their role.

Riddell have not yet defeated anyone of note but if they can compete here and push for the four points this group will take a huge amount of confidence from that.

Woodend Hesket have an ability to find good players to keep their line up stacked and despite dropping one game this season would be firmly favourites.

The defensive duo of Georgia Bowkett and Tayissa Coppinger is impenetrable and will give Holter and the Riddell coaches plenty to work around.

The games at Woodend will be played early to allow for the Ladies day and we the club every success with this event.

Prediction: Woodend Hesket to celebrate with the four points.



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# RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Macedon Cats will be looking to bank a big win in their round seven match with Melton South.

Macedon are shaping up as a contender this season and in order to get inside that top two the wins against the lower ranked teams are important.

Molly McGrath was our player of the week this week for the way she has seemlesly taken to the wing attack position. Her drive to circle edge is fast and strong and hard to stop for the best teams.

Melton South blooded some youth last week with the likes of Mahanga Puke playing alongside some expereicnce in Casey Smart.

Each week South will be focusing on small wins and they will want to keep this margin in check while Macedon will be looking for a percentage boost. The shooters tend to have a day out against South as they lack height in defence so Hetty Donoghue could be in for a big day.

Prediction – Macedon to win this one by a comofrtable margin.

ISince the inclusion of Ellie Bird and Kristiana Manua Kyneton younger midcourt brigage have been able to develop.

With their support and strength and experience at each end the group are playing with confidence and freedome.

Lauren Girvan, Alex Strawhorn, Hayley Bourke are a couple that are really shining while Matilda Candy is also having a strong start to the year.

For Romsey Eliabeth Crump had a solid outing against very strong defence of Macedon last week and Laura Neo is holding down the goal defence position while everyone moves around her.

Prediction: Kyneton to record a strong win over Romsey.



With one win a piece to start the year both Diggers Rest and Melton Centrals will be hungry to take the points from this game.

Diggers REst have been mostly competitive with some new players coming into their line up. Tukaokao played her first game last week and was named in the best alongside Leono Hristovska who is always consistent.

For MELton CEntrals they are very much relying on their young up and coming talent in Imogen Sexton and Manon Muir.

Both players are incredible for their age and showing that A Grade netball is not a stretch for them.

The match of playing coach Anica Scherer and Imogen Sexton will be one well worth watching.

Prediction: Diggers Rest to win in a hard fought game against Melton Centrals.



Kyneton will go into this match as favourites. Kyneton have shown significant improvement in their results from last season and despite suffering some early losses they have had a tough draw.

Romsey are a fair way off their best and have some injury woes which they are trying to counteract.



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