



News from the Lakers!



Well done to both our Under 12 boys who were victors and have made their way into next weeks Grand Final!! This is a fantastic result for our boys and is the first grand final appearance by one of our football teams for over 6 years.

We lost our Under 14 Senior footballers and 12 Reserves Netballers, but the rest of our netballers remain alive and are today fighting for a chance to be involved next week.

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

FOOTBALL:

	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	Redan	v	Ballarat	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	8.55am
U/12 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	Darley**	v	North Ballarat	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	9.50am
U/14 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	Darley	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	11.05am
U/14 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	12.20pm
U/16.5 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	Redan	v	Mount Clear	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	1.35pm
U/16.5 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	East Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	3.10pm

NETBALL:

	Home Club		Away Club	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	Bacchus Marsh	v	East Ballarat	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	9:00am
U/12 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	Bacchus Marsh	v	Lake Wendouree	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	10:00am
U/14 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Darley	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	11:00am
U/14 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Bacchus Marsh	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	12:00pm
U/16.5 Reserves						
Preliminary Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	1:00pm
U/16.5 Seniors						
Preliminary Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	Darley Park	Sunday 1st September	2:00pm

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.

Grand Final Day - Sunday 8th September 2013..

It's been great to see so many parents and supporters in attendance supporting the boys and girls! We are holding a celebration of the year next Sunday 8th September from 3pm at the clubrooms. Come along and enjoy the celebrations with BBQ and drinks. All are welcome.

To adequately cater for the night, could families please text Nat on 0400 681 870 with your name and the number in attendance.

FOUND - LOST PURSE/WALLET

A purse/wallet has been handed in to the club. It was found at Stocklands and has a junior membership card inside.

If anyone has misplaced, please contact Nat on 0400 681 870.

Football Co-Ordinators

As many of you are aware, it's with great sadness and untold thanks that we bid farewell to Darrin Findlay from the junior club. Darrin has been a junior co-ordinator from 2009 and has been central to the improvement in our players and the smooth operation of the club.

We would welcome anyone interested in assisting going forward to talk to Nat Mc Kay or Neil McKechnie. Ideally parents at the junior end of the club (or Richmond supporters!) are encouraged to get involved as Nat will be more involved at the 16.5 level and senior club going forward but is happy to oversee and support anyone who jumps of board.

The more people that share the load reduces the work of a few.

Coaches etc in 2014

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. Please register your interest with Darrin, Neil or Nat before the 7th October 2013.

Positions will be advertised in the Courier the week following the Junior Grand Final.

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.

Jumpers/Dresses...

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

For footballers who is no longer playing and have not returned your jumper, can you please return to the club this Wednesday from 4.30 at Lakers.

Welcome - joint netball co-ordinator

Wanted - team managers/coaches/umpires

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

Footy

U/14 Seniors

LAKE WENDOUREE v. BACCHUS MARSH
Semi Finals Semi Final 1 - 25/08/2013

Bacchus Marsh	2.2, 4.5, 9.8, 10.10 (70)
Lake Wendouree	0.1, 0.6, 0.6, 1.8 (14)

GOALS, Bacchus Marsh :

Joshua Duggan 2, Xavier Jenks 2, Blake Graham 1, Jack Hehir 1, Nicholas Stuhldreier 1,
Nathan Fernandez 1,
Dale Harris 1, Dominic Miesen 1

Lake Wendouree :

Luke Currie-Jones 1

BEST, Bacchus Marsh :

Nicholas Stuhldreier, Joshua Duggan, Connor Stone, Samuel Griffiths, Callum McKenzie,
Jack Lalor

Lake Wendouree :

Joel O'Connell, Callum Mc Kay, Lachlan Chivers, Jordan White, Xavier Schuurs, Bailey
Andrews

MATCH REPORT:

In a stark contrast to last week, this week the Marsh attacked the ball with gusto in the first minutes which in hindsight set the agenda for the day. Big Chivas was resolute in the ruck and around the ball with some attacking play and the smallest man of the field Jocka was working his guts out on the far wing, and despite Bacchus's attack on the ball, Lakers actually seemed to be control of the game although were unable to penetrate a strong defence to put any score on the board in the first quarter.

Jock switched Chivas from the ruck to a rover and urged the boys to kick the ball to their CHF and FF at the half time break. The first play of the second quarter saw the ball kicked long into the forward line, and some excellent work by Fletcher Brennan using all his strength saw the ball fall into the hands of Callum who bombed from 35 out to have the ball just miss. In fact Lakers continued to control the game in the second quarter with Cal getting lots of opportunities but unable to convert truly.

Jock again implored the boys to attack the ball but 2 quick goals to Bacchus Marsh quickly saw the boys drop their shoulders as they could see they're dreams of premiership glory fading by the wayside.

It was hard for the coaches to get the boys up at the last break but he asked them to

show some fight and win the last quarter. The boys rallied took control with the likes of Bailey Andrews and Jordan White continuing to show the improvement in their game over the past 12 months and Luke Currie-Jones managed to snap a late goal to at least get the boys on the board. Callum continued to get opportunities but 7 behinds was the tale of the day.

The boys held their heads up but were beaten by a stronger, quicker and more disciplined side that have been training since last November!

Congratulations to them all on a fine year...for many this was the first taste of finals. Jock asked them to stick strong and stay at the club with the belief that this group has lots of untapped potential and greater chances going forward.

Ballarat Toyota U/12 Seniors

LAKE WENDOUREE v. DARLEY
Semi Finals Semi Final 2 - 25/08/2013

Lake Wendouree	0.0, 0.0, 0.2, 1.6 (12)
Darley	0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 0.3 (3)

GOALS, Lake Wendouree :
Cooper Bath 1

BEST; Griffin Andrews, Taryn Raven, Matthew McKenna, Maximus McIntosh, Noah Browning, Jayden White-Powell

MATCH REPORT:

Firstly I am not even going to attempt to outdo Reidy & his reserves write up.

What a great win by the boys, in what turned out to be a battle of defences we finally hit the scoreboard in the last quarter with a goal from Cooper Bath sealing the victory. In a very low scoring affair we seemed to be 2nd to the footy for most of the first half and also had trouble going into our forward line with Darley having players behind the ball. To the boys credit they continued to battle hard and by three quarter time you could sense we may have been starting to get on top.

Our back 6 repelled attack after attack and seem to lap up the pressure as if they had been doing it for years, Petty, Matty McKenna & Tas deep in defence & Oscar, Jayden & Griff across half back were near impassable. Griff & Tas being bottom age players were sensational and never looked like being beaten. Tommy & Blacky battled hard all day against the Darley tall's getting on top late in the game.

Although our onballers & forwards were not dominant on the day I thought their will & desire to keep persisting right until the final siren was paramount in the victory. The

boys learnt a great lesson that it could take until the last minute of the match to break the opposition but if you are willing to keep persevering the results will come & that is exactly what happened by booking themselves a spot on the big stage on Grand Final day. Congratulations boys on what was a great team effort and what has been an outstanding season by making the grand final.

Enjoy the next two weeks leading up to the grand Final & have the time of your life on Grand Final day.

Ballarat Toyota U/12 Reserves

LAKE WENDOUREE v. BALLARAT
Semi Finals Semi Final 2 - 25/08/2013

Lake Wendouree	1.2, 1.3, 2.4, 2.4 (16)
Ballarat	0.1, 0.1, 1.1, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Lake Wendouree :

Liam Worthington 1, Will Clark 1

BEST, Lake Wendouree :

Ethan Forbes, Ethan Henderson, Will Clark, Oskar Ford, Liam Worthington, Hamish Bridges

MATCH REPORT:

18 Players on the field, 11 players on the bench and 4 lads running water, this was a complete team effort. The coaches message for the day was simple, "If we win this game, what happens?" The answer from all 33 boys was, in one voice "we play in a Grand Final."

And the smiles and exhilaration of this thought was enough to bring the team to their feet and stream onto the ground. Captain Ford won the toss and chose to kick toward the grand stand end of the ground. For the second week in succession the conditions were almost identical the only change was the opposition. Our head to head battle was equal for the season and each game was a ferocious battle of wills. We were both a good running team Ballarat had showed better disposal skills but Lakers had showed better contested ability.

The first Quarter was pure and simple a hard contest both teams had come to play for a win. In contrast to the first Final, Ballarat were physically challenging and testing the Lakers lads. Hard tackling, bumping and numbers around all contest were making this game intense. Coaches Reidy and Bathy were screaming messages from the bench to find a man and create forward pressure. Both the runners, Olly and Val were being used like carrier pigeons, flying across the ground and mentor Nashy was generalling the troops in the backline to be goal side and tight on their opponents. All this hard work paid off when Liam Worthington, playing on the ball, ran forward to kick a goal and give

the Lakers some slight relief going into the first break.

1 goal 2, to 1 behind Lakers way was the score at quarter time but no team had control. Lakers quarter time talk was centred around pressure on the opposition. We were equal at the contest and disposal but Ballarat had loose players in all parts of the ground. We had to get an advantage so the plan was to tackle the opposition hard into the ground and put the fear of the Laker into their minds. The second quarter provided no highlights by either team, a point added to the score by Lake Wendouree and a tighter, tougher game plan had perhaps put momentum in their favour.

Zac Andrews, Ari Davis, Angus Drain and Nathan Gilbert had all come into the team for their first crack at the finals. Each had been rotated through the forward line in the first three quarters and adding these new hungry boys to the line up increased our endeavour at the ball in front of goal. A quick coaching move to swap Nathan Gilbert for Will Clark in the forward pocket paid dividends as Clarky added Lakers second goal. Much of the play was in Lakers forward line and on our wings but Ballarat was desperate for a goal and against the flow of the game and through hard work managed a rushed goal in the third.

Lake Wendouree went into the final term with a handy 9 point lead. Reidy asked the question again, "what happens if we win this game?" and with that the shoulders of the tired players went back and their chests pumped out, smiles appeared from ear to ear and rejuvenated group of footballers marched back to their positions knowing the answer and knowing they only had to defend 10 minutes of football for a birth in a Grand Final.

And defend they did. Every boy in the backline was amazing. They ran straight and hard and kicked the ball long out of defence. But Ballarat found something extra they were forcing the ball into their forwards as often as we kicked it out. At times it was scrappy and the ball came perilously close to crossing the goal line several times but stand tall the Lakers boys did. Jac Greenwood was the only change to the backline for the day. Fearless under immense pressure was the way they played but Ballarat could only manage a single rushed behind. Like music to our ears the siren sounded and we had made it. We had beaten our two closest rivals on the ladder and every other team in the competition and we had now given ourselves to play in the greatest event of the season. The answer to our game day motivational question was we can now play in a **GRAND FINAL**.

Reward for hard work, a challenge, a true test or indication of how good we are, however you want to phrase it the fact is we have earned this opportunity. In the rooms after the game the song was heard from the Lakers mud pit in Wendouree and the atmosphere was amazing. Reidy spoke briefly and especially thanked all the boys who ran water and the boys who sat patiently on the bench. Not every player got equal game time but in your own way every player on our list has in some way contributed to getting this remarkable team to this position.

Playing in a Grand Final is an achievement few footballers reach throughout their career. My advice is to simply enjoy the whole process, give yourself the best chance to play one hundred per cent on game day and most of all good luck. Go Lakers

Netball

We now have 5 out of 6 teams remaining. The U12 reserves lost and were sadly eliminated. All remaining teams left to play in the preliminary finals this weekend. Good Luck Girls.

U16/5 Seniors

Second Semi Final

Lakers 22 def East Ballarat 19

U16.5 Reserves

Second Semi Final

Redan 20 def Lakers 17

U14 Seniors

First Semi-Final

North Ballarat 25 def Lakers 18

U12 Seniors

First Semi-Final

Lakers 30 def East Ballarat 12

U12 Reserves

First Semi-Final

East Ballarat 10 def Lakers 6