



News from the Lakers!



Saturday was a milestone day for our Under 12's and Under 14's netball teams who won their first games in the BFL. Well done to the girls who have continued to improve under the tutelage of Jordan and Melissa. The day was a good one for the club winning all netball grades and only dropping the Under 12 Reserves and Under 16.5 Senior games.

This week we take on Golden Point. As Golden Point do not have netball courts, the netball will be played at the Lakers netball courts this weekend. Note there will be no canteen at Lakers on this day.

In the footy, we will be playing at White Flat, with games to be played at normal times. Golden Point do not have any Under 16.5 sides and therefore both Under 16.5 teams this week will not play.

**** GIRLS JUNIOR FOOTY ****

more girls needed, more girls needed, more girls needed!!!!

The Ballarat Football League introduced Girls Football in 2011 for girls aged between 12 to 18, and the Lakers are to have a side in 2012 in addition to 2 new sides being Bacchus Marsh and Riddells Creek. As a result of a 7 team competition the league has bought the season forward to commence on Sunday 20th May.

The girls have been training on Monday nights from 4.15 at Lakers and are still seeking players. The cost of the season is \$60 for a 12 game season plus one week of finals.

The team requires a coach, runner, goal umpire and twice in the season volunteers to run the canteen on Lakers home games. If you are able to assist please contact Fiona Edwards on 0418 518 004.

The girls will be provided with a jumper (to be returned at the end of the season) and playing socks, and will need to supply their own Green Lakers shorts and boots. We strongly recommend that the girls use mouth guards. Note under private health insurance depending on extras cover, you can get

custom fitted mouth guards often at no cost.

Note: Girls aged 12 are permitted to play with parental consent.

Interested parties should contact Fiona Edwards on 0418 518 004.

**** MILESTONES ****

We require parents to assist with milestone games, both recording, taking photos and arranging the banner (which is kept in the trailer)

The job of recording the milestones has become very onerous for the club, and currently one gentleman does the task for both the juniors and seniors who includes 9 football teams and 7 netball teams.

We are seeking some volunteers to assist in this regard. If you have Excel skills, camera skills and some capacity to update on a weekly basis please contact Darrin or Nat



HELP
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Assistance

We require more volunteers for the canteen roster, especially in the later timeslots as you will see from next week's canteen roster.

We are desperate for our Under 14 and Under 16.5 families to assist. Please contact Julie Butler on 0417 363 172 to register your time.

Thanks to those that assisted on the weekend both in the canteen and with match day duties. We require volunteers every game to enable both the boys and girls play on the weekend, so please make yourself known to coaches and team managers and offer your assistance.

Canteen Roster - Saturday 5th May

7.30 – 9.30	Anne O'Connell, April Corbett, Renee Viney, Lorena, Julie Torpy
9.30 – 11.30	Julie Butler, Lisa Todd, Jane Valpied (2 vacancies)
11.30 – 1.30	Maree Dodd, Ellen O'Connell, Melinda O'Connor, Jane Marriott, Pauline Morcom (1 vacancy)
1.30 - 4.00	Need 5 volunteers

Merchandise

The Merchandise has arrived and the boys and girls looked fantastic on the weekend in their new Lakers Gear.

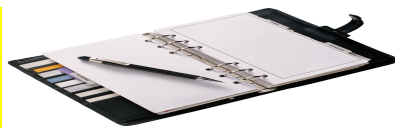
If you have ordered merchandise but did not collect on the weekend, please contact Jodie to arrange collection and payment

We have older footy jumpers, hoodies and track pants immediately available for purchase and taking orders for bags. Contact Jodie Gilbert on 0438 301 027 for orders.

We also have a Lakers Hoodies in adult sizes with no sponsorship on the back for parents and coaches.

Note we have some older playing jumpers available for purchase. These are ideal for training or for game day to wear under existing jumpers and would suit boys or girls in the Under 12/14's groups primarily. These are available for purchase on at a cost of \$25.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Team Photos - Thursday 24th May from 4.15 in the clubrooms

Lakers Ball - Saturday 2nd June

Parents Night - Saturday 23rd June

Team Photos:

Team photos to be taken on Thursday 24th June.

We will start with the netball girls at 4.15, then the Under 10's, 12's, 14 & 16.5's.

Cost: \$20 per photo. Envelopes will be provided in due course.

After the photos we will hold a sausage sizzle for all the boys and girls. If any parents are able to assist with cooking and serving please see Nat or Neil.

Lakers Ball

To be held at the Lakers Clubrooms on Saturday 2nd June 2012.

Starting at 7.30 pm with happy ½ hour to 8pm.

Tickets \$40 per person.

Dress: Formal

No tables so come along and enjoy a great night – Note no junior footy the next day

Contact Julie Maher on 0448 331 146 to book your tickets

Thanks

During the games against North Ballarat, the Carr Family lost an ipod. The Devereux Family had located same and the Carr Family wish to give a big public THANKS!!!!

Reminders

Please note that footy ball jumpers and dresses should not be worn after games if boys and girls are staying at the games, to avoid damage.

Scoreboard

With the kind support of Telstra Kids Grants and Kylie Cleary (Tom's mum from Under 10's) were granted \$1,200 to put towards a new scoreboard for the junior oval and siren. The scoreboard has arrived and is portable as to avoid damage and will be hopefully used for the first time at our game against Mt Clear on the 20th May.

Thanks to Kylie for kindly nominating the Lakers!

If there are any other grants that the club should be applying for please let us know, as I'm sure with 8 footy teams, 3 netball teams and a girl's footy team the money could be well spent!

Sponsors

We have been fortunate to secure the support of Warralily for the Under 14 football teams this year. The new jumpers have come up a treat and thanks to Sean Duke and the Warralily - Armstrong Creek team for their support.

We also thank PPT Financial for their ongoing support of our Under 16.5 teams.

We are still seeking netball sponsorship to sponsor each age group of girls. It would see your business name on each of that age group's dresses, mentioned in each newsletter during the season, (ie ABC Pty Ltd Under14's)

on the internet as part of a rolling sponsor board, 2 tickets to the ball and tickets to the sponsors lunch as well as tickets to Lakers Home Games including the senior club. Each of these would form part each year of the 3 year agreement and then subject to renewal.

If you are interested please contact Natalee Mc Kay on 0400 681 870.

J FILE

The Ballarat Football Netball League is launching a new online magazine, the Ballarat FNL 'J' Zone. This magazine will cover information about everything that is happening in the league relating to junior football and will also contain lots of AFL material also. Content on the online magazine will be updated weekly and a key feature of the site will be the display of junior football player profiles that clubs are to supply along with a photo of each player.

We require five profiles of junior players from our club. If you are happy for your son to be involved please advise Nat. Note the league only require 5 profiles per club and they would be over all age groups and there is no guarantee that the information will be published in the J file.

NETBALL RESULTS

Under 12's

Lakers defeated Ballarat 8 to 4

North were very strong but our girls kept going and played some good netball especially in the last half. Need to keep working on passing and footwork.

Best Players: Ava Valpied, Grace Turner and Paetyn Jarred

Under 14's

Lakers defeated Ballarat 19 to 15

Under 14 girls played a strong game Saturday at home, seeing them take out their first victory over Ballarat by 4 goals under the leadership of Olivia Loader as Captain for the week.

We are seeing great improvement with the girls passing and movement on the court and this will be continued to be emphasised at training. It was difficult to give awards as all 9 girls put in a huge amount of effort while on the court and really lifted from the previous week.

Outstanding were Olivia Loader in defence who consistently beats her

opponent each week and also encourages the rest of the girls, proving to be a very valuable asset as a defender for our team and also a leader for the other girls. Supported by Terryn Rodd in defence, the girls are starting to develop into a strong defensive end, further confidence for Terryn as time goes on will see her become a nice strong defence also. Tia McLachlan who played her first full game as a shooter, both in GA & GS, although hesitated a bit at times managed to score majority of her shots at goal, well done Tia and keep up the good work. Supported by Beth Ferguson & Annie Turner in goals who were again consistent players.

Isabelle Fraser was again consistent in the C and WA positions, giving plenty of opportunity and encouragement to the team throughout the game and intercepting some great passes to gain Lakers the ball, assisted by Annie Simpson and Siobhan Corbett in wings. The coaches/ encouragement award was this week given to Millie Harte who played a great game in WD and really assisted the team in getting the ball through the court, great improvement from week to week Millie. All girls should be very proud of their efforts this week and I look forward to the coming weeks and seeing all the girls at training Thursday night. Melissa

Under 16.5's

Lakers defeated North Ballarat 40 to 18

Another strong win with the girls playing in a variety of positions.

Best Players: Courtney O'Connell and Ellie Godson

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Under 9's

The boys started slow but continued to work hard and in the end ran over the top of Ballarat with hard tackling and great teamwork. They were well led by Jackson Leech win.

Goalkickers: Cooper James 2 goals, Jude McGuire and Mitchell York 1 a piece.

Best Players: Jude McGuire, Cody Deicmanis, Cooper James and Patrick Corbett

Under 10's

A great team effort in a free flowing game. Great use of the ball with more handball and talk across the ground.

Goalkickers: Mitch Grieves 3 goals, Copper Bath, Liam Vercoe and Charles MacGill one a piece

Best Players: Ethan Henderson, Mitch Grieves, Will Clark and Tim Jenner

Under 12 Reserves

Outplayed on the day to go down by 24 points.

Goalkickers: Hamish Bridges and Bayley Drummond one a piece

Best Players: Cooper Brennan, Luke Castleman, Jack Murphy, Lachlan Britt, Bayley Drummond and Hamish Bridges

Under 12 Seniors

The boys had lots of the ball and should have had a large win kicking 3.14.32 to beat Ballarat 2.3.15.

Goalkickers: Noah Browning, Noah McIntosh and Ben Maher one goal each

Best Players: Brad Castleman, Nick Spratling, Noah Browning, Harry Turner and Harry Carter



Warralily Under 14 Reserves

Great team effort from all the boys and the win was well deserved after the efforts in the in the earlier games. Glen was delighted with the really good team work.

There were lots of highlights but the running goal by Robbie Emerson-Jones was a standout, taking the ball from the wing with 5 bounces!!!

Goalkickers: Jordan White and Lachlan Fahey 3 goals each, and Robbie Emerson-Jones and Tom Hynes one a piece

Best Players: Jayden New, Luke McNeight, Jordan White, Lachlan Fahey, Bailey Dodd and Robbie Emerson-Jones.

Warralily Under 14 Seniors

Finally the boys manage to get a win for the season with a strong first quarter setting up the win. The coaches are glad that the boys are getting reward for their hard efforts.

Goalkickers: Sam Jackson 3 goals, Sam Coxall, Noah Gemmola, Austin McPherson and Luke Currie-Jones all kicking one goal each

Best Players: Jake O'Connor, Noah Gemmola, Sam Jackson, Brayden Morshead and Max Edwards



PPT Financial Under 16.5 Reserves

A strong performance by the boys.

Goalkickers. Andy Castles 3 goals, Liam Findlay & Pat Lowe 2 goals, Jacob Lachlan McIntosh, Todd Blackburn, Jack O'Brien, Brandon Quayle and Ged Shearer one a piece.

Best Players: Jack Obrien, Matt Maher, Luke Wren, Adam Creasey, Ged Shearer and Nathan McKenna

PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors

The boys had their chances to win in the last quarter but were unable to finish off in front of goal.

Goal Kickers: Sam Britt, Daniel Butler, Bard Dunbar, Liam Edwards and Tyson Randall - 1 each

Best Players: Harrison Robertson, Jack Salau, Eamonn McCuskey, Brad Dunbar, Darrien Mann and Tom McKay