



# News from the Lakers!



We headed into the first weeks of the finals with 8 sides playing, and now into the second week still have 5 sides fighting it out for that elusive Grand Final spot.

The 16.5 seniors, Under 12 netball and Under 16.5 netball teams are all playing off in Qualifying finals and if they win head straight to the Grand Final, whilst our Under 12 Reserves and Under 16.5 Reserves need to win to continue their involvements in the finals.

The Under 12 Seniors and Under 14 Reserves and Under 14 Netball teams were not disgraced, and but for a little luck and composure would be continuing their march. Well done to all.

**Good luck to our boys and girls this week.**

As the season draws to a close, many thanks to our wonderful coaches, mentors, volunteers and parents who have made 2012 a fantastic year.

Special thanks to our coaches who spend hours each week developing the boys and girls, our mentors who provide valuable support to the coaching group, our team managers who take responsibility on game day for league paperwork, parents and players who fulfil roles as club umpires, runners, interchange stewards, timekeepers etc without whom the club wouldn't be able to field 11 junior teams and the Youth Girls.

Becky Andrews and her team of trainers deserve a huge thanks. Becky took on the co-ordinating role for the trainers this year, and has a large team of able dads who turn up each week and support the boys in particular with injuries - David Antrobus, Andrew Drummond, Richard Nash, Geoff Lowe and Peter Mann.

Trainers is one area thought that the club needs more assistance with....the health and welfare of our boys and girls is paramount, and the more help the greater the care we can provide as a club. If anyone is interested in assisting in 2013 and beyond, please contact Becky on 0417 107 845. The club is prepared to register and pay for all associated training necessary.

Also thanks to:-

- **Jen McKechnie** and **Julie Butler** for their work behind the scenes with the canteen, the mums and dads who worked the canteen.
- **Jodie Gilbert** for the merchandise (the boys and girls look great in the hoodies and track pants...what do you have in store next year!!),
- **Alicia Rodd, Vicki Nash** and **Jodie Gilbert** again for their help with the 80's night,
- **Dani Canny** for the Pie Drive which raised money for the club,
- **All the mums** who have taken the dirty volunteer clothing and dressing gowns to wash each week,
- **Kylie Cleary** for arranging with Telstra for a grant of \$1,000 for our new scoreboard and siren.
- **Daryl Edwards** for constructing our new siren and putting lights in the storage shed. (modern technology- isn't great!!!)
- The kind dad (who wants to remain **anonymous**) who relocated the scoreboard
- **The dads** who set up the ground and home games and those that help pack away at night
- Those parents who provided photos and input into the newsletter, especially **Carolyn Sliwa** who has taken 1000's of photos of the Under 16.5's
- **Felicity Harte** for putting the newsletter together each week
- **Gavin & Richard Nash** for their communication assistance. Gavin and Richard redesigned the club website and post the photos etc week and well as send out emails to update information for the club. (Nashish Marketing & Design)
- **Fiona Edwards** for taking on the role as Youth Girls Co-Ordinator. The team started with 7 girls and now consists of 16, and Fiona has been both coach, organiser and taxi driver over the year.

- **Kate Raven** who did a fantastic job of Co-Ordinating the inaugural year of Junior Netball. All 3 teams made finals and Kate's taken a real hands on approach to the role, often umpiring a number of games each weekend and getting involved at training.
- Our wonderful sponsors - **Warralily, PPT Financial, M & T Simpson Excavations Pty Ltd & Prestige Denture Clinic** whose support is invaluable

We are very fortunate to have had so many people assist in the club this year. The comment was passed at the Under 12/14 Best & Fairest Night, that many hands make light work, and this year the workloads for a few have definitely lightened due to the numbers of people assisting....so THANKS.

## FINALS

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

### Football

	Shorts	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Shorts	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves								
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	Ballarat	v	Mount Clear	White	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	8.55c
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	North Ballarat	White	Dick Fleming Oval	Sunday 2nd September	8.55c
U/16.5 Reserves								
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	East Ballarat	White	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	1.35p
1st Semi Final	Coloured	Lake Wendouree	v	Redan	White	Dick Fleming Oval	Sunday 2nd September	1.35p
U/16.5 Seniors								
2nd Semi Final	Coloured	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	White	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	3.10p
1st Semi Final	Coloured	East Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	White	Dick Fleming Oval	Sunday 2nd September	3.10p

Under 12 Reserves and Under 16.5 Reserves to wear Green Shorts...Under 16.5 Seniors White Shorts

### Netball

				Venue	Date	Time
U/12						
2nd Semi Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	11:00am
1st Semi Final	Darley	v	East Ballarat	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	10:00am
U/16.5						
2nd Semi Final	Lake Wendouree	v	North Ballarat	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	3:00pm
1st Semi Final	Darley	v	East Ballarat	Marty Busch Reserve	Sunday 2nd September	2:00pm

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

Remember if you leave the ground get a pass out to gain free entry later in the day.

### Under 12 & 14 Best & Fairest

We held our Best & Fairest Presentation on Sunday and are delighted to announce the following winners:-

Football	12 Reserves	12 Seniors	14 Reserves	14 Seniors
Winner	Hamish Bridges	Joel O'Connell	Lachlan Fahey	Sam Carr
Runner Up	Lochlan Pett Lachlan Britt Oscar Pryor	Callum Harte	Tom Hynes	Jake O'Connor
Most Consistent	Harry Fraser Brock Reid	Brad Castleman	Jayden New	Sam Jackson
Most Improved	Tom McKechnie	Harry Turner	Jordan White	Brayden Morshead
Coaches Award	Lachlan Black	Noah McIntosh	Fletcher Brennan	Kynan Raven

Netball	12 Seniors	14 Seniors
Winner	Ellena Raven Paetyn Jarred	Isabel Fraser
Most Consistent	Grace Todd	Olivia Loader
Coaches Award	Grace Turner	Lucy Garner

## Spirit of Football Award

For the last game of the season **Jordan Payne** from the **Lake Wendouree Junior Football Netball Club** was presented with the Spirit of Football Award at the Robert Allan Medal night. Unfortunately for Jordan and the Lakers they were unable to beat a strong Redan side in the final round of the regular season with a number of regular players missing. Jordan was judged as having the most spirit within the game however and is a deserving winner with his efforts.

This was on the back of Jordan winning the league Best & Fairest Award for the Under 16.5's. Well done Jordan.



## Under 10 Round Robin

The Round Robin has been rescheduled to the 8<sup>th</sup> September at Lakers. The coaches will be in contact with the boys to formalise arrangements.

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.

If the boys and girls from our Under 14 sides have not yet returned, can you please drop off to Lakers training this Thursday night.

## Old Footy Boots

Our Grammar players are seeking donations of old football boots to donate to communities in the Northern Territory. If you are able to assist please drop the boots to the club on Thursday night at the Fire Shed from 4.30pm.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# NETBALL RESULTS

## Under 12's

Lakers 14 defeated Ballarat 4

The girls started like they were playing finals for the first time!! With their coach Jordan was off swanning it at the Latrobe open day (look out in 2013!), team manager Lisa and normal shooter Grace Todd lapping it up in Bali, Nat stepped up to the plate with the view to lead the girls to victory. Nerves were telling for players and parents alike, and it showed in the first quarter with the girls struggling with their footwork and passing, and they were extremely lucky to be 3 all at the break.

In the second quarter Jane came on as WD and immediately opened the play which enabled the ball movement from defence to flow smoother. Attackers Tessa and Sara were able to find space and started to put some scoreboard pressure on the Ballarat side.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Grace Turner came on in WA and like Jane opened up the attack. Paetyn switched on and repelled attacks at will, and whilst the girls were unable to make any great strides, the game was under control.

In the last quarter, with the continued strong running by Ava through the mid court, Ellena strongly marking her player in the last line of defence, Skyla came on in WD and managed to get her hands to a number of balls to turn the ball over and turn defence into attack.

In the end the girls had a comfortable win to progress to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi final this week.

Best Players: Sara Chatterjee, Paetyn Jarred and Jane Simpson



Darley 15 defeated Lakers 12

Congratulations to all the U/14 girls on a fantastic, hard fought game. After Darley had beaten us convincingly during the year it was a fabulous effort to stay within two goals of them for the entire game.

Every one of the girls played with determination and put in 100% effort and should be very proud of their work as a team, not just on Sunday in the final, but throughout the whole season. Well done girls.

Best Players: Isabel Fraser and Lucy Garner



## Warralily Under 16.5's

Lakers 36 defeated Darley 17

After being undefeated for the season, the pressure was on the Lakers girls to continue to display their fantastic team work and talent that led to their top-of-the-ladder position.

BFNL 16.5/Under Coach of the Year, Lisa McCabe, had the difficult job of selecting the players who would produce the results in finals. In a great team effort, each of the 10 girls spent time on court and contributed to the fantastic win in Sunday's first finals match against Darley.

The girls turned over the first centre pass but then the nerves settled, the girls stepped up, and they dominated the rest of the match in emphatic fashion.

Circle defenders Chloe Reese, Molly McLachlan, and Caitlin Morsehead took some brilliant intercepts. They continually repelled the Darley attack and drove the ball into the shooting third.

Courtney O'Connell, Alex Morcom, Sarah McCabe, Jenna Burton, and Allie Godson dominated the centre court. They defended strongly, pounced on loose balls, and displayed patience to work the ball around and feed the ball to the shooters.

Nina Cowie and Emma Day worked tirelessly in attack, against a very physical Darley defence. Nina showed why she was the BFNL top goal scorer, with a dominant shooting display, but also defended strongly when the ball was in the hands of Darley.

The defensive effort of the girls was a highlight. Their pressure over every pass was fantastic, and led to many loose balls, which the girls

snapped up. The girls were very positive in their encouragement towards each other, which was a pleasure to listen to. The players on the sidelines yelled encouragement to the on-court players. All girls shared in the team's wonderful victory.

Final score Lakers 36 defeated Darley 17.

## GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

### LAKE WENDOUREE v. GOLDEN POINT

Lake Wendouree	0.1	1.2	3.6	3.6 (24)
Golden Point	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.4 (16)

GOALS, Kate Jackson 2, Katelyn McGregor 1

BEST Jordyn Gilmer, Kate Jackson, Chelsea McKean, Vivien Mannix

6<sup>th</sup> placed Lake Wendouree took on 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Golden Point and with the game being changed to Golden Points Home ground they were clearly the high favorite to take out the win. The game started out well for the Lakers with the ball in their half the majority of the time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was more even with both sides getting a lot of it but only Lake Wendouree managing to get a major on the board. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was the turning point in the game when Lake Wendouree was able to kick 2 goals 3 and keep Golden Point Scoreless and go into the last quarter 22 points up. This was always going to be a tough ask for Golden Point to come back from this but they made a run at it, kicking 2 goals 2 in the last to cut the margin back to 8 points. Time ran out however and the Lakers celebrated an unexpected victory over a quality side.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS



### **Under 12 Reserves**

And the Lake Wendouree Under 12 Reserves Juggernaut keeps rolling on.

The warm up before the game started at 8:10 and the intensity and excitement were way above Coach Reid's expectations. For their first finals campaign these boys were ready to play, you could see it in their eyes. The talk was up the skills were fast and the short handball and pick up drills were slick, they had never warmed up like this before.

Reidy and Tinny took the boys onto the ground for a short kick at goal against the breeze. Then called them into a tight huddle on the edge of the mud pit in the centre square. "Feel the mud under your feet boys", "Smell the mud and look at this filthy ground and get excited to play in your first final" Reidy said.

Back into the rooms the boys went for their final touches and last address. Today's game was about getting a taste for the finals. It is a whole new season this finals business what ever happened over the last 16 weeks was just a path to where we are now. The last time we played this mob, Darley, we beat them on our mud heap and that's what they will remember, we already have the upper hand, not to mention the belief we have in ourselves.

Reidy went through the positions on the magnet board. "All you have to do today is beat your opponent and we will win, pretty simple footy boys, it's that easy".

Captain Britt led the boys down the asphalt hill to the biggest ground we've played all year, City Oval. A great start with a win of the toss and into a quick huddle. One last brief and out they went, found the opponent they were going to beat to win the match and they were set. Mid field set the standard for the game, tough head first into the contest and the BFL umpires were rewarding of this. The consistent push in the back free kick all day and holding the ball decisions to quality tackles were a great treat for all watching. We had the breeze to start us off and made plenty of inside 50 entries. Ryan Quayle presented on a good lead to mark 30metres out. He took his time and produced a crowd screaming drop punt that past over the heads of the tall kids on the goal line to register our first goal.

The second quarter our defensive work was fantastic. The city end was defiantly the scoring end as Darley found. A wayward kick for a behind got their tally started. The wind picked up and Lakers kick out got blown straight into the oppositions arms and kicked back over for a goal. At half time we trailed by a measly point and the Lakers boys ran in with super amounts of energy knowing they had the breeze in the third and keen to put them back in front. The third quarter was even more productive than the first. Bailey Drummond hit a pack in front of goal at full pace and was rewarded with a free kick to put through another major for the Lakers. They didn't have it all their own way though, Darley pushed hard into the wind to give Lakers a bit of a fright kicking a behind to let their opposition know they were not finished with.

The siren sounded for the final change. Lakers had put themselves into handy position 2 goals 3 points to Darleys 1 goal 2 points.

Coach Reidy gave the boys some motivation at the last huddle. "Remember at the start of the game boys when I said all we have to do is beat our man and we will win the game?" "Well that is exactly the position we are in, if we don't let them score its ours for the taking." "We have the lead we want now let's not let them take it away". "YEAH" was the reply from the group as loudly as a one hundred thousand strong crowd. Brock Reid and Jai Gilbert were inspirational in the middle as they had been all day. In every contest stopping Darley from taking off with the ball. Lachlan Devereux and Harry Carter were defensive specialists. The wind had picked up making it easier for Darley to kick forward, but time and time again these boys took control of the last line and kicked and ran the ball clear. Tackles in the last quarter were up and you could see the desperation at ground level, these boys wanted to win, these boys were willing themselves to win they defended like senior footballers.

And the boys on the bench went into mayhem, the siren had gone and every green Laker jumper sprinted from all point of the ground to embrace in a huddle in front of the coaches' box. The Coaching staff were high fiving and shaking hands and hugging each other and the crowd were spilling onto the ground to share the adulation. They had done it an exciting win the previous week to put them into the finals campaign and now their first finals win. The emotion was amazing, grown men shedding tears from their defeat to small men in Under 12 Reserves sharing the pain. Even happy tears from the winner's corner, these kinds of emotions show the commitment and effort players and coaches put into this game and will earn them respect from all football fraternities and their peers.

And so we go again. Another week of finals footy, unscripted play and emotion, again the result will favour those who give the most.

## **Under 12 Seniors**

Mt. Clear 3.2.20 Def. Lakers 1.3.9

The U/12 senior boys had their first finals experience on Sunday and acquitted themselves very well.

The first quarter we had all the play apart from the last 30 seconds where Mt.Clear scored the first goal. After all the hard work and players playing their positions to perfection this goal seemed to knock the boys confidence for the rest of the game.

For the rest of the game we continued to control general play but were not able to apply any scoreboard pressure to our opposition.

Our Captain Jocka was superb all day leading from the front, continually putting his body on the line for his team mates & willing himself to every contest. Noah Mac. did a tremendous job shutting down the opposition best player as well gathering possessions himself. Callum Harte worked tirelessly in the ruck all day against bigger opposition with courage in the contests and his effort to cover the entire ground until the last second of the game was first class. Sam Canny, Matt O`Connell, Ben Maher & Brad Castleman all played well in tough conditions and at no stage looked like throwing in the towel.

Once again we had all the play in the last quarter but could not buy a goal. Unfortunately it was not the result we were after but this game will be a great learning experience for the future.

Congratulations to all boys on a great season & Steggles sincerely hopes that this small finals experience, will make us all a lot hungrier for more next year.

Let's all get behind our U/12 reserves in this weeks final.

Goals: Ned Nash 1

*Best Players: Joel O`Connell, Noah McIntosh, Callum Harte, Sam Canny, Matt O`Connell, Brad Castleman.*



## **Warralily Under 14 Reserves**

Darley 33 Def. Lakers 19

A fantastic effort by the boys this week, in their final against Darley, they tried extremely hard all day, to be overrun in the last quarter, by a determined opponent.

With the ground in better condition, than the last two weeks, the boys started like a house on fire, kicking two goals in the first quarter. Luke was all over the place, taking marks, tackling and kicking the two goals. Jayden and Bailey were winning the rucks again, and giving our boys first use of the ball. Lachie, Robbie, Jacob, Jamo and Richo were all busy, while the backline were doing an awesome job, keeping the opposition scoreless.

The second quarter started much the same, and while the opposition started to kick a winning score, our boys were still up and about, being first to the ball and kicking another goal, thanks to Fletcher roving the ball from the pack.

Unfortunately the third and fourth quarter were not ours and Darley kicked a couple of unanswered goals in the last quarter to seal our fate! Kane, Fraser, Michael, Rhylee, Jacob, Tom, Bailey and Jordan were all busy in that last half and did a great job holding them for so long. All the boys can hold their heads high, as they were great ambassadors for the club and should be very proud of their efforts.

Thanks again to all those involved with the U/14 reserves, what a fantastic year, and although we are now finished, what a great experience for the boys to play finals.

See you all next year and GO LAKERS!!!!

Goal Kickers: Luke Currie-Jones 2, F. Brennan

*Best Players: J. Hibberd, L. Fahey, L. Currie-Jones, K. Lazzo, J. New, F. Robertson.*



### **PPT Financial Under 16.5 Reserves**

East Ballarat 9.6.60 Def. Lakers 5.6.36

The 16.5 reserves started the game half asleep, in perfect conditions at the Eastern Oval. East Ballarat jumped out of the blocks and led by 30 points at the first change.

The defence were under siege and the midfield were struggling to put their hands on the ball. The game changed in the second quarter with some strong marking by Tyson Randall and a quick snap from Damon Sutton giving the boys some momentum heading into the half time break.

The boys continued to play well in the second half with Ben Keall providing run off half back and the 2 'O's" Jack O'Brien and Jake O'Connor providing some much needed dash.

In the end the start given up by the boys at the start of the game was too big an obstacle to overcome and the boys ended up losing by 24 points.

They live to fight another day.

Goal Kickers: Tyson Randall 3, Ben Keall 1, Damon Sutton 1.

*Best Players: Ben Yeall, Jack O'Brien, Jake O'Connor, Lachlan McIntosh, Tyson Randall, Liam Findlay.*

## **PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors**

Lakers 10.14.74 Def. Darley 7.9.51

The conditions were duplicated for the 16.5 seniors the next day as they took on Darley at the Eastern Oval.

The Green Machine enjoyed the perfect conditions with no mud to run the vast expanses of the Eastern Oval at will. H in the middle hustled his way through packs to enable the League Best & Fairest Winner Jordan Payne to do as he liked in the packs and around the ground to set up numerous forward thrusts and opportunities for Jon Neville and Sam Britt who enjoyed the ideal conditions.

The backline was superb with the general in Jack Salau and Darrien Mann repelling attack on attack.

Apart from bad kicking at goal the boys controlled the match and are one win away from a Grand Final spot.

Goal Kickers: Sam Britt 3, Dominic Sliwa 2, Daniel Butler 1, Ambrose Gillett 1, Max Lawrence 1, Jonathon Neville 1, Jordon Payne 1.

*Best Players: Jordon Payne, Harrison Robertson, Alex Parrott, Sam Britt, Jonathon Neville, Jack Salau.*

## 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](mailto:bfharte@bigpond.com).

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