



News from the Lakers!



WELL DONE to our boys and girls on the weekend. We only lost our Under 14 Reserves footballers who tried hard but the conditions were against them.

Both our Under 12 boys were victors and gained the double chance, as did the 14 Reserve and 16.5 reserve netballers.

The 14 boys had a strong win in terrible conditions, whilst the rest of our netballers struggled against strong North Ballarat sides, but live to fight another day.

Please come along and support all the boys and girls during the finals!!

Junior Finals 2013..

Prices:

Adults - \$8

Family (2 adults & 2 children) - \$20

Pensioner - \$5

8 - 16yo - \$5

U/8 - Free

Car - \$1

Footy Record - \$1

Gate Keepers will have day stamps on them throughout the course of the weekend so if you are leaving a venue and are planning on returning at some stage that day or plan to move on to another venue, you need to make sure you get a stamp on your hand to show you have previously paid the entry fee.

FOOTBALL:

	Shorts	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Shorts	Venue	Time
U/12 Reserves							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	Ballarat	White	Eastern Oval	8.55am
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Redan	v	North Ballarat	White	Darley Park	8.55am
U/12 Seniors							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	Darley	White	Eastern Oval	9.50am
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Ballarat	v	North Ballarat	White	Darley Park	9.50am
U/14 Reserves							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Darley**	v	North Ballarat	White	Darley Park	11.05am
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	11.05am
U/14 Seniors							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	East Ballarat	v	North Ballarat	White	Darley Park	12.20pm
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	12.20pm
U/16.5 Reserves							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Redan	v	North Ballarat	White	Darley Park	1.35pm
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Mount Clear	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	1.35pm
U/16.5 Seniors							
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Mount Clear	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	3.10pm
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Darley	v	East Ballarat	White	Darley Park	3.10pm

NETBALL:

	Home Club		Away Club	Venue	Time
U/12 Reserves					
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	9:00am
1st Semi Final	Lake Wendouree	v	East Ballarat	Eastern Oval	9:00am
U/12 Seniors					
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	10:00am
1st Semi Final	Lake Wendouree	v	East Ballarat	Eastern Oval	10:00am
U/14 Reserves					
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	Darley Park	11:00am
1st Semi Final	Darley	v	East Ballarat	Eastern Oval	11:00am
U/14 Seniors					
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	12:00pm
1st Semi Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Mount Clear	Eastern Oval	12:00pm
U/16.5 Reserves					
2nd Semi Final	Redan	v	Lake Wendouree	Darley Park	1:00pm
1st Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Darley	Darley Park	2:00pm
U/16.5 Seniors					
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Redan	Darley Park	3:00pm
1st Semi Final	Lake Wendouree	v	East Ballarat	Eastern Oval	1:00pm

Trainers..

ATTENTION PARENTS of U16 players 2014. If you have a current Level 2 Senior First Aid and a Working With Children Check, and would like to assist you club please contact Becky Andrews ASAP. A National Sports Trainers Course is not required but an advantage, also defib training an advantage. All courses can be made available at the cost of the club for anyone who is willing to help.

We are also always looking for fill-ins for all other age groups as our current trainers may not always be available. If you are interested in assisting please contact Becky Andrews on 0417 107 845.

Best & Fairest Presentation Functions...

Under 16.5's Sunday 1st September at 6.30pm at the clubrooms

The cost for the Presentation Dinner for the 16.5's boys and 16.5s netball girl's teams is \$20 per person which covers a fully catered 2 course meal.

Parents are most welcome but numbers will need to cap numbers to parents, players and their partners (if applicable) due to extra numbers and we ask that you indicate your attendance asap to your coaches/team managers.

Jumpers/Dresses...

A reminder that playing jumpers and dresses are to be returned to the club once your season is over.

For any Under 10 or Under 16.5s footballers who have not returned your jumper, can you please return to the club this Wednesday from 4.30 at Lakers.

Welcome - joint netball co-ordinator

Thank you and welcome to Lisa Todd as joint netball coordinator for the season 2014. Lisa will have 3 girls competing next year across 3 age groups and has many contacts in Ballarat sport. Lisa will be an asset in this role.

We would welcome anyone interested in a role for the coming 2014 netball season to talk to Kate Raven or Lisa Todd. There are opportunities for coaching, mentoring, team managers and umpires. Register your interest now as these appointments will be made at the conclusion of the current season.

RESULTS

Schweppes U/14 Seniors

DARLEY v. LAKE WENDOUREE

Lake Wendouree	1.4, 2.5, 4.6, 6.7 (43)
Darley	0.0, 1.1, 1.1, 1.1 (7)

GOALS;` Callum Mc Kay 2, Harry Turner 1, Tomas Hynes 1, Kynan Raven 1, Luke Currie-Jones 1

BEST; Callum Mc Kay, Xavier Schuurs, Max Edwards, Lachlan Chivers, Luke Currie-Jones, Joel O'Connell

MATCH REPORT:

The boys started with real purpose attacking the ball hard from the opening bounce and kicking with the wind. Despite being able to hit the scoreboard with any great gusto, the boys managed to keep the ball in the forward line. The masterstroke move of Harry Turner to the forward pocket paid immediate dividends with Harry's soccer skills getting the Lakers first goal of the day.

In the second quarter, Jock stacked the backline, with Lachie Chivers a surprise Centre Half Back and Max Edwards the spare man in defence constantly repelling Darley attacks. The ball seesawed through the middle before a late Darley goal, but a fine passage of play on the wing, saw Kynan Raven capitalise on great skills with a snap that rolled through right on the siren. The boys entered the half time break with a lot of confidence and you could see the Darley boys heads drop.

In the third the boys continued with their attack on the ball and the player, with the back line holding up manfully, with likes of Bailey Andrews and Jordan White beating their men, and the smalls of Xavier Schuurs, Joel O'Connell, Bailey Wilson and Lachie Fahey at the the bottom of every pack. There had been little change to the scoreboard before Callum McKay popped up late in the quarter with strong marks to kick through 2 goals to almost put the game out of reach.

Jock implored the boys to keep their attack on the ball and play out the last 15 minutes and quick last quarter goal to Luke Currie-Jones sealed the win. Spectators on the boundary line were able to breathe safely in the knowledge that the win was secured and a second final beckoned. Another goal to Tommy Hynes capped on a fine win in what was a four quarter team effort.

The song was sung with gusto for what was for the majority of the boys their first finals involvement.

Schweppes U/14 Reserves

BALLARAT v. LAKE WENDOUREE

Ballarat	2.3, 3.3, 5.7, 5.7 (37)
Lake Wendouree	0.0, 1.2, 1.2, 1.2 (8)

GOALS: Edmund Carlton 1
BEST: Sam Canny, Callum Harte, Benjamin Dunwoodie, Michael Beaumont, Aiden Lourey, Thomas Godson

MATCH REPORT:

Unfortunately for this group of boys the wet and muddy conditions did not suit their running style and the larger bodies of Ballarat controlled the game.

The boys continued to work hard to put some scoreboard pressure on the Swans, but lacked finesse and strength over the ball. Sam Canny and Ben Dunwoodie toiled hard and some of the larger bodies of Michael "Lance" Beaumont, Callum Harte, Tom Godson and Aiden Lourey endeavoured to open up space for the runners but to no avail.

These boys are to be congratulated on their great year, and with the majority of these bottom age, finals in 2014 should be the expectation.

Ballarat Toyota U/12 Seniors

LAKE WENDOUREE v. BALLARAT

Lake Wendouree	2.1, 4.2, 6.4, 9.5 (59)
Ballarat	1.2, 2.3, 3.3, 4.3 (27)

GOALS: Ned Nash 4, Noah McIntosh 2, Max McLachlan 1, Maximus McIntosh 1, Nicholas Spratling 1
BEST: Noah McIntosh, Ned Nash, Matthew O'Connell, Oscar Pryor, Nicholas Spratling, Taryn Raven

MATCH REPORT:

In good conditions & on a great surface the boys played extremely well to proceed through to the 2nd week of finals.

While we led all day and won by 32 points in the end the game was very even for the 1st three quarters. Our ability to maintain pressure on Ballarat for the entire game enabled the boys to break free in the last quarter & run out convincing winners. In what was an entire team effort there were some

exceptional individual performances displayed.

None more than Ned Nash who dominated all areas of the ground either down back on ball or up forward where he also kicked 4 goals. His on ball partner Noah Mac also chimed in with 2 goals and was cat like at ground level swooping on anything loose. Our Captain Matty O`Connell controlled the centre area right from the start and continually put his head over the ball winning plenty of contested footy, Oscar Pryor & Taryn Raven led the backline superbly repelling plenty of attacks with their straight ahead style. All members of the team had good game time and all played a vital role in the victory.

We now have a great opportunity to play in another final at the best ground in the league with a victory giving us all the thrill of playing off in a grand final.

Well done boys.

Ballarat Toyota U/12 Reserves

LAKE WENDOUREE v. NORTH BALLARAT

Lake Wendouree 3.0, 5.2, 5.3, 5.3 (33)

North Ballarat 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 (6)

GOALS: Ryan Quayle 2, James Loader 2, Siddharth Rajesh 1

BEST: Kye Edwards, Ethan Henderson, Liam Worthington, James Loader, Lleyton Rodd, Sean Antrobus

MATCH REPORT:

Finals footy had certainly arrived if the weather was anything to go by. Overcast with beams of sun piercing the clouds, a gentle breeze blowing from wing to wing offering no goal kicking advantage to either team and a lush, dew free, Eastern Oval surface. Today was made for football and the conditions meant the best team would win. No excuses for losing could be given due to weather or the ground condition it would be game on.

The Lakers boys were all in the rooms by 8:20 and coaches Reidy and Bathy ran through the usual role call. The team selected Wednesday after training had unfortunately seen 8 boys miss the cut for the first final. As keen as the rest of the team to taste success for all their hard work throughout the home and away season most of these boys sat shoulder to shoulder with their team mates for support, each hoping for a last minute call up.

Reidy spoke to the boys for a short minute. "The year of football that has past has been all about learning the skills of the game, challenging each individuals own ability to get better, stronger and fitter and always FUN.

“Winning has not come into the equation until this point. “Now comes the time to reward yourselves and as a team to strive to WIN our first game of Finals Footy, lets win this one!

The emotion was high as the boys charged onto the field, the hairs on the back of the supporters necks were standing on end and the coaching staff strutted with shoulders back and chests out. A solid warm up with runner Nick Valpied in front of goal as Captain for the finals Oscar Ford jogged into the middle for the toss. Lakers would be kicking toward the clubrooms and the boys knew the start was important.

We had been beaten both times during the season by North but the coaches secretly knew with their best side on the field they could match it with the best if not knock them off.

The siren sounded and the umpire threw the ball into the blue sky above. Like something out of a superhero comic Kye Edwards leapt tall buildings in the first ruck contest tapping the ball to Liam Worthington who dodged and weaved, put the ball on the boot and James Loader finished the sequence with a goal and that was just the start!

We were on, up and about! Back in the middle the umpire again through the ball up, the coaches and lads on the bench thought it was déjà vu as Edwards and Worthington did as they pleased. Will Clark and Brodie Plover, the rest of the on ball brigade were simply scintillating and before the crowd had settled from the first Lakers goal another 2 had been added by Ryan Quayle and Jimmy Loader with his second. Our forward pressure was outstanding, Macio Nash, Max Oliver, Sean Antrobus and Campbell Drummond played like the Hulk. The ball was trapped in our forward half and North had no answer. These boys played smart and hard footy they built a wall across half forward that was like Fort Knox, impossible to break out of.

There was barely any scoring advantage to either end. The second quarter couldn't come quick enough for the opposition. Reidy and Bathy mixed up the on ballers with Max Coxall and Sid Rajesh starting in the middle. These boys had also come to play. Starting behind the bounce were Lleyton Rodd and Ethan Forbes on the wings. They ran in on a defensive arc, giving sheppards and quick options for handball linking up the play into the forward line for Quayley to add his second major for the game. Half way through the second quarter North hadn't even looked like getting a kick let alone a score on the board. Soon enough the ball did get through our defences, and they had there one and only goal for the game. In hindsight the Lakers backline probably felt sorry for North and let them kick a very underwhelming goal. No one knows who kicked it or even if it was a North player so they gave them one in good spirit. But that was it!

From that moment on Hamish Bridges at Full Back and Ethan Henderson at Centre Half Back rallied the back line and put their foot down. “No more goals

and no more score!

The umpire put the ball up for the last time in the first half Lakers moved the ball like magic, the ball was on a string. Forward it went into a contest, swooping through and snapping Lakers fifth goal was Sid Rajesh, it was done! The game was won in the first Half by the Lakers dominance, all there was to do now was defend the unbeatable score, and enjoy some glorious U12s footy on a glorious Saturday morning.

The second half enabled the Coaches to make some structural changes and give some game time to the boys who had been patiently sitting on the bench. These boys were as important to the team as the boys on the field. Providing support, talk and quick rests when needed. Noah Steenhuis and Liam Vercoe had played like forwards in the way they attacked and ran the ball out of defence. Super captain Oscar Ford and straight line running half back flanker Fraser Gibson were like bollards in defence. Kye Edwards as stated was inspirational in the ruck, however on a big ground needed a help out and in stepped Hugh Valpied. Rubbing salt into the wounds of the North ruckmen not letting them have an ounce of impact on the game. Playing a specific small forward role of the bench were Mitch Grieves and Tyler Nunn. No goals for their own tally but the crumbing work and forward pressure to lock the ball in our half of the ground was second to none. Coach Reidy asked the boys at three quarter time what was our teams philosophy in the backline? Matty Catheralls response was "stop your man from getting the ball. Reidy said "If you boys can do this for one more quarter you will win this game. And so they did. Matty and Ryley Commons continued were Liam Vercoe had left off. Liam sat down for a well-earned rest and the other two boys and the rest of the backline group absolutely smashed their opposition men.

As the final siren sounded the Lakers boys cheered and jumped in the air as if they had fresh legs. The coaches quickly brought them into a tight huddle and reminded them the job was only partially done. One great win didn't give them the major prize they were yearning for. Back to training Wednesday afternoon and prepare for the second step on the path to glory. But before this they did belt out a resounding rendition of the club theme song. Great start Boys!