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**This week- hosting Wandin in the last Home and Away Match of the Season. Our Women and U/18s have completed their seasons.**

**11.25 D Grade  
12.25 C Grade  
12.30 Reserves  
1.30 A Grade  
2.20 Seniors  
2.50 B Grade**

**Pics this week- thanks to Mick Hill, Duncan Brown, Trevor Currie and Casey Credlin**



***Noah and Jesse Desta following the stunning premiership win by the U/14 boys on Sunday. Noah is an U19 Outer East B and F winner, Jesse is a winner of multiple Outer East B and Fs. How lucky are we to have them in our clubs. You can read more about the U/14 triumph below.***

**This Thursday- vote count for all teams !!! Join the fun as we open the votes for the first 11 rounds. Sacha will also give us a look at how the All Star voting is progressing. The counting will be completed on Presentation Night**

**PRESENTATION NIGHT- FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER AT THE DORSET GARDENS. BE CLOSE TO THE ACTION, BOOK YOUR TABLE EARLY !!! THE TABLE LIST IS ON THE SOCIAL ROOMS DOOR. GET IN QUICK !!**

## **Taking Some Wins From A Loss**

There was no avoiding the "flat feeling" after outplaying top team Narre Warren for most of the match on Saturday then losing in the dying minutes.

We were in front for 80% of the game but behind when it mattered most.

Coach Dyl Wilson was in a positive mood post-match pointing to the numerous strong passages of play that put us in with a chance of inflicting Narre's second loss of the season.

With The Magpies heading to the Southern League next season how good would it have been to add their scalp to those of Cranbourne, Pakenham and Officer as suburban teams which have come to grief "Up Top". Close boys, but no cigar.

BTW- our scores against the three top teams this season- all losses- have been Narre eight points, Wandin 12 points, Woori Yallock 12 points.

A Big Plus- nine guys scored goals ( and that doesn't include skipper Lachie Taylor who was out injured).



***Congrats to Senior players Pat Seymour, Lachlan Taylor and Frank Seal who coached the U/14s to that huge flag win***

**OFC 14.10.94 Narre Warren 15.12.102**

**Best Players - Matthew Scharenberg, James Box, Noah Desta, Francis Seal, Ethan Greenall, Isaac Tonkin**

**Goal Scorers- James Box 3, Rhys Cottam-Starkey 2, Francis Seal 2, Patrick Rosier 2, Mathieu Rosier 1, Noah Desta 1, James Royle-Young 1 , Luca Smith 1, Daniel Toma 1.**

## First Week Of Finals Already Set ?

The answer to that question is "probably".

Win or lose against Wandin on Saturday ( and how good would it be to beat them  
!) it's unlikely our ladder position will change.

The only team that , at first glance, can force us out of fifth position is Mt Evelyn,  
and The Rovers are travelling to Narre Warren this week.

Even if they cause a huge upset and OFC loses they'll still be on the same points  
as the Red and White .

Now comes the tricky bit.

As we know there are 18 rounds of footy in a 12 team competition , which means  
not every team plays every other team twice. So rather than decide ladder position  
on the basis of percentage what's happening (as we understand it) is that if two  
teams have the same number of points, for example OFC and Mt Evelyn, then their  
ladder positions will be decided on the basis of what happened when they played  
each other.

In our case we beat Mt Evelyn in the one match we played them, so we'll finish  
higher than them on the ladder.

This has big implications for Monbulk. If The Hawks beat Officer and Narre beat Mt  
Evelyn then those clubs will each have 32 points BUT because Mt Evelyn has  
beaten Monbulk in both games this year The Rovers will stay in sixth place on the  
ladder and Monbulk will miss finals.

OK- in the first week of finals there are two elimination games- 4 v 5 and 3 v 6.  
This means unless Bloodlines has got something dramatically wrong here (and if so  
I'm hopeful we'll get a call from one of our correspondents) we'll play Upwey. Mt  
Evelyn will (most likely) clash with arch rival Wandin.

Of course if Pakenham upset Woori and OFC lose to Wandin then Wandin would  
push Woori out of second place on the back of it's stronger results from it's two  
matches against. Just sayin...

## U/18s Finish On A Massive High

The kids have shown steady improvement during the season and that upward  
trend continued all the way until the final siren of 2024  
OFC outplayed and outpointed Upwey- the team we also needed to beat a few weeks  
back to lock away a finals berth.

There's a palpable excitement around the Club about this group of boys, who many  
of us are coming to know and enjoy watching- case in point- OFC supporter " who  
is that kid- that number 37- he keeps getting the ball and finds a target every time".

#37 is Rio Neish and yep he dominated his back flank- he's also still U/16 !



*The U/18s played so well even our favourite kookaburra turned his back on the chips and gravy to watch the boys.*

For the last time this season- let's hear from coach Scott Tonkin- "well the boys certainly saved their best until last putting together a great four quarter effort against Upwey ( a team that had beaten us twice this year by a combined 14 points).

The team put together a really solid month of footy and it was a fantastic way to finish the season..

The improvement of this group throughout the year has been a treat and will put them in a good position to move forward next season.

Etienne Griersmith-Rowe continued his strong and consistent season. Campbell Hutchin finished the season strongly at full back and Rylan Kay continued his development on the wing.

Cassian Hine produced a career high four goals playing forward and through the midfield.



*Strong marking up forward helped Cass Hine kick a career best four goals. Zach Seal chipped in with three.*

*"The boys have been a great group to coach this season and I can't wait to see what they produce next year".- Scotty.*

**OFC. 12.7.79 Upwey 4.9.33**

**Best Players-Etienne Griersmith-Rowe, Cassian Hine, Campbell Hutchin, Mattias Sleeth, Kit Sutton, Lachlan Tonkin**

**Goal Scorers- Cass Hine 4, Zach Seal 3, Mattias Sleeth 1, Max Monkhurst 1, Rio Neish 1.**

## The Dour Dozen- Ressies

For at least the last six weeks a dozen or so regular players have been holding the Reserves together and ensuring we've got a competitive game of footy each Saturday.

The team has been topped up by a floating squad of former players, juniors and what we think is a bunch of guys The Zed Man phones each week ( but who now possibly recognise his # and don't answer).

Our whole club is indebted to you guys, and particularly to Theo Zed Man who has done some amazing work for us.



*Despite struggling to put some points on the board the atmosphere in the Twos has been sensational- their were huge celebrations when Robbie Beekman kicked a rare goal against Narre.*

Some highlights from the game-

- OFC was in front for much of the first quarter, partly due to one of the goals of the season from Connor Keegan. He enjoyed it so much he kicked another ripper in the the second quarter
- exciting U18 prospect Etienne Greirsmith-Rowe has a habit of making "something out of nothing". The kid is exciting to watch. A Senior player in the making ?
- Josh Yuki didn't start playing until we met Narre in Round 5, but he's improved in just about every match since. His contested overhead marking was sensational. Josh hasn't played since the U/16s in 2017 but boy he's made a welcome return.

- Josh and Chris Lucas starred in the third quarter as we kicked three goals to Narre's five.
- Benny Watson finished with two goals and could have jagged another couple. He's hitting form just at the right time as the Seniors prepare for finals.
- we were over run in the fourth quarter and the scoreline blew out. But there were two huge plays that deserve a nod- a spectacular tackle from speedster Ollie Clarke that got a "play on"- and then a kick in from "out on the full" in our back pocket. Connor took the mark- he passed to Noords who passed to Etienne for a goal ! The ball went end to end without touching the ground.



*Head and shoulders above the rest- a familiar "Darcy Faulkner sight"*

OFC 8.8.54     Narre Warren 21.10.136

**Best Players-** Connor Keegan, Jack Lucas, Josh Yuki, Angus Nelson, Daniel McNaughton, David Noorda

**Goal Scorers-** Ben Watson 2, Connor Keegan 2, Rob Beekman 1, Etienne Greirsmith-Rowe 1, Jack Lucas 1, Dylan Wilson 1 (!)

## **Netball- C Grade: What The Heck !?**

Sooo we all knew it was going to be a tough Saturday for our netballers. Narre Warren is the Big Dog in the netball kennel. They are on top in every grade, except D Grade where they are second to ROC.

OFC teams are rebuilding and mostly at the other end of the ladder so when

the matches started on Saturday morning it was always going to be a case of restricting the damage.

So at quarter time in the C Grade match, when the scores were locked together on eight all, it was a case of "what the heck, we didn't see this coming".

Excitingly we were breaking even with Narre right across the court.

BUT- this is a big but-The Magpies hit back with a vengeance, scoring 13 goals to our four.

After the half time break OFC bounced back, we outplayed them while holding Narre to it's lowest score since April (34).

Yep, we lost, but putting the game into the 2024 context, it was a small win for us.

Best Players-Sarah Seddon, Rianne Fraser, Sarah Kennedy



*C Grade- Sara Seddon applies some defensive pressure- at the other end of the court Rianne Fraser was knocking them down ( 20 goals)*

Our A Grade team went in with the same young line-up as the previous week, We are exceptionally proud of these kids . At this stage of the season the scorelines are almost irrelevant ,what the Club is looking for is getting plenty of A Grade time into the girls as we already plan ahead for next season.

**A Grade Best Players -Mera Pringle, Dana Millwood, Millie Grigg**



***A Grade- Nic Moraitis looking to dish off as Narre shuts down the outlets.***

**B Grade- big match for Millie and Sofia, who'd already been chasing leather in a major way in the A Grade game. Although we were on the wrong end of a lop-sided scoreline Mel Thomas stepped up with 18 goal.**

**Best Players-Melanie Thomas, Cate Anderson, Sofia Mikulcic**



*Looking for a way into the circle- Emma Van Der Nest looks to give it off to Mel or Caitlin*

D Grade- Narre had only dropped two matches for the season going into the game and they were sure in no mood to lose this one as they look to dislodge ROC in first place.

But the longer the match went the stronger we got, after being overwhelmed 11-2 in the first quarter.

Especially after half time Matilda and Jasmin made the most of their opportunities.

Best Players- Emmy van Duuren, Martha Box, Ruby Fleming



*D Grade-Jas Donner and Matilda Brewster- matched it with Narre after half time*

## **Under 14s Stunning Flag Victory**

**What a year our junior club has had ! Congrats to Simon, Tara, Ben and everyone who's worked so hard in 2024.**

The U9s and U/10s won their lightening premierships, last week our U/11 underdogs won the flag and this week the U/14s enjoyed a premiership win for the ages overwhelming Woori Yallock by 82 points.



### ***The Big Dance- OFC take the flag by 82 points***

The Red and Whites pretty much killed off the match with a blistering 6 goals first quarter.

By the numbers-

- this group mostly ( 16 out of 20 boys) came through Auskick together and were coached by Duncs
- this is their third flag in a row( should be four flags- they were undefeated in the covid year)
- last time they were beaten was in early 2023.
- they have lost only two matches in four years, both times to Mt Evelyn (who lost the 2024 prelim to Woori)



***Time to kick back (or lay back) and savour the moment***



***2024- a vintage effort from Brown Bros... Billy and Fletcher Brown hold the premiership cup. Billy was playing in higher age group ( as was Jack Ford who booted four goals)***

**OFC 15.10 .100 Woori Yallock 2.6.18**

**Goal Scorers- Jesse Desta 5, Jack Ford 4, Hugo Fishburn 2, Spencer Garratt 1, Alistair Deering 1, Edward Pattison 1, Kadin Johnston 1, Spencer Garratt captained the team. Jye Aitken was vice captain.**



*We are proud to present to you the only known 2024 picture of Carey not working- as she holds the U/14 premiership cup ( and wears son Lachie's premiership medallion)*

## Volunteer Has A Gutful

A huge shoutout to Trevor Currie who not only takes some of Victorian community sports best pics AND helps on training nights and match days but is also a whizz in the kitchen.

"TC" has been surprising other volunteers in recent weeks with a batch of home made muffins, and they're not Betty King cake packet knock offs- they are in fact seriously good hand crafted muffins.

Strawberry and white chocolate, apple and raisin, blueberry and dark chocolate- the guy is a true culinary talent. Who would have tipped that ?!

There is a caveat - if one of TC's batches comes your way- make sure you share them ! Take it from one who has tried- you won't be able to eat them all.



*Strawberry and white chocolate muffin- courtesy of Trev Currie. Keep an eye out for these very special kitchen treats.*

## All Star Voting

As predicted last week, no sign of Lily's Legends and the 3 podium finishers this week all expected to be high up in the All Star rankings.

Frank's Fighters and The Mountain Marauders both 1 & 2 again this week.

The Fighters got up on the back of some magnificent netball performances, with BOGs to Mera Pringle, Mel Thomas and Sarah Seddon, and big vote getting footy games to Captain Frank Seal, co-owner Jack Lucas and Campbell Hutchin.

All Star Squad owners would be mad to miss the preliminary vote count in the rooms on Thursday night, where all votes will be counted up to round 11 and a true All-Stars leaderboard presented



## Precinct Update.

So OFC people who read these articles may be wondering how come the promised asphalt works in front of the pavilion haven't been finished yet .

Well the Shire of Yarra Ranges has become involved and is trying to find funding to extend the asphaltting from the netball court to the front gate and to also install some extra drainage pits.

Watch this space.

We can also confirm that the solar system, which was installed last November, is STILL not working effectively..

The contractor is trying to determine what keeps tripping the system ( and shutting down our fridges !). Hilltop has asked for the system to be shut down until the situation can be remedied.

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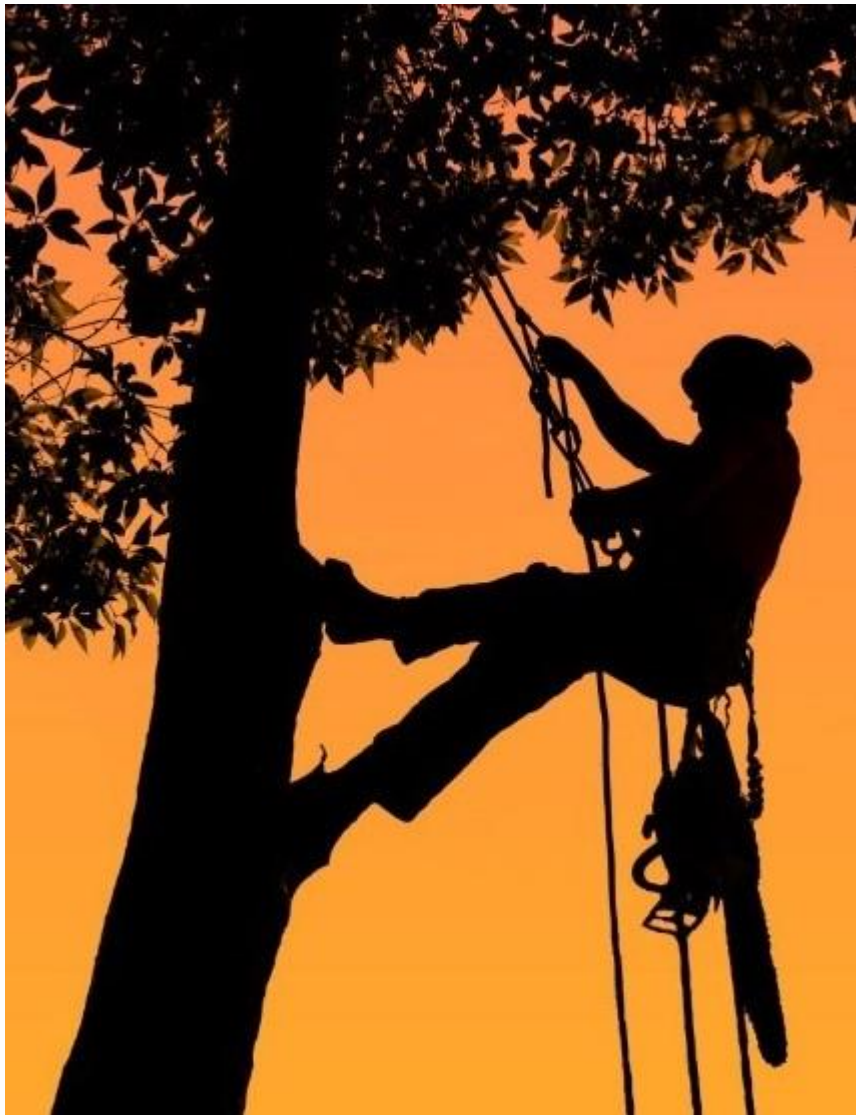
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