

# 5TH ROUND 6 14 MAY 2022 QUARTER



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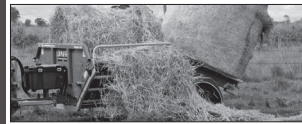
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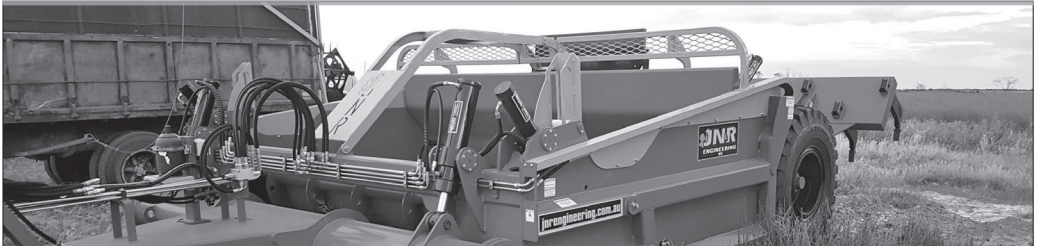
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# DENT'S MESSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations, we have completed the first third of our competition Home & Away Rounds for Season 2022. Our competition ladders are starting to take shape as we continue to move through the rounds, we have seen some of our premiership fancies showing their skill and determination, yet our competitions still remain relatively wide open.

Firstly, I would like to remind all Spectators, Parents, Participants, Coaches and others about Spectator Etiquette. As over the last couple of weeks we have witnessed some poor behaviour which does not reflect well on the Clubs and League. All Clubs within The Apprenticeship Factory KDL are required to abide by the AFL Victoria Country Handbook 2022, this document contains a series of Codes of Conduct. Therefore, I am imploring all attending KDL matches for the remainder of the season abide by these Codes, as poor or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and may lead to other consequences.

As part of community umpiring week, this is also a reminder to all that umpires for both Football and Netball should not be abused for decisions made in a game. Many of the umpires volunteer their time and effort into making our games happen and all players, club officials, and spectators need to respect the role the umpire plays in making the match happen.

This weekend we begin our first lot of split rounds which have been introduced instead of team byes now that we have an even number of teams in the competition. This weekend we have a number of

cracking matches across our Football and Netball Competitions, including the following matches:

#### Saturday 14th May 2022

Murchison-Toolamba FNC v Undera FNC

Stanhope FNC v Violet Town FNC

Nagambie FNC v Dookie United FNC

#### Sunday 15th May 2022

Shepparton East FNC v Tallygaroopna

Couple of reminders after Round Five:

- Photos, Milestones, and other important items happening around the league, please send these through to Julian Perta, KDL Operations Officer so that we may celebrate these on social media and in the 5th Quarter
- Football Matches – all breaks should be conducted on the ground to ensure we remain on time throughout the day.
- Football & Netball Scores – please ensure these are through in a timely manner to allow for accurate and timely media reporting to occur.

Good luck for all heading into Round 6.

Fraser Kerrins

**President**

The Apprenticeship Factory KDL



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TEAMS FOR  
ROUND 6

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# UNDER THE RING

KDL Publicity Officer Sam Saracino

## **MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA V UNDERA**

Murchison-Toolamba will be desperate to get back on the winners' list after a heart-breaking loss last weekend. The Grasshoppers were outstanding last weekend and lead for large parts of the contest only to go down in the last quarter. Jade Kay in the defence has been one of the Grasshoppers' more consistent players this season and she has been ably supported by coach Sharne Milne and Georgia Foster. If that trio can continue their good form, then the Grasshoppers should get the win.

**Tip:** Murchison-Toolamba.

## **STANHOPE V VIOLET TOWN**

Violet Town will be looking to make it two wins on the bounce when it travels to Stanhope. The Towners have been playing some good netball in 2022. They have only suffered the one defeat where they were out-played, but to be fair not many teams will be able to go with Shepparton East in 2022. Jo Wild and Kolby Wild have been two of the girls leading the way. The Towners had a thrilling win over Murchison-Toolamba last weekend. What they will be looking for is some consistency. Prue Holmes was the standout in the come-from-behind win last weekend while Brittany Button was another player who was important for the Towners. If they can share the load today, they can get the chocolates.

**Tip:** Violet Town

## **NAGAMBIE V DOOKIE UNITED**

This should be a good game of netball and one that will show us a fair bit of where these teams are at in the race for the premiership. Dookie United has put together a really good patch of wins over the past month, but co-coach Georgie O'Connor knows this will be a real test for her girls. Nagambie coach Katie Sullivan will also welcome the challenge from the visitors. The Lakers are undefeated after five rounds and many believe they will be very difficult to beat for this year's title. I think the Lakers have good players in every third of the court and that will be the difference in the final wash-up.

**Tip:** Nagambie.

## **SHEPPARTON EAST V TALLYGAROPNA**

Is the grand final match-up in round 6?

Most would say yes.

But these two teams, especially Fiona Down of Tallygaroopna and Erryn Hueston of Shepparton East will not be getting drawn into that talk. They know it is a long season and there is likely to be plenty of twists and turns before we get to the finals in September. Both are in fantastic form. Tallygaroopna

is averaging 61.8 goals per match while Shepparton East is averaging 58 goals per game. Defensively the teams are strong. Tallygaroopna has given up 18.8 goals a game while Shepparton East has conceded 19.4 goals per game. The Eagles have been very difficult to score against in the past fortnight only conceding 24 goals and this should be a cracking game, with little separating them in the final wash-up.

**Tip:** Shepparton East.

## **AVENEL V LANCASTER**

This is a game that both teams will fancy themselves in. Lancaster has been going well despite losing two of their past three games. Those two defeats have come against the two best teams in the competition in Shepparton East and Tallygaroopna. Avenel broke its duck a fortnight ago when it overcame Undera at home. Mon Purchase and Renae McKeown have been outstanding in recent weeks and they will be important for the Swans today. It missed an opportunity to make it two wins on the bounce last weekend when beaten by Girgarre. If they can get off to a strong start and make the most of their opportunities, I think they can push the visitors all the way.

**Tip:** Lancaster.

## **MERRIGUM V GIRGARRE**

After a slow start 2022, Merrigum has bounced back with two good wins. Coach, Olivia Jackson would be thrilled by the way the girls have played over the past two weeks. She knows that Girgarre will be up and about after it recorded its first win of 2022. Holly Nelson would have been over the moon with her girls last weekend, but she knows today won't be easy against a Merrigum team which has found its mojo in the past fortnight. I think in the final wash-up Girgarre may find Merrigum too hot to handle.

**Tip:** Merrigum.

## **LONGWOOD V RUSHWORTH**

Longwood will be chasing a slice of club history when it takes on Rushworth today. And that would be a third win in a single season, which it has never achieved since it joined the league. Coach Meg Pellegrino has the girls playing really good netball and scoring well, even in their losses this season. Rushworth has been competitive this season and it will be desperate to chalk up its second win of the season when it goes to Longwood to play a home team which is proving tough to play against.

**Tip:** Longwood.

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# THE BOUNCE

## BEFORE THE BOUNCE

KDL Publicity Officer Sam Saracino

### **MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA V UNDERA**

Murchison-Toolamba will be looking to bounce back after suffering its first loss of the season last weekend. The Grasshoppers were beaten by Violet Town and they will be looking to get back to what they did well in the opening month of the season. Undera gave a good account of itself in its loss to Merrigum last weekend and it will look to Rhys McKenzie, Nathan Frizzell, Keelan Mitchell, Zac Brian, Nick Megarrity and Dylan Moncur to ensure it can dish up a competitive four quarter effort. The home team will look to Adam MacGibbon, Luke Cecchin, James Milne, David Murray, Michael Coad and James Ivill to lead them back to the winners' list.

**Tip:** Murchison-Toolamba.

### **STANHOPE V VIOLET TOWN**

This should be a cracking contest. When these teams played last July, it was a fantastic contest – one that Violet Town forward Josh Mellington dominated early by kicking six goals. Mellington is in red hot form again in 2022, kicking 10 goals in the win over Murchison last weekend. He was ably supported by Jack Exell who kicked a bag of six goals. Oliver Ford, Fintan Brazil, Tim Ross and Riley Dowell will be crucial if the twin towers are going to kick the Towners to victory today. Stanhope has managed to get its season back on track during the past three weeks with three wins on the bounce. The challenge for the Lions will be to limit the supply to Mellington and Exell. Daniel Flynn, Ryan Semmel, Matthew Gill, Chris Gleeson, Jye Adamson and Jonathan Pearson will be important for the Lions and if they can dominate the midfield then they kick win the game.

**Tip:** Violet Town.

### **NAGAMBIE V DOOKIE UNITED**

This is a huge game for both teams. They are both 1-4 and in desperate need to get their season back on track, especially if they want to play finals. The Lakers have a very young group and they are going to have good and bad games. Trent Laverie, Nathan Fothergill, Tyrone Muir, William Dalton, Fintan Butler and David Comi were important in the team's first win of 2022 last weekend. Joshua Kezerle, Andrew O'Connor, Kyle Tapscott, Dylan Webster-Mill, Brad Ridings and Spencer Gillespie will be important for the Thunder. If they can replicate the form, they did against Merrigum a few weeks ago then they should be able to win.

**Tip:** Dookie United.

### **SHEPPARTON EAST V TALLYGAROPNA**

Shepparton East is the real deal after claiming arguably its best win since joining the league when it defeated Lancaster. The loss was Lancaster's first since the end of 2019 and the Eagles will be looking to continue that form against Tallygaroopna which has won its past two games. Ruckman Thomas McCluskey along with Swans recruit, Adem Barolli have been outstanding since joining the Eagles at the end of last season. They will be looking to continue their good form along with Dwain Vidler, Angus Sutherland, Adam Serafini and Zac Groombridge.

While the Eagles are likely to lose a couple through injury and unavailability, they are likely to regain 2-3 players who are in their best 25. Tallygaroopna will find this challenge tough and they will look to Kian Wise, Dylan Butcher, Tait Collins, Adam Brophy, Campbell Steigenberger and Anthony Balchan to lead the way for the visitors.

**Tip:** Shepparton East.

### **AVENEL V LANCASTER**

Avenel will be out to remain undefeated and make a statement when it welcomes the 2021 minor premier. The battle between Tom Davies and Mitch Tobin will be worth the entry fee. Last year's medallist against the guy that will go close in this year's count if plays every game from here on. Tobin is all class having featured in West Preston's 2018 and 2019 flags. He will be looking to Braydon Avola, Chayse Thomson, Daniel Clarke, Jake Sutherland (six goals) and Max Lawrence to chip in with support. And, the Swans will be hoping Tim Brook returns to the team after missing the win last weekend. Davies won't panic after one loss. He will turn to Phil Carroll, Nicholas McAuliffe, Jake Mills, Bradley Orr, Nicholas Ryan and Charles Lowe to pick them up after the loss to the Eagles last weekend.

**Tip:** Avenel.

### **MERRIGUM V GIRGARRE**

This is a huge game in the context of these two teams' season. Merrigum is 3-2 and Girgarre is 2-3. Both coaches will know the importance of winning the game. Merrigum was able to get back on the winners' list last weekend while Girgarre was beaten by Avenel. The Kangas' should welcome back Damian Cupido and Jarrod Kellock. Both missed last week's loss with illness. Jacob Martin, Harley Constable, Jack Sinclair, Ethan McLaren, Ryan Martin, Jake Dryden and Rohan Hearn will be important for the Doggies. If they can dictate the game and keep the likes of Kevin Maroney, Corey Wanganeen, Ryan Butler, Ben Campbell, Talbot Varcoe and Jack Oogjes at bay then they can win the contest. For mine the battle will be won and lost through the middle of the ground.

**Tip:** Girgarre.

### **LONGWOOD V RUSHWORTH**

Both will be chasing their first win of 2022. Thomas Stevens, Kyal Zass, Jacob West, Thomas McKay, Fred Maclean and Patrick Rattray will be important for the Tigers to try and get the win. Rattray has shown he can still goals and will likely prove a handful for the Longwood defence. Geordie McMurtrie, Reece Dimech, Ryan Cumberland, Mitch Van De Duim and Devin Gordoio will be leading the way for the home team. If they can help get the Redlegs' off to a good start, then they will be a chance of victory.

**Tip:** Rushworth.





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### **13&U**

Strong, tough and consistent were our under 13's today. Top shooting by Zara Ludeman and great defending by Victoria Comensoli. Both received the Dookie Shop award for best on.

### **15&U**

Well done to the entire team, although we didn't come away with the win, an overall great game from the whole team. Dookie shop awards went to Marcus and Mia.

### **17&U**

Outstanding last half - really needing to work on our basics. Well done to Immy, Emily and Lydia for winning the Dookie Shop awards. Although every player had their shining moments.

### **C GRADE**

Not our day today, some small lapses in concentration and missing 1% ers in the third quarter proved costly. Amazing fourth quarter effort. Milkbar awards went to Zoe for a great game and Cass for many intercepts.

### **B GRADE**

Was a very impressive first win for the season. Everyone implemented our drills from training. Well done girls. Tallis wine awards went to Heid and Mel C.

### **A GRADE**

Great game by all the girls today. We managed to dictate when needed and capitalise on turnovers. Awesome work. Bluebell Bath house awards went to Monica and Georgie

### **UNDER 18 FOOTBALL**

The Unders 18's had a convincing win against an undermanned Stanhope. After a couple of games Dookie is starting to find the excellent teamwork and ball movement they finished off with last year. To their credit Stanhope fought hard all day and will be very competitive once they regain a few players. Will Griffen-Close impressed again with a very strong performance. Lachy "Fire Ball" Sommers was fantastic with the ball, but most impressive were his second efforts. When the ball was turned over, his tackling and

chasing really caused the opposition to feel the eat. Laachy Ludeman holstered the six gun and pulled out the Gatling gun, blasting 11 goals. Cam "Arnie" Exton terminated many forward thrusts by Stanhope, enabling the mid's and forwards to turn defence into attack. Tajje Fitzsimmons and Harri Walsh were again lively through the mid field and up forward. Again it was an excellent team effort with everyone contributing.

### **SENIORS**

Round 5 saw Dookie come up against Stanhope at Dookie Recreation Reserve.

In what was billed as being a close contest, the first half saw a tight tussle with both Stanhope and Dookie getting on top at different stages.

Dookie was unable to make the most of some great opportunities in front of goal and let slip some important chances in the first half.

Dookie came out after half time and were able to score some early goals only to see Stanhope fight back, with Dookie going into 3 quarter time 7 points ahead. The last quarter saw Stanhope upping the intensity and physicality around the contest, and disappointingly Dookie unable to stem the flow of the football into the defensive 50. Despite opportunities with the footy, Dookie were unable to execute basic skills as Stanhopes defence held up when it mattered. It was performance from the senior outfit that will be looked back in as a game that slipped away, with Dookie unable to step up when the match was on the line.

Andy OConnor was ultra consistent down back, Josh Kezerle was a terrific in the midfield and continued his stellar year and Kyle Tapscott worked super hard at centre half forward contributing 3 goals.

We look forward to seeing how the senior team responds next weeks against Nagambie.





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# GIRGARRE

The spicy cough ran through our club last round leaving our football sides depleted. Our results were mixed across the board but we are seeing all teams come together with positive signs for the remainder of the season. Great work by players across the club stepping up to ensure we could have a full outfit to take on the Swans. Fantastic to see our A grade netballers score their first win- congratulations ladies!  
Thanks also to all players, supporters, volunteers and Avenel FNC for a great day.

## U11

Girgarre 14 def Avenel 12  
Best on Court - Jemma Booth  
Incentive - Lacy Parsons  
Great game by all. Played well as a team against a tough opposition. Excellent shooting by Jemma and great mid court support by Lacy, Aleyah and Morgan.  
Goal scorers; Jemma, Daisy and Holly.

## U13

Avenel 18 def Girgarre 3  
Best on Court - Mia Munroe  
Incentive - Jaida Miller  
We played good as a team. We lost to a tough side. Our passes were a bit floppy- something for us to work on. Great team effort and although we didn't come away with a win we are starting to work well together.

## U15

Avenel 60 def Girgarre 11  
Best on Court - Remi McQueen  
Incentive - Cassandra Wallace and Jess McDonald  
We played a good game today with the score not reflective of our hard work. Remi did well at both ends of the court with both Cass and Jess showing great pressure and consistency throughout the game. Well done girls!

## U17

Avenel 31 def Girgarre 18  
Best on Court - Bea Esperson  
Incentive - Tahni Davies  
We played well; the score didn't reflect how well we played. We worked well together as a team with Bea moving and shooting accurately. Tahni found good space and direction through the mid court. Fantastic effort girls!

## C GRADE

Avenel 48 def Girgarre 29  
Best on Court - Giulia Pulsoni  
Incentive - Caitlin King  
The girls met a strong attacking opposition today and ended up going down with the final result going Avenel's way. With two goalers and defenders out, some of the mid courters had their first game in the goaling ring today. Thanks to junior players Caitlin Campbell and Jasmine Westley from U17s for being our bench today

and running out an impressive half game each. A goal was set in the fourth quarter and that was to score more goals than Avenel and they went out determined and finished strong and winning the final quarter.

## B GRADE

Girgarre 37 def Avenel 32  
Best on Court - Sarah Bloomfield  
Incentive - Jacinta Turgoose  
The girls came together today and fought hard for every loose ball, ensuring every turnover counted. The attackers made an impact setting up the rest of the team. Special mention to the goalers for exceptional shooting and new comer Jacinta for her consistent rebounds.

## A GRADE

Girgarre 48 def Avenel 45  
Best on Court - Jacqui Gahan  
Incentive - Ellie Walsh  
All our hard work is finally starting to pay off with our first win on the board!  
We welcomed back Jacqui Gahan after injury and she was a big part on our team really coming together and playing 4 quarters of consistent netball. It was a real team effort and it was great to watch.

## RESERVES

Unfortunately, we didn't play to our usual standard today. A few of the young thirds stepped up to help us out which was appreciated. Let's reset and get back to our best against Merrigum. Tomo, Ridings and Chessum were all stand outs on the day.

## SENIORS

Saturday saw us at home against an unbeaten Avenel. Some early misses in front of goal didn't allow us to put score board pressure and we weren't able to kick a major until the 3rd qtr. 3 qtr time saw us down by 5 goals. Kevin Maroney and Corey Wanganeen down back were able to limit their opponents' opportunities for most of the day and were our best contributors across the 4 qtrs. Ryan Butler and Talbot Varcoe played another solid game each the form of young Ben Campbell continue to impress. A week off with the split round comes at just the right time with quite a few sore boys out there. We look forward to the challenge of Merrigum on the 21/5.

Good luck to all of our teams as we take on Merrigum following a week off and then meeting back at the Ky West for awards.

Don't forget our major fundraiser \$5,000 draw!! Tickets can be purchased for \$100 and entitles two persons to the all-inclusive function starting at 12pm on Sunday 22nd May at the clubrooms. Hope to see you all there!

# ROUND 5 RESULTS

## SENIORS

Girgarre	17	2.5
vs		
Avenel	100	14.16
Undera	51	8.3
vs		
Merrigum	101	14.17
Violet Town	124	19.10
vs		
Murc-Tool	86	12.14
Nagambie	49	7.7
vs		
Rushworth	100	14.16
Lancaster	27	3.9
vs		
Shepp East	67	10.7
Tally	151	22.19
vs		
Longwood	36	5.6
Dookie	49	7.7
vs		
Stanhope	73	11.7

## RESERVES

Girgarre	0	0.0
vs		
Avenel	123	18.15
Undera	3	0.3
vs		
Merrigum	152	23.14
Violet Town	28	4.4
vs		
Murc-Tool	61	9.7
Nagambie	33	5.3
vs		
Rushworth	135	20.15
Lancaster	25	4.1
vs		
Shepp East	67	9.13
Tally	96	14.12
vs		
Longwood	2	0.2
Dookie	16	2.4
vs		
Stanhope	93	14.9

## UNDER 18S

Lancaster	122	16.26
vs		
Undera	10	1.4
Dookie	140	20.20
vs		
Stanhope	26	4.2

## NETBALL

### A GRADE

Undera vs Merrigum	23:67
Violet Town vs Murch-Tool	40:39
Rushworth vs Nagambie	27:63
Girgarre vs Avenel	49:45
Lancaster vs Shepp East	9:58
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	65:21

### B GRADE

Undera vs Merrigum	33:58
Violet Town vs Murch-Tool	22:44
Rushworth vs Nagambie	14:77
Girgarre vs Avenel	37:32
Lancaster vs Shepp East	21:50
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	63:25

### C GRADE

Undera vs Merrigum	28:52
Violet Town vs Murch-Tool	8:67
Rushworth vs Nagambie	29:53
Girgarre vs Avenel	290:48
Lancaster vs Shepp East	11:40
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	49:27



# GROUND RESULT

## ROUND 5 RESULTS

### NETBALL CONTINUED

#### 17 & UNDER

Undera vs Merrigum	7:56
Rushworth vs Nagambie	21:36
Girgarre vs Avenel	18:31
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	70:8

#### 15 & UNDER

Undera vs Merrigum	8:42
Rushworth vs Nagambie	23:24
Girgarre vs Avenel	11:50
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	45:10
Violet Town vs Murch-Tool	9:30

#### 13 & UNDER

Girgarre vs Avenel	3:18
Tallygaroopna vs Longwood	35:0
Violet Town vs Murch-Tool	9:30
Lancaster vs Shepp East	7:15



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Wallace hopes everyone had an enjoyable weekend off & are raring to battle Avenel on their home deck. A fortnight ago we welcomed Shepparton East to the Lancaster Recreation Reserve, Results didn't go our way on the day but we have been working hard on the track and are keen to tackle Avenel on their home deck Today.

#### **UNDER 13'S –**

Lancaster 2 lost to Shepp East 13, Great defence – awesome arms up from Charli, lots to work on, Awesome effort. Best – Charli Brennan, Lily Taylor & Matilda Kendrick.

#### **C GRADE –**

Lancaster 11 lost to Shepp East 40, the girls did well with their voices, played a tough game and kept their heads up. Although the team was pushed hard all day, the girls were able to counter with a few goals & defence worked hard all game. Best – Ali Backway, Makenzie Atkins & Kasey Cooper.

#### **B GRADE –**

Lancaster 21 lost to Shepp East 50, Great defence – arms and pressure on the ball all the way down the court, Lily Davies Stepped up this game getting lots of intercepts and putting pressure on the shooters. The girls were able to work hard when Shepp East tried to zone, the girls drove well to the ball to split apart the zone. Best – Lily Davies, Sam Usher & Ashlan Hubble.

#### **A GRADE –**

Lancaster 9 lost to Shepp East 58, Worked hard the whole game against a tough side, the girls did well in defence & attack with small skill errors hurting them, Pressure was high. Best – Bridie Whitford, Taya Hayes & Chloe Chiswell.

#### **THIRDS –**

Lancaster 122 def Undera 10, Steve George in everything in the middle. Riley 'Son' Williams kicked 4 including a couple of snaps Hugh 'Gromit' Wallace was great with speed and strength. Bayley Lloyd ever reliable in defence. Nate Oliver buzzing around the forward line. Cody Price switched from full back to CHF after half time and kicked 3. Another great team effort.

#### **Reserves –**

Lancaster 25 lost to Shepp East 67, Tinno's chargers came up against their toughest opponents of the year. East were a well drilled team and it showed throughout the game they wanted the footy more than our lads, it showed some areas of our game that need work and we will take that onboard and improve on them. Best – Squirrel, Noah Sewell, Shannon Fleming, Tom 'Pup' Clark, Darcy Ryan & Brad 'Meatball' Tinning.

#### **SENIORS –**

Lancaster 27 lost to Shepp East 67, A tight contest against a very well drilled Shepp East outfit, our boys now know what it takes to go deep into the season. Inaccuracy hurt us on the day as well as minor skills errors, Coach Tom has enormous confidence in the squad to work hard and bounce back. Best – Fabio, Pockets, Millsy, Ox, Bob & Stuart.

This week we take on Avenel which looks to be a nice challenge both on the court & footy field, Lets all get back to Hurley's tonight and support our major sponsor.

Go Bats – Wallace the Wombat

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# PIRES REPORT

## UMPIRES REPORT



To Celebrate Community Umpiring round, the GVFUA hosted AFL Field Umpires Nick Brown & Jamie Broadbent for a training session last Thursday. Nick & Jamie spoke to the Field umpires about interpretations of the "Rough Conduct" rule. An are the group is currently focusing on.

They then shared their umpiring story to all GVFUA members and participated in a Q & A.

This is just one of the events that will take place to help celebrate Community umpiring week. On the 13th May, 6 GVFUA umpires will participate in a AFL Umpire Experience. This includes walking out on the ground with the AFL umpires, Toss the coin and umpire a grid match at half time. More on this next week.

Please see below a statement from the AFL regarding Community Umpiring Week.

Between Round 8 and 9 of the 2022 Toyota AFL Premiership Season we will celebrate Community Umpiring Week with the aim to encourage people to get involved in umpiring Australian Football at the community level.

Throughout the week, May 6 - May 13, the AFL will be celebrating Community Umpiring Week through a number of initiatives:

- AFL Umpires will attend community Club training sessions
- Umpires at each AFL match this weekend will be led onto the ground by community umpires
- AFL Umpires will officiate in junior community matches
- Current AFL players will officiate in junior community matches

Across the country, leagues and clubs will celebrate their local

umpires with various initiatives run by the clubs.

Community Umpiring Development Manager, Brenton Sanderson said with more than 1.4 million people playing Australian Football, umpire numbers have never been more important. "There are over 15,000 umpires officiating in community football matches each week and over 12% are female, a significant increase in line with the expansion of female football", he said. "Community Umpiring Week is designed to increase awareness of umpiring as a choice as an additional activity to playing or choosing umpiring a sport of choice as an alternative way to participate in football. "Over 94% of umpires currently play or have played junior football. You can play and umpire on the same day on alternate days. It is a great way to keep fit, earn more

develop life skills and make life-long friends."

For more information or to register your interest in umpiring community football visit <https://umpire.afl>.

400 games – James McLeod

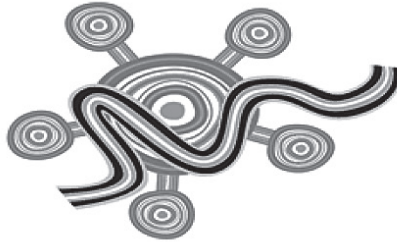
Last weekend James McLeod celebrated his 400th Senior game with the GVFUA. James has umpired with us for 29 years as both a Field and Goal umpire. Starting as a Field umpire many moons ago, recently he has done more senior games as a Goal umpire, although he is often found on Saturday morning umpiring a thirds game as a Field umpire.

James has umpired a number of Senior Grand finals in the Goals, and has been both a Boundary and Goal coach. He has also held positions on the GVFUA committee and as a selector.

Congratulations James, you are an asset to the association. Well done on your 400 games and hopefully many more to come.

If you would like to be involved in umpiring or have any umpiring enquiries, please contact Andrew Moore on [andrewmoore@afl.com.au](mailto:andrewmoore@afl.com.au) or 0427 349 912





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# MERRIGUM

Last round we were at Undera, where all sides had wins – a fantastic day out for us. This week we have a bye as a part of the split round. A well-earned weekend off for players, coaches and volunteers, before we are back into it next weekend with a home against Girgarre.

## FOOTBALL

Both Seniors and Reserves had good wins over Undera on the weekend, which was a great result after a couple of losses in the weeks prior. The Seniors won their game 14.17.101 to 8.3.51. The best players were Jacob Martin, Harley Constable, Jack Sinclair, Rhys Bucktin, Ryan Martin & Jake Dryden. Daniel Beattie and Chris Younger both played in their 50th Senior game for the club – well done!

Reserves won their match up 23.14.152 to 0.3.3. Josh Catalano had a day out, kicking 10 goals. It was great Undera got a team together to make a game of it, after having to forfeit the week prior – well done for making that happen. The best players in the Reserves were Josh Catalano, Damon Zampaglione, Jack McCarten, Ethan Moor, Benjamin Gloster & Billy Westerveld.

## NETBALL

### U15 won 8-42

Best: Angel Spencer, Ebony Hargadon  
 Choccie Award: Grace Ryan-Roberts

### U17 won 7-56

Best: Charlie O'Hara, Jade Christou

### C Grade won 28-52

Best: Teneisha Deery, Blynda Tranter

### B Grade won 33-58

Best: Jorja Tranter, Jaz Edwards

### A Grade won 23-67

Best: Maddy Hall, Millie Lowe

With the win on Saturday, A Grade retained the Denise McCormack Shield. We play Undera each year for the prestige of this

Shield, it's always a great game against Undera and we are privileged to be able to play this round every season. We thank Undera for their hospitality and to the McCormack Family for the fantastic day had at the club.

## Netball Team of the Week – Round 4

GS: Millie Lowe (A Grade),  
 GA: Teneisha Deery (C Grade), WA: Maddy Hall (A Grade), C: Nhykira Mansfield (U17s, B & A Grade), WD: Charlie O'Hara (U17s), GD: Zeenat Ishola (U15s), GK: Jorja Tranter (B Grade), Int: Jaz Edwards (B Grade)

## SOCIAL, MEMBERSHIP, COVID & OTHER THINGS

Our next club function is the Annual Ball on May 28th, after Lancaster (away) in Round 7. To buy tickets to other events, to see what's coming up or to purchase a membership, visit our Facebook page or merrigumfnc.com.au.





# NETBALL TEAM LISTS

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We were welcomed by some cooler weather at Violet Town last week. We played our netball games a little earlier to fit in with VTs Mother's Day function. Thanks to everyone who dropped into Avonlea Flowers to get a bouquet of flowers for their mum.

The Under 13s took to the field a little later for their fixture against Violet Town. Once again we were able to provide 36 boys and girls the chance to play football for their community clubs. Each MTFNC player played a quarter for Violet Town to ensure we all got maximum game time. Thanks to the VT sponsor for bolstering our player awards. Better players this week included Gus Ewart, Chase Brisbane, Chris Brown, Archie Brisbane, Esther Ewart and Tex Leone.

The Under 18s had the week off. Thanks to Callum Miller and Kurtis Clark who still came along to fulfil their roles as water carriers for the Reserves. Our club relies on us all doing our assigned duties.

The Reserves had a few last minute changes but assembled another strong side. It wasn't the one way traffic of recent weeks, which was a welcome change of pace. The VT players made us work hard for the points and played their oval well. Our defenders did well, keeping VT to a goal per quarter. Our better players included Brodie Sanders, Xavier Dwyer, Zch Connell, Shane Kay and Jacob Holmes.

The Seniors lowered their colours for the first time this year against a formidable VT outfit that capitalised on its forward forays. VT were able to string together goals in quick succession too often which took the wind out of our sails. Our backline lost Tom Kerrins early and we all know how vital he is to our side. In the end we weren't able to match their scoreboard pressure and were left with a bit to work on. Adam Macgibbon and James Milne continued their fantastic form. Luke Cecchin and David Murray rarely made a mistake. Michael Coad was strong in the ruck and Jimmy Ivill played well on his wing.

After a slow start, the 13's girls gained momentum and settled into their positions nicely. Taking what they had practised at training, their leading and re-leading was a point of noticeable improvement, which allowed for some beautiful passages of play down the court. Our defensive pressure and determination on the court meant that we were able to convert our turnovers into hard earned goals. A tough win that was achieved with composure, persistence and teamwork. Well done girls. You all played a fantastic game. Our awards this week went to Summer Kirby for her movement in the goal ring, her efforts to secure rebounds, and also her calm demeanour in some high pressure situations. Scarlett Noles for her excellent defensive work, and lastly, Delilah Thomas for her continued hard work in the mid court. Honourable mention goes to Izzy Birchmore for doing everything we as coaches asked of her as a defender.

The 15 & Unders were a bit slow to start but then able to fire up and continue that through the four quarters. The girls adapted to many changes in positions and took the challenge on each quarter. Imogen Morrison's height and leading work

in the ring saw her dominate alongside Tayla Merriman with her attacking work and getting the ball into the goal ring. Lori Bathman never gave up for the day and saw many turnovers through the mid court due to her never give up attitude. Great effort girls

C Grade had a strong win last weekend defeating Violet Town 67-8. The girls started strong in the first quarter putting 21 goals on the board and causing many turnovers. We couldn't continue this momentum in the second or third but the girls stuck together and out in a great defensive effort in the fourth to hold VT to a solitary goal. Awards to Abby Chapple, Carita Anderson, Jaymee Hawthorn-Smith & Kasey Cook.

We had a slow start in B Grade, but once we settled in and steadied our game we were able to take control. Multiple injuries throughout the game caused lots of positional changes, well done to everyone on being willing to take on whatever role was thrown at them. Mel Gibson was pivotal in defence with a great attitude and fantastic attacking skills down the court. Tay Smith was reliable as ever in goals and supported her team to stay positive throughout the game.

In the dying minutes either team could have taken victory in A Grade, and some simple mistakes allowed Violet Town to ascendancy. Despite the loss, we saw some fantastic passages of play and some terrific defensive efforts by the team. An outstanding game throughout the midcourt by Emily Wood, we could not have asked her to work any harder, and her positive encouragement to the team was second to none. Ash Bedwell shined in defence in her first appearance in A Grade for 2022, her consistency and effort throughout the game was admirable. Sarah Trease played her best game of the season.

Last Saturday night at the Mooroopna Pizzeria, we held our first ever MTFNC Junior Ball. It was a sell out, with the upstairs room hitting capacity. Thanks to the wonderful committee members and coaches who were able to provide such a fun environment for our kids. Special thanks must go to Brooke & Eleanor Thompson, who did a fantastic job in setting up the venue and Sharne Milne, who was in her element curating a super list of tracks for us all to enjoy. We are very proud of our junior program and look forward to future opportunities to celebrate.

Tonight following our match up against Undera we have our Goods & Services Auction. Once again David Murray has done a great job in assembling a list of items that have something for everyone. It has been pleasing to see a wider range of people gathering donations for this event - estimated value of at least \$20,000. A full list can be found on display at the clubrooms.

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# LADDERS

## 2022 FOOTBALL

### SENIORS

	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	Pts
Shepp East	5	5	0	0	0	625	248	252.02	20
Avenel	5	5	1	0	0	213	213	243.66	20
Lancaster	5	4	1	0	0	168	168	432.74	16
Murch-Tool	5	4	2	0	0	323	323	147.37	16
Violet Town	5	3	2	0	0	382	382	159.16	12
Stanhope	5	3	2	0	0	296	296	126.69	12
Tallygaroopna	5	3	2	0	0	432	432	103.47	12
Merrigum	5	3	2	0	0	405	405	93.83	12
Girgarre	5	2	3	0	0	397	397	127.46	8
Dookie United	5	1	4	0	0	360	360	97.22	4
Nagambie	5	1	4	0	0	413	413	71.91	4
Undera	5	1	4	0	0	633	633	40.13	4
Rushworth	5	0	5	0	0	652	652	36.35	0
Longwood	5	0	5	0	0	1018	1018	13.65	0

### RESERVES

	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	Pts
Avenel	5	5	0	0	0	449	30	1496.67	20
Murch-Tool	5	5	0	0	0	631	74	852.70	20
Shepp East	5	4	1	0	0	409	157	260.51	16
Lancaster	5	4	1	0	0	433	188	230.32	16
Stanhope	5	4	1	0	0	353	155	227.74	16
Tallygaroopna	5	4	1	0	0	306	181	169.06	16
Violet Town	5	3	2	0	0	345	253	136.36	12
Merrigum	5	2	3	0	0	412	196	210.20	8
Girgarre	5	1	4	0	0	179	334	53.59	4
Rushworth	5	1	4	0	0	238	512	46.48	4
Dookie United	5	1	4	0	0	127	491	25.87	4
Longwood	5	1	4	0	0	128	510	25.10	4
Undera	5	0	4	0	0	75	456	16.45	0
Nagambie	5	0	5	0	0	59	607	9.72	0

### UNDER 18S

	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dookie United	3	3	0	0	0	323	76	425.00	12
Girgarre	3	3	0	0	0	274	104	263.46	12
Lancaster	3	2	1	0	0	314	152	206.58	8
Stanhope	4	2	2	0	0	247	276	89.49	8
Nagambie	3	1	2	0	0	143	149	95.97	4
Longwood	3	1	2	0	0	161	244	65.98	4
Murch-Tool	3	1	2	0	0	113	249	45.38	4
Undera	4	0	4	0	0	94	419	22.43	0

## 2022 NETBALL

### A GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Tallygaroopna	5	5	0	0	309	94	20	328.72
Shepp East	5	5	0	0	290	97	20	298.97
Nagambie	5	5	0	0	298	142	20	209.86
Violet Town	5	3	2	0	240	213	12	112.68
Dookie United	4	3	1	0	183	168	12	108.93
Lancaster	5	3	2	0	118	210	12	56.19
Merrigum	5	2	3	0	215	191	8	112.57
Longwood	5	2	3	0	186	229	8	81.22
Stanhope	4	2	2	0	126	166	8	75.90
Murch-Tool	5	1	4	0	190	227	4	83.70
Avenel	5	1	4	0	217	276	4	78.62
Rushworth	5	1	4	0	156	225	4	69.33
Girgarre	5	1	4	0	141	229	4	61.57
Undera	5	0	5	0	113	315	0	35.87

### B GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	%
Tallygaroopna	5	5	0	0	0	296	138	20	214.49
Shepp East	5	5	0	0	0	249	122	20	204.10
Murch-Tool	5	5	0	0	0	245	143	20	171.33
Merrigum	5	5	0	0	0	228	147	20	155.10
Lancaster	5	3	2	0	0	211	208	12	101.44
Nagambie	5	2	2	1	0	231	158	10	146.20
Girgarre	5	2	3	0	0	177	179	8	98.88
Avenel	5	2	3	0	0	171	202	8	84.65
Violet Town	5	2	3	0	0	144	198	8	72.23
Stanhope	4	1	2	1	0	148	130	6	113.85
Undera	5	1	4	0	0	209	263	4	79.47
Dookie United	4	0	4	0	0	122	149	0	81.88
Longwood	5	0	5	0	0	141	274	0	51.46
Rushworth	5	0	0	0	0	97	358	0	27.09

### C GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Shepp East	5	5	0	0	246	108	20	227.78
Merrigum	5	5	0	0	243	126	20	192.86
Tallygaroopna	5	5	0	0	243	127	20	191.34
Murch-Tool	5	3	1	0	262	119	14	220.17
Stanhope	4	3	0	0	163	110	12	148.18
Avenel	5	3	0	0	229	410	12	55.85
Girgarre	5	2	0	0	413	214	8	192.99
Lancaster	5	2	0	0	149	166	8	89.76
Longwood	5	2	0	0	136	163	8	83.44
Dookie United	4	1	1	0	143	159	6	89.94
Undera	5	1	0	0	191	241	4	79.25
Nagambie	5	1	0	0	154	213	4	72.30
Rushworth	5	0	0	0	116	286	0	40.56
Violet Town	5	0	0	0	46	292	0	15.75

# LADDERS

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## 2022 NETBALL CONTINUED

### UNDER 17

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Merrigum	4	4	0	0	205	43	16	476.74
Tallygaroopna	4	4	0	0	225	56	16	401.79
Shepp East	5	4	1	0	180	156	16	115.38
Nagambie	3	3	0	0	126	53	12	237.74
Avenel	4	3	1	0	170	80	12	212.50
Murc-Tool	4	3	1	0	147	83	12	177.11
Rushworth	4	1	3	0	90	132	4	68.18
Undera	5	1	4	0	111	175	4	63.43
Girgarre	4	1	3	0	90	155	4	58.06
Longwood	5	1	4	0	97	207	4	46.86
Stanhope	3	0	3	0	58	142	0	40.85
Dookie United	5	0	5	0	50	267	0	18.73

### UNDER 15

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	%
Avenel	5	5	0	0	0	261	45	20	580.00
Stanhope	5	5	0	0	0	172	105	20	163.81
Tallygaroopna	4	4	0	0	0	182	51	16	356.86
Merrigum	5	4	1	0	0	167	85	16	196.47
Shepp East	4	4	0	0	0	158	88	16	179.55
Murch-Tool	5	4	1	0	0	134	110	16	121.82
Girgarre	4	1	3	0	0	86	155	4	55.48
Nagambie	5	1	4	0	0	82	173	4	47.40
Undera	5	1	4	0	0	63	198	4	31.82
Violet Town	5	1	4	0	0	56	198	4	28.28
Rushworth	4	0	4	0	0	103	121	0	85.12
Dookie United	5	0	5	0	0	121	188	0	64.36
Longwood	4	0	4	0	0	65	133	0	48.87

### UNDER 13

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Tallygaroopna	5	5	0	0	149	15	20	993.33
Avenel	4	4	0	0	109	17	16	641.18
Shepp East	5	3	1	0	69	28	12	246.43
Dookie United	4	3	1	0	64	43	12	148.84
Stanhope	3	2	1	0	57	18	8	316.67
Murch-Tool	4	2	2	0	80	47	8	170.21
Girgarre	5	2	3	0	80	60	8	133.33
Violet Town	4	1	2	0	20	47	8	42.55
Lancaster	5	2	3	0	31	84	8	36.90
Undera	4	1	3	0	19	106	4	17.92
Rushworth	4	0	4	0	18	131	0	13.74
Longwood	5	0	5	0	6	106	0	5.66

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### SENIORS

	Team	
J Mellington	Violet Town	36
J Exell	Violet Town	26
D Cupido	Girgarre	31
T Strapp	Lancaster	20
T Brook	Avenel	16

### RESERVES

	Team	
T McCormack	Murch-Tool	25
J Styles	Violet Town	20
C Aynsley	Shepp East	17
J Catalano	Merrigum	16
R Busch	Lancaster	13

### UNDER 18S

	Team	
L Ludeman	Dookie United	22
N Pena	Girgarre	13
T Kerr	Stanhope	11
J McDonald	Longwood	10
J Williams	Lancaster	10

# It's never you, until it is



Everyone in the community is connected. You work together, play together, support each other. So, if something happens to someone, it is felt far and wide.

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## Supporting the lifeblood of regional communities

### LET'S LOOK OUT FOR OUR FARMERS

Footy and netball are finally back for 2022 and WorkSafe is proud to continue its decades' long partnership with AFL Vic Country.

Community sport continues to be vital to our health and wellbeing; an opportunity to connect with friends, family and team mates on and off the field or court. The competition and comradery of weekend sport unites us and gives us a sense of community.

And it is this sense of community that makes our partnership with footy and netball so valuable. It is our opportunity work alongside local clubs and leagues to promote workplace safety and appeal to rural and regional Victorians to look after their mates at work.

When our workers are safe, we'll see them on the field, on the court and on the sidelines. Doing what they love, together.



### SAFETY ON FARMS

In country areas we know a large part of staying safe at work is staying safe on farms.

Yet tragically, too many workers are being killed or seriously injured on farms every year. In fact, 14% of workplace fatalities are in agriculture, despite farms accounting for just 2% of Victoria's workforce. As a community, we simply must do better. We owe it to those lost and to those left behind.

Farmers know their land, livestock and machinery better than anyone, but that doesn't make them bulletproof.

We know the "it'll be right" attitude that is common in agriculture can have deadly consequences. We also know that experienced farmers are suffering serious incidents, and that if safety is not a priority, experience alone isn't enough to prevent a tragedy from occurring.

Our 'It's never you, until it is' agriculture campaign highlights that deaths and injuries on farms are preventable, not inevitable, and encourages farmers to treat safety improvements like any other improvement in their business. This campaign isn't about us telling farmers and those in the agriculture industry what to do, but reminding them that life changing incidents can and do happen.

You can prevent these incidents by making safety a priority. And you most certainly can prevent deaths. Our farmers are the lifeblood of our community and we need to support them in every way possible.

### SEE YOU AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Together with our partners at AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria, WorkSafe will host six Country Club games this year throughout the state.

If we are in your area, come and see us, have a cuppa and help us encourage all farmers to rest during long hours on the land. Fatigue isn't just about being tired, it's pushing your body beyond its limits, day after day. It impairs reaction times, concentration, and the ability to think clearly.

That's why taking a safe-tea break is so important

We'll also be calling on all clubs to nominate their favourite farmers to go into the running to win some great prizes for their club and the farmers themselves.

Let's not just kick goals on the field or shoot goals on the court this season - let's work together to change the score in agriculture.

Because these are not just numbers – they are our sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, grandparents and team mates. They are someone's family, and I know together we can all make a difference.

**Colin Radford**  
Chief Executive Officer - WorkSafe Victoria



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## **FOOTBALL SENIORS**

Last week we travelled to Lancaster country to take on the Wombats who were also undefeated and it was a good test to see where we are at in the competition. Dwain Vidler took over coaching duties due to Ossie being unavailable. The game started off hard with both backlines making it hard for either team to score, but it was the Eagles who got the scoreboard ticking with 2 straight goals midway through the term while the Wombats added a goal late to see the score at qtr time 2.1 to 1.2. In the second the eagles got on top through the great ruckwork and drive Tom McCluskey provided his midfield and the forwards delivered with 3 goals for the quarter to see the half time score SE 5.2 to Lanky 2.2. The third quarter the boys added 2 more goals to Lanky's one. Score 7.3 to 3.4. And in the last Lanky had most of the play in the first 10 mins but it was Eagles who steadied later in the quarter to add 3 more goals and to see the final score SE 10.7 (67) to Lancaster 3.9 (27). It was a great 4 quarter effort from all the boys who pressured their opponents all over the ground, not giving them an easy kick all day. Big Tommy McCluskey was in awesome form all over the ground, taking marks and feeding his midfield, (would have to be an early leading Medal contender) and is having a cracking start to the season. The backline was strong and tight all day on their opponents, the midfield was on top led by Adem (I got a Rinse) Barolli who provided plenty of drive around the ground and is also enjoying a great start to the year, Zaccy Groombridge is a tough in and under type who also loves to kick a goal when its needed, Angus out on his wing provided plenty of run and inside 50 entries. Up forward big Rhyngo showed

his presence with 3 great goals and was supported well by Huey at full forward with 2 goals. Unfortunately we suffered a couple of injuries which will see a couple of for a few weeks, but we have some good depth this year that will cover these loses. Overall a great effort from the boys, well played Eagles.

## **RESERVES**

The Ressies jumped out of the gates last week and once again were able to control the game after their 3rd strong 1st quarter in a row. It's something that Coach Watt is making sure they're focused from the get-go and the boys are listening to him. To Lanky's credit though they didn't let the Eagles have it all their own way and applied plenty of pressure throughout the game to be always within a sniff. However in the end the Eagle stayed in front all day to run out 42 point winners, although pretty sure Coach Watt will want to see some improvement in accuracy in front of goal. Connor Patto was once again high up in the best players with a BOG performance this time round. Potts played himself into some good form after dropping down to the twos, whilst JB once again led from the back. Rubber Junior had some flashy moments, supported by Robbo bouncing off the half backline and Joshy Dohnt was strong around the ball and laid some great tackles. Cobey chimed in with 4 goals, to keep himself interested on the goal kicking table. It's the ole Sunday 8-point game today against the Redlegs, with both teams sitting on 4 wins, so this should be a great tussle. Let's go Eagles!

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# STANHOPE

## **UNDER 13'S**

Stanhope def by Dookie

The Sunday game definitely got some of our girls and it took them a little bit to warm up. Unfortunately, by the time they did it was too late to get the win, going down by 4 goals. Taylah Gray was a stand out on the court for a solid three quarters and took home the best for the day.

## **UNDER 15'S**

Stanhope 40 def Dookie 27

Our 15s continue to get better each week with another good win over Dookie. Proud of the girls for continuing to chip away and adjust to changes each quarter. Charlotte fed beautifully and applied fantastic defensive pressure while Liv helped limit the chances for Dookie to score up the other end.

## **UNDER 17'S**

Stanhope 48 def Dookie 22

The girls had their first win this week! They played such a great game and worked so well together as a team. Best on went to Belle and Soph, but really it was a team effort that got them over the line.

## **C GRADE**

Stanhope 43 def Dookie 30

C Grade came out firing from the get go! BJ had a tough job on her hands going up against one of her ex-lion cubs. The score in the end went our way, and BJ and Kara were awarded best on court. Thanks to Morgan for sitting on the bench for us!

## **B GRADE**

Stanhope 28 def by Dookie 39

Unfortunately we were not able to capitalise on opportunities when they presented and went down by 11. Lil Holden took to all the direction she was given and played a really strong game in goals. Ellie again had a great game, providing a lot of pressure in defence and drive through the mid court.

## **A GRADE**

Stanhope 22 def by Dookie 39

We were well and truly in this game until half time, where unfortunately Dookie put the foot down and we couldn't match them. Katie played well, providing a lot of direction and feeding beautifully to the goalers, and Liv was outstanding in defence getting a hand to everything. Let's all get around each other and play hard, consistent netball for 4 quarters and the wins will come.

## **UNDER 18S**

Stanhope 4.2-26 def by Dookie 20.20-140

Another tough game Sunday. Dookie with majority of their list top age players will take some beating this

season. Our lads, all though the score didn't reflect it, tried all game. Some guys missing the game due to, and some playing after a week of illness never gave up and pressured until the final siren. Sitting 2 and 2 after 4 games is pretty good. We have only 15 players and still looking and welcoming any new players of any ability. Our current group understand that the person who loves to walk will walk further than the person who loves the destination. Hopefully the guys are over their illnesses and bounce back this Saturday against Lanky. Awards went to Nugget, Lachie, Kayden, Seth, Mitch, and Sam.

## **RESERVES**

Stanhope 14.9-93 def Dookie 2.4-16

Going into the match with an undermanned side the Twos come out with a super impressive win! It was the most well rounded team game they have played so far this season with everyone contributing to the win – The Cooper Coaches were very proud of the effort! Stocky was unbelievable all day long, others among the best players were Newmo, Vinnie, Maso Shagga and Josh Canny

## **SENIORS**

Stanhope 11.7-73 def Dookie 7.7-49

Another great win against a fellow Top 8 aspirant. A real arm wrestle throughout the day with both sides trading goals at various stages. It was the final term that was the pivotal one for the Lions as everyone stood up, tackling and pressure the highlights. Flynny, Sem, Gilly, Glesso, Jye Addo and Jono were among the better players in a real team performance.

## **SOCIAL**

TONIGHT – FAMILY FUN NIGHT FEATURING AN IPOD SHUFFLE! \$2 PER SONG, PIZZA FOR DINNER AND OTHER GAMES.



Thanks to everyone who attended the 80s Night – make sure to get along to the next function and make it even bigger and better!! For those who are up to it, why not pop past one of our amazing partners to grab a great meal! Check out Aussie Hotel, La Porchetta, Subway, Mooroopna Pizzeria, Wunghnu Tavern.

#### ROUND 5 V LONGWOOD

Awards thanks to Aussie Hotel, Fichera's Lawns, La Porchetta, Mooroopna Pizzeria, Revolver Burger, Mrs Fields, Urban Wrap and Grill, Steve Mahoney, Subway Shepparton Marketplace, Gloria Jeans Shepparton Marketplace, EFEX, Steigy Family, Guardline Security

A Grade Won 65 – 21: Another great game today team thanks to a fantastic start. Was nice that we kept a high score rate in the second half, even with some changes and a surge in the 3rd quarter from Longwood.

Our Talk, direction and support in transitions was noticeable, connections across the court are forming well and the adjustment to rotations at any time are taking less time to settle. A Strong team effort with everyone contributing. Looking forward to the coming weeks. Awards: Chelsea Prenter had a great game in attack. Bree Giles contested well, provided great direction and drive.

B Grade Won 63 – 25: Another nice win where everyone played their role. Great defensive pressure all over the court with constant talk from Bree who was heard all over the court. We are so lucky to have such a versatile team, with many people filling the WA/WD role, and rotations throughout the rest of the court which everyone adjusted smoothly. Well done to Staci who stepped up for us again and played a great game, many hands to balls and help bringing the ball out of defence. Awards: Ella Wayman who created space, got turn overs and responded well to guidance on court. Ebony Grace who played a gutsy game, shot well, and put direction into play when asked.

C Grade Won 49 – 27: The team had a fantastic first quarter with some accurate shooting, defensive pressure and smooth transitions down the court getting the girls off to a good lead. The team took some time for the rest of the match adjusting to positional changes and new combinations while Longwood stepped up the pressure, however to our credit we never dropped heads and played the game out. Awards: Kylie Merigan had a dominating game with fantastic on court direction and speed. Hannah Bilney had another accurate day under the ring playing with more confidence each week.

17/Under Won 70 – 8: Prior to commencing the game, the group set some team and individual goals that resulted in four consistent quarters. The transition of defensive to attacking pressure across the court, centre pass turnovers and accurate

shooting set the score in stone. Their "vocal calls" could be clearly heard from the sidelines, communicating direction of play. Lots of positive reinforcement and encouragement shown by all, was humbling to watch and a credit to all players. A fantastic team effort with each player committing to their roles. Congratulations to April who celebrated milestone game and played an exceptional defensive game. Awards: April Earles, Ella Cooney

15/Under Won 45 – 10: While we had a rocky start with the pressure from Longwood the team re-grouped & started playing the netball, we know they can. Many positional rotations that saw in unknown positions this year, the team adapted well and produce a solid 3 final quarters. Awards: Claire Thomas had a great game in defence using her footwork to get many tips to the ball. Hayden Steigenberger who focused and put into play what we had practiced at training.

13/Under Won 35 – 0: Even though the team had a good win, credit to Longwood defenders made our attackers work hard and really consider their options to get the ball into the goal ring. Awards: Lynn Rutten who had an amazing game stepping up to the challenge presented by the defenders and working hard in the goals. Ellie Sidebottom for her consistent work to provide great passing options and for numerous intercepts, and for her voice to encourage others and provide game direction.

Seniors 151 – 36: In windy conditions it was great to see our ball movement going forward and around the ground was on target, which allowed us to hit the scoreboard and produce a good win. Best: Kian Wise, Dylan Butcher, Tait Collins, Adam Brophy, Campbell Steigenberger, Anthony Balchan

Reserves Won 96 – 2: A good team performance against an undermanned opposition. Plenty of positives to take out of the game and a number of players starting to realise their potential. Best: Jesse Ripper, Logan Mackenna, Casey Beckhurst, Bailey Pearson, Wally King, Jayden Blum

11/Under v Rushworth Won 30 – 0: After two weeks off, we hit the court excited and ready to play. We were able to turnover each of Rushworth centers, which speaks to how well we applied defensive pressure all over the court. All goalers were able to rebound if they missed and the mid court defended and made great space throughout the game. It was great to see the team helping Rushworth during the game when they needed to. Awards: Fenn Burgess for always giving 100% and the number of balls she turned over. Zahlee Humphrey for the space she created and her drive through the court.

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#### Under 13s: Undera v Merrigum

On a chilly Saturday we welcomed Merrigum and started off with our U13s who now have 28 players and counting, including 6 girls. Better players were Jack Forde, Chloe Powles, Oliver Webb, Oscar Stagg, Deegan Heazlewood and Beau Badgery. Some very familiar family names that have been around the club a long time!

#### Thirds: Undera 10 def by Lancaster 122

The Thirds travelled to Lancaster to take on a much bigger side. They had a real crack and tackled, chased, and never gave in right until the end. Better players were Kyle Turner, Oliver Haines, Brayndan Steele, Will Savage (wishing you a speedy recovery!) and Riley Stagg.

#### Reserves: Undera 3 def by Merrigum 152

Our Reserves mustered up a side last week, as it is week by week. They all had a red hot go and none more than Corey, Bigshow, Brian, HK and Daniel Coad. Murch this week so yet another tough game, so get out there and enjoy it and have a few after the game.

#### Seniors: Undera 51 def by Merrigum 101

Seniors for the first time this year had no one doubling up and it certainly showed on the scoreboard at half time to only be down by a goal. The boys must have gone to sleep at half time because Merrigum dominated the third and maintained that until the end. Goal kickers were Dill and Whitey with 2, and singles to Brocky, Doey, Henry & YES Killa. Better players were Rhys, Frizz, Zac, Killa, Dill & Brocky. Big ask this week against the pre-season favourites, we will give it a red-hot crack and enjoy a beer after the game no matter the result.

#### A Grade: Undera 23 def by Merrigum 67

Awards: Rhianna, Miki, Jaidyn & Leanna  
Last weekend we fought a tough battle against Merrigum in the Denise McCormack Shield match. Unfortunately, Merrigum were the better team on the day, but the game was played in great spirit and the girls never gave up. Still a lot to work on, starting with court fitness so we can keep the intensity up for the whole 15 mins of each quarter.

#### B Grade: Undera 33 def by Merrigum 58

Awards: Tamekah, Breanna, Rachael & Janaya  
We are struggling to find consistency with a couple of players out, therefore we must ban together and use the strengths within. Don't throw away opportunity, play to your strengths, plus the boundaries today and do not give up!

#### C Grade: Undera 28 def by Merrigum 52

Awards: Sam, Amber, Georgie & Tanesha  
Our first quarter served us well last week, however we couldn't keep the momentum going for the rest of the game. Today we need to build quarter by quarter and stick with what works for us. Let's try to step it up and go that bit harder today.

#### 17 & Under: Undera 7 def by Merrigum 56

Awards: Olivia, Sharni & Daisy  
A great game last week and a solid 4 quarters. Starting with only 7 of our regulars allowed the girls to settle into positions and soaked up every instruction at the break times. Playing a top side is always tough but to our credit we created some great passages of play. Thank you to Mia and Amelia for taking the court as well.

#### 15 & Under: Undera 8 def by Merrigum 42

Awards: Mia, Claudia & Sharni  
The girls came up against Merrigum and gave it everything they could. A few injuries during the game leaving us with no bench, they held their heads high and put up a great fight. Our defensive end worked well getting intercepts and putting pressure on their attackers.

#### 13 & Under: Undera 1 def by Avenel 39

Awards: Maddi G, Jaz & Layne  
A great team effort made by all the girls last week at Avenel. It was nice to see some of the new skills learnt at training on show. Well done and go Lions!

#### 11 & Under: Undera 0 def by Avenel 31

Awards: Ruby, Harper & Lily  
The girls worked really hard last week on what we have been practicing at training. They might not have won, but they gave 110% for the whole game and came off smiling, that's all we can ask for!

Tonight, after the games we are back at the Hilltop Golf Club in Tatura for a meal, please make sure to get along and support our Sponsors! Next week we have the Bye for the Split Round and then we are back at home the last week in May against Stanhope where we will be hosting the Say No to Violence Round, as well as our Premiership Reunion Day for 1962 & 1972 Seniors, 2002 A grade, and the postponed B & C Grade 2011 reunion celebrations.

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## APRIL 2

### ROUND 1

Home	Away
Violet Town	Longwood
Undera	Shepp East
Dookie Utd	Avenel
Nagambie	Merrigum
Stanhope	Murch-Tool
Rushworth	
<b>Sunday</b>	
Girgarre	Lancaster

SPLIT RD WEEK 1 **MAY 14**

### ROUND 6

Home	Away
Murch-Tool	Undera
Stanhope	Violet Town
Nagambie	Dookie Utd
<b>Sunday</b>	
Shepp East	Tally

## JUNE 18

### ROUND 9

Home	Away
Undera	Dookie Utd
Rushworth	Violet Town
Girgarre	Nagambie
Lancaster	Stanhope
Tally	Murch-Tool
Longwood	Merrigum
Shepp East	Avenel

SPLIT RD WEEK 1 **JULY 23**

### ROUND 14

Home	Away
Tally	Undera
Longwood	Violet Town
Shepp East	Dookie Utd
Avenel	Nagambie

## APRIL 9

### ROUND 2

Home	Away
Longwood	Dookie Utd
Undera	Undera
Shepp East	Violet Town
Murch-Tool	Stanhope
Tally	Girgarre
Lancaster	Rushworth
<b>Sunday</b>	
Merrigum	Nagambie

SPLIT RD WEEK 2 **MAY 27**

### ROUND 6

Home	Away
Avenel	Lancaster
Merrigum	Girgarre
Longwood	Rushworth

## JUNE 25

### ROUND 10

Home	Away
Dookie Utd	Girgarre
Nagambie	Lancaster
Stanhope	Tally
Murch-Tool	Longwood
Merrigum	Shepp East
Avenel	Rushworth
<b>Sunday</b>	
Violet Town	Undera

SPLIT RD WEEK 2 **JULY 30**

### ROUND 14

Home	Away
Merrigum	Stanhope
Murch-Tool	Rushworth
Lancaster	Girgarre

## APRIL 23

### ROUND 3

Home	Away
Violet Town	Avenel
Dookie Utd	Merrigum
Rushworth	Stanhope
Girgarre	Longwood
Lancaster	Tally
<b>Sunday</b>	
Undera	Shepp East
Nagambie	Murch-Tool

SAY NO TO VIOLENCE **MAY 28**

### ROUND 7

Home	Away
Undera	Stanhope
Violet Town	Nagambie
Lancaster	Merrigum
Tally	Avenel
Longwood	Shepp East
Girgarre	Murch-Tool
<b>Sunday</b>	
Rushworth	Dookie Utd

## JULY 2

### ROUND 11

Home	Away
Undera	Rushworth
Violet Town	Girgarre
Dookie Utd	Lancaster
Nagambie	Tally
Stanhope	Longwood
Murch-Tool	Shepp East
Merrigum	Avenel

## AUGUST 6

### ROUND 15

Home	Away
Undera	Longwood
Violet Town	Shepp East
Dookie Utd	Avenel
Nagambie	Merrigum
Stanhope	Murch-Tool
Girgarre	Tally
Rushworth	Lancaster

## APRIL 30

### ROUND 4

Home	Away
Avenel	Undera
Merrigum	Violet Town
Murch-Tool	Dookie Utd
Stanhope	Nagambie
Shepp East	Girgarre
Longwood	Lancaster
<b>Sunday</b>	
Tally	Rushworth

## JUNE 4

### ROUND 8

Home	Away
Nagambie	Undera
Dookie Utd	Violet Town
Stanhope	Girgarre
Murch-Tool	Lancaster
Merrigum	Tally
Shepp East	Rushworth
<b>Sunday</b>	
Avenel	Longwood

## INDIGENOUS ROUND JULY 9

### ROUND 12

Home	Away
Girgarre	Undera
Tally	Dookie Utd
Longwood	Nagambie
Shepp East	Stanhope
Avenel	Murch-Tool
Rushworth	Merrigum
<b>Sunday</b>	
Lancaster	Violet Town

## AUGUST 13

### ROUND 16

Home	Away
Shepp East	Nagambie
Avenel	Violet Town
Merrigum	Murch-Tool
Lancaster	Dookie Utd
Rushworth	Undera
Tally	Stanhope
<b>Sunday</b>	
Longwood	Girgarre

## MAY 7

### ROUND 5

Home	Away
Undera	Merrigum
Violet Town	Murch-Tool
Rushworth	Nagambie
Girgarre	Avenel
Lancaster	Shepp East
Tally	Longwood
<b>Sunday</b>	
Dookie Utd	Stanhope

## JUNE 11

**GENERAL BYE**  
QUEEN'S B'DAY

## JULY 16

### ROUND 13

Home	Away
Undera	Lancaster
Violet Town	Tally
Dookie Utd	Longwood
Nagambie	Shepp East
Girgarre	Rushworth
<b>Sunday</b>	
Stanhope	Avenel
Murch-Tool	Merrigum

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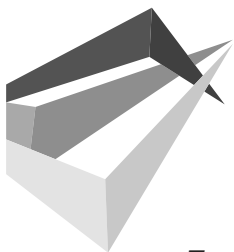


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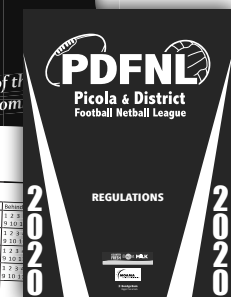
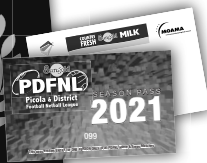
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