



News from the Lakers!



Wow, Wow, Wow.....when we planned our Pizza Night we genuinely thought we'd get between 80-120 people so imagine our delight when 300 boys, girls and their families joined us on Saturday to celebrate what has been a truly great year!

The venue was ideal with the kids able to play on the tennis courts so a big thanks to David and Dani Canny for arranging Hollioake Park.

Of our 6 football sides, only the Under 14 Seniors missed out and of course in the first year for juniors, our 3 netball teams made the finals! A big well done to our undefeated Under 16.5's girls and their coach Lisa McCabe for a fantastic year.

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

Our Youth Girls are still in the hunt to play finals in their first year and are continuing to improve week on week.

To highlight the improvement in the playing group, below is a breakdown of the past 5 years performance, being teams playing finals and overall wins as determined in the Merv & Mary Howard Award. Each win is rewarded with points depending on the grade. (Note: in 2012 netball has been included but not Youth Girls)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Finals	1	0	3	1	5
Merv & Mary Howard Award Points	36.5	29	49	60.5	144 ****
Merv & Mary Howard Award Ladder Position	9	9	9	7	4

**** Before last weekends results.

This table demonstrates that the hard work done by the coaches and mentors in developing our players is starting to show results.

A big thank you to all our coaches, team managers, runners, volunteers and mentors who have done a fantastic job throughout the year to ensure that our boys and girls improve their skills and compete in a sportsmanlike manner.

TRAINING

Please note that training for the Under 12's this week is to be held at Invermay Cricket Ground. (near tennis courts).

Training for the 14's and 16.5's remains at Lakers as normal.

Under 12 & 14 Best & Fairest



This will be held this Sunday 26th August at the clubrooms from 6pm. This enables all families to attend finals and watch the boys and girls.

FINALS.....

Please find below the details for this week's games.

Football

	Shorts	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Shorts	Venue	Date	Starting Tim
U/12 Reserves								
Qualifying Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	Ballarat	White	Eastern Oval	Saturday 25th August	8.55am
1st Elimination Final	Coloured	Mount Clear	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	8.55am
2nd Elimination Final	Coloured	Darley	v	Lake Wendouree	White	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	8.55am
U/12 Seniors								
Qualifying Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Eastern Oval	Saturday 25th August	9.50am
1st Elimination Final	Coloured	Sebastopol	v	Darley	White	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	9.50am
2nd Elimination Final	Coloured	Mount Clear	v	Lake Wendouree	White	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	9.50am
U/14 Reserves								
Qualifying Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	East Ballarat	White	Eastern Oval	Saturday 25th August	11.05am
1st Elimination Final	Coloured	Bacchus Marsh	v	Redan	White	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	11.05am
2nd Elimination Final	Coloured	Darley	v	Lake Wendouree	White	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	11.05am

U/16.5 Reserves								
Qualifying Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	East Ballarat	White	Eastern Oval	Saturday 25th August	1.35pm
1st Elimination Final	Coloured	Bacchus Marsh	v	Redan	White	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	1.35pm
2nd Elimination Final	Coloured	Darley	v	North Ballarat	White	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	1.35pm
U/16.5 Seniors								
Qualifying Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	East Ballarat	White	Eastern Oval	Saturday 25th August	3.10pm
1st Elimination Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	Darley	White	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	3.10pm
2nd Elimination Final	Coloured	Bacchus Marsh	v	Ballarat	White	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	3.10pm

The Under 12's and Under 14's will wear white shorts this week, whilst both Under 16 teams will wear Green Shorts.

Netball

				Venue	Date	Starting Time
U/12						
Qualifying Final	North Ballarat	v	Darley	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	11:00am
1st Elimination Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Ballarat	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	10:00am
2nd Elimination Final	East Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	11:00am
U/14						
Qualifying Final	East Ballarat	v	Redan	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	1:00pm
1st Elimination Final	Darley	v	Lake Wendouree	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	12:00pm
2nd Elimination Final	Bacchus Marsh	v	North Ballarat	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	12:00pm
U/16.5						
Qualifying Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Darley	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	3:00pm
1st Elimination Final	North Ballarat	v	Golden Point	Eastern Oval	Sunday 26th August	2:00pm
2nd Elimination Final	East Ballarat	v	Redan	Mars City Oval	Sunday 26th August	1:00pm

Please note that there is a cost for admittance as applied by the league as follows:-

Adults - \$8

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

Pensioner - \$5

8 - 16yo - \$5

U/8 - Free

Car - \$1

Footy Record - \$1

Note that the league charges for different days so if you attend this weeks Saturday and Sunday games please note that you will be charged 2 admittance fees. If you have to leave to attend another venue, please make sure you get a pass out to gain free entry to the other ground.

Under 10 Round Robin

The Round Robin has been delayed at this time to the 8th September (grounds permitting) due to the terrible conditions at Sebas.

We will keep you all informed.

JUMPERS/DRESSES

Please note that once the boys and girls have finished playing for the year then jumpers/dresses are to be returned to the club. In most cases the jumpers/dresses will be collected after the final game and club volunteers will wash.

SPIRIT OF NETBAL AWARD

Chloe Reese of the Lake Wendouree Football Netball Club was named the winner of the spirit of netball award in their win over Mt Clear. Lakers came out on top defeating Mt Clear and Chloe's skill and determination was a stand out during the game.



"50" "100" MILESTONES "50" "100"

Congratulations to the following boys who will play their 50th games this weekend for the club:-

Luke	Currie-Jones	50
Michael	Beaumont	50
Rylee	Favarger	50
Fletcher	Brennan	50
Lachlan	Fahey	50

As we advised at the start of the season, the way the club records games played changed in 2012. All Under 12 games and above are now counted whereas in the past the club only recorded 12 senior games and above. Due to the changes, some 46 boys achieved milestone games this year, up substantially on past years.

We note not all boys had the opportunity to run through a banner to get their photo taken, but it is simply too hard for one volunteer to undertake these milestones every week on top of other duties.

We congratulate the following boys and ask that those who have not had a photo taken turn up at training this Thursday in full playing uniform (green shorts) and we will arrange photos.

First Name	Family Name	Club Games
Darrien	Mann	100
Tom	Mc Kay	100
Lachlan	Dodd	100
Matthew	Blackburn	100
Tyson	Randall	100
Nathan	McKenna	50
Corey	Haase	50
Mathew	Maher	50
Jamo	Gilmer	50
Austin	Mc Pherson	50
Kane	Lazzo	50
Brandon	Quayle	50
Todd	Blackburn	50
Jacob	Relouw	50
Alexander	Richardson	50
Callum	Mc Kay	50
Bailey	Dodd	50
Luke	Wren	50
Ben	KEALL	50
Nathan	Dunne	50
Will	McCuskey	50
Bradley	Dunbar	50
Isaiah	Shearer	50
Bailey	Andrews	50
Noah	Gemmola	50
Luke	McNeight	50
Sam	Le Lievre	50
Robbie	Emerson-Jones	50
Bailey	Wilson	50
Tomas	Hynes	50

Sam	Carr	50
Harrison	Robertson	50

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>

Under 16.5 & Youth Girls Presentation Night

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

Lakers 33 Def. Redan 1

The girls needed to win to consolidate 3rd spot and started strongly in the first quarter to put the game beyond doubt with a 10 to nil scoreline. The mid court and defence continually repelled attacks and enabled the Lakers to score at will.

The girls finished in 3rd spot.

Best Players: Grace Todd and Ava Valpied

M & T SIMPSON EXCAVATIONS PTY. LTD.

M & T Simpson Excavations Pty Ltd Under 14's

Redan 27 defeated Lakers 18

The girls played an impressive game throughout but unfortunately came up short on the score to go down by 9 goals to Redan.

Best were Olivia Loader & Terryn Rodd in defence, who consistently made it difficult for the Redan attack.

Isabelle Fraser & Annie Turner were also awarded for their consistent well played games in centre and attack.

Congratulations to all girls who played a great game which has landed them a spot in the finals, well done.

The girls finished in 6th spot.

**Note: Training will be on Tuesday night this week at 4.30pm -5.30pm at Lakers court.



Warralily Under 16's

Lakers 31 defeated Redan 9

The girls finished in 1st spot.

Best Players: Chloe Reese, Courtney O'Connell and Sarah McCabe.

GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

All Round 12 Youth Girls matches were shifted from Maddingley Park in Bacchus Marsh to White Flat Reserve due to flooding. White Flat is in pretty good condition compared to other ovals around Ballarat so this wasn't a bad change.

This round saw the young Lakers team take on the might of the reigning premiers Ballarat who are unbeaten this year and have yet to concede 100 points for the season.

The Lakers girls didn't make much of a dent in the points against column for the Swans but they did compete well throughout the game to give Ballarat a decent hitout as they prepare for the Youth Girls Grand Final on September 9. With the ladder expected to finish as it currently stands the Lake Wendouree girls are aiming to play against Sebastopol in the Playoff Final for teams placed fifth and sixth. The girls have alternated between fifth and their current sixth placing throughout the year which has been a great effort for a new team with a young playing group.

Better players against Ballarat included Emma Relouw who continues to develop into a fine defender, Chelsea McKean who enjoyed a stint in the ruck alongside Katelyn McGregor and midfield dynamos Jordyn Gilmer and Indi Walker.

Early on the open forward line looked to be giving Casey Jose and Danielle Jenner the chance to get amongst the goalscorers but the tough Swans defence was able to repel several promising Laker attacks. Thanks to Sebastopol for loaning the team four players to assist with trying to challenge Ballarat as best we could. The team is looking forward to having Kate Jackson and Courtney Mannix return to the playing field this week as we missed their contribution on the weekend.

The girls will this week meet Golden Point who are third placed on the ladder but didn't get past Lakers by much last time they played. We are desperately seeking that fourth win of the season that has eluded us the past few games as that would give us a great return for our first year in the Youth Girls competition.

3-2-1 Lakers!

FOOTBALL RESULTS



Under 12 Reserves

The boys needed to win to make the finals, and slowly with Redan taking the advantage in the first half. The boys managed to find the goals and took the lead in the 3rd quarter.

Meanwhile at the Lakers netball court, text messages were going back and forwards to the Western Oval for the score and the tension some 5 kms away was just as high as at the ground.

The boys managed to hold on in the last quarter to get the win. On the siren the boys were happy then the realisation hit that they made finals, and the boys were elated.

Well done boys...not only did they make the finals they snared 5th spot.

Goal Kickers: Matthew McKenna 1, Ryan Quayle 1

Best Players: Tom McKechnie, Brock Reid, Cooper Brennan, Josh Canny, Harry Fraser, Lachlan Black.

Under 12 Seniors

Lakers 4.4.28 Def. Redan 2.5.17

The U/12 seniors had a good win in very trying conditions. Callum Harte worked tirelessly in the ruck all day with good support from Noah Mac, Jocka and Neddy Nash.

Finding firm ground was nearly impossible which made the game a hard slog with a lot of stoppages which doesn't suit our running game however the boys adapted to the conditions for a hard fought victory.

The boys finished in 4th spot.

Goals: Noah McIntosh 2, Sam Canny 2.

Best Players: Callum Harte, Sam Canny, Joel O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Ned Nash.



Warralily Under 14 Reserves

Redan 4.4.28 Def. Lakers 3.8.26

In nearly the muddiest conditions so far this year, the boys pulled together for a great team effort, to take the points for the last game of the home and away season. It was perfect conditions for those who enjoy getting dirty (who had a choice?) and getting in and under to get first use of the ball.

Jayden and Bailey were fantastic in the ruck giving Lachie, Robbie, Bailey and Tom first use of the ball, which was a hard slog given the conditions. Richo, Jacob, Fletcher, Luke and Isaiah were busy in the forward line, helping out Luke and Jordan to kick a winning score. The backline were fantastic again, Rhylee, Bailey, Michael & Jacob stood strong and were given plenty of support from the onballers.

The score was a good reflection of how close the game was, and although the boys kicked the post 5 times, they finally won by 2 points, with a goal from Robbie right before the buzzer. Redan put up a great fight, but the teamwork of our boys was fantastic and should put them in good stead for the finals.

A big thank you to our Coaches, Glen and Mark, Team Manager Steve, Team Runner Andy and Umpire Mick, for all their hard work this year. Also to all the parents that help, week in and week out, with all the jobs needed to get the boys on the field each week.

Good luck boys for the finals, GO LAKERS!!!!!!!

Goal Kickers: Noah Gemmola 2, Sam Jackson 1.

Best Players: Noah Gemmola, Sam Jackson, Jake O'Connor, Sam Carr, Andrew Spratling, Sam Coxall.

Warralily Under 14 Seniors

Lakers 3.9.27 Def. Redan 4.1.25

The boys started slowly and failed to hit the scoreboard in the first half. The conditions meant that the boys were able to stay in touch, when in the last quarter they turned it on to place lots of pressure on Redan and finally find the middle of the goals. In the end time ran out with the boys going down by 2 points.

This was an extremely close grade of football with the boys having being involved in 8 games during the year that were decided by less than a goal.

Congratulations to Jock and Chappy and the boys!

Goal Kickers: Fletcher Brennan 1, Robbie Emmerson-Jones 1, Alex Richardson 1.

Best Players: Bailey Dodd, Lachlan Fahey, Tom Hynes, Isiah Shearer, Bailey Wilson, Luke McNeight.



PPT Financial Under 16.5 Reserves

Lakers 3.6.24 Def. Redan 3.5.23

Our Under 16.5 boys were under-manned this week with a number of injuries and the Grammar boys going home for the weekend. This saw a number of the Under 14's donning fresh jumpers to give the boys a chop out.

Each of these younger boys played their part and did not look out of place amongst the bigger bodies.

The game was a low scoring game in poor conditions and the boys managed to come from behind to snatch a 1 point win. The boys finished in 2nd spot and gained the 2nd chance.

Goal Kickers: Tyson Randall 2, Patrick Lowe 1.

Best Players: Matthew Maher, Tyson Randall, Sam Jackson, Jack O'Brien, Andy Castles, Nathan McKenna.

PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors - new photos on website

Redan 6.5.41 Def. Lakers 4.1.25

The boys were flat with playing numbers also impacting on this line up. Redan started strongly to put 3 goals on the board in the first quarter, and the Lakers boys struggled to play catch up footy.

Needing a win to maintain 3rd spot and despite kicking with the breeze in the last quarter the boys were unable to find the goals.

Fortunately the results from other games fell in our favour and the boys stitched up 3rd spot.

Goal Kickers: Bradley Dunbar 2, Alexander parrot 1, Dominic Silwa 1.

Best Players: Jordon Payne, Luke Wren, Toby Mooney, Ambrose Gillett, Sam Lelievre, Darrien Mann.

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 seniors.

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.