

## **HERE COME THE FINALS.**

**Determined to salvage something positive out of a season cruelled by Covid AFL Outer East is set to play one more round before heading to finals.**

**However that will depend on Melbourne coming out of lockdown as planned next week.**

**Clubs will then have two training sessions before playing the last round on August 28th.**

**IF lockdown is extended there'll be no more home and away games and we'll go straight into finals on September 4th.**

**There is of course one exception to these changes, our incredible women's football team is already through to the grand final courtesy of that sensational win over Yarra Junction last month .**

**Checking the ladders in our football and netball grades there's a strong possibility that ALL our teams will play finals.**

**On this basis OFC can claim to be the most successful club off all the old YVMD clubs, and we need to acknowledge the hard work and professional approach of the Committee , the various coaching staffs and the guys at the pointy end- Grant Faull, Bruce Lowery and Matt Blanchard from the Sports Management Group.**

**While volunteers at every community club have had to negotiate their way through the various lockdowns OFC's problems were compounded by the mid season storm disaster which forced the Club to draw even deeper on already stretched resources.**

**OK- now to the fixture.**

**IF Lockdown ends next week we will play Round 15 on August 28.**

**FOOTBALL and NETBALL at Pakenham.**

**U/19 football v Healesville at Pakenham**

**Womens Football- don't play this week- Grand Final following week.**

**IF Lockdown is extended we will play finals on September 4.**

**At this stage we believe these will be the match-ups-**

**Senior football v Pakenham. (Elimination Final)**

**Reserves football v Wandin (Elimination Final)**

**U/19 football v Mt Evelyn (Elimination Final )**

**A Grade v Narre Warren (Qualifying Final)**

**B Grade v Narre Warren ( Qualifying Final)**

**C Grade v Narre Warren (Qualifying Final**

**D Grade v Upwey (Elimination Final)**

**U/17 v Pakenham ( Elimination Final)**

**Womens Football Grand Final- September 12.**

**IF Lockdown is extended even further there are other contingencies which we'll come to in the weeks ahead.**

**As a last resort teams one and two will clash in October in the Grand Final- so the following OFC teams would play off for the flag- women's football, A Grade, B Grade and C Grade netball**

## **WOMENS FOOTY INTO GRAND FINAL**

**As we know our women have gone straight through to the grand final after an awesome second semi final win over ladder leaders Yarra Junction.**

**For those who missed it the final scores-**

**OFC 4-8-32 YARRA JUNCTION 1-5-11**

**Goal Kickers-. S Northey 2, K. Burgess, M. Collins**

**Best Players- M. Collins, C. Hyett, K. Verbakel, C. Yuki, C. Wilson, L. Cody.**



**To put this win into context- this is our first season in the women's competition. In Round One at Belgrave we didn't score- not even a single behind- in the first three quarters of the game.**

**Congrats to the girls, coach Simon Gilson and everyone who's helped with this amazing team.**

**Special shout out to ruck star Chelsea Wilson who suffered a leg fracture against Yarra Junction. Chelsea is already off the crutches and in a moonboot. There is a downside to that- she says she has to do the household chores again !!**



*Chelsea - hospital bound, but already off the crutches.*

## NETBALL

Checking the possible finals match-ups above there's a stat that really jumps out at you- OFC and Narre Warren have emerged as the powerhouse clubs in 2021. We are on course to clash in A Grade, B Grade and C Grade finals. In particular we've heard that Narre is putting together a team they think can snatch our A Grade crown. Cannot wait for the finals to begin !!!

Meantime- what have you been doing during Lockdown ? Whatever it is it's unlikely to involve as much research as a couple of our stats gurus have put in as they compared

two of the Leagues all time great goal shooters- our very own Peri Stewart and Tess Linkins.

Check out their extraordinary figures-

TESS LINKINS		PERI STEWART
60	GAMES	58
2197	GOALS	2756
36.62	AVERAGE PER GAME	47.52
13	50+ GOALS IN A GAME	22
-	75+ GOALS IN A GAME	8*
2015,2017	PREMIERSHIPS	2017,2018,2019
-	ANITA WOODS MEDAL	2017
2016	ALMA FOWLER MEDAL	2019
2015,2016	LEAGUE LEADING SHOOTER	2017,2018,2019
70	MOST GOALS IN A GAME	91*
964*	MOST GOALS IN A SEASON	937
	*Indicates League Record	

Can you believe there is actually a "stats category" for "75+ Goals in a Game " ?!!

Peri and Tess played in only one grand final together- in 2017. Ash Howard was also in that premierships team . It was doubtlessly the most potent netball attack in League history.

## JUNIORS- DO WE HAVE SOME YOUNG TALENT COMING THROUGH?!!

Our U11 Boys, having gone through the year undefeated, won their Qualifying Final by 2 goals and have gone through to a Preliminary Final . Our U13 Girls took on Yarra Glen in an Elimination Final with our girls giving it everything. Unfortunately our opposition proved too strong and a successful year has come to an end.

Our U13 Boys had a dominant Elimination Final win over Healesville and moved into the Semi Finals.



**Our U15 Girls and Boys both commence their respective finals campaigns as soon as we resume, with both teams having similar courses to follow ! The Girls finished the year comfortably in 3rd spot and will take on 2nd placed Healesville in a Qualifying Final. The Boys also finished the year in 3rd spot and will come up against 2nd placed Wesburn. Both competitions have been very close all season and are both going to be tight finals series and wide open to all teams !**

**Also a huge congratulations to Pat Ford (now in his 5th year as President - our longest serving President) and his team for their hard work and dedication over the past 18 months to keep our Junior club so strong in such unprecedented circumstances - you continue to do an amazing job !**

### **CRICKET- HAVE A GAME**

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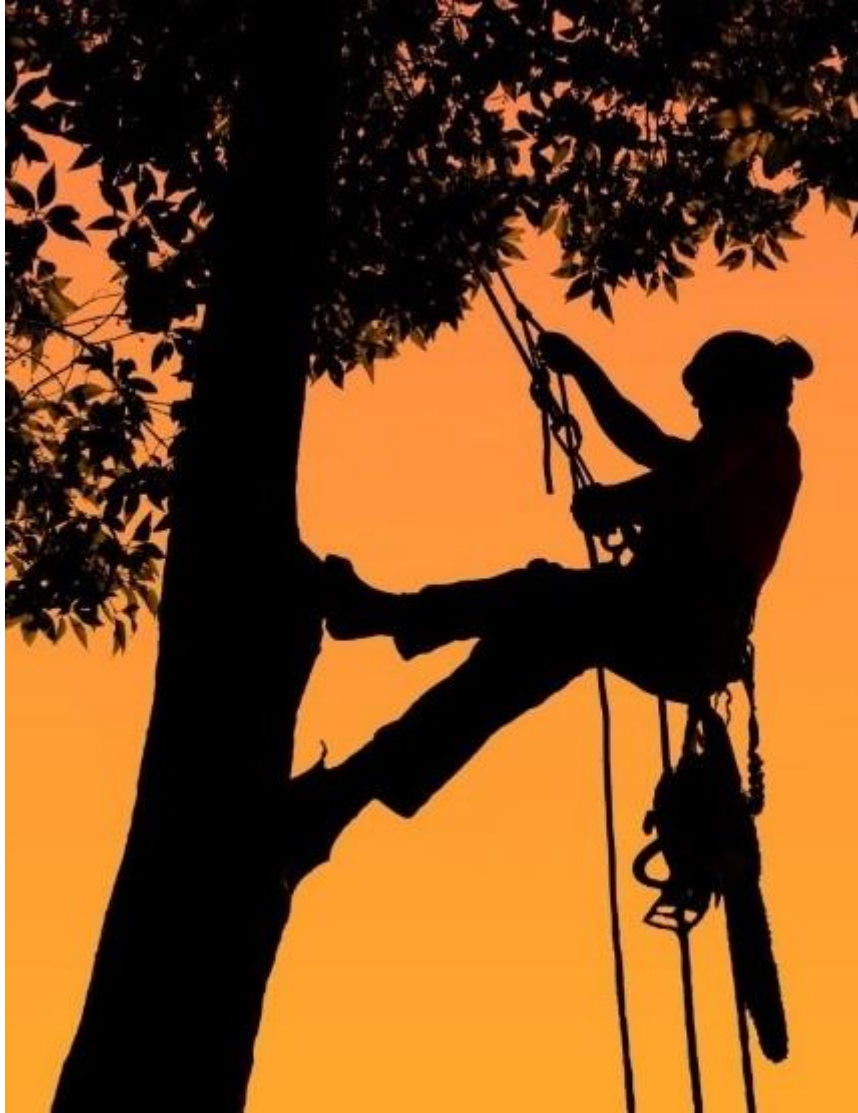
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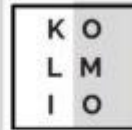
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