



# News from the Lakers!



Big congratulations to our Under 16.5 Netball team who went through the season undefeated and came home on Sunday with a big win over North Ballarat to claim the inaugural Under 16.5 Senior Netball Premiership.

Also well done to our Under 12 netballers who had a fantastic year but were unable to compete against a strong North Ballarat.

Netball was certainly embraced by Lakers and the rest of the league as evidenced by the number of supporters at the games and is to grow further in 2013 with additional teams in each age group.

Many thanks again to our wonderful volunteers who enable the club to field 8 boys footy teams, a Youth Girls team and 3 netball teams.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2013.

## **Isaac Neblett**

Many of you will remember Isaac who played under 12's in 2010 and 2011 with the club before electing to concentrate on his basketball this year after selection in the Under 14 Ballarat squad team. Isaac has a number of close mates at the club.

Isaac was diagnosed with Lymphoma last week, and a number of groups are joining together to raise money for Isaac and his family as they face months of treatment.

There will be a social night to be held on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Pat's Pavilion with all monies raised to be donated to the family.

The night will be "A Night at the Races" with \$25 racecourse entry.  
Dress - Spring Carnival Race Attire

It would be great to get as many Lakers people as possible to attend.  
Please contact Nat on 0400 681 870 or Jodie Gilbert on 0438 301 027 to book your tickets. Drinks will be available at bar prices. Supper - Bring your own plate.

In addition we have opened an account if people would like to make a donation. Details as follows:

Isaac Neblett Trust Fund  
NAB 1001 Sturt Street  
BSB: 083-532 Account No: 14 401 9667

### **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 are currently advertised in The Courier.

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

### **Trainers in 2013**

We are also seeking expressions of interest for trainer's positions in 2013, including football, netball and Youth Girls.

If you are interested, please contact Becky Andrews on 0417 107 845.  
Note the club is willing to pay for all training costs.

## Jumpers/Dresses

Please note that all dresses/jumpers should now be returned. Please return them to Nat at the nab 1001 Sturt Street Ballarat (Windermere Street entrance) as a matter of urgency.

## Lakers Mums

Join the Lakers mums on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Red Lion from 4pm as we have one final catch up.

# NETBALL RESULTS

## Under 12's

North Ballarat 30 defeated Lakers 16

The girls were remarkably relaxed as they headed into their biggest game of the year. Jordan had them prepped and ready to go; however the first quarter did not go to script as North flew out of the blocks to hold a strong 10 goal lead at the first quarter.

Things were not going the girl's way...they continued to get their hands to balls but the ball would deviate and fall North's way time and time again.

In the second the girls found their mojo and things started to improve. The defence of Ellena and Paetyn repelled attacks, and the work of Ava in the mid court proved vital as the ball started to penetrate the North's defence and Grace Todd and Tessa Canny were able to put some scoreboard pressure with the Lakers getting the score back to within 4 goals at the main break.

Momentum seemed to be heading our way and confidence was up as Skyla, Gracie Turner and Jane were all doing their bit on the wings. However by the end of the third, North had put some space between the teams and despite the girl's best endeavours, they were unable to compete against the height and strength of their opponents and ultimately went down by 14 goals.

To the girls credit they did not give up and maintained good sportsmanship til the end. The girls did their best and in hindsight probably played their grand final the week before against Darley. Regardless Jordan and the girl's parents were extremely proud of the girl's efforts and their development over the year.

## Under 16.5's

Lakers 44 defeated North Ballarat 14

The girls were under pressure...they hadn't dropped a game all season and coach Lisa was unwell and concerned about North's ability to match her girls.

With last minute instructions, Nina Cowie encouraged the girls "to kill em" and so it began. The first five centre passes went to script with each side scoring comfortably, but an interception on the next North centre pass set the tone for the rest of the day. Within minutes the score was 9 to 2, and to all and sundry it was apparent that Lakers had turned up to play and no-one was going to stop our girls from achieving their goal.

Nina and Emma were outstanding in attack with strong bodies and excellent shooting, and the mid court of Sarah, Alex, Courtney, Ellie and Jenna stopped everything in their tracks. If the North did manage to get the ball into their goal ring, Chloe together with Caitlyn and Molly negated their goalers with Chloe in particular outstanding with amazing goal rejections time and time again.

At half time the girls lead 20 to 5, and it was for spectators and supporters to simply enjoy the skills of the girls as the result was beyond doubt. For some of the gents in our club who'd never seen netball before were amazed at our girls athleticism and skill and the ability of the girls in the air. To say they were outstanding is an understatement.

The final whistle sounded and the girls managed to win by an amazing 30 goals. They never took their foot off the pedal and North simply had no answers. Chloe Reese was voted Best of Court for her fantastic defensive game.

The girls joined the Under 12's back at the club before heading out as a team to celebrate a fantastic year.

## 2013

Check the website in early 2013 for dates as to when training commences and the clubs registration day.

Also a reminder to lock away the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 for a social night at the Ballarat Trotting Club. This is a whole club function with monies raised to be used for improved lighting. More details to follow.

**Stay safe and see you all in 2013!!**