

TIGER

ALES

**Nhill & District
Sporting Club**



Halfway There

That's right folks, Pol is now halfway to 400 games! And of course, at the conclusion of this round, we're also halfway through the season.

On behalf of players, members and supporters we would like to congratulate Ben Pollock on his 200 games this week. Not too many people would have gained membership into the 200 Club after just turning 30. This shows tremendous dedication and commitment, and is the result of years of hard work and sacrifice. Pol is one of only two current Tiger's players still wearing the jumper who also played in our 2010 Grand Final appearance. He started his senior football career in 2004, at the tender age of 15, apparently kicking two goals on debut. He is a terrific leader, a bit of a character, but most importantly he bleeds blue and yellow and we as a club are very lucky to have him in our ranks. Best of luck on Saturday Pol.

While talking about milestones, we'd also like to mention that crowd favourite, Jake Harrap, played his 50th game for the club last week at Ararat. Once again, another example of someone who has dedicated themselves to the Tigers for the past four years, both on and off the field.

This Saturday we welcome the Giants to Davis Park for the first time. No doubt they would be reasonably happy with their entrance into the Wimmera Football/Netball League and all sides can expect some tough games.

After the day's sport has finished we have Maggie's Pizza for tea and a few other awards and official presentations. If the Lip-Sync Battle isn't your thing, the bar will still be open and the music will still be on; so please stay around for a nice relaxing evening at the club.

Looking further afield, the Black Tie Ball is coming up quickly and then we have the Last Man Standing the week after that. Both are terrific nights, not to be missed. Ticketing and event details are later in this edition.

Best of luck to all sides this week. Make sure we come away with a few wins.

The Editor.

From The President

Almost at the halfway point of the year and where are we in your eyes? More importantly, are you where you want to be? Is our club travelling in the right direction? Are there improvements we can make? What do you see our future holding?

Lots of questions I know but we need your help for the answers. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing our year across the club, on and off the field, and seeking to find out from members and officials their opinions on our sports and other portfolios across the club. If you would like to add to the conversation, I'm happy to take your feedback. You can email to the club secretary at nhillsportingclub@bigpond.com.au or talk to me or any committee member.



Ahrens

This is a great way to continually improve our performance and fix issues before they become big problems. It's also a way to start to plan for the coming season. We need people around the club to be involved and take on the many roles across the club. If we don't have these positions filled, we can't continue to operate successfully. The old saying "many hands make light work" is very true. Now is a good time to look around the club and see what happens and how it functions. Make a commitment to help out and lets keep a good thing going.

We are looking for fresh faces to fill committee level positions, right down to volunteers on the duty roster. So, if you are a member of this club and want to see it continue, develop and succeeded, please get involved.

Brett Wheaton, President.

Black Tie Ball Tickets

The Black Tie Ball is coming up on July 7th. This is the week after the bye, when we play Warrack at Warrack.

Tickets are being sold in tables of ten, so get your friends together and prepare once again for one of the best nights in Nhill.

Good Faces 4 Radio are returning and always put on a brilliant performance. Tickets cost \$40. BYO nibbles. No ticket, no entry.

To organise tickets, please contact Stacey Rethus on 0429 005 450, email nhillsportingclub@bigpond.com.au or pop into Westvic Spares.

This is a night not to be missed!

Football Report

Finally the Senior team was able to break through for its first win of the season against Dimboola at home, in a pleasing performance in Round 7. Although not a full four-quarter performance, the team was able to play some quality footy and get rewarded with a win. Josh Lees made his senior debut and looked right at home down in the forward line with his strong work ethic standing out. The Reserves were off there game a little and allowed Dimboola to run away with the game in the final quarter.

Extremely cold conditions at Ararat saw the Senior team go down by 12 goals. We were able to match them for certain periods of the game, especially early in the third quarter, but just could not sustain it for long enough. Adapting to a new game plan mid season is never easy but we will continue to work on it and improve over the rest of the season.

The Reserves gave the Rats a five goal head start in the opening quarter, which ended up being the difference. It was great to see the boys not give in and come right back into the game and challenge late.

The aim for the senior team for the rest of the season is to continue developing our game plan with a view to 2019, whilst also giving opportunities to Under 17 and Reserves players that have done the work and are in good form. I think a number of games are winnable so we are hoping for a better return in the second half of the season.

From a Reserve's point of view, we will be looking for the team to consolidate their position in the top five and to finish as high as possible to give them a great shot at success in September.

Tim Bone, Senior Coach.

Every Thursday night

JAG THE JOKER IS BACK!

Prize pool starts @ \$100

Free entry ticket with your meal

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Netball News

If we hadn't realised that winter was upon us, we're certainly aware now after dismal conditions in Ararat. A slippery court and wintery weather did not dampen the spirit of our netballers. We had a mixed bag of results on the day with the U13s having a good win and the U17s and B Grade both experiencing close losses.

Our A Grade girls looked dashing in their Freeze MND socks - which the girls purchased. The proceeds of these sales go toward the MND Foundation, which raises much needed funds to support research for a cure of Motor Neurone Disease. We were also fortunate that the club donated some extra socks as additions to our weekly incentives.

We are up to the last match of the first half of the season as we face the Southern Mallee Giants for the first time in our history. We are looking forward to a day of competitive and fun netball, that will hopefully see us finish up with the four points. Good luck to all teams for a cracker week of sport!

Go Tiges!

Emma Beer, A Grade Coach.



Last Man Standing

The Last Man Standing Draw is after our next home game on the 14th of July!

There are only 300 tickets available at \$100 each. Tickets will be available from next week.

We have a total prize pool of over \$12,000, with a \$10,000 travel voucher for first prize.

Complimentary standard drinks and canapes will be available between 8:00pm and 10:00pm.

This will be another terrific social night for the club and we hope to see you all there!

Player Profile

Full name: Tess Toni McQueen

Nickname: Tickle

Age: 18

Last club: Nhill

Junior club: Nhill

Occupation: Grain handler

Position on field/court: WA/C

Favourite AFL team: Hawthorn

Favourite AFL player: Jarrod Berry

Pre-game ritual: Get dressed

Favourite food to eat before a game: Whatever I am feeling like

Favourite song of the moment: Amy Shark - I Said Hi

Favourite song of all time: Nhill Tigers Theme Song

Favourite saying: "Hahaha"

How would your coach describe you:

The better McQueen

Favourite joke:

Tess was unable to provide us with a joke, so her better half came to the rescue:

Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees?

Because they're really good at it.

What don't blind people skydive?

Because it scares their dog.

Two gold fish are in a tank. One looks at the other and says "Do you know how to drive this thing?"

An atheist, a crossfitter and a vegan walk into a bar. I know because they told me.



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Hockey Report

Senior Country Championships

The Wimmera women's hockey team played in the B1 division at the Victorian Women's Senior Country Championships 2018 on the June long weekend from Saturday 9th of June to Monday 11th of June. Although the Wimmera team did not make the grand final they finished a very respectable third against some very tough opposition.

The Wimmera's 15 player team included four players from Kaniva and two from Nhill, with Nhill's Helen Cannell coordinating and supporting the team. Other WHA clubs represented were Horsham and Warracknabeal.

Kaniva players were Heidi White, Kayla White, Sharon Williams and Olivia Williams.

Nhill players were Rachel Clark and Kendra Clark.

These six players also happen to be all from the 'Zanker' family, with Sharon, Heidi and Rachel sisters, and Olivia, Kayla and Kendra their daughters, respectively. It was a good fun weekend, and an exciting combination of family. It must be a first for the WHA to send this many family members to this level of competition in the one team.

Preliminary Games

Wimmera 1 (Amy Welsh 1) defeated Maryborough 0.

Wimmera 1 (Amy Welsh 1) lost to Peninsula Lynx 2.

Wimmera 1 (Amy Welsh 1) drew with West Gippsland 1.

Wimmera 2 (Donna Rigby 1, Alysha Genn 1) defeated North Central 0.

Semi Final

Wimmera 0 lost to West Gippsland 1.

Rachel Clark, Hockey Reporter.



**White Hart
Hotel**





Above

Wimmera Women's Hockey Squad for the Senior Country Championships.

TIGERS SOCIAL CALENDAR

RD 9 | JUNE 23

Lip-Sync Battle, Maggie's Pizza

RD 11 | JULY 7 (WARRACK AWAY GAME)

Black Tie Ball

RD 12 | JULY 14

Last Man Standing Raffle, Decades Disco

RD 15 | AUGUST 4

Reunion Game, Games night, Bingo & Trivia

RD 17 | AUGUST 18

Sponsors Day, Sportsman's Night

The Jungle Telegraph

Dodds keeps options open. Astute readers of the Footballer have noticed that Ritchie Dodds has kept his name on the team list, appearing next to number 67. "I wanted to keep my options open for a comeback, just in case I got the itch again (or the club offered me enough money). I also asked for a new number which better reflected my age." When Tales inquired about why Ritchie did not play last Saturday when the Twos were short, he stated that it was still too early in the season, but he had them pencilled in for Round 17.

Rusty's New Do. Did you know Rusty barracked for the Tigers? Neither did we, but Mark Knight managed to find him getting a trim after last year's AFL Grand Final. We're pretty certain he wasn't the only bloke to end up sporting that look (*ahem* David Fischer). Of course, this isn't the first time Rusty has appeared in the media. Sure, he was the headline act in the Mail-Times the other week, but here's another snippet we also found from the archives:



Suspended

Centreman-rover McKinnis has also enjoyed a fine season, but faces a late start to season 1990.

Three Nhill reserves players also fronted the league tribunal after reports by field umpire Anthony Morisi.

Joe Wellington was suspended for two games for using abusive language toward the umpire, Jamie Nichols was suspended for one game for striking an unknown player and Russell Borgelt was given a severe reprimand for striking Dimboola's Max Skene.

The three Tigers pleaded not guilty but were found guilty.

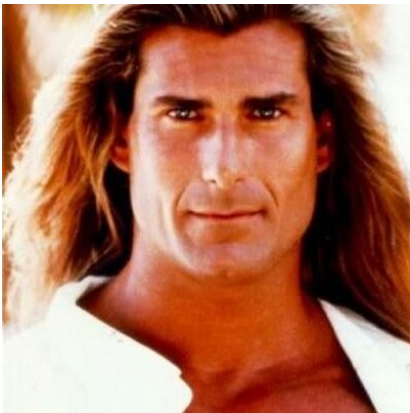
Kicked to the kerb. Poor old Simon Cave had a rough trot after our first win of the season, with a bed temporarily unavailable for him at his usual Nhill residence. We have been told he was forced to drink his Coke Zero outside in the cold, but in the end decided to head back to Melbourne Saturday night as he had a luncheon on Sunday which he did not want to be tired for.

Two years together. Nhill's favourite power couple (pictured on page five of Tiger Tales) just celebrated their two year anniversary. However, Riley Launer, a close friend of the couple, couldn't work out what all the fuss was about. "Me and VB have been together for five years now, but you don't see us making Facebook posts and getting all lovey dovey. I thought it was all a bit over the top to be honest."

Mystery illness. A couple of weeks ago Ben Pollock found himself a late withdrawal from the Horsham game, struck down with a mystery illness. Conspiracy theories soon took hold that he was deliberately sitting on the sidelines for one game so his milestone game would be held at Davis Park. "Not many people know this," said an anonymous senior captain, "but Pol has played his 50th, 100th and 150th milestone games all at Ararat. He was due to play his 200th there as well this season, but I believe his age was showing and he was worried about having too many celebratory drinks on the way home if he had another landmark game halfway across the state." When we put these allocations to Pol he said: "Those comments are veracious!" "You realise that means true, Pol?" "Oh, does it? Veracious was just a big word I heard someone use the other day so I thought I'd give it a go. Still, I stand by my comment."



Harrap's 50 games. Once again, congratulations to Jake Harrap on his 50 games for the Tigers. We hope you had a wheely good game and that you don't tyre from football anytime soon. No doubt you still have plenty of tread left on the boots and you aren't due for a blow out. Nice haircut recently by the way; certainly no balding there.



Look-A-Like

We have our first look-a-like of the year and it's safe to say this one is pretty dead on. Just look at those long locks and that charming grin. Toby has slowly been getting used to his "Fabio" nickname at training, something he didn't understand at first, but one that older generations can certainly appreciate. Of course, since the team photo was taken Toby has decided to have a bit of a trim: it's no coincidence that he played his best game of the year on Saturday as he could finally keep the hair out of his eyes.

Club Rosters

Keeping this club running takes a lot of hard work. Therefore, there are a number of rosters about the club to help spread the load. Please be prompt for your duties and if you're not sure what needs to be done then please ask. If you are not able to make your allocated date or time then you need to arrange your own swap. **Complete copies of the rosters can be found around the club, our website, and as a link on FlexiBuzz.**

Rosters For Round 9, June 23rd, Nhill vs SM Giants

Canteen Roster			
9am - 12pm	11am - 2pm	12pm - 3pm	2pm - 5pm
Jodie Cole*	Desley John	Tahnee Purchase	Tracey Preston
Russell Borgelt	Annie Gebert	Bone Family	Shirley Honeyman
Michelle Barber	Michelle Robins		Tracey Jones
Jake Harrap**	*Set Up 7am - 9am	**9:30am - 11am	

Afternoon Tea Roster			
Provide Afternoon Tea (3 dozen pieces by 9:30am)	Prepare & Serve 2:50pm - 4:30pm	Provide Soup (4 litres by 10am)	
Mandy Alexander	Karen Wheaton	Yvonne Gladdis	
Lisa Braybrook	Janine Clark	Yvonne Jones	
Michelle Barber		Yvonne Jones	

BBQ Roster		Sandwiches	
8:30am - 10:30am	11:30am - 2:30pm	8:30am Set Up	9:30am Prep
Daz White		Sarah White	Janet Harris
Jake Gebert		Renae Wheaton	Lisa Braybrook
Sam Bone		Bec Clark	Mick Purchase

Bar Duties			
Day Bar		Night Bar	
12pm - 2:30pm		5pm - 8pm	Em Dickinson
1:30pm - 4pm		8pm - Late	Em Beer
2:30pm - 5pm	JB		

Tea Roster			
21 June	Thursday	U17 Footballers - Group 1	
23 June	Saturday	Maggie's Pizza	
28 June	Thursday	Bye - no tea	
5 July	Thursday	A Grade Netballers	
12 July	Thursday	Reserve Footballers - Group 2	

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Nhill & District Sporting Club Committee

A huge thank you to our committee members for 2018. Their time and contributions are certainly appreciated. Please support our volunteers and the club whenever possible as many hands make light work. There are still places available on the committee if any members would like to assist.

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Bar Notice

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Items For Tiger Tales

Do you have something worth including in Tiger Tales? All contributions are welcome. Items need to be submitted to the editor by the Tuesday evening before the next football/netball home game.

Please send all contributions to:

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