



News from the Lakers!



One week to go, and we are delighted that our Under 12 and Under 16.5 netballers have made the Grand Final! Well done to both teams and their coaches Jordan and Lisa on what has been a great result.

We encourage all Lakers to come along this Sunday to support the girls.

Following the game on Sunday we invite the whole club to join us at the clubrooms from 3pm to congratulate the girls for a Pizza Night. Cost \$10 per family.

Good luck to our girls this week.

FINALS

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

Football

	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Ballarat	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	8:30am
U/12 Seniors						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	9:35am
U/14 Reserves						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	11:00am
U/14 Seniors						
Grand Final	East Ballarat	v	Redan	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	12:25pm
U/16.5 Reserves						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Redan	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	1:50pm
U/16.5 Seniors						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	3:35pm

Netball

U/12						
Grand Final	Lake Wendouree	v	North Ballarat	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	10:30am
U/14						
Grand Final	East Ballarat	v	Redan	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	12:00pm
U/16.5						
Grand Final	Lake Wendouree	v	North Ballarat	Mars City Oval	Sunday 16th September	1:30pm

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

Adults - \$10

Family (2 adults & 2 children) - \$25

Pensioner - \$6

8 - 16yo - \$5

U/8 - Free

Car - \$5

Footy Record - \$2 (SPECIAL EDITION)

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

COACHES/UMPIRES FOR 2013

Please note that we are now seeking expressions of interest for all MENTOR and JUNIOR coaching positions in 2013, including football, netball and Youth Girls. All positions will be advertised in The Courier from next Monday for a week.

At this stage it appears that netball will consist of 6 teams in 2013, being a seniors and reserves in Under 12's, 14's and 16.5's.

If you are interested, please contact Darrin Findlay on 0408 300 605 or (email: Findlay.family@bigpond.com) to apply for the football related roles and Kate Raven on 0405 394 159 (email: ravengkk@bigpond.com) for the netball roles.

Please note that we also require umpires, especially for the netball. Please contact Kate Raven to register your interest.

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 your child has finished and have not yet returned their dress/jumper, can you please drop off to Lakers training this Thursday night from 4.15 at the netball courts.

Assistance Please

Looking for some parents to assist with the collating of jumpers/dresses this Saturday 15th September 2012 at the clubrooms from 3pm. If you can assist, please contact Nat on 0400 681 870.

Also if all coaches and team managers could return jackets, match day paperwork at this time as well that would be appreciated.

UNDER 10 ROUND ROBIN

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the raffle last weekend at the Round Robin. Due to the kind efforts of the businesses that donated prizes and the mums and dads we raised over \$600 which will be put towards new water bottles in 2013.

Many thanks to the following businesses who kindly donated prizes:-

- Major League
- Telstra Countrywide
- Ballarat Holden
- Red Lion Hotel
- Gays Home Hardware

NETBALL RESULTS

Under 12's

Lakers 22 defeated Darley 15

Lakers vs Darley. What can I say?! The girls have worked hard and shown so much improvement. This game highlighted just how far these girls have come this season.

After two losses to Darley already this season they weren't going to let them have another. They came out strong in the first quarter to hold a 1 goal lead at the first break with Ava controlling the mid court and Tessa and big Grace working beautifully together in the goal circle.

In the second quarter the girls put their foot down and with Darley panicking really put them to the sword and led by 4 goals at the main break. Big Grace was sore with her defender trying to bear hug her at every opportunity, but some words of encouragement sent her on her way for a big second half.

Darley came out strong in the third quarter and managed to level the scores - you could feel the tension in the air.

At the break Jordan put Sara back into WA and through Ava managed to break the first centre pass and Lakers scored quickly to hold a 4 goal lead within minutes of the restart. You could sense that Darley had no more fight, and with the quarter seemingly going forever Jordan and spectators were simply willing the siren to sound!

To the girls credit they fought out the whole quarter and allowed Darley to only score once in final quarter with Ellena and Paetyn controlling the defence end, and Skyla placing lots of pressure on the WA to enable the ball to be turned over and over again.

The siren sounded and the girls jumped for joy as the realisation that they had made the Grand Final hit. Jordan was speechless as the group gathered together to celebrate a great win. Special mention to Grace Turner and Jane Simpson for their team first attitude.



Best Players: Group effort

GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

Taking a lead from Reidy that we should write longer match reports!

The Lakers Youth Girls have finished their first season of Ballarat FNL football with a fighting performance against Sebastopol in the Minor Final for 5th versus 6th at White Flat Reserve on Sunday. Despite the 18 point loss the girls again showed the fighting Lakers spirit that they have become known for throughout the BFL Youth Girls competition this year. The girls, coaches and parents were very excited to have a full team of 16 players and no need to use players from other clubs for our last match of the year. It is a credit to the Lakers girls that they have continued to recruit and strengthen their playing ranks right through the year and with only one player graduating to open age football next year the squad for 2013 looks primed for a climb up the ladder.

Perhaps the pre-match excitement about playing in the Minor Final and having a full team was a bit too much for the girls as they started a little slowly in the match. Sebastopol were able to control the ball for much of the first quarter and the 2.2 to 0.0 scoreline at the first break accurately reflected the Burras ability to maintain possession. Recent recruit Pip Arnott was showing her previous football experience as she assisted backline regulars Bec Cubitt and Emma Relouw to keep the damage on the scoreboard to a minimum. Danielle Jenner and Casey Jose showed their improvement across the season as they got involved across half forward to help set up a couple of attacking moves.

The second quarter became the type of defensive struggle that the Lakers have thrived on all year. Riley Holloway, Indi Walker, Kate Jackson and Amy Jackson started to get their running game going and the team was able to negate Sebastopol and push the ball into our forward area more effectively. Reward on the scoreboard didn't come in the form of goals but the 0.1 to 0.1 result for the quarter showed how Lakers had taken back control of this game during this 15 minute period. The team had maintained the 14 point margin from 1/4 time and put themselves into a position where they could still mount a winning charge.

The third quarter was very similar to the second as the Lakers really showed their running ability and fighting attitude. During this quarter the Lakers suffered some injuries that made it difficult to continue our scoreboard pressure on the Burras. Indi Walker came off under the blood rule after smothering the footy with her head, Polly Guthrie could hardly move due to a sore back and Kate Jackson was hammered in a tackle and needed to rest during the final few minutes of the quarter. The newly named Best & Fairest winner Jordyn Gilmer was playing on an ankle so badly swollen from an injury two weeks ago that the regular midfielder was restricted to playing deep inside the

forward 50m arc. Her love of tackling is legendary within our ranks so her frustration at being out of the centre square was boiling over until she got her chance 10 minutes into the quarter to pounce on a couple of opponents. Jordy's subsequent goal from a free kick bounced through to leave the team trailing by 15 points at 3/4 time. The final change showed how competitive our girls are as all injured players asked to be allowed to go back on to finish the match.

Chelsea McKean was moved into the ruck and again showed she will be a formidable opponent when she learns to use her strength. Chelsea and Katelyn McGregor are two of the youngest players in the squad but have the potential to develop into one of the best rucking tandems in the BFL Youth Girls competition. Courtney Mannix is another who plays a physical style of football and her last quarter helped Lakers to again restrict Sebastopol in front of goal as they could only manage four behinds. Unfortunately we were a little restricted in the forward line ourselves as injury was preventing a few from playing to their full ability. Polly Guthrie was courageous to return to the field under duress and her innate football knowledge showed through as she was still able to gather a few touches forward of centre. A glimpse of the future maybe for Polly who has normally patrolled our half back line. Viv Mannix also enjoyed an opportunity to move away from the restrictions of her usual defensive position to roam around the forward line. In her final game as a Youth Girls player for Lake Wendouree Sammy Stephens moved into defence for the last quarter and capped off one of her best games for the year with a strong showing. Lakers scored a single behind in the quarter to finish the game on 1.2 (8) to Sebastopol's 3.8 (24) and finished the season in sixth place. After quarter time Lakers scored 1.2 against 1.6 to show how important our slow start was in the final result.

In the end a fantastic first season of Youth Girls football for the Lake Wendouree FNC with a team built from scratch recording four wins from 13 games, establishing a culture of competing hard, being respected on and off the field and enjoying their football. The improvement shown from the start to the end of the season is a credit to the girls who are so keen that they want to start pre-season next month! The girls were asked to circle up and sing the song in the rooms after the game and the passion and energy shown there says we have some long term Lakers in the fold now.

Congratulations to our captain Bec Cubitt, Riley Holloway and Indi Walker for their selection in the 2012 BFL Youth Girls Team of the Year last Wednesday night at the league's annual presentation night. Kate Jackson was also recognised as she was named the Rising Star from Lake Wendouree. Six of our players were also given votes during the year in the league's Best & Fairest which reflects how well they did throughout the year.

Thanks to all the girls who played for the team during the year, the parents who supported their daughters and performed match day roles and the other Lakers

players and coaches who attended games. Your support is appreciated. Thanks to Peter McGregor for his work as assistant coach and occasional head coach. Thanks to prior best clubperson Nat McKay and current best clubperson Darrin Findlay for the support they provided off the field. Thanks to the club for embracing the girls team and including them in the U/16s presentation night.

And a HUGE thanks to Fiona Edwards who agreed to be team manager for this new Youth Girls idea and ended up being the match day manager, training coordinator, taxi driver, chief bottle washer and centre of all the off field activities for the team. Legendary.

Thanks and best wishes to Sammy Stephens who has finished her time with the Youth Girls team. You'll always be welcome at our games Sammy.

We hope to see all the other girls back in 2013 for the second season for Lakers Youth Girls football. Somebody has to knock Ballarat down from their premiership pedestal so why not us. It's a race to the next Lakers football premiership and the girls are a part of that race for sure.

3-2-1 LAKERS!

FOOTBALL RESULTS



PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors

Bacchus Marsh 11.10.76 defeated Lakers 7.8.50

It all came to an end on Sunday against last years premiers Bacchus Marsh in a quality game of football. Lakers bounced out of the blocks but were unable to

find the goals, and when Bacchus decided to play, they were able to put on 5 goals to hold a 26 point lead at the first chance.

With a number of injuries, Fergo made some changes and the boys managed to get their way back into the game without making a major impact on the board. Small niggles started to appear as the boys started to show some muscle around the packs, and at one stage Dan Butler had 4 Bacchus Marhs boys trying to take him on, with the calvary of Tom McKay and Brad Dunbar coming into show the boys whose boss!

The third quarter saw the boys really start to impact the scoreboard, but some key injuries to Jono Neville and Liam Edwards saw the game structure change, with Max Lawrence thrown into the ruck and a smaller forward line taking advantage of the opportunities. The margin was still 26 points, but the general feel amongst the crowd was that the boys could cause an upset.

They started the last quarter with a flurry and panic crept into the Bacchus Marsh team. They lost their captain for the game when he came off second best to Tom McKay (for the second time in the game) and the tension rose as the Lakers boys got within 3 goals. A snap goal to Bacchus against the run of play ended the Lakers chances and the final margin of 26 points was the differential at the first quarter.

Whilst the result was not what the coaching staff, boys or the club wanted, the pride in this group of boys at the end of the game was immense. They had a fantastic year and should be proud of their efforts.

We wish those boys heading off to our Under 18's next year all the best with their senior football, and look forward to 2013 with renewed enthusiasm.

Goal Kickers: D. Sliwa 2, D. Butler , B. Dunbar , A. Parrot , J. Payne , T. Randall

Best Players: D. Butler, J. Payne, E. Mc Cuskey, H. Robertson, J. Salau, J. Ferguson

FOOTY PHOTOS

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

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.