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Shane Page and Pioneers
look to rebuild season
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Championships reaches climax

Vic Metro aiming for sixth title in eight years

As the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships returns to Melbourne for its final week there is much to look forward to for both Victorian teams.

Vic Metro, the only undefeated team after the first three rounds of the competition, can clinch its sixth title in the past eight years if it's successful against NSW/ACT and Western Australia.

The championship decider could very well go down to the final match of the carnival when Metro plays Western Australia at Telstra Dome next Wednesday afternoon.

Vic Country will be looking to finish in style after what has been an exasperating series. But its victory against Western Australia at Subiaco suggests it is heading in the right direction.

Aside from both teams' success, what has been particularly satisfying is the

number of players who have represented Vic Country and Vic Metro in the expanded five-game championships.

Vic Metro has played 32 players and Vic Country 31 in an endorsement of the AFL's decision to revamp the championships' format.

It has provided an opportunity for an additional 13 players to participate in the carnival and that's what the talented player program is all about.

Considering the depth of the talent pool in Victoria it is gratifying that so many extra players have had the opportunity to pit their talents against their peers from other states.

Meanwhile, AFL Victoria is appreciative of all the partners, supporters and associated sponsors of TAC Cup clubs. We hope these people and organisations continue to work

with the clubs and enjoy a long and rewarding association.

Phil Partington, the North Ballarat Rebels region manager and Vic Country staff member, is someone who is always prepared to put in the extra yards.

Partington, in Perth for Vic Country's match against Western Australia, was only too willing to participate in a team-bonding cricket match.

He left a lasting impression on the team's players, coaches and staff, too, when, after diving unsuccessfully for a catch, he sustained a grade-three tear to his hamstring and was left hobbling around on crutches for the next three days.

Now that's what we call going beyond the call of duty!

Sadly, we farewell Stacey Goad, an extremely hard-working member of AFL Victoria football operations and the glue that held together the behind-the-scenes workings of the TAC Cup and VFL.

We thank Stacey for her tireless contributions and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Anton Grbac

High Performance Manager,
AFL Victoria



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COVER: In a disappointing year for the Bendigo Pioneers, Shane Page's good form has been a positive.



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Jets embrace new culture

Players take ownership of their actions

Ownership may well be a buzz word but its importance in today's football cannot be understated. This was the underlying theme of the Western Jets' development day last month.

Jets' region manager Shane Sexton says

establishing a set of standards for players, coaches and officials is the basis of an ongoing club culture which every club is working towards.

Sexton says for this to happen, everyone at the club, particularly the players, have to take ownership of their attitude and behaviour.

He says a consultancy group spent a day working with the players' leadership group, coach Steve Kretiuk, assistant coach Dale Tapping, staff member Jim Veale, development manager Neill

Sharpe and himself.

The issues discussed included different personality types, leadership, responsibility and self-assessment.

"What came out of that is getting to understand the characteristics of how some people behave and how leaders get the best out of other people," Sexton says.

"We talked about the actions of leaders not only for the players,

but also for staff. We came up with some certain behaviours as to how the leaders should act."

Sexton says the entire playing group was involved in the session, as it is important everyone embraces the session's message and makes it work.

He says key performance indicators will not revolve around kicks, marks, handballs, smoothers and tackles, but how players act as individuals and as team members.

"We're talking about how they go about their football to see if we can come up with some sort of system that's measurable during a game so we can give the players feedback as to how they are progressing within the team," Sexton says.

"We are handing over to the players responsibility for how they are going about their football, how they behave and how they go about their training."

Sexton notes player empowerment is a trend that has been successful in the AFL with clubs like Geelong and Sydney.

He says it is not aimed at winning premierships or a certain amount of games.

"It's about getting the right culture into place and that runs from one week to the next and the next and the next," Sexton says.

"The kids need to know there are a certain set of behaviours that have to happen.

"They will hopefully realise that it will not only help their football, but also their lives outside football."

Travis Lunardi was one of the Jets players who took part in the recent development day.



Falcons' full development day

Geelong reinforces TAC L120 campaign

The Geelong Falcons' development day was a hamburger with the lot – it had a bit of everything.

The 'ingredients' sandwiched into the players' day included sponsorship support, responsibility, awareness, appreciation, fitness testing, medical assessment, training and analysis.

And there was also a barbecue and, yes, there were hamburgers.

But for Falcons region manager Michael Turner the development day's setting – at Terang – was also telling.

First, it gave the players the chance to involve themselves in the TAC L120 campaign by driving to training with their parents. All Falcons players with their 'L' plates were directed to drive to Terang.

Apart from giving players some much-needed time on the road, it also provided a reality check for the side's Geelong-based players.

Turner says the commitment of the Falcons players from Warrnambool, Koroit and the Hampden region is sometimes underplayed.

"Those kids have to jump on a bus at 2.30pm to come to training on a Thursday night when the whole squad trains together at Geelong," Turner says.

"It is a big commitment when you think they don't get home until 10.30pm and the boys from Koroit



Geelong players like Patrick Dangerfield will benefit from the club's development days this year.

wouldn't get home until 11pm by the time they are picked up in Warrnambool.

"And on game day those boys are driven to Geelong by their parents and with petrol prices these days that's a \$100 trip."

Turner said 38 of the Falcons' 50 players headed to Terang in what was a rewarding day.

The players had training under coach Garry Hocking, went through a series of tests as part of a mid-year review and also had a medical check-up.

Turner said football manager Cameron Lofthouse then undertook some leadership work with the squad, where a raft of subjects were discussed and goals set.

As a group and individually, players were taken through DVD analysis with Champion Data statistics.

Turner said after the barbecue players drove home having ticked off everything on their to-do list.

"We see the development day as very important because we are a country region and the commitment some players and their parents undertake is huge," Turner said.

"It allows all the players and the parents on our squad to see that. It also gives us the opportunity to tie into the L120 message, which is good for the kids and the sponsor."

Turner says the Falcons will run a similar program on their next development day in August.

Henderson joins '300-game club'

Rebels head trainer an unsung hero

Peter Henderson can lay claim to a feat that no one else at the North Ballarat Rebels can.

But for a single game, Henderson, the Rebels' head

trainer, has seen every game the club has played. And next week he racks up his 300th game at the club.

Henderson, who joined the Rebels when North Ballarat was admitted to the TAC Cup in 1993, says he will join Dandenong Stingrays head trainer John Somers as the only TAC club official in the '300-game club'.

It is a truly remarkable performance.

Rebels region manager Phil Partington says Henderson's devotion to the club is unswerving. He is at the club at least two days a week, sometimes as many as four, from late October until the end of the Rebels' season.

"He has been magnificent for us," Partington says.

"He's just one of the blokes that loves his football and helping the young kids be the best they can."

Asked why he has remained so loyal to the Rebels, Henderson laughingly replies: "It's not for the money."

"Really, it is the chance to be involved with a high calibre of player. They are all really great and

they just want to play football at the best level they can."

Henderson has seen a parade of future AFL stars go through the Rebels' program, including Sydney Swan Adam Goodes, dual Brisbane Lions premiership player Tim Notting, 200-game Collingwood player Shane O'Brien, Kangaroos Shannon Watt and Drew Petrie and, more recently, Collingwood's 2008 Rising Star nominee Nathan Brown.

While Goodes has won two Brownlow Medals, Henderson initially rated younger brother Brett more highly.

"I thought Brett was a better player at under-18 level, but Adam had the dedication – you could tell he wanted to go further," Henderson said.

Of course, Henderson was also there at the MCG the day the Rebels defeated the Dandenong Stingrays to win their first premiership.

It was especially satisfying for Henderson after he had watched the Rebels endure some 25-goal hidings when they first joined the TAC Cup.

"To come through that and then be at the MCG in September – it was a big buzz," Henderson says.

"But it's been great from day one at the club. I've enjoyed every minute of it."

Just as all the Rebels players over the years, who have needed their ankles or shoulders taped or ice applied to sore spots, have enjoyed having Henderson around.



Josh Cowan is one of the many Rebels players who have been looked after by head trainer Peter Henderson.

TAC CUP statistics

ROUND 10

TAC CUP LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Murray Bushrangers	10	8	2	0	1107	745	148.59	32
Oakleigh Chargers	10	7	3	0	1008	778	129.56	28
North Ballarat Rebels	10	7	3	0	921	786	117.18	28
Eastern Ranges	10	7	3	0	946	873	108.36	28
Western Jets	10	7	3	0	868	876	99.09	28
Geelong Falcons	10	6	4	0	1071	817	131.09	24
Dandenong Stingrays	10	6	4	0	982	908	108.15	24
Gippsland Power	10	5	5	0	937	781	119.97	20
Sandringham Dragons	10	4	6	0	813	1044	77.87	16
Northern Knights	10	3	7	0	833	885	94.12	12
Calder Cannons	10	2	8	0	765	970	78.87	8
Bendigo Pioneers	10	1	9	0	810	1074	75.42	4

GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Grant Lofthouse	Eastern	24 (3)
Patrick Dangerfield	Geelong	22 (-)
Michael Still	Northern	22 (1)
Tom Rockliff	Murray	21 (1)
Jack Fitzpatrick	Western	21 (-)
Sam Wright	Murray	20 (2)
Jayden Hoegel	Oakleigh	20 (-)
Josh Gaylor	Bendigo	19 (-)
Tim Ruffles	North Ballarat	19 (-)
John Butcher	Gippsland	18 (1)
Caleb Tiller	Murray	17 (1)
Ryan McKenzie	North Ballarat	17 (1)
Lucas Boyd	Geelong	16 (-)
Jarryd Blair	Gippsland	16 (-)
John Nicolopoulos	Oakleigh	16 (-)
Serhat Temel	Calder	15 (-)
Sam Hughes	Geelong	15 (-)

MARKS ROUND 10

Lucas Boyd	Geelong	14
Callum Bartlett	Geelong	11
Stephen Witkowski	Northern	11
Jayden Post	Western	11
Jack Ziebell	Murray	10
Nathan O'Keefe	Eastern	9
Luke Thompson	Geelong	9
Ryan Harding	Eastern	8
Dean Gavin	Geelong	8
Dale Houghton	Gippsland	8
Kade Klemke	Murray	8
Robert Hale	Northern	8
Mitch Murray	Northern	8
Brad Rees	Queensland	8
Mitchell Brown	Sandringham	8
Darren Haby	Western	8
Steve Kennedy	Western	8
Scott Sherlock	Western	8

KICKS ROUND 10

Ryan Gillingham	Bendigo	22
Andrew Hooper	North Ballarat	22
Sam Blease	Eastern	20
Steele Sidebottom	Murray	20
Bryn Weadon	North Ballarat	20
Patrick Heenan	Northern Territory	19
Jack Ziebell	Murray	18
Jason Linke	North Ballarat	18
Billy Burstin	Oakleigh	18
Justin Morris	Western	18
Dean Smith-Whiting	Northern	17
Jayden Post	Western	17
Jordan Robbins	Western	17
Shane Page	Bendigo	16
Leigh Kitchin	Eastern	16
Dean Gavin	Geelong	16

HANDBALLS ROUND 10

Dayne Beams	Queensland	20
Leigh Kitchin	Eastern	19
Justin Myers	Queensland	16
Matthew Cunningham	Eastern	14
Rory Sloane	Eastern	14
Lucas Boyd	Geelong	14
Sam O'Sullivan	Oakleigh	14
Travis Lunardi	Western	14
James Watt	Bendigo	13
David Fahey	Calder	13
Steve Kennedy	Western	13
Josh Brown	Eastern	12
Matthew Scott	Eastern	12
Callum Bartlett	Geelong	12
Gabby Denton	Geelong	12
Zachary Ledin	Geelong	12
Josh Bryce	Murray	12
Jayden Hoegel	Oakleigh	12
Darren Haby	Western	12

Geelong Falcons	3.5	8.10	11.12	15.15	(105)
Oakleigh Chargers	0.0	4.1	8.2	11.3	(69)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons - Gavin 5, Leersen 2, Christensen 2, Denton, Ledin, Lynch, Rounds, Bartlett, Thompson.

Oakleigh Chargers - Weekes 3, Castricum 2, Sibosado 2, McMahon 2, Clarke, Wall.

BEST: Geelong Falcons - Simpkin, Boyd, MacKenzie, Gavin, Lynch, Denton.

Oakleigh Chargers - Henderson, Purcell, White, O'Sullivan, Burstin, Woods.

Eastern Ranges	5.6	7.11	16.14	23.18	(156)
Northern Territory	2.0	5.3	5.5	7.6	(48)

GOALS: Eastern Ranges - O'Keefe 6, Lofthouse 3, Kitchin 2, Cass 2, Renton 2, Harding, Harvey, Young, Scott, Gysberts, Moore, O'Shea, Brown.

Northern Territory - Tungatalum 3, Lindner, Bee-Hugo, B. Cunningham, Wray.

BEST: Eastern Ranges - Sloane, Blease, Cass, Brown, Renton, O'Keefe.

Northern Territory - Heenan, Long, B. Cunningham, Hale, Wooding, Ah Chee.

Sandringham Dragons	2.4	6.10	7.14	12.18	(90)
Gippsland Power	5.2	7.4	8.7	12.14	(86)

GOALS: Sandringham Dragons - Watts 2, Gilchrist 2, Hunt, Vickery, Brown, Tobin, McGarry, Bull, Ambrose, Thomas.

Gippsland Power - Houghton 3, Francis, Ryan, Donchi, Brown, Weston, Carr, Stevens, Heyne, Butcher.

BEST: Sandringham Dragons - Tobin, Martin, Sengstock, Suckling, Gleadhill, Bull.

Gippsland Power - Brown, Houghton, Blair, Nickless, Stockdale, McLinden.

Bendigo Pioneers	4.1	6.7	10.11	12.12	(84)
Northern Knights	4.5	7.7	12.9	17.12	(114)

GOALS: Bendigo Pioneers - Mason 2, Richardson 2, Healey 2, McKee 2, Bruns, Clymo, Coghlan, Williams.

Northern Knights - Zaharakis 5, Walsh 4, Smith-Whiting 3, Grimes, Woods, Power, Still, Lambert.

BEST: Bendigo Pioneers - Page, Petrie, Watt, Coghlan, Healey, Richardson.

Northern Knights - Witkowski, Brunelli, Still, Walsh, Smith-Whiting, Zaharakis.

Calder Cannons	2.4	5.5	8.6	9.7	(61)
Murray Bushrangers	4.4	10.8	14.11	19.16	(130)

GOALS: Calder Cannons - Tydell 3, Lucin, Fahey, Hayes, Prestia, Duhau, Ezard.

Murray Bushrangers - Sheahan 5, McNeil 3, Daniels 2, Browne 2, Wright 2, B. Hicks, Rockliff, A'vard, Priest, Tiller.

BEST: Calder Cannons - M. White, Ezard, Duhau, McCallum, Buckley, Woodburn.

Murray Bushrangers - Sidebottom, Rockliff, Ziebell, Sheahan, Klemke, McNeil.

North Ballarat Rebels	6.2	9.6	13.7	16.8	(104)
Queensland	1.1	3.2	4.5	7.9	(51)

GOALS: North Ballarat Rebels - Hooper 4, Cook 3, Giampaolo 2, Peters 2, Young 2, Knott, R. McKenzie, Linke.

Queensland - Lock 3, Beams 3, Thomson.

BEST: North Ballarat Rebels - Hooper, Roughead, Weadon, Curran, Linke, Cook.

Queensland - Beams, Dienjes, Nash, Reid, Lock, Thomson.

Dandenong Stingrays	2.4	6.6	7.9	8.12	(60)
Western Jets	1.2	5.6	5.12	7.15	(57)

GOALS: Dandenong Stingrays - Doria 2, Hunter 2, Bastinac, Purves, Heddles, Millard.

Western Jets - Carroll 3, Sherlock, Spinella, Tighe, Daw.

BEST: Dandenong Stingrays - Gillies, Ferraro, Hibberd, Hallahan, Casboul, Smith.

Western Jets - Post, Sherlock, Kennedy, Morris, Hartigan, Conway.



COACHES' AWARD 2008 ROUND 10 5-VOTE WINNERS

CALDER v MURRAY

5 • Steele Sidebottom • Murray

EASTERN v NORTHERN TERRITORY

5 • Rory Sloane • Eastern

NORTH BALLARAT v QUEENSLAND

5 • Andrew Hooper • North Ballarat

DANDENONG v WESTERN

5 • Michael Hibbard • Dandenong

GEELONG v OAKLEIGH

5 • Tom Simpkin • Geelong

SANDRINGHAM v GIPPSLAND

5 • Liam Tobin • Sandringham

BENDIGO v NORTHERN

5 • Steven Witkowski • Northern

5-4-3-2-1 votes awarded per game, with full match voting and votes tally announced at the end of the season.

TAC Cup club notes

Watch out for **TAC Cup Talk** each week on Ford's theoval.com.au. The show features all the latest TAC Cup news, with hosts Dwayne Russell and Nigel Carmody previewing the coming matches.



Calder Cannons

Want to be a Cannons sponsor or player sponsor? Phone Martin Stillman today to find out more details on 9350 7112.

Our sponsor of the week is the Queens Park Chiropractic Clinic. For all your chiropractic needs see the friendly staff at Queens Park Chiropractic clinic, Moonee Ponds. Phone 9326 1444.

A reminder to all players and staff to return all sold raffle tickets for the \$1000 draw to Martin or Len as soon as possible. Please note changes to raffle draw date and other arrangements have been posted on the Cannons' website.

Club merchandise is on sale. Check out the range of items on our website caldercannons.aflvic.com.au, or see Martin or Len.



Northern Knights

As part of our continued support of the L120 – 'Experience, Not Excuses' program, we encourage all players to keep logging their driving practice hours in their log books.



Dandenong Stingrays

The Stingrays would like to thank all the

Stingrays' sponsors, supporters and spouses who attended last week's sponsors luncheon. Your support is welcomed and the club appreciates all the assistance that you provide.

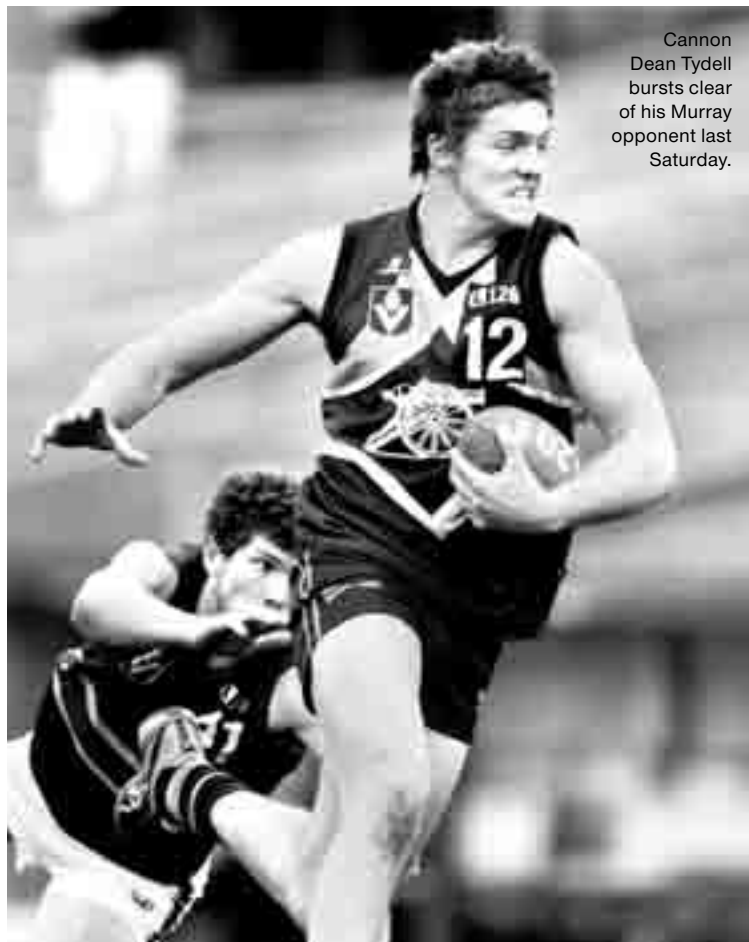
Congratulations to David Dickson and the staff and players

in the Vic Metro under-18 team for their efforts so far in the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships and good luck for the remainder of the carnival. Well done to Stingrays players Matt Clark, Aaron Purves, Ashley Smith, Steven Gaertner and Tom Scully on their selection in Vic Metro's squad and for their efforts in the games so far.



North Ballarat Rebels

This weekend we travel down the highway to the big smoke to take on the Northern



Cannon Dean Tydell bursts clear of his Murray opponent last Saturday.

Knights in what should be a great contest. Over the years NAB Oval has not been kind to the Rebels but this year's committed group enjoy a challenge and will no doubt give their all.

Well done to our 2008 playing squad who attended our mid-season camp last weekend. Many great stories and incidents came out of the weekend that further strengthened the group's bond. Good luck to our Vic Country representatives who are in the final stretch of the NAB AFL Championships. All players have represented their families, local club, the Rebels and themselves with distinction.

A reminder that the proceeds from our "Rocky Road" fundraiser are now overdue. Could all players ensure all money is returned to Phil at the club as soon as possible.



Gippsland Power


At long last

Gippsland Power will play our first home game this weekend on the Morwell Recreation Reserve's new ground surface. It has been a long wait but we must thank the Moe and Traralgon football clubs for their help and cooperation in assisting us with the use of their clubrooms and grounds for our home games

so far this season. Although we only have another couple of home games here at Morwell, we are sure that all visiting clubs will appreciate the new surface.


It would also be remiss of us at Gippsland Power if we did not acknowledge and thank the parents of our players for their efforts driving them to the game on the weekend when we played Queensland at Sandringham.


Finally, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate our two under-15 teams who represented Gippsland Power at the under-15 carnival held in Melbourne this week.



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TAC CUP fixture 2008

Round 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Eastern 9.14 (68) vs. **Oakleigh 22.11 (143)**
Gippsland 11.15 (81) vs. Dandenong 10.9 (69)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Calder 9.13 (67) vs. **Sandringham 12.18 (90)**
 Bendigo 11.7 (73) vs. **Murray 20.14 (134)**
 North Ballarat 13.10 (88) vs. **Geelong 19.13 (127)**
 Northern 9.11 (65) vs. **Western 15.10 (100)**

Round 2

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Eastern 12.12 (84) vs. **Sandringham 20.14 (134)**
 Northern 12.12 (84) vs. **Calder 16.14 (110)**
 Gippsland 12.10 (82) vs. **Murray 17.2 (104)**

North Ballarat 17.6 (108) vs. Bendigo 13.13 (91)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Western 9.6 (60) vs. **Oakleigh 19.21 (135)**
Dandenong 21.10 (136) vs. Geelong 15.17 (107)

Round 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Gippsland 13.10 (88) vs. **North Ballarat 14.11 (95)**
 Northern 6.7 (43) vs. **Eastern 14.12 (96)**
Murray 16.9 (105) vs. Geelong 6.16 (52)
Bendigo 13.23 (101) vs. Dandenong 14.11 (95)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Western 13.11 (89) vs. Sandringham 11.13 (79)
 Calder 15.9 (99) vs. **Oakleigh 20.13 (133)**

Round 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Western 18.11 (119) vs. Northern Territory 12.13 (85)
Tasmania 18.10 (118) vs. Bendigo 11.9 (75)
Murray 25.13 (163) vs. NSW/ACT 9.7 (61)
 Gippsland 14.10 (94) vs. **Eastern 16.14 (110)**
 Queensland 10.15 (75) vs. **Oakleigh 16.13 (109)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Northern 23.9 (147) vs. Dandenong 15.14 (104)
North Ballarat 22.12 (144) vs. Sandringham 7.13 (55)
Geelong 21.9 (135) vs. Calder 10.11 (71)

Development Day

APRIL 26/27

Round 5

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Calder 8.10 (58) vs. **Western 13.10 (88)**
 Geelong 14.9 (93) vs. **Eastern 15.10 (100)**
Gippsland 12.11 (83) vs. Northern 5.12 (42)
Sandringham 15.9 (99) vs. Bendigo 14.9 (93)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Dandenong 19.10 (124) vs. Murray 15.12 (102)
North Ballarat 14.12 (96) vs. Oakleigh 8.12 (60)

Development Day

MAY 10/11

Round 6

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Calder 7.3 (45) vs. **Dandenong 12.14 (86)**
North Ballarat 10.9 (69) vs. Eastern 6.11 (47)
 Gippsland 10.14 (74) vs. **Western 11.9 (75)**
Geelong 11.8 (74) vs. Northern 5.15 (45)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Murray 11.19 (85) vs. Sandringham 7.14 (56)
 Bendigo 7.9 (51) vs. **Oakleigh 8.21 (69)**

Round 7

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Dandenong 12.15 (87) vs. **Eastern 14.14 (98)**
Murray 14.8 (92) vs. Northern 10.17 (77)
 Oakleigh 10.9 (69) vs. **Gippsland 14.18 (102)**

SUNDAY, MAY 25

North Ballarat 14.14 (98) vs. Calder 10.14 (74)
 Bendigo 15.7 (97) vs. **Western 16.11 (107)**
Geelong 23.13 (151) vs. Sandringham 7.10 (52)

Round 8

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Northern 23.20 (158) vs. Northern Territory 3.11 (29)
Gippsland 18.24 (132) vs. Bendigo 6.14 (50)
 Geelong 13.9 (87) vs. **Queensland 14.10 (94)**
 North Ballarat 11.10 (76) vs. **Dandenong 12.12 (84)**
Western 17.14 (116) vs. Murray 12.11 (83)
 Sandringham 9.10 (64) vs. **Oakleigh 16.12 (108)**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Eastern 13.11 (89) vs. Calder 9.13 (67)

National Championships

JUNE 7/8

Round 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Calder 16.17 (113) vs. Northern Territory 4.13 (37)
Oakleigh 16.17 (113) vs. Northern 8.10 (58)
Geelong 21.14 (140) vs. Western 8.9 (57)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Gippsland 17.13 (115) vs. Queensland 11.11 (77)
 Bendigo 14.11 (95) vs. **Eastern 14.14 (98)**
Murray 16.13 (109) vs. North Ballarat 6.7 (43)
 Sandringham 14.10 (94) vs. **Dandenong 20.17 (137)**

Development Day

JUNE 21/22

Round 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Geelong 15.15 (105) vs. Oakleigh 11.3 (69)
Eastern 23.18 (156) vs. Northern Territory 7.6 (48)
 Bendigo 12.12 (84) vs. **Northern 17.12 (114)**
 Calder 9.7 (61) vs. **Murray 19.16 (130)**
Sandringham 12.18 (90) vs. Gippsland 12.14 (86)

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

North Ballarat 16.8 (104) vs. Queensland 7.9 (51)
Dandenong 8.12 (60) vs. Western 7.15 (57)

Round 11

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Gippsland vs. Calder *Morwell NOON*
 Murray vs. Bendigo *Princess Park, Shep. 1pm*

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Sandringham vs. Western *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 10:45am*
 Northern vs. North Ballarat *NAB Oval 11am*
 Oakleigh vs. Eastern *Warrawee Park 2:15pm*
 Geelong vs. Dandenong *Skilled Stadium 2:15pm*

Round 12

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Oakleigh vs. Western *Warrawee Park 11am*
 North Ballarat vs. Gippsland *AUSTAR Arena 11am*
 Murray vs. Eastern *Norm Minns Oval, Wang. 1pm*
 Dandenong v Northern *Shepley Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Bendigo vs. Sandringham *Golden Square Noon*
 Calder vs. Geelong *ABD Group Stadium 1pm*

Round 13

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Dandenong vs. Calder *Shepley Oval 11am*
 Bendigo vs. North Ballarat *Golden Square Noon*
 Gippsland vs. Oakleigh *Morwell 1pm*
 Murray vs. Sandringham *WJ Findlay Oval, Wang. 1pm*
 Eastern vs. Western *Box Hill City Oval 2:15pm*

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Geelong vs. Northern *Skilled Stadium 1pm*

Round 14

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Oakleigh vs. Sandringham *Warrawee Park 11am*
 Geelong vs. Gippsland *Skilled Stadium 11:30am*
 Murray vs. Western *Deakin Reserve, Shep. Noon*
 Dandenong vs. Bendigo *Shepley Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Calder vs. Northern *ABD Group Stadium 11:15am*
 North Ballarat vs. Eastern *AUSTAR Arena Noon*

Development Day

AUGUST 2/3

Round 15

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Western vs. Calder *Burbank Oval 10:45am*
 Geelong vs. Bendigo *Skilled Stadium 1pm*
 Eastern vs. Gippsland *Box Hill City Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Oakleigh vs. Dandenong *Warrawee Park 10:30am*
 Sandringham vs. North Ballarat *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 11am*
 Northern vs. Murray *NAB Oval 1:30pm*

Round 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Sandringham vs. Northern *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 10:45am*
 Bendigo vs. Oakleigh *Golden Square Noon*
 Murray vs. Calder *Princess Park, Shep. 1pm*
 Eastern vs. Geelong *Box Hill City Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

North Ballarat vs. Western *AUSTAR Arena Noon*
 Gippsland vs. Dandenong *Casey Fields 2pm*

Round 17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Murray vs. Dandenong *Norm Minns Oval, Wang. 1pm*
 Gippsland vs. Sandringham *Morwell 1pm*
 Western vs. Bendigo *Burbank Oval 1pm*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Geelong vs. North Ballarat *Skilled Stadium * 10:40am*
 Calder vs. Eastern *ABD Group Stadium 11am*
 Northern vs. Oakleigh *NAB Oval 2pm*

Round 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Western vs. Geelong *Burbank Oval 11:10am*
 Bendigo vs. Gippsland *Golden Square 11:30am*
 North Ballarat vs. Northern *AUSTAR Arena 1pm*
 Eastern vs. Murray *Box Hill City Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Dandenong vs. Sandringham *Shepley Oval 11am*
 Oakleigh vs. Calder *Warrawee Park 2pm*

Round 19

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Eastern vs. Northern *Box Hill City Oval 10:45am*
 Murray vs. Oakleigh *Lavington Sports Ground 1pm*
 Bendigo vs. Calder *Golden Square 1pm*
 Dandenong vs. North Ballarat *Shepley Oval 2pm*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Sandringham vs. Geelong *Trevor Barker Beach Oval Noon*
 Gippsland vs. Western *Morwell 1pm*

* AFL curtain-raiser

MCC Herald Sun comp hots up



Landmark schoolboy program in 32nd year

While this year marks 150 years of Australian Football, the MCC Herald Sun Competition – a partnership between AFL Victoria, MCC Foundation and the Herald Sun – is in its 32nd year and going strong.

The MCC Herald Sun Competition involves secondary school student from across Victoria. The competition includes: the MCC Herald Sun Shield, which involves 16 schools from country and metropolitan regions playing for a berth in a grand final at the MCG; the MCC Herald Sun Country Shield, which involves 17 schools from all regions of Victoria in a match program culminating in a final in Melbourne; and the MCC Herald Sun Country Cup, in which more than 100 schools participate in an regional competition.

In the MCC Herald Sun Shield all this year's pool winners have been crowned. They are St Josephs College Geelong (pool A), Essendon Keilor College (pool B), De La Salle (pool C) and Assumption College Kilmore (pool D).

The semi-finals will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at TEAC Oval, Port Melbourne, with St Josephs taking on Keilor College at 11am and De La Salle playing Assumption at 1pm.



The two winners will play in the Grand Final to be played at the MCG on Saturday, August 16.

In the MCC Herald Sun Country Shield, the regional group winners were Ballarat Clarendon College (group A, Ballarat), Notre Dame College (group B, North East), Marist Sion College Warragul (group C, Latrobe/Gippsland), Christian College Geelong (group D, Geelong/Hampden), and Mildura Secondary College (group E, Sunraysia /Central Murray).

In the qualifying finals Ballarat Clarendon College defeated Mildura Secondary College and now play Christian College Geelong in the second semi-final.

In the first semi-final, Notre Dame College Shepparton defeated Marist College Warragul, 19.15 (129) to 2.6 (18).

The winner of Ballarat Clarendon

College-Christian College Geelong match will play Notre Dame College Shepparton in the Grand Final at TEAC Oval, Port Melbourne on Wednesday, August 6.

In the MCC Herald Sun Country Cup's results to date: Horsham SC (Wimmera) defeated Monivae College (South West) 9.10 (64) to 6.5 (41); Emmanuel College (Hampden) defeated Christian College (Geelong); Rochester Secondary College (Bendigo) defeated Kyneton Secondary College (Ballarat) 13.11 (89) to 9.7 (61); Kyabram Secondary College (Goulburn) defeated Albury Secondary College (North East) 11.12 (78) to 7.3 (45); and Wonthaggi Secondary College (Gippsland) defeated Bairnsdale Secondary College (Latrobe).

Mallee (Sunraysia) and Murray (North Central) are still to play.