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## MEN'S & NETBALL

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**ROUND 8**  
LANCEFIELD PARK

## WOMEN'S

22 MAY 2026 ————— 2:45PM



**ROUND 7**  
HARCOURT RECREATION  
RESERVE

23 MAY 2026 ————— 5:00PM



**ROUND 7**  
TONY CLARKE RESERVE

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## ACROSS MY DESK

*by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby*

This weekend the Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL) will once again turn its attention from ladders and finals hopes to something far greater than sport as clubs across the region come together for Fight MND Round 8, a powerful day dedicated to awareness, fundraising and hope in the fight against Motor Neurone Disease.

Across ovals in the RDFNL players will run out wearing the icy blue, volunteers will wear the beanies and communities will gather shoulder to shoulder in support of a cause that continues to inspire one of the country's most significant charity movements, some will brave ice cold slides and plunges.

At the heart of it all is Neale Daniher, whose courage in the face of Motor Neurone Disease has transformed a deeply personal battle into a national call to action. The former AFL coach and Essendon great has become the face of resilience through his work with the foundation he helped establish, FightMND.

Despite his diagnosis, Daniher's message has consistently been one of determination rather than defeat and sadly during the week he lost his battle.

A man who has inspired more people off the field than on it and has become a true hero to us all.

The RDFNL Fight MND Round 8 has grown into one of the most meaningful weekends on the local sporting calendar. Clubs across the competition will again wear blue in solidarity, with beanies, banners and fundraising efforts helping drive awareness and vital research funding into Motor Neurone Disease.

Officials and volunteers alike describe the round as something that extends well beyond football and netball. It is about community connection, education and ensuring the legacy of those impacted by MND is honoured through collective action.

From junior netball courts to senior football clashes, the message remains consistent. This is a disease that can affect anyone and a fight that requires everyone.

For many involved in grassroots sport, Daniher's journey has become a source of inspiration that extends far beyond the boundary line. His public appearances and advocacy, often delivered with immense effort as the disease progresses, have left a lasting impression on players, officials and supporters across the country.

In his own way, Daniher has shown that leadership is not defined by physical strength but by purpose. His determination to continue speaking, advocating and raising awareness has helped propel Fight MND into one of Australia's most recognised medical research charities.

Every blue beanie worn on game day is a reminder of why the cause matters. Daniher's message continues to cut through because it is grounded in honesty, courage and humanity.

Across Round 8, fundraising activities, donation drives and match day initiatives will support ongoing research into Motor Neurone Disease, a condition that still has no cure. But the impact of the round is measured in more than funds raised. It is seen in conversations at clubrooms, in young players learning about empathy through sport and in communities standing together for something bigger than themselves.

As the siren sounds across RDFNL venues this weekend, the scoreboard will matter, but far more important will be the message carried forward.

Through every blue beanie, every cheer from the fence line and every act of generosity, the legacy of Neale Daniher and FightMND continues to grow. In that spirit, the RDFNL once again shows that when sport and community come together, they can do far more than play a game. They can change lives.



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**MARK KOVACEVIC**

**187 RANKING POINTS**

**23 DISPOSALS**

**11 CLEARANCES**

**45 HIT OUTS**

**2 GOALS**

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

# RDFNL FOOTBALL TEAM LISTS

Click the division for match details and team lists.



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# RDFNL FOOTBALL RESULTS

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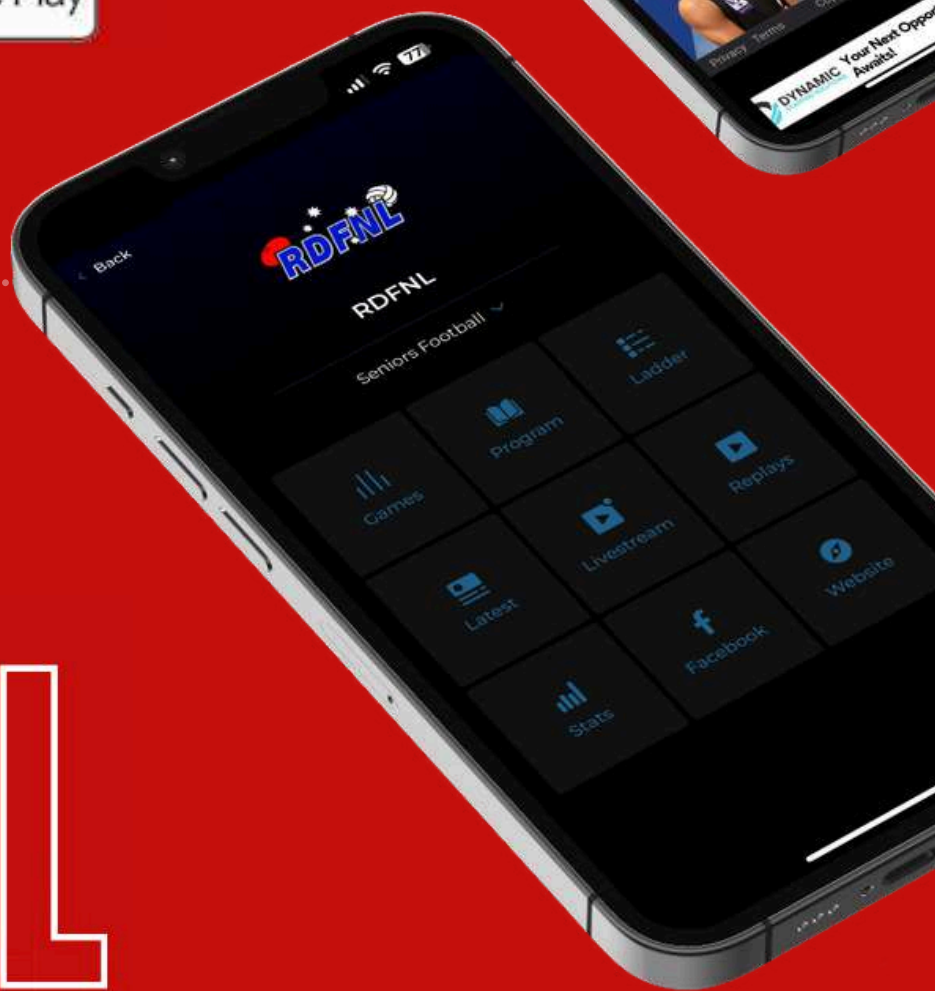


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# LOCAL FOOTBALL

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ROUND SIX

MARK KOVACEVIC  
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RIDDELL

MELTON CENTRALS  
EST. 1996  
EVAN DONOGHUE  
31 6

CHRIS STEWART  
2 44  
WILLAM MAGPIES

KYNETON  
1868  
HAYDN SMITH  
31 6

CHARLIE ROSSETTI  
3 42  
MACEDON CASTLE

MSENC  
PANTHERS  
BRODEN COLLINS  
29 8

NATHAN HOY  
4 34  
ROMSEY REDBACKS

KYNETON  
1868  
DANIEL DAVIE  
22 9

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# HARDWICKS



# RDFNL Senior Mens Football Tipping

Each week throughout the 2026 season, a panel of RDFNL staff, executive, sponsors and media will submit their tips for the weekend’s senior football matches, which will be featured in the footy record. See how your tips stack up against the RDFNL experts each week!

Football Tipping							
NAME	Melton Centrals vs Romsey	Riddell vs Gisborne Giants	Macedon vs Wallan	Kyneton vs Diggers Rest	Lancefield vs Melton South	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	5	26
Courtney Alexander	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	25
Terry Kernan	Romsey	Riddell	Macedon	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	26
Brian McNabb	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	25
Jordan Doyle	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	3	26
Richard Thwaites	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	3	25
Grant McMillan	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	29
Tara Murray	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	26
Ben Higgins	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	27
Grace Bibby	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Wallan	Diggers Rest	Melton South	4	29





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# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



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Two sides at similar spots on the ladder face off in a massive game for both clubs. Centrals are back to the drawing board with their second big loss in a row now falling to 2-4 for the season. They faced a relentless Diggers Rest outfit away from home going down by 82 points where they were competitive in stages of the game, but Diggers managed to kick away easily in the end. Big Evan Donoghue won his ruck battle for the day in a huge game for him with 20 disposals, 5 clearances 31 hitouts and 145 ranking points. Alongside him was Jake Armistead who had 27 disposals, 12 clearances and 134 ranking points, another big game for him. For Centrals in a winnable game this week, their biggest concern will be their ball movement and disposal numbers after being comprehensively beaten across every major category by Diggers particularly in kicks (+40) and handballs (+60). I think it's safe to say although Romsey lost by 28 points to Kyneton last week this was an impressive effort from them. Kyneton have been flying and are solid at home so for Romsey to contain them in a game where many thought a 10-goal win on the cards was impressive. Hoy was huge for the Redbacks with 16 disposals, 6 marks, 7 clearances and 129 ranking points. Samuel Wilson also had his best game for the year with 29 disposals, 6 clearances and 125 ranking points. Romsey if they continue their form from last week can really take it up to the Centrals who are out of form at the moment, however I think Melton must and will respond here in a tight win against the Redbacks at home.

**Prediction- Centrals by 4 points**

One side enters this clash riding a four-game winning streak, while the other is looking to snap a difficult run of four straight losses, Riddell were impressive away from home against the Hawks last week winning by 42 points and they are flying now in pursuit of their three peat. Our player of the week Mark Kovacevic was massive against Woodend with 23 disposals, 45 hitouts, 11 clearances and 187 ranking points. Jacob Murphy also filled the stat sheet for the Bombers with 21 disposals, 10 I50, 9 tackles, 11 clearances and 131 ranking points. Riddell's game against Woodend just came down to them being more efficient and able to enter their inside 50 more frequently (+23). For Gisborne, injuries have hit at the worst possible time. Combined with a very tough run of fixtures over the last month, it has made life difficult for the Giants, and things didn't get any easier last week in their 95-point loss to Wallan. With Matt Quigley out for the Giants others in the midfield had to step up and Mitch Bongiovanni did that with 33 disposals, 10 marks and 147 ranking points. Alongside him was Oscar Schnoor with 31 disposals, 14 marks, 4 tackles and 121 ranking points. The Giants can take some positives away from these last two weeks although as they've been able to play some of their young players including Cruickshank, Camilleri, Lacy and Simpson all of whom are under 19.5s. It doesn't get any easier this week although, Riddell are one of the form sides and look full of confidence now. While I expect Gisborne to be more competitive and keep the margin more respectable, the bombers are rolling and will be too good here.

**Prediction- Riddell by 40 points**

# RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

## By Seth Cornish



It will be interesting to see how the Cats respond against the inform team of the competition in Wallan. Macedon were disappointing last week losing to Melton South by 3 points in a game they were expected to win. Hamish Govan led from the front continuing his stellar season with 39 disposals, 10 marks, 12 R50 and 178 ranking points. His ruckman Charlie Rosetti was also good for the Cats with 18 disposals, 42 hitouts, 9 clearances and 138 ranking points. Wallan extended their undefeated win last week to 6 in a 95-point win over the Giants. Nash King was huge for his side once again with 39 disposals, 12 marks, 3 goals and 186 ranking points. Dion Hill also made the move from back to forward and kicked a bag of 9 whilst having 24 disposals, 12 marks and 183 ranking points. This is definitely going to be a close affair on Macedon's home turf but I have Wallan extending their winning streak to 7 here against the cattery.

Prediction- Wallan by 2 goals



The last time these two faced off the Tigers won in a semi-final extra time thriller, and it all sets up to be another competitive affair this time around. Kyneton were super inaccurate but cruised home to a 28-point win over the Redbacks last week. Caleb Fisher was outstanding once again with 27 disposals, 11 Inside 50s, 6 clearances and 139 ranking points. And Diggers wouldn't be happy seeing Harry Ryan inform after what he did to them last year in the semifinal, he had 21 disposals, 8 marks, 2 goals and 125 ranking points.

The burra needed to respond against the Centrals last week and they did. Mullen was huge for the burra with 34 disposals, 10 tackles and 142 ranking points, I'm sure Jaidyn Caruana won't be calling premier data for a stats change this week after he had 31 disposals, 8 marks, 6 clearances and 140 ranking points. The hardest game to tip this week here but I'm picking the Burras just over the Tigers who have shown inconsistency woes at times this year.

**Prediction- Diggers by 8 points**



A one-sided affair is expected here as both sides enter this game in opposite patches of form. Lancefield are coming off a much-needed bye last week after they began their season 0-6, something they probably didn't want to start the year. There's concerning signs all around for Lancefield as they rank last in Ranking points, marks and Inside 50's which are key stats they will have to work in if they're going to get their first win of the year. The Panthers shocked the competition last week in a huge 3 point win over the Cats, a massive confidence booster for them which puts them in good stead for the rest of the season. Sam Darley had his best game of the season to date with 42 disposals, 10 R50 and 178 ranking points. Alongside him was Riley Theo with 29 disposals, 6 marks, 2 goals and 143 ranking points. I think everything points to a good win for the Panthers win however hopefully we see a more refreshed and competitive Lancefield outfit off the bye.

**Prediction- Melton south by 70 points**

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# RDFNL Senior Womens Football Tipping

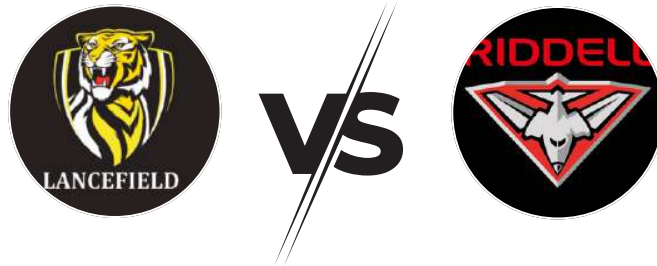
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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Mt Alexander vs Riddell	Lmacedon vs Lancefield	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Riddell	Macedon	2	9
Courtney Alexander	Riddell	Macedon	2	7
Jacqui Green	Mt Alexander	Lancefield	2	9
Jordan Doyle	Mt Alexander	Macedon	2	10
Grant McMillan	Riddell	Macedon	2	8
Tara Murray	Riddell	Macedon	2	10
Ben Higgins	Riddell	Macedon	2	10
Grace Bibby	Mt Alexander	Macedon	2	10
Richard Thwaites	Riddell	Macedon	2	10



## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN RESULTS

Click the for match details and results



## RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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## TAYA KONIAS

**200 RANKING POINTS**

**40 DISPOSALS**

**5 CLEARANCES**

**6 TACKLES**

**5 GOALS**

# PLAYER OF THE WEEK

# RANKING POINTS

ROUND FIVE

TAYA  
KONIAS

1

200



ELLA  
HAYES

94

6

RUBY  
WATTS

2

157



SAMANTHA  
POINTER

94

6

JESSIE  
BOYLAN

3

132



GABRIELLE  
SMITH

93

8

CHARLOTTE  
NOONAN

3

132



ALEX  
CAIRNEY

89

9

NINNA  
HARBINSON

5

109



SHAKIRA  
PARKER

87

10

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# RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



The second time these teams face off this season after Riddell were able to get the win last time out. Mt Alexander have still not been able to get their first win of the season after they fell to 0-5 last week in a 111-point loss to Macedon in a disappointing performance for them. Jessie Boylan came back for just her second game of the year and had a massive game for the Falcons with 25 disposals, 11 tackles, 4 clearances and 132 ranking points. Ella Hayes also continues to show out for the Falcons with 16 disposals, 13 tackles, 8 clearances and 94 ranking points. Mt Alexander couldn't match the level of Macedon statistically like every other team in the competition now. They lost the disposal count (-101), Inside 50s (+29) and marks (+11). Riddell had a disappointing loss to the Tigers last week losing by 62 points. Unfortunately, there were no stats recorded for this game so best players can't be named, however throughout the season Lauren Shaw has clearly been Riddell's best averaging more than 40 ranking points than anyone else in her team. Ava Osborne has also had a great start to the season averaging 72 ranking points. As a team Riddell's midfield is what seems to be their weakest point as they are averaging the least amount of clearances in the competition, however they are first in the competition for rebound 50s. I think this will be a really close affair but I think Riddell have a slight edge over the Falcons and will just get this done.

**Prediction- Riddell by 10 points**

This is an exciting matchup between the two best sides in the women's competition so far. Macedon have been outstanding this season in their pursuit of another flag and they'll be keen to face some good competition after a few easier games the past few weeks. Macedon were way too strong for the Falcons last week keeping them goalless in a 111-point win. Our player of the week Taya Konias had the best game of this season to date in the competitions with 40 disposals, 5 goals and 200 ranking points, alongside her was Ruby Watts with 31 disposals, 9 tackles and 157 ranking points, Charlotte Noonan also extended her league goalkicking lead with a bag of 8. They tore the Falcons apart statistically, but it won't be as easy this week against a Lancefield side who challenged them last time out. The tigers continue to roll with a great win over Riddell last week and they would be really looking forward to this matchup here after they lost by 28 points last time out but ended up kicking 1.6 from 7 scoring shots. Harmony Cassar has been huge for Lancefield this season averaging 22 disposals and 95 ranking points. Alongside her Molly Libardi has also been great averaging 16 disposals, 12 contested possessions and 94 ranking points. This all sets up to be a great game between the two most competitive women's side this season and while I think either team can win this one I have Macedon continuing their dominance on their home deck.

**Prediction- Macedon by 15 points**

# TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS

## 'Be a Champ'

- Tackle Your Feelings ambassador Nathan Buckley and social media larrikins the Shepmates have teamed up to create a humorous video celebrating local football club culture and encouraging players and coaches to help support the mental health of their footy mates
- Watch the video
- As part of the campaign, Tackle Your Feelings is looking to celebrate and recognise those local 'champs' who go above and beyond when it comes to investing in mental health
- Being referred to as a 'champ' is not always cast in a positive way, so Tackle Your Feelings is looking to reclaim the phrase and spin it around to celebrate these people who often don't get the recognition they deserve with the role they play at their clubs
- We want players, coaches, committee members, support staff and umpires to be a champ and book their club in for a Tackle Your Feelings workshop
- Clubs can register for a workshop at **tyfo.tackleyourfeelings.org.au/login/**.

Adam Baldwin, Program Manager said:  
"Clubs are beginning to understand their responsibility to create an environment which supports the mental health of their players. We want clubs to prioritise mental health in the same way they currently do physical health. Tackle Your Feelings is a free program that can help clubs kick-start the development of their own mental health game plan."

**Book a @tyf\_au workshop today.**



## What is Tackle Your Feelings?

- Tackle Your Feelings is a FREE mental health program for community football/netball clubs
- The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018 following the death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh
- The program is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health.
- The program is based on the education delivered to the AFL industry and is led by high-profile player and coach ambassadors
- Since 2019, the TYF program has been delivered to more than 10,000 participants in every Australian state and territory and it's available to your club in 2024
- Quote from TYF ambassador Nathan Buckley: "It's an awesome program. It's so succinct and gives you really good strategies... it's a really good conversation starter."

To book a session in for your club contact **Grant McMillan via [grant@rdfnl.com.au](mailto:grant@rdfnl.com.au)**



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# GISBORNE GIANTS *Club Notes*

Last weekend we celebrated "Mundanai" round by wearing our indigenous jumpers and dresses across both football and netball vs Wallan.

It's not often you get the opportunity to pull on the jumper alongside your son, but over the weekend the Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club celebrated a special milestone with our first ever father-son pairing taking the field together.

A fantastic day for the club and a proud moment for the Thornton family, with Xav and Tim sharing the experience side by side. To make the day even more special, Zoe, Tim's daughter was also out representing the Giants at the same time.

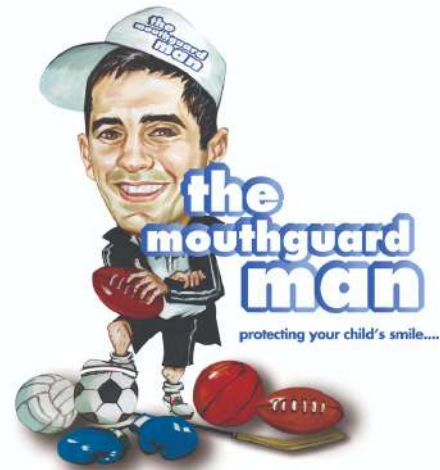
The Giants love our strong community and family culture, and moments like these are exactly what our club is all about. We look forward to seeing more special family moments in the future.

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# KYNETON

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# LANCEFIELD

## *Club Notes*



### MID SEASON BALL...

Everyone loves to get dressed up so the good news is that the LFNC Mid Season Ball is on its way to you! Dress to impress for this gala affair on Saturday June 20 from 7:45pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute. This place has hosted many club balls over the years so it's good to get one up and running again after so many years. We'll have a gourmet taco food truck on hand to feed everyone and it's included in the ticket price, there's a fantastic band fired up and ready to go so bring your dancing shoes, we've got at least one special guest speaker from a sporting field already lined up and we're hoping to lock away another one this week. There's a free drink on arrival and the link to buy tickets is on our socials.

Tickets are just \$95

### HALL OF FAME...

For generations, the Lancefield Football Netball Club has been home to some of the finest players our great Australian game has seen, VFL premiership players, VFA leading goalkickers, League Best & Fairest's, premiership players and more. To recognise the achievements of these players the Lancefield Football Netball Club is proud to announce that we are establishing the Lancefield Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will honour and celebrate the greatest players to ever wear the yellow and black over 153 years, individuals whose achievements, character and contribution to the club deserve to have a light shone on them and be remembered for generations to come.

To mark this historic occasion, the club will host an official Hall of Fame Inaugural Inductees night later this year, a gala evening celebrating the stories, achievements and legends that built the Lancefield Football Netball Club into what it is today. More details, including selection committees, dates and ticketing information will be announced in the coming weeks.



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# MELTON CENTRALS

## Club Notes



Some people join a football club. Others build one from the ground up. For Melton Centrals Football and Netball Club, that person was Darren Weavell.

As our club prepares to celebrate Darren's incredible contribution on 30 May 2026 for our annual Darren Weavell Day, we reflect on the vision, passion and determination of the man who helped create the Centrals community we know and love today.

The foundations of Melton Centrals began in 1995, when Darren and a group of close mates worked tirelessly to establish a third football club in Melton. At the time, the Riddell District Football League were looking to maintain a presence in the rapidly growing Melton area following the departure of several clubs to the Ballarat Football League. Darren saw an opportunity to create something special, not just a football team, but a true family club.

After months of negotiations with council and local sporting groups, Melton Centrals officially entered the RDFL in 1996, with Darren becoming the club's founding president. He would remain in the role for five years, helping guide the club through its challenging but formative early seasons.

Those who were there in the beginning remember the enormous amount of work required

just to get the club off the ground. Facilities were limited, resources were stretched, and success on the field didn't come easily. But Darren's commitment never wavered. He believed Melton deserved a club built on inclusion, mateship and opportunity.

One of Darren's most important visions was ensuring the club embraced both football and netball from the very beginning, helping create the

family-oriented culture that remains a defining feature of Melton Centrals today. Darren was admired for his work ethic, leadership and passion for local sport. He wanted players and families to enjoy coming to the club, to bring fun back into community football, and to create a place where lifelong friendships and memories could be formed. By all accounts, he achieved exactly that. His contribution extended beyond administration. Darren also represented the club in RDFL

interleague football and was later named at full back in Melton Centrals' Team of the Era – recognition of both his playing ability and his impact on the club's identity.

Nearly three decades after the club's formation, Darren's legacy still lives in every player who pulls on the navy blue jumper, every volunteer who gives their time, and every family that calls Centrals home. From humble beginnings in 1995 to the proud club we are today,

none of it would have been possible without the vision and dedication of Darren Weavell. On behalf of everyone at Melton Centrals Football and Netball Club – thank you, Weaves. Your legacy will forever be part of our story.





# MELTON SOUTH

*Club Notes*





2026



# MOUNT ALEXANDER *Club Notes*



Riddell District Football Netball League





# RIDDELL Club Notes

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A place where you will find all club history, easy links to access relevant websites, full team lists and much much more!

Don't forget to save the date for all of the events on our 2026 events calendar!  
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20 JUNE	FUNCTION	8 AUGUST	JUNIOR DAY
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# WALLAN *Club Notes*

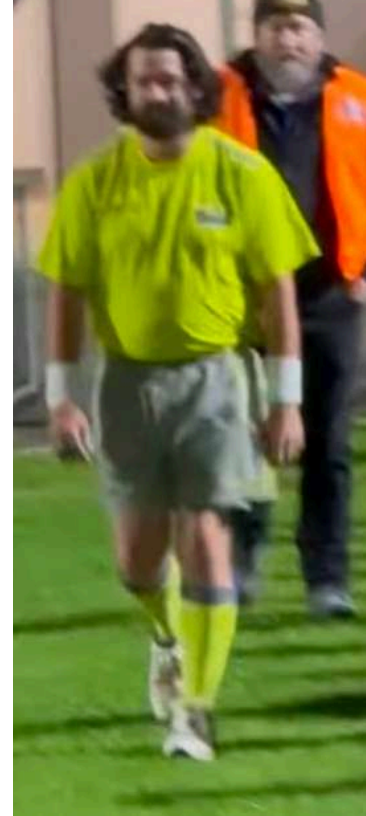
It was a great surprise and honor to have Ollie Matthews and Shayne Lewis umpire their milestone games for the Club 18s on Friday night, Wallan V Eynesbury.

Ollie as amazing 1800 career games and Shayne 400 career games. Congratulations Ollie and Shayne on your outstanding achievements and contribution to umpiring and the RDFNL!

On Saturday we ventured to the Gisborne Giants and enjoyed this great results. A fantastic game played by the Wallan and Gisborne Giants Under 19.5s, with a one point margin when the final siren sounded.

This week we will travel to Melton South for the Club 18s on Friday night and to Macedon on Saturday. There is sure to be some great games of football and netball played. Good luck to all competing team and all the volunteers.

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# WOODEND HESKET

## *Club Notes*



Round 8 is a bye for Woodend Hesket – and while it might be strange not having a game this weekend, the break comes at a great time. Our players and coaches get a chance to rest, recover, and reset before the business end of the season ramps up.

Byes are a funny thing in footy and netball – you miss the buzz of game day, but they're important. Bodies recover, niggling injuries get some time to heal, and the coaching staff can do some deep planning for the rounds ahead.

Use this weekend to get along to another RDFNL game and support the competition, or take some well-earned time with family and friends. We'll be back bigger and better for Round 9!

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# NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by *General Manager Operations Grace Bibby*



Congratulations to the 2026 RDFNL Interleague players and coaches who over the past two weekends have competed at the Netball Victoria Association Championships. Special shout out to Katie Clarke, Darcee Ellard and the Under 17s who won the reserves division on the day. The Under 15s and Under 13s had mixed results in an equally enjoyable experience for all players.





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# RDFNL Netball Tipping

Each week throughout the 2026 season, a panel of RDFNL staff, executive, sponsors and media will submit their tips for the weekend's senior netball matches, which will be featured in the footy record. See how your tips stack up against the RDFNL experts each week!

Netball Tipping							
NAME	Melton Centrals vs Romsey	Riddell vs Gisborne Giants	Macedon vs Wallan	Kyneton vs Diggers Rest	Lancefield vs Melton South	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Romsey	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	25
Krissy Clement	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	29
Ben Higgins	Melton Centrals	Riddell	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	22
Tara Murray	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	29
Jordan Doyle	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Macedon	Kyneton	Lancefield	5	31
Grace Bibby	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	30
Grant McMillan	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	4	24
Courtney Alexander	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	2	23
Richard Thwaites	Melton Centrals	Gisborne Giants	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	5	26
Lauren Nolan	Romsey	Riddell	Wallan	Kyneton	Lancefield	5	30





# RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



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After a narrow loss last weekend, Diggers Rest will be rueing missed opportunities when they travel to Kyneton this week. Kyneton secured a strong win over Romsey, despite Romsey bringing in several key players.

Kyneton continue to show strength at both ends of the court, while Diggers Rest have relied heavily on their defensive structure. The combination of Maggie Payne and Anica Schere is well established, and together they once again kept the Burra in the contest last week. Payne was named our Player of the Week despite her side not taking the win, highlighting her impact across the game.

This weekend she faces a tough matchup against Ellie Bird. Bird started a little shakily in her new team but is now finding her form and confidence, which could make her a significant factor in this contest.

This looms as a danger game for Kyneton if they are not switched on early.

Leaona Hristovska was solid last weekend but will be looking to improve her shooting efficiency, especially with Kristiana Manua closing in defensively and unlikely to offer second chances. Isobel Robertson was also strong under the ring and provided important presence in the goal circle. Overall, this shapes as a genuine test of depth between the two clubs, with both sides featuring standout individuals capable of influencing the result.

Prediction: Kyneton to defeat and improved Diggers Rest team who will once again fall short.

After a big off season where Riddell lost plenty of good players there were many people who didn't think they stood a chance in season 2026.

Their young up and coming stars are holding their own and last week they flew out of the blocks to lead Woodend Hesket 6-15 at quarter time.

Mady Brown is the leader in the midcourt with Amelia Haxby also offering plenty.

Millie Shaw was impressive against Kaylia Stanton and Hayley Brown and been strong in attack.

We know they are young and play fearless netball but if they can string four quarters together they will be dangerous in the second half of the season.

For Gisborne Giants they were without Malia Seumanutafa last week and welcomed Kim Borger with open arms. Kim filled the hole seamlessly and was able to provide a presence in attack against a depleted Wallan team.

Gisborne Giants on the back of the win against Wallan have now moved into fourth spot on the ladder but the top of the table is gridlocked with four teams sitting with five wins and one loss. Gisborne Giants should have the ability across the court to take the four points but if Riddell want to climb into finals contention they will need to win games like this along the way.

Prediction: Gisborne Giants to defeat a competitive Riddell and keep their season on track with just the one blemish.



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Lancefield are in prime position on equal points with four other clubs at the top of the table while Melton South are right down the bottom.

We know this will be a percentage booster for the Tigers but we hope Melton South can continue their development and get getting some senior game time into some of their younger kids.

For Lancefield Bridget Dods has had an incredible start to the season and she has not been alone. Bella Colladetti has stepped out to wing defense and is playing well and Mia Daly is still showing some of what led to her being the runner up in the Ryan medal in season 2025.

Shanae Brundell is another player who just finds a way each week to shoot a high number of goals and in the past has cashed in against Melton Sout.

Prediction: Lancefield to win this one by a comfortable margin

Naomi Parker and Imogen Sexton made the most of their opportunities shooting at a high percentage which led to the narrow win.

If Charlize Bellette and Emily Miles continue playing for Romsey their season will only get stronger but without those two players the Recbacks look a little under done.

Prediction: Melton Centrals to win in another close game.



Arguably the match of the round this weekend with both teams in fantastic form. If they are are full strength both teams have the talent to score freely. Macedon showed their defence hac hold down the best of teams and they will be okay with playing a gritty contested game.

Wallan will be hoping they have Maeve Dongag back in the line up so they can use Rebecca Konstontopolus in her usual position. Wallan have done a really good job this season covering their injuries and unabaiavlibies with promoting from their lower grades which shows the netball program is in good shape.

Last week the Cats were on fire with their options in attack with Chloe Williams having a stand out game and both of Claire Oakley and Hetty Donohue having good halves.

Which ever mid court can get on top in this contest will go a long way to recording the four points for their respective team.

Prediction: Wallan to win ina close one.



After a one goal win last week Melton Centrals will be looking to clean their attacking game up this week. The Melton Centrals defenders in Hayley Hill, Gloria Kolios and Manon Muir were outstanding last week but several turn overs were created and soon came back their way,





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