



News from the Lakers!



The conditions on Sunday were the worst of the year with the showers getting a good workout as most of the boys were covered from head to toe. It made for sub standard games with lots of packs and tackling was to the fore. Whilst the netballers didn't encounter the mud, the wet conditions made it difficult for the girls to maintain their feet.

The Youth Girls played Redan and performed well in equally trying conditions but were unable to get the points.

As it currently sits all Netball, Youth Girls and Football teams sit in the top 6 and hopefully all can finish off strongly as we now heading into the home straight with this week being the first of 3 away games before finals.

This week we take on Ballarat, with the Footy played at Ballarat High School and the Netball at Alfredton (next to Alfredton Primary School) whilst the Youth Girls head to Riddells Creek.

FOOTY PHOTOS

Team photos have arrived and will be handed out during training this week

TRAINING

Due to weather conditions the Under 10's and Under 12's football teams will be training at Major League this Wednesday from 4.30 to 6pm.

The Under 12 and Under 14 netballers will also train at Major League on Thursday from 4.15.

The cost is \$2 per child.

LOST & FOUND

There are a number of jumpers, mouthguards etc in the Lost and Found which is placed in the rooms at the start of the day. Can all parents please check to see if anything belongs to your child.

Kynan McPherson has misplaced his yellow and black mouthguard which isn't in the lost and found. If anyone comes across it please pass onto Kynan (U9's)

MILESTONES

Congratulations to Sam Carr who will play his 50th game and Tyson Randall his 100th this week against North Ballarat.

SURVEY

For those who have yet to complete the survey for all our female members, volunteers, players and parents we ask that you please take the time to complete as it will assist the league and our club address matters that are important.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XDG7DRH>

TRIVIA NIGHT

Lock away Saturday 4th August for the Lakers Trivia Night at the clubrooms commencing at 7pm. \$15 a head, BYO supper. Come along for a great night of trivia and laughs. Great auction items and prizes.

To book a table contact Sally on 0408 999 881 or tickets available at the door.

SPORTS CLUB CARDS

By now most of you should have all received a batch of "Sports Clubs" Cards which have been generously produced and supplied by Regent Multiplex and distributed to all BFNL Senior & junior players, netballers, and also to the CHFL, Ballarat Miners, Soccer etc.

Basically how it works is as follows:

If a player flashes the card when they see a movie at the Regent Multiplex they will (for example) get a free popcorn, coke, etc and after 3 movies they will get a "free movie".

ROBERT ALLAN MEDAL

This year's event will be held on Wednesday 22nd August at the Mecure Ballarat on Main Road and will start at 6pm. It is shaping up to be the biggest Robert Allan Medal the Ballarat Football League has ever hosted. The league will shortly send out invitations to:-

- Those in the running for the Robert Allan Medal
- The leading top 5 goal kickers of each competition
- The leading top 5 goal shooters of each netball competition
- All coaches from every club are encouraged to attend
- All Junior Coordinators are encouraged to attend

Price of tickets is \$35 per head.

.....DATES TO REMEMBER.....

PIE NIGHT PIE NIGHT

Youth Girls

TBA

A NIGHT AT THE TROTS - giddy up.....

28th March 2013 for a night at the trots. Major social function fundraiser in 2013. More details to follow.

PRESENTATION NIGHTS

Also end of season presentations for netball and football as follows:-

Under 10's: Sunday 19th August following the round robin
Under 12's and 14's: Sunday 27th August at the clubrooms . Time TBA
Under 16.5's & Youth Girls Sunday 2nd September at 6.30pm at the clubrooms

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

Parents are most welcome but this year we 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.

NETBALL RESULTS

Under 12's

North Ballarat 30 defeated Lakers 5

The scoreboard belied the true nature of the game. This week our girls were all bottom age and went in with the bare minimum of 7 this week against a stronger, older North Ballarat, and to their credit took on board the training during the week to be very competitive especially in the first half with the score 10-3.

Ellena and Paetyn were amazing in defence continually playing in front and repelling attacks and providing drive down the court. Jane played her best game for the year in WD and used her voice to demand the ball and when passing to others. Our attackers in Tessa, Grace Turner, Skyla and Sara tried their best to capitalise on their opportunities.

Unfortunately the pressure in the end took its course and when North Ballarat played their strongest line up in the last quarter the flood gates opened.

Best Players: Ellena Raven, Paetyn Jarred and Jane Simpson



M & T Simpson Excavations Pty Ltd Under 14's

North Ballarat 27 defeated Lakers 16

A good team effort in terrible conditions with the rain coming down as the girls hit the court. The girls showed good improvement on the previous hit out against North.

Best Players: Tia McLachlan, Isabelle Fraser and Annie Simpson.



Warralily Under 16.5's

Lakers 29 defeated Golden Point 19

The wet weather conditions early on made it difficult for quick, flowing play and it took a while for the girls to find some rhythm. But Alex, Sarah and Jenna showed a lot of patience and kept moving the ball around until Emma and Nina could work their way into a good position and receive the ball close to the post. The defensive combination of Chloe and Molly worked hard on their one-on-one defence, and they continually repelled attacks, driving the ball into our shooting third. Ellie kept working hard to bring the ball out of defence and was often a good option as she kept moving down the court.

The girls were encouraged to maintain possession by keeping their passes short and to keep moving towards the ball until they had it in their grasp.

With the score 11-10 down at half time the girls were determined to focus on putting hands over every pass and defend their players closely in order to apply pressure. The girls' defensive work paid off and with Alex working particularly hard off the ball, a number of turnovers were created and fantastic intercepts resulted. Despite receiving very close attention from the opposition defenders Nina remained calm and continued to shoot well. Excellent passing from Sarah, Alex, Courtney and Jenna kept finding our shooters in space and the girls were three goals ahead at three-quarter time.

In the last quarter the girls really stepped up. The full court defensive work led to us picking up a number of loose balls and intercepts and some lovely passages of play saw the ball move quickly down court where Nina and Sarah finished off with some accurate shooting. The versatility of Courtney was evident throughout the match as she played roles in circle defence, shooting and in mid-court, contributing beautifully in each position. Chloe kept applying strong pressure and picked up a number of deflections and strong rebounds and kept driving down court to receive another pass.

Best players: Chloe Reese, Alex Morcombe and Nina Cowie

GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

The Round 9 Youth Girls football was shifted from Sebastopol to White Flat due to the poor condition of the ovals at Marty Busch Reserve.

The girls played one of the original Youth Girls teams from last year in Redan on the weekend and showed how much they have improved since the start of the year. After losing by 69 points in Round 2 to Redan and only scoring one goal the target was set for the Lakers to improve the margin and our scoring in this game. The final score of 2.2 (14) to 8.3 (51) might not look that great but the Lakers girls played a fantastic game of contested footy that earned the respect of all those who watched the match.

Lakers kept Redan scoreless in the second quarter and outscored them overall during the second and third quarters of the match to highlight how much, much better the team is playing as a group in the second half of the year. Great games were played by Emma Relouw, Indi Walker, Polly Guthrie and Courtney Mannix while Chelsea McKean was named amongst the best players for the first time this year.

Our youngest player is Amy Jackson but she gets stuck in and kicked a fantastic set-shot goal after winning a free kick.

Thanks are passed on to Redan for loaning us one player for each quarter to balance numbers. Jess Bokma, Amy McDonald, Tayla Dower-Cook and Georgina Richardson all did well and three of them were eventually named amongst Redan's best.

Thanks to Jacob Relouw, Jamo Gilmer and Alex Richardson for running water and Buddha Spratling for being the team runner this week. All three boys were sick of hearing how goods their sisters' were playing by the end of the day. Great to see some of the boys enjoying the girls footy.

3-2-1 Lakers!

FOOTBALL RESULTS



Prestige Denture Clinic Under 9's

Very wet and muddy conditions but with great teamwork and hard work the team came away with a good win.

Goals: Cooper James 4, Cade H 1, Mitchell York 1, Sam Butler 1.

Best Players: Mal Kennedy, Flynn Loader, Jonte Jared, Cooper James, Sam Butler.

Prestige Denture Clinic Under 10's

Very wet and muddy conditions made goals a premium. A very close contest and some great team play.

Goals: Ethan Hendersen 2, Kynan McPherson 1, Max McIntosh 1.

Best Players: Max McIntosh, Ethan Forbes, Ethan Hendersen, Tarun Raven.

Under 12 Reserves

North Ballarat 7.7.49 Def. Lakers 1.2.8

Going into the game the Under 12 Reserves felt very confident after a narrow 3 point loss earlier in the season. The wet and muddy conditions were not going to suit our "play on" and run style of game. As the opposition took the field it was clear the task at hand was going to be harder than we thought. There was a major height difference in North's advantage so our emphasis this game was on the one % ers.

Lachlan Black in the Ruck contested very well and was very effective with his taps even with the height difference. Our midfield were strong over the ball in the mud and the first three minutes were played in our forward half with several opportunities to put early scoreboard pressure on North. A quick attack through the middle put an early goal on the board for the opposition. An early sign was the dominance of no. 6 for North City, and we noted at quarter time we had to put our first tag for the season on an opposition player. Noah Browning got the job and started strongly. Our lack of commitment to

the contest and North's superior skills kept the score board rolling in their favour.

The second quarter continued along similar lines as the first. The coaches noted that the boys were waiting for the ball to come to the ground and not going at the ball in the air. We matched, even bettered North when the footy was at ground level however in the marking contest they were just too tall and strong. Campbell Drummond was influential on the Half Forward Flank getting lots of strong contested possessions and pushing the ball into forward 50.

In the third Quarter we changed Nick Spratling into the taggers role and he was like a dog chewing a wasp. He was desperately undersized however his opponent only managed 2 possessions for the term. Lakers boys dominated with 9 of the 10 minutes in our forward half, but again couldn't convert on the score board. Both the Oscars, Pryor and Ford had fantastic quarters. Lots of possessions and both beating their opponent gave them both plenty of confidence going into the last. Cooper Brennan had been in a lot of the play all game and Lochlan Pett had chased the opposition and tackled strongly.

Going into the last Quarter we were not out of the game, it was going to be a big ask but if we showed the same fight as we had in the third and converted some scoring shots we could overcome North. This was a good plan however our opposition had another gear. The running and superior skills from North showed us what we had to do to improve as a team. They were not scared to jump into the contest and take strong overhead marks and their kicking skills were more accurate than ours. They piled on four goals to dominate the quarter and the final score was North 7 goals 7 points to Lakers 1 goal 2 points.

Goal Kickers: Hamish Bridges 1

Best Players: Cooper Brennan, Campbell Drummond, Nick Spratling, Oscar Pryor, Oscar Ford and Lochlan Pett.

Under 12 Seniors

North Ballarat 11.5.71 Def. Lakers 2.3.15

The Under 12's were completely outplayed by a strong North in the conditions which did not allow for the running game that suits our boys.

Ned Nash offered a target in the forward line, but North were simply too strong and kicked away for a big win.

Goals: Ned Nash 2.

Best Players: Ned Nash, Tyla Reid, Matty O'Connell, Jayden White-Powell, Josh Canny.



Warralily Under 14 Reserves

North Ballarat 8.3.51 Def. Lakers 5.5.35

In cold and wet conditions our boys put up a great fight against North, leading all day until the halfway through the last quarter. With no extra players on the bench, the boys battled hard and just ran out of legs at the end of the day.

The boys started really well kicking a couple of quick goals in the first quarter. Luke & Corey were busy in the forward line, while Lachie, Bailey, Jacob & Robbie had plenty of the ball around the ground. The boys were first to the ball and contested really well, as it showed on the scoreboard. The backline were fantastic, lead by Bailey and Michael, and put plenty of pressure on the North forwards.

Unfortunately, the boys were unable to continue their hard work and were outscored in the last quarter, but a pleasing team effort against a strong opposition.

Keep up the good work boys, your hard work is paying off!!!!

Goal Kickers: Luke Currie-Jones 3, Corey Haase 2.

Best Players: Rylee Fauarger, Jye Andrews, Luke Currie-Jones, Corey Haase, Michael Beeaumont, Lachlan Fahey.

Warralily Under 14 Seniors

Lakers 3.20.20 Def North Ballarat 3.1.19

By the time the 14 seniors took to the ground, the conditions had deteriorated with the goal to goal line basically a carpet of mud. The boys started strongly over the ball and the conditions assisted our older boys who dominated around the ball.

Sam Jackson and Jordan White both kicked goals in the first half, and Sam and Noah Gemmola took turns on the ball to give Sam Carr and Jake O'Connor a chop out in the difficult conditions.

In the second half the game was a real tussle with the ball spending all its time between both teams half forward lines. With seconds to go in the third the ball was rushed down to the Lakers Goal and Callum McKay laying on his back was able to get his foot to the ball to get what ended up being the last score of the day to get the boys one point up with a quarter to go.

In the end the last quarter the boys continued to repel North attacks and the anxiety on the boundary was palpable as the clock counted down. Austin McPherson, Kynan Raven and the captain Buddha continued to throw themselves in the contest to hold the ball up and when the siren sounded with the ball on the North half forward line the boys jumped with joy. The rendition on the club song in the clubrooms was hearty and the boys have now put themselves into a good position to play finals providing they bring the same endeavour to their remaining games

Goal Kickers: Sam Jackson 1, Callum McKay 1, Jordan White 1
Best Players: Sam Jackson, Noah Gemmola, Andrew Spratling, Sam Carr, Austin McPherson, Kynan Raven.



PPT Financial Under 16.5 Reserves

Lakers 4.10.34 Def. North Ballarat 2.11.23

Second played third and the game marred by the conditions was a close tussle. Ambrose Gillett played a great game in the middle constantly linking up through the middle to pump the ball into attack where Matt Blackburn and Tyson Randall playing his 100th were able to find the middle of the goals.

Jack O'Brien continued his great form in the middle using his body to make space for others and Ben Keall was strong in defence all day.

These boys have consolidated 2nd spot.

Goal Kickers: Matt Blackburn 2, Tyson Randall 1, Ambrose Gillet 1.

Best Players: Ambrose Gillet, Jack O'Brien, Ben Keall, Andy Castles, Lachlan McIntosh, Sam Morton.

PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors - (new photos on website)

North Ballarat 8.10.58 Def Lakers 3.1.19

This week was a disappointing effort by the boys who were second the ball for the majority of the game in what were atrocious conditions. These conditions in fact should have worked in our favour but North were stronger over the ball and were able to find the goals at will.

It was difficult to work out who was whom by the end of the game, and when the final siren sounded our boys on masse headed straight for a communal shower which was comical as Ferg handed out the awards.

Goal Kickers: Daniel Butler 1, Bradley Dunbar 1, Dominic Sliwa 1.

Best Players: Alexander Parrot, Harrison Robertson, Jordan Payne, Luke Wren, Tobias Mooney, Bradley Dunbar.

FOOTY PHOTOS

Thankyou for all the photos being sent though, make sure you check the website each week for new additions. Keep them coming!

Some good pictures this week of our U/16.5 team.

Email any photos directly to Felicity on bfharte@bigpond.com.

All photo's sent through are uploaded onto our new website so make sure you check them out each week.