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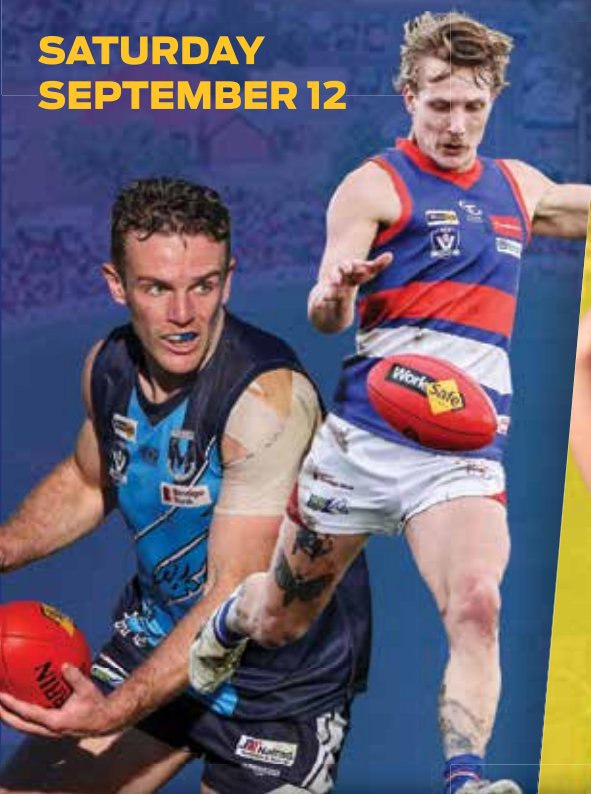
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**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12**



**PRELIMINARY FINALS**



**FOOTBALL**  
**EAGLEHAWK v GISBORNE**

**NETBALL**  
**GISBORNE v SANDHURST**

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# Behind the desk.

Tom King



2026 Preliminary Final day has arrived along with some glorious sunshine. We are set for another sensational day of action, with each winning team to progress through to the our biggest day of the season - 2026 BFNL Grand Final Day.

Our first two weeks of BFNL Finals have seen fantastic buy in and camaraderie across all grades of competition with strong attendance figures an indication of the passion our community has for high-level football and netball.

As we head into Preliminary Final day, seven of our Clubs still have representation in Finals which is a fantastic achievement.

## MICHELSSEN THOMPSON MEDAL PRE-COUNT RESULTS

The 2026 Michelsen Medal Pre-Vote Count was broadcast Live on FreshFM 101.5 and YouTube on Monday September 7, announcing all the winners of the BFNL's 2026 Best & Fairest Awards, except the Michelsen Medal & Betty Thompson Medal which will be counted live at the Michelsen & Thompson Medal Ceremony, Sunday 13 September at the Bendigo Club.

The BFNL congratulates the below winners of a fantastic 2026 season:

### BART 'N' PRINT RISING STAR AWARDS:

Football: Jaxon Howard – Sandhurst FNC  
Netball: Harriett Whiteacre – Sandhurst FNC

### 15 & UNDER MEDAL – NETBALL

Winner of the 15 & Under Medal: Elle Gilchrist – Sandhurst FNC - 18 votes

Runners Up of the Sing Medal: Ava Hope – Golden Square FNC - 17 votes



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### SING MEDAL – 17 & UNDER NETBALL

Winner of the Sing Medal: Ese Phillips – Sandhurst FNC - 26 votes

Runner Up of the Sing Medal: Peyton Chambers – Kangaroo Flat FNC - 22 votes

### B RESERVE MEDAL – NETBALL

Winner of the B Reserve Netball: Megan Kely – Kangaroo Flat FNC - 19 votes

Runner Up of the B Reserve Netball: Sophie Ingram – Kangaroo Flat FNC - 17 votes

### BINGHAM MEDAL – B GRADE NETBALL

Winner of the B Grade Netball: Olivia Fenn – Gisborne FNC - 20 votes

JOINT Runner up of the B Grade Netball: Paige Campbell – South Bendigo FNC - 18 votes

JOINT Runner up of the B Grade Netball: Rylee Connell – Gisborne FNC - 18 votes

### HOLBORN MEDAL – A RESERVE GRADE NETBALL

Winner of the A Reserve Grade Netball: Ella Wicks – Kangaroo Flat FNC - 25 votes

Runners Up of the A Reserve Grade Netball:  
Reese Gilchrist - Sandhurst FNC - 17 votes

### **GEORGE SYMONS MEDAL – U/18 FOOTBALL**

JOINT Winner of the George Symons Medal:  
Jack Moresi - Sandhurst FNC - 17 votes

JOINT Winner of the George Symons Medal:  
Sam O'Bree - Strathfieldsaye FNC - 17 votes

### **MCDONALD MEDAL – RESERVES FOOTBALL**

Winner of the McDonald Medal: Ethan Hanley -  
Eaglehawk FNC - 19 votes

### **15 & UNDER NETBALL – BEST REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER**

Evie Gretgrix - Sandhurst FNC

### **17 & UNDER NETBALL – BEST REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER**

Lexie Fennell - Strathfieldsaye FNC

### **OPEN NETBALL – BEST REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER**

Ruby Barkmeyer – Kangaroo Flat FNC

### **BEST SENIOR INTERLEAGUE PLAYER**

Winner of the Derrick Filo Medal: Dylan  
Johnstone - Gisborne FNC

### **ROBERT O'CONNELL MEDAL – BEST UNDER 18'S INTERLEAGUE PLAYER:**

Winner of the Robert O'Connell Medal: Josh  
Kelly – Golden Square FNC

### **COFFEE STORM LEADING GOAL KICKING AWARDS**

#### **RON BEST MEDAL – LEADING SENIOR GOALKICKER**

Winner of the Ron Best Medal: Pat McKenna -  
Gisborne FNC - 78 goals

#### **RESERVES FOOTBALL**

JOINT WINNER: Seth Cooke - Golden Square  
FNC - 33 goals

#### **UNDER 18 FOOTBALL**

Winner: Miller Armstrong - Sandhurst FNC -  
50 goals

### **COFFEE STORM LEADING GOAL SHOOTING AWARD**

Sandhurst FNC – 4,844 Goals

It was fantastic to acknowledge and recognise those that stood above everyone else in their competitions and that recognition will continue into Sunday's annual Michelsen & Thompson Medal Ceremony where each winner will be presented with their awards.

To conclude our awards season, tomorrow evening we will award and celebrate all 2026 medal winners at The Bendigo Club, before counting and presenting the most prestigious individual awards in the BFNL – the Betty Thompson Medal (A-Grade netball), and Michelsen Medal (Seniors Football).

Good luck to all competing teams on the penultimate day of the 2026 season, and please continue to be the best version of yourself whilst in attendance at any BFNL Finals match.

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# WEEK 3 FINALS SCHEDULE



## GRAND FINAL

### FOOTBALL

|                 |        |                                 |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| U/16<br>Seniors | 8.45am | Golden Square v Strathfieldsaye |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|

## PRELIMINARY FINALS SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### FOOTBALL

|          |         |                           |
|----------|---------|---------------------------|
| U/18     | 10.45am | South Bendigo v Sandhurst |
| Reserves | 12.45pm | South Bendigo v Eaglehawk |
| Seniors  | 2.50pm  | Eaglehawk v Gisborne      |

### NETBALL

|            |         |                                 |
|------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 15 & Under | 8.40am  | Golden Square v South Bendigo   |
| 17 & Under | 10.00am | Sandhurst v Golden Square       |
| B Reserve  | 11.20am | Kangaroo Flat v South Bendigo   |
| B Grade    | 12.40pm | Strathfieldsaye v Kangaroo Flat |
| A Reserve  | 2.00pm  | Gisborne v South Bendigo        |
| A Grade    | 3.20pm  | Gisborne v Sandhurst            |

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# FOOTBALL MATCH DURATION

The match conditions for the finals football games are:

## UNDER 18

Duration: 2 x 20 minute quarters (no time on) followed by 2 x 15 minute quarters (plus time on)

BREAKS ARE 5 MINUTES, 15 MINUTES, 5 MINUTES

## RESERVES

Duration: 2 x 20 minute quarters (no time on) followed by 2 x 15 minute quarters (plus time on)

BREAKS ARE 5 MINUTES, 15 MINUTES, 5 MINUTES

## SENIORS

Duration: 4 x 20 minute quarters (plus time on)

BREAKS ARE 5 MINUTES, 15 MINUTES, 5 MINUTES

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## DRAWN GAMES, EXTRA PLAYING TIME

### FOOTBALL

After the goal umpires confirm that the full time scores are equal, the central umpires will resume the match as follows:

- \* Teams shall change ends and play 2 x 5 minute periods with time on. Teams will change ends again after the end of the first 5 minute period.
- \* If scores are even at the end of these two periods a further 2 x 5 minute periods with time on shall be played in a similar manner to the first.
- \* If scores are even at the end of the second period of extra time, the teams will change ends and resume play. The team that scores a goal first will be declared the winner.
- \* Coaches may address their players at the completion of normal time while scores are being checked. Once a draw is confirmed all coaches must leave the ground immediately. Coaches shall not be permitted to address their players after the beginning of the first extra time or at any change over. Players shall not be permitted to meet during any change of ends.

### NETBALL

At the end of full time there is an interval of two (2) minutes.

The first Centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre pass.

Extra time consists of two (2) halves of five (5) minutes each.

With a half time interval of one (1) minute.

At the event of a tie at the remaining of extra time, a visual sign will be placed at the official bench to indicate that the play will continue until one team leads by two goals.



# Ladders & Goals

Round 18

## Bendigo Bank



## GOALS

| Seniors         | P  | W  | L  | D | B | Pts | %      |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|--------|
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 14 | 2  | 0 | 2 | 56  | 197.21 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 48  | 162.39 |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 11 | 5  | 0 | 2 | 44  | 195.85 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 11 | 5  | 0 | 2 | 44  | 180.92 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 11 | 5  | 0 | 2 | 44  | 147.35 |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 6  | 10 | 0 | 2 | 24  | 106.06 |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 4  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 16  | 96.78  |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 3  | 13 | 0 | 2 | 12  | 58.06  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 0  | 16 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 9.74   |

| Seniors         |                 | LAST ROUND | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Pat McKenna     | Gisborne        | 4          | 78    |
| James Schischka | Strathfieldsaye | 7          | 68    |
| Brock Harvey    | South Bendigo   | 0          | 61    |
| Cobi Maxted     | Sandhurst       | 7          | 37    |
| Michael Hartley | Castlemaine     | 1          | 36    |
| Nick Keogh      | Kangaroo Flat   | 0          | 34    |
| Nick Thompson   | Eaglehawk       | 9          | 32    |
| Jacquin Mifsud  | Eaglehawk       | 11         | 31    |

## drummond golf

| Reserves        | P  | W  | L  | D | B | Pts | %      |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|--------|
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 14 | 1  | 0 | 2 | 58  | 241.91 |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 52  | 154.84 |
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 48  | 193.35 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 11 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 46  | 186.4  |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 32  | 119.64 |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 6  | 10 | 0 | 2 | 24  | 127.51 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 4  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 16  | 72.11  |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 3  | 13 | 0 | 2 | 12  | 67.77  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 0  | 16 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 11.63  |

## drummond golf

| Reserves        |                 | LAST ROUND | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Seth Cooke      | Golden Square   | 2          | 33    |
| Will Purcell    | South Bendigo   | 0          | 29    |
| Jye Stephens    | Strathfieldsaye | 1          | 27    |
| Matthew Wiegard | Kangaroo Flat   | 2          | 25    |
| Sam Dean        | Eaglehawk       | 6          | 24    |
| Aidan Goddard   | Castlemaine     | 0          | 23    |
| Ben Savy        | Kangaroo Flat   | 1          | 22    |
| Jasper Irwin    | South Bendigo   | 0          | 22    |
| Ryan Wellington | Eaglehawk       | 2          | 22    |



| Under 18s       | P  | W  | L  | D | B | Pts | %      |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|--------|
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 15 | 1  | 0 | 2 | 60  | 376.3  |
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 52  | 319.96 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 52  | 303.68 |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 10 | 6  | 0 | 2 | 40  | 143.13 |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 32  | 122.04 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 5  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 20  | 90.57  |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 4  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 16  | 33.09  |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 3  | 13 | 0 | 2 | 12  | 27.29  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 1  | 15 | 0 | 2 | 4   | 22.23  |



| Under 18s        |                 | LAST ROUND | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Miller Armstrong | Sandhurst       | 6          | 50    |
| Jack Archer      | Castlemaine     | 2          | 49    |
| Anthony Gray     | South Bendigo   | 0          | 46    |
| Ezekiel Cousins  | Strathfieldsaye | 6          | 40    |
| Harvey Meacham   | Gisborne        | 4          | 36    |
| Carter Reid      | Sandhurst       | 4          | 26    |
| Max Matheson     | Castlemaine     | 1          | 23    |
| Aydin Price      | South Bendigo   | 0          | 23    |

## SENIORS



VERSUS



|                  |            |            |             |                   |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sandhurst</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>10.7</b> | <b>11.13 (79)</b> |
| <b>Eaglehawk</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>11.5</b> | <b>11.9 (75)</b>  |

**Goals:** Sandhurst: F. Greene 2, L. Wright 2, E. Austin 2, D. Uerata 2, J. Austin 1, O. Morris 1, N. Willits 1

Eaglehawk: N. Thompson 3, J. Mifsud 3, O. White 2, J. Donat 1, L. Davis 1, B. Evans 1

**Best:** Sandhurst: C. Sexton, J. Coghlan, J. Howard, M. Wilkinson, J. Keating, D. Mills

Eaglehawk: B. Thompson, J. Mifsud, O. White, D. Hanley, J. Neaves, J. Mullen



## RESERVES



VERSUS



|                      |            |            |            |               |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>South Bendigo</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>5.5</b> | <b>5.6.36</b> |
| <b>Sandhurst</b>     | <b>1.0</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>6.3</b> | <b>9.6.60</b> |

**Goals:** South Bendigo: W. McCaig 2, J. Irwin 1, W. Purcell 1, T. hardingham 1

Sandhurst: O. Cail 3, J. Davis 2, D. Noden 1, H. McNamara 1, D. Stevenson 1, W. Pinniger 1

**Best:** South Bendigo: W. McCaig, C. Brooks, B. Waterman, K. Johnston, J. Daglish, T. hardingham

Sandhurst: L. Borchard, L. Banfield, D. Whatley, H. McNamara, H. Edwards, O. Cail



## UNDER 18'S



VERSUS



|                        |            |            |            |                  |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>Strathfieldsaye</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>5.8</b> | <b>6.9</b> | <b>8.10 (58)</b> |
| <b>South Bendigo</b>   | <b>1.0</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>6.2</b> | <b>8.8 (56)</b>  |

**Goals:** Strathfieldsaye: J. Mathews 3, W. Mayes 1, B. Jorgensen 1, C. Elliott 1, J. Webster 1, M. Elkington 1

South Bendigo: m. kornmann 3, J. Kramer 2, T. Henderson 1, A. Rooke 1, C. Wood 1

**Best:** Strathfieldsaye: J. Mathews, A. Hand, A. White, J. Schubert, W. Mayes, M. Elkington

South Bendigo: J. Kramer, C. Wood, R. Davey, Z. Ralphs, W. de Vries, R. Newman



### SENIORS



VERSUS



|                        |            |             |             |                    |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Strathfieldsaye</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>8.7</b>  | <b>10.9 (69)</b>   |
| <b>Gisborne</b>        | <b>5.1</b> | <b>10.3</b> | <b>14.6</b> | <b>16.11 (107)</b> |

**Goals:** Strathfieldsaye: T. McKenzie 6, R. Mulquiny 1, J. Brereton 1, P. Blake 1, T. Griffin 1

Gisborne: P. McKenna 4, T. Werner 3, L. Hannon 2, S. Clough 2, D. Sullivan 2, M. Merrett 2, R. Bourke 1

**Best:** Strathfieldsaye: T. McKenzie, B. Lester, T. Hosking, R. Mulquiny, E. Featherby, K. Lanfranchi, Gisborne: S. Clough, D. Johnstone, J. Denahy, J. Gray, P. McKenna, W. Elliott



### RESERVES



VERSUS



|                        |            |            |            |                  |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>Eaglehawk</b>       | <b>3.3</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>6.7</b> | <b>10.9 (69)</b> |
| <b>Strathfieldsaye</b> | <b>1.1</b> | <b>1.4</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.8 (14)</b>  |

**Goals:** Eaglehawk: J. O'shannessy 3, I. Phillips-Adams 2, R. Wellington 2, S. Dean 1, Z. Bulger 1, B. Brown 1

Strathfieldsaye: C. Dole 1

**Best:** Eaglehawk: J. Holland, Z. Bulger, B. Brown, E. Hanley, N. Eliades, D. Marsh

Strathfieldsaye: J. Daniels, C. Dole, S. Heavyside, J. Bell, C. Morrison, G. Simpson



### UNDER 18'S



VERSUS



|                    |            |            |             |                  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Sandhurst</b>   | <b>0.5</b> | <b>3.7</b> | <b>6.11</b> | <b>7.15 (57)</b> |
| <b>Castlemaine</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>1.0</b> | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>4.2 (26)</b>  |

**Goals:** Sandhurst: L. Cameron 2, J. Moresi 1, Z. MacDonald 1, M. Armstrong 1, C. Reid 1, C. Richardson 1

Castlemaine: H. Kneebone 2, O. Giddings 1, M. Matheson 1

**Best:** Sandhurst: T. Byrne, D. Warren, M. Nihill, T. Smith, L. Cameron, D. Strachan

Castlemaine: O. Giddings, A. Fitzgerald, J. Tull, H. Kneebone, F. Culph, Z. Thompson



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# Round Preview



**Eaglehawk's run at back-to-back flags will roll on or Gisborne keeps hopes of a sixth Bendigo Advertiser premierships Cup win alive by winning the Bendigo Bank Bendigo FNL senior footy preliminary final.**

It's one-all in this season's meetings between the Hawks and Bulldogs.

The winner advances to a grand final showdown with Sandhurst.

In round six, Gisborne marked a 102-95 victory against the Borough at Melbourne North Truck Centre Oval in Gardiner Reserve.

Eaglehawk dominated the round 15 clash on its turf at C and M Oval in Canterbury Park to win by 45 points.

After leapfrogging Gisborne to the third rung and double chance as it won by a league record score of 359 points in the 18th round, Eaglehawk won the qualifying final against Strathfieldsaye by 29 points.

The next day the Rob Waters-coached Bulldogs outran South Bendigo for a 121-76 victory in the elimination final.

Week two of the finals campaign included a hard-fought second semi-final between Eaglehawk and Sandhurst.

Injuries did not help the Two Blues as Sandhurst fought back to win 79-75.

Gisborne's streak kept rolling in a 107-69 victory to end Stathfieldsaye's season in the first semi.

Among the many highs of the Hawks and Bulldogs clash will be the on-ball contests.

Eaglehawk ruckman Callum Heath is one of the recruits of the year and will take on Lucas Carnell.

At ground level the Borough has Billy Evans,

A strong on-ball group for Gisborne is led by Brad Bernacki, Flynn Lakey and Dylan Johnstone.

It's a different Eaglehawk this time after co-coach Clayton Holmes dislocated his shoulder in the second semi-final.

A hamstring injury will also keep skilful forward Lewin Davis on the forward line.

Key targets in Eaglehawk's attack will be Jacquin Mifsud and Nick Thompson.

Although most of his time is in an on-ball role, Ben Thompson has kicked 30 goals for the Two Blues.

The Hawks forwards will be against a Gisborne defence led by captain Zach Vescovi, Jed Denahy, Will Elliott and Frank Schipano.

At the other end of the ground, Gisborne has gun forward Pat McKenna who has kicked 86 goals in 16 matches and earned this season's Ron Best Medal.

The Bulldogs also have Dominic Sullivan, Zac Denahy and Matt Merrett in their attack.

Thomas Werner kicked three goals in the first semi and a week earlier it was Adam Brancatisano who kicked two goals in the elimination final.

It's a big test for an Eaglehawk defence which includes Jonty Neaves, Dylan Hanley, James Coates-Moore, Jack Donat, Sam Thompson and Noah Wheeler.

The Hawks have the pace and skill of Tyh Evans and Oscar White.

Players to watch in the red, white and blue include Shane Clough and James Gray.

In the Drummond Golf reserves it's South Bendigo against Eaglehawk.

After finishing on top of the ladder on a 14-1 record, South Bendigo was beaten by Sandhurst in the second semi-final by four goals.

The Dragons had beaten the Bloods in round 15 at the QEO.

Eaglehawk hit back from a 29-point loss to Sandhurst in the qualifying final to win the first semi against Strathfieldsaye by 55 points.

Players to watch for South Bendigo include Will McCaig, Cody Brooks, Toby Hardingham, Regan Harvey, Jack Daglish and Bailey Waterman.



In-form players for the Borough are Brody Brown, Zack Bulger, Noah Eliades, Ethan Hanley, Jordy Holland, Deacon Marsh and Isaiah Phillips-Adams.

After claiming the Alan McDonald Medal as the competition's fairest and best, Ethan Hanley will be determined to put a premiership medal in his hands.

Preliminary final day kicks off with the Sportspower under-18s clash between South Bendigo and Sandhurst.

The Bloods are on the rebound from a 58-56 loss to Strathfieldsaye in the second semi.

Sandhurst won the first semi against Castlemaine by 31 points.

A big week for Sandhurst's Jack Moresi kicked off with being declared joint winner of the George Symons Medal as league fairest and best with Strathfieldsaye's Sam O'Bree.

Both polled 17 votes.

Key players for South Bendigo include Jeswin Daniel, Anthony Gray, Logan Howell, Jacobi Kramer and Lachlan Magee.

Gun forward Miller Armstrong and Patrick McNamara, Carter Reid, Drew Warren, Jamison Westley are among the players to watch in the Sandhurst line-up.

# RISING STAR AWARD 2026

The BFNL is proud to announce the winners for our 2026 Bart 'n' Print Rising Star Awards.

Congratulations to Sandhurst Football Netball Club key defender, Jaxon Howard on being named as the 2026 Bart 'n' Print Football Rising Star! A key part of Sandhurst's back line, Jaxon was also a member of the Dragons' 2025 Under 18's premiership team.

In the netball, Harriett Whiteacre is a key defender in Sandhurst's formidable A-Grade squad. Harriett defeated five other finalists and joins an illustrious group of former winners. Congratulations to Harriett!



Jaxon Howard

Harriett Whiteacre

Pics courtesy SAA Imaging, Bendigo

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### FOOTBALL

|      |                  |                 |
|------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 | Dustin Martin    | Castlemaine     |
| 2009 | Lee Coghlan      | Sandhurst       |
| 2010 | Dylan Clohesy    | Kangaroo Flat   |
| 2011 | Angus Fortune    | Castlemaine     |
| 2012 | Hamish Morcom    | Golden Square   |
| 2013 | Blake O'Halloran | South Bendigo   |
| 2014 | Billy Mahony     | Maryborough     |
| 2015 | Harry Conway     | Strathfieldsaye |
| 2016 | Max O'Sullivan   | Kyneton         |
| 2017 | Jack Scanlon     | Gisborne        |
| 2018 | Lachlan Bond     | Maryborough     |
| 2019 | Liam Spear       | Gisborne        |
| 2022 | Hamish Yunghanns | Kyneton         |
| 2023 | Taj Bond         | Maryborough     |
| 2024 | Ryan Eyre        | Castlemaine     |
| 2025 | Jack McMahon     | Golden Square   |

### NETBALL

|      |                  |               |
|------|------------------|---------------|
| 2008 | Maddison Exell   | Sandhurst     |
| 2009 | Abby Gilmore     | Sandhurst     |
| 2010 | Olivia Thomas    | Eaglehawk     |
| 2011 | Chloe Watson     | Sandhurst     |
| 2012 | Jacqueline Dupuy | Golden Square |
| 2013 | Madeline Stewart | Gisborne      |
| 2014 | Chelsea Sartori  | Kangaroo Flat |
| 2015 | Abbey Ryan       | Golden Square |
| 2016 | Ruby Barkmeyer   | Kangaroo Flat |
| 2017 | Melinda Luke     | Gisborne      |
| 2018 | Bree Heiden      | Golden Square |
| 2019 | Chloe Langley    | South Bendigo |
| 2022 | Shae Clifford    | Sandhurst     |
| 2023 | Charlotte Sexton | Sandhurst     |
| 2024 | Dasha Taylor     | Gisborne      |
| 2025 | Claire McGee     | Sandhurst     |



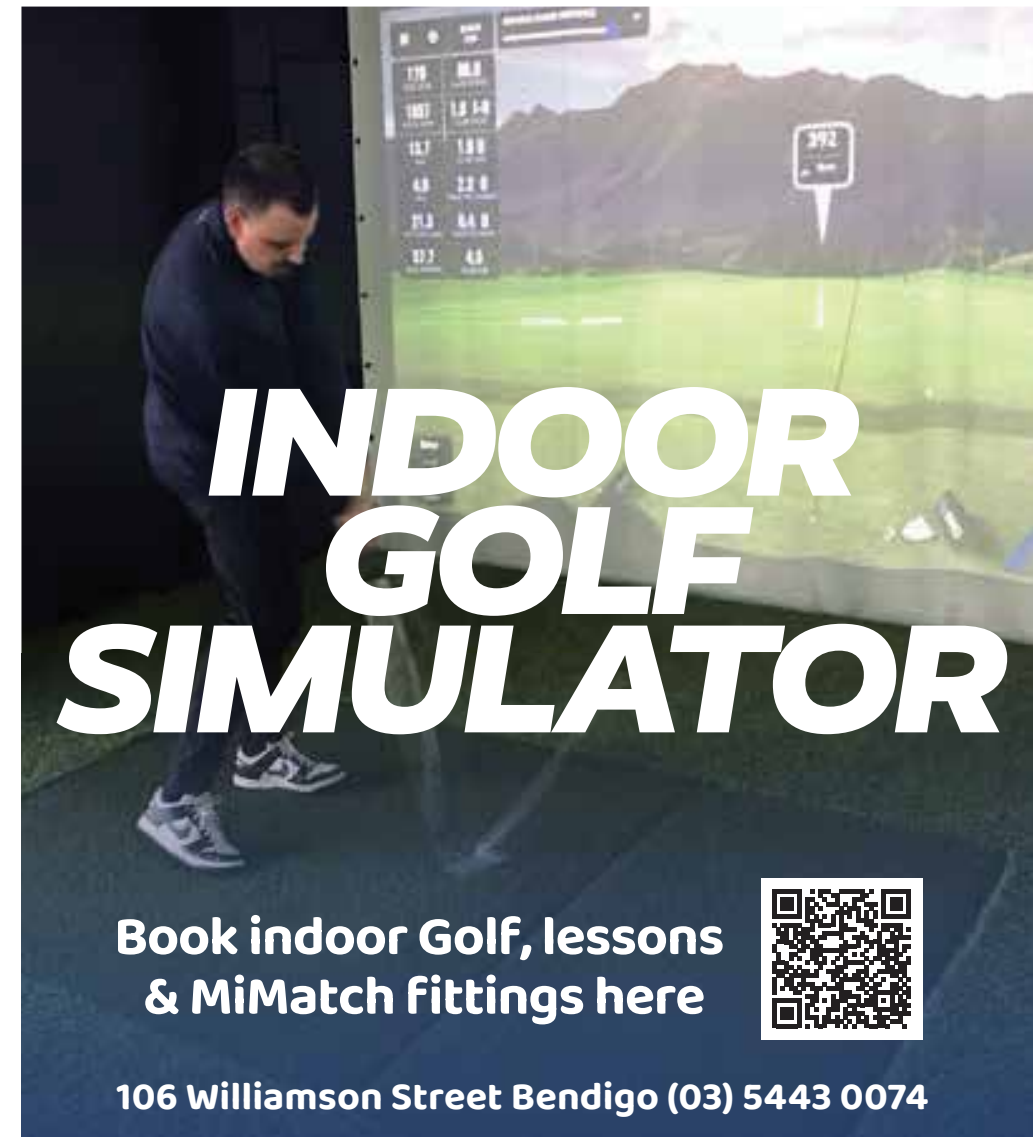
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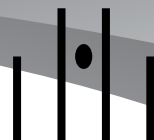


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# Netball Preview



**As it's been for the past four seasons, Gisborne or Sandhurst will progress to the A-grade netball grand final from a preliminary final.**

Two of the league's powerhouses will strive to earn a shot at Kangaroo Flat for the '26 premiership.

Sandhurst is chasing an 11th A-grade premiership as Gisborne vies for a fourth.

It's also the final match in a remarkable rivalry between these clubs as Gisborne makes its way across to the Ballarat FNL from next season.

Before then the red, white and blue is determined to claim at least one more title.

This season's meetings between the Bulldogs and Dragons stand at two-one in favour of Gisborne.

In round eight Sandhurst won on Gisborne's court at Melbourne North Truck Centre Oval by four goals.

When they met in round 17 at Queen Elizabeth Oval it was the Bulldogs who scored a 44-40 victory.

Latest meeting was the qualifying final at the QEO where Gisborne won a great contest, 55-52.

The Bulldogs could not halt the run of Kangaroo Flat as the unbeaten reigning premier won last Saturday's second semi-final by 14 goals.

Sandhurst defeated South Bendigo by 16 goals in the first semi-final.

Co-captains of Gisborne's line-up, Kirby Elliott and Charlee Kemp have made many inspirational plays across this and previous seasons.

A talented Gisborne team includes Torie Skrijel in attack, Charlee Duff-Tytler, Amity Drayton and Emerson Lakey.

Sandhurst has last season's Betty Thompson medallist Shae Clifford in mid-court and the versatile Heather Oliver who is a dual winner of the league's best and fairest award capable of playing in any third of the court.

Other key players in the maroon and blue include Harriet Whiteacre who earned the Bart 'n' Print Rising Star award and teams brilliantly with Ruby Turner, Darcy and Meg Williams.

In terms of preliminary final history it was the



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Tamara Gilchrist-coached Sandhurst which beat Gisborne in the preliminary final by five goals.

In '24, Sandhurst was beaten in the preliminary final by Kangaroo Flat.

Gisborne's run to the Cup win in '23 included beating Castlemaine in the preliminary final and then Sandhurst in the decider by a goal.

The Bulldogs were beaten preliminary finalists in '22 against Kangaroo Flat.

Players in both of these line-ups know plenty about applying and dealing with pressure at finals-time.

Six clubs feature across the six netball contests.

Gisborne will chase victory in A-grade and A-reserve.

The blue and gold from Golden Square will be on court in 17-and-under and 15-and-under matches.

Kangaroo Flat has B-grade and B-reserve in action.

Sandhurst will be on court in A-grade and 17-and-under.

South Bendigo features in the A-reserve, B-reserve and 15-and-under matches.

Strathfieldsaye Storm is represented in B-grade.

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# Reflections...

*with Richard Jones*



## Footy in the early 1930s

Football seasons in the 21st century employ far different starting and finishing dates than in the Depression-era times of the early 1930s.

Some years back an avid footy fan loaned me some old Bendigo Football League Guides from the 1920s and 1930s and what do we discover ?

Yes, the 1932 season didn't get going until May 7th and ran through to early and mid-September --- when these days we'd be watching finals in every league, including the AFL.

The BFL home-and-away season with 21 rounds in the eight-club BFL was still going in early September and ran right up to September 17th and 24th.

Back almost a century ago each club played the other seven three times.

The finals were listed for almost the whole of October from the opening knockout 1st semi-final set down for October 1st (the third and fourth-placed clubs) right through to the Big Dance on October 22nd.

It's always interesting to read the programmes and guides from 90-odd seasons ago so I made some notes (in my diary, not in the owner's Footy Guides, naturally) about what the scenario was on September 10th: the third last round in 1932.

Sandhurst, Eaglehawk and Kyneton were perched at the top of the BFL ladder with fourth-placed Rochie two games clear of fifth-placed South Bendigo.

Maryborough and Castlemaine were both a further four games adrift of South in 6th and 7th places with Echuca languishing in the cellar with a 3 wins-15 losses record.

And the Guides from those early Thirties years were full of riveting facts.

Here's one which I'd never heard of before. Umpires were in the gun ---- the VFL allocated the men-in-white their regional and country weekend postings back then, no Bendigo umpies --- and the BFL had stepped up to ban certain central umpies.

Can you imagine that? The BFL administrators told the umpires' appointment board not to send these four umpies on the train from Melbourne to officiate in BFL matches.

They were C. Pannam, Montgomery, Shorten and Gibson. And not to just ban them on the weekend that particular BFL Guide came out --- never to send them to officiate in BFL games "ever again."

The Football Guide scribe (I reckon it was the esteemed Bendigo Addy sports writer, later editor Cyril "Squirrel" Michelsen) summed it up as follows.

"References were made at the BFL meeting that club delegates had reported those four umpires had been far, far inferior to any who had ever officiated in our league," he wrote.

And still on umpires Squirrel Michelsen recorded an amusing anecdote from the Castlemaine-Sandhurst match at the Upper Reserve (later the QEO) during the September 3rd match.

"The Hurst and the Maine were jostling for possession of the ball in a pack with nothing exciting happening," he wrote.

"Suddenly the umpire let out a blast on his whistle. He was getting players up off the ball and upright again, off the ground, when a weary, puffed footballer arrived at the scene.

"He'd run from 40 yards away and stood to take his place, obviously thinking that the ball was about to be bounced so that play could be re-started.

"The umpire then signalled to the puffing player that it was his free kick. What did he get it for? Coming late?" Michelsen asked in his article.

The Footy Record writer had no idea, just like the player.

The race for 1932's leading goalkicker award was in full flight with just three rounds to play, although Eaglehawk gun Frank Crapper looked virtually certain to take out the award.

He'd topped 'the ton' in the September 3rd match, passing the magic 100-goal mark even though restricted by a knee injury.

Crapper nailed his second goal of the day in the second term to take him to 100 exactly and then added one more to give him a tally of 101 for the 1932 season to that point.

One of the greatest full-forwards in BFL history, Crapper was averaging six goals per game in the '32 season and had a lead of 14 over Hurst's Roy Moore. He'd also speared home six majors that round, against Castlemaine, had Moore.

And with Crapper struggling with his knee the Two Blues just hung on to beat Rochy: 12.16 to 12.14. Moore's Maroons thumped the Maine 17.19 to 10.10.

In other matches that Depression-era September Saturday, South downed Echuca at Echuca, and Kyneton accounted for Maryborough United (as the club was called back then) at Princes Park.

Leading goalkickers: Frank Crapper (Eh) 101; Roy Moore (Sandhurst) 87; C. Pryor (Rochester) 58 and Alan "Snodger" Arthur (S'hurst) 52.

Moore and Pryor were the only BFL forwards of that 1932 season to have scored at least one goal in every game which they'd contested.

Interestingly it was recorded in the club notes of that 1932 Guide that Moore had not yet turned 18. A pretty impressive season for a 17-year-old in a tough BFL competition and a fact which should be really noted by we historians and writers.

"Crack Sandhurst goalkicker Moore is one of the youngest men playing in the Bendigo league competition," Michelsen noted.

"And to make sure he'd be fully fit for the coming finals Eaglehawk's Crapper should sit out a couple of weeks to be fully fit for the big end of the finals series," the Footy Guide writer added.

Rochester had also been hit hard by injuries. Known colloquially as the Northerners in the press and Footy Record, the club had Len Major (hip), Jimmy Newton (ankle) and Bob Johnson (back) all in doubt for the September 17th and 24th home-and-away games.

To add to these concerns Archie Currie had a bad ankle after the Eaglehawk game, while Rowley Watt was confined to bed with influenza.

In the Rocheter column it was noted that the club might be playing "one or two juniors" before the finals got underway.

Another young player, like Moore, was garnering plenty of attention. This was Kyneton's Bill Telford who played in the ruck.

"His ruckwork and placement play was magnificent

at times and the future of this lad holds something in store. He has only just turned 18," the Kyneton notes state.

Maryborough's Lindsay Chappell played in a new role in the September 3rd game against the Kyneton Tigers.

"His position had always been half-back, but against Kyneton he took on new roles.

"In the first half he took the captain Frank Moore's place in the centreBFL. Later he located himself on the half-forward line and after a great dash scored a nice goal from a long, splendid drop kick."

"And then in the third quarter, when again stationed across half-forward, Chappell landed another 'sixer' with a similar drop kick," the Maryborough notes read.

The Magpies' club scribe had unearthed some stats relating to Chappell. In his 13-year career Chappell had only ever landed six goals previously.

"Four of those other six-pointers had come when he turned out for Bristol Hill Juniors in 1918 in the very first Aussie Rules match he'd ever played.

"Chappell then added two more when he played for Railways against Carisbrook in the Maryborough F.L. competition in 1922."

Final BFL scores September 3rd: Sandhurst 17.10 def. C'maine 10.10; Kyneton 17.19 def. Maryborough Utd. 13.14; Eaglehawk 12.16 def. Rochester 12.14 and South Bendigo 17.16 def. Echuca 9.9.

Ladder: Sandhurst 14 wins, 4 losses, 56 prem. points; Eaglehawk 13-5, 52; Kyneton 12-6, 48; Rochester 11-7, 44.

Bottom 4: South Bendigo 9-9, 36; Maryborough 5-13, 20; Castlemaine 5-13, 20; Echuca 3-15, 12.

Down in Melbourne at that stage the VFL was winding up its 36th season. The Top Four was Carlton, Richmond (the eventual premiers), Collingwood and South Melbourne.

Hawthorn was the wooden spooner with 3 wins and 15 losses, Fitzroy star Haydn Bunton senior won the Brownlow Medal with 23 votes, while Geelong full-forward George Moloney took out the 1932 goal kicking award with 109 majors.

And in front of a 1932 MCG grand final crowd of 69,724 (pretty small by today's standards) Richmond 13.14 (92) def. Carlton 12.11 (83) to win their third VFL flag.

AFL Legend Frank 'Checker' Hughes coached the victorious Tigers.

**Richard's tips Week 3 finals**  
**Saturday** Gisborne by 23 points  
Total to date: 3 out of 4

## QUALIFYING FINAL



### SOUTH BENDIGO

**Coaches:** Travis Eddy, Mark Kramer

|    |                 | Goals | Behinds |
|----|-----------------|-------|---------|
| 1  | Anthony Gray    |       |         |
| 2  | Riley Davey     |       |         |
| 3  | Max Kornmann    |       |         |
| 4  | Aydin Price     |       |         |
| 6  | Harry Warne     |       |         |
| 7  | Rylan Newman    |       |         |
| 8  | Campbell Wood   |       |         |
| 9  | Miller Flett    |       |         |
| 10 | Henry Turnbull  |       |         |
| 11 | Sebastian Gray  |       |         |
| 12 | Louis Eddy      |       |         |
| 13 | Jacobi Kramer   |       |         |
| 15 | Eamon White     |       |         |
| 16 | Max Nicholas    |       |         |
| 17 | Zavier Ralphs   |       |         |
| 18 | Tom Henderson   |       |         |
| 19 | Will de Vries   |       |         |
| 20 | Arkie Rooke     |       |         |
| 21 | Jack Troy       |       |         |
| 22 | Logan Howell    |       |         |
| 23 | Harry Purcell   |       |         |
| 24 | Jeswin Daniel   |       |         |
| 25 | Brooklyn Smith  |       |         |
| 27 | Hamish Worme    |       |         |
| 28 | Lachlan Magee   |       |         |
| 29 | Chriswin Daniel |       |         |



### SANDHURST

**Coaches:** Darcy Mills

|    |                     | Goals | Behinds |
|----|---------------------|-------|---------|
| 1  | Noah Willits        |       |         |
| 2  | Carter Reid         |       |         |
| 3  | Miller Armstrong    |       |         |
| 4  | Oliver Stewart      |       |         |
| 5  | Harry Byrne         |       |         |
| 6  | Hudson Banfield     |       |         |
| 7  | Nick Long           |       |         |
| 8  | Lachlan McKay       |       |         |
| 9  | Charlie Bombardieri |       |         |
| 10 | Max Connick         |       |         |
| 11 | Miller Nihill       |       |         |
| 12 | Nick Harvey         |       |         |
| 13 | Drew Warren         |       |         |
| 14 | Riley Travaglia     |       |         |
| 15 | Lenny McNamara      |       |         |
| 17 | Paddy McNamara      |       |         |
| 18 | Luke Cameron        |       |         |
| 19 | Cooper Richardson   |       |         |
| 20 | Zane MacDonald      |       |         |
| 22 | Jack Moresi         |       |         |
| 23 | Tommy Byrne         |       |         |
| 24 | Maurice Nihill      |       |         |
| 26 | Duncan Strachan     |       |         |
| 27 | Kingston Uerata     |       |         |
| 28 | Thomas Smith        |       |         |
| 29 | Jaxon Kelly         |       |         |
| 31 | Oscar Doak          |       |         |
| 32 | Rafferty Brasier    |       |         |

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RESERVES



SOUTH BENDIGO

Coaches: Jack Nalder, Caleb Nitschke

|                       | Goals | Behinds |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| 10 Cody Brooks        |       |         |
| 12 Will McCaig        |       |         |
| 13 Toby Hardingham    |       |         |
| 26 Declan McMahon     |       |         |
| 28 Tom Starr          |       |         |
| 29 Fraser McKinstry   |       |         |
| 31 Darcy Backway      |       |         |
| 33 Dujon Fuzzard      |       |         |
| 34 Cohen Balnaves     |       |         |
| 35 Will Purcell       |       |         |
| 36 Jasper Irwin       |       |         |
| 38 Scott Stringer     |       |         |
| 40 Regan Harvey       |       |         |
| 41 Patrick Blood      |       |         |
| 42 Sam Power          |       |         |
| 43 Bailey Waterman    |       |         |
| 44 Tait Rojewski      |       |         |
| 46 Daniel Heap        |       |         |
| 49 Ethan McMahon      |       |         |
| 50 James Barri        |       |         |
| 51 Kyle Johnston      |       |         |
| 53 Jack Daglish       |       |         |
| 55 Austin Long        |       |         |
| 57 Sam Nettleton      |       |         |
| 58 Declan O' Sullivan |       |         |
| 59 Will Toose         |       |         |
| 60 Ryan Walker        |       |         |
| 61 Ben Bacon          |       |         |



EAGLEHAWK

Coaches: Ryan Wellington / Rhys Foster

|                         | Goals | Behinds |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| 3 Mitch Ronchieri       |       |         |
| 4 Corey Roberts         |       |         |
| 7 Blake McGregor        |       |         |
| 22 Jordan Mangan        |       |         |
| 24 Jake O'Brien         |       |         |
| 26 Brody Brown          |       |         |
| 29 Deacon Marsh         |       |         |
| 31 Ethan Hanley (C)     |       |         |
| 33 Sam Dean             |       |         |
| 34 Ryan Wellington      |       |         |
| 35 Jaxon Vroom          |       |         |
| 36 Rhys Foster          |       |         |
| 37 Zack Bulger          |       |         |
| 38 Corey Webb           |       |         |
| 39 Jake Dickens         |       |         |
| 40 Liam Drummond        |       |         |
| 41 Jack Leersen         |       |         |
| 42 Austin Spiteri       |       |         |
| 43 Noah Eliades         |       |         |
| 45 Tyler Eliades        |       |         |
| 46 Cahal Blandthorn     |       |         |
| 47 Jordy Holland        |       |         |
| 51 Isiah Phillips-Adams |       |         |
| 52 Ballie Gahan         |       |         |
| 53 Kyran Turton         |       |         |
| 55 Jakeb Hanley         |       |         |
| 56 Thorne Wilson        |       |         |
| 57 Jack Kerr            |       |         |
| 58 Corey Jacobs         |       |         |
| 59 Harley Bourke        |       |         |
| 62 Josh Leech           |       |         |

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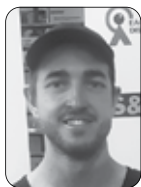


# EAGLEHAWK

### COACHES:



Travis  
Matheson



Clayton  
Holmes

|    |                    | Age | Height | Goals | Behinds |
|----|--------------------|-----|--------|-------|---------|
| 1  | Noah Wheeler       | 26  | 181    |       |         |
| 2  | Billy Evans (C)    | 29  | 188    |       |         |
| 6  | Lewin Davis        | 27  | 185    |       |         |
| 7  | Blake McGregor     | 22  | 181    |       |         |
| 8  | Charlie Langford   | 24  | 191    |       |         |
| 9  | Jack O'Shannessy   | 19  | 193    |       |         |
| 10 | Joel Mullen        | 27  | 183    |       |         |
| 11 | Sam Thompson       | 31  | 177    |       |         |
| 13 | Jonty Neaves       | 27  | 192    |       |         |
| 14 | Jack Donat         | 26  | 183    |       |         |
| 15 | Clayton Holmes     | 30  | 188    |       |         |
| 16 | Connor Evans       | 20  | 182    |       |         |
| 17 | Thomas Bennett     | 23  | 182    |       |         |
| 18 | Dylan Hanley       | 30  | 191    |       |         |
| 19 | Oscar White        | 25  | 179    |       |         |
| 20 | Nick Thompson      | 20  | 193    |       |         |
| 21 | Callum Heath       | 28  | 199    |       |         |
| 22 | Jordan Mangan      | 31  | 194    |       |         |
| 23 | Bailey Ilsley      | 24  | 198    |       |         |
| 24 | Jake O'Brien       | 25  | 190    |       |         |
| 27 | Thy Evans          | 26  | 187    |       |         |
| 28 | Jack Thompson      | 26  | 178    |       |         |
| 29 | Deacon Marsh       | 19  | 183    |       |         |
| 30 | Aydan Hanley       | 23  | 187    |       |         |
| 32 | Nick Hoare         | 25  | 185    |       |         |
| 44 | Ben Thompson       | 28  | 188    |       |         |
| 48 | Jacquin Misfud     | 25  | 190    |       |         |
| 49 | James Coates-Moore | 19  | 185    |       |         |

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1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL

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3/4 TIME

FINAL

**GISBORNE**



**COACHES:**



Rob Waters

|    |                   | Age | Height | Goals | Behinds |
|----|-------------------|-----|--------|-------|---------|
| 1  | Brad Bernacki     | 26  | 180    |       |         |
| 2  | Ryan Bourke       | 26  | 180    |       |         |
| 3  | Dom Sullivan      | 27  | 190    |       |         |
| 5  | Harry Luxmoore    | 21  | 194    |       |         |
| 6  | Tom Werner        | 26  | 183    |       |         |
| 7  | Flynn Lakey       | 23  | 176    |       |         |
| 9  | James McKibbin    | 19  | 180    |       |         |
| 10 | James Gray        | 20  | 179    |       |         |
| 11 | Shane Clough      | 21  | 180    |       |         |
| 12 | Liam Rogers       | 29  | 178    |       |         |
| 13 | Zac Vescovi       | 24  | 185    |       |         |
| 14 | Lachlan Evans     | 20  | 185    |       |         |
| 16 | Frank Schipano    | 24  | 180    |       |         |
| 17 | Braidon Blake     | 28  | 199    |       |         |
| 18 | Dylan Johnstone   | 22  | 185    |       |         |
| 21 | Harry Thomas      | 23  | 194    |       |         |
| 22 | Kobe Zerafa       | 16  | 169    |       |         |
| 24 | Campbell Johns    | 19  | 179    |       |         |
| 25 | Adam Brancatisano | 25  | 184    |       |         |
| 26 | Boyd Nalder       | 27  | 190    |       |         |
| 27 | Zac Denahy        | 27  | 193    |       |         |
| 28 | Jed Denahy        | 21  | 201    |       |         |
| 30 | Lucas Carnell     | 19  | 200    |       |         |
| 31 | Riley Evans       | 17  | 192    |       |         |
| 35 | Matt Merrett      | 23  | 188    |       |         |
| 36 | Harry Bryant      | 20  | 183    |       |         |
| 40 | Will Elliott      | 18  | 184    |       |         |
| 46 | Lucas Hannon      | 19  | 178    |       |         |
| 48 | Pat McKenna       | 30  | 189    |       |         |
| 51 | Blake Freeth      | 18  | 172    |       |         |

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## QUALIFYING FINALS



### A GRADE



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|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Gisborne  |          |          |       |
|           |          |          |       |
| Sandhurst |          |          |       |
|           |          |          |       |

#### GISBORNE

**Coach:** Tarryn Rymer

**Team Manager:**

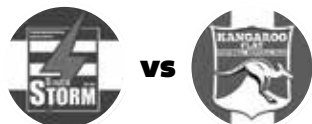
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Charlee Kemp (C)  
Tilly Shepherd

#### SANDHURST

**Coach:** Tamara Gilchrist

Heather Oliver  
Ruby Turner  
Meg Williams  
Darcy Williams  
Claire McGee  
Shae Clifford  
Kelsey Ralph  
Harriett Whitacre  
Rebecca Smith  
Sophie James (Shoebridge)

### B GRADE



| 1/4 TIME        | 1/2 TIME | 3/4 TIME | FINAL |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Strathfieldsaye |          |          |       |
|                 |          |          |       |
| Kangaroo Flat   |          |          |       |
|                 |          |          |       |

#### STRATHFIELDSAYE

**Coach:** Jo Artavilla

**Asst Coach:** Carlie Brennan

**Team Manager:** Tanya O'Gorman

Chiara Artavilla  
Ella Pitson  
Imogen Currie  
Macey Murphy  
Macey O'Shea  
Maeve Cass  
Makayle Dole  
Olivia Erwin  
Sienna Eddy

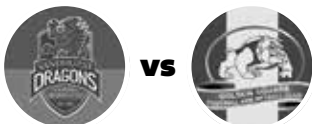
#### KANGAROO FLAT

**Coach:** Chelsea Sartori

**Asst Coach:** Kate Newman

Isabella Allan  
Darcie Fry  
Lily Dickson  
Molly Drum  
Gemma Roberts  
Alex Rusbridge  
Taylah Collins  
Zali Hocking  
Claudia Shelton

### 17 & UNDER



| 1/4 TIME      | 1/2 TIME | 3/4 TIME | FINAL |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Sandhurst     |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |
| Golden Square |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |

#### SANDHURST

**Coaches:**

Carol Cathcart / Rose Gallagher  
Ese Phillips  
Evie Gretgrix  
Mila Childs  
Eva Grant  
Maycee Rinaldi  
Sienna Raco  
Sarah Crowley  
Lilly Teuma  
Blessing John  
Mia Cox

#### GOLDEN SQUARE

**Coach:** Jody Richards

Anya Basilewsky  
Corey Woods  
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Scout Hayes



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GISBORNE

**Coach:** Kayleen Elliott  
**Team Manager:** Kylie Fleming  
Alexandra Russ  
Hannah Weier  
Reece Sutton  
Eloise Rodda (C)  
Demi Young  
Charlotte Crook  
Nirvana Martin  
Dasha Taylor  
Emily McDonald

SOUTH BENDIGO

**Coach:** Lauren Bowles  
**Asst Coach:** Amanda Walters  
Sarah Nash (C)  
Katelyn Parry (VC)  
Olivia Treloar (VC)  
Lauren Bowles  
Olivia Mason  
Shelley DeAraugo  
Carissa Brook  
Kira Baldwin  
Remi Kuhne  
Amy Morrissey

A RESERVE



vs



| 1/4 TIME      | 1/2 TIME | 3/4 TIME | FINAL |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Gisborne      |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |
| South Bendigo |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |

KANGAROO FLAT

**Coach:** Nina Cass  
**Asst Coach:** Bonnie Roberts  
Laura Benbow  
Milana Whiteacre  
Hannah Evans  
Karly Bingham  
Madeline Dowling  
Megan Kelly  
Sophie Ingram  
Lucy Lang  
Kiarah Warren  
Ava McClure  
Maggie Lamb  
Peyton Chambers

SOUTH BENDIGO

**Coach:** Sarah Dennis  
**Asst Coach:** Katie Richmond  
Caitlyn Bowe (C)  
Montana Pinchbeck (C)  
Sarah Dennis  
Ariana Ralph  
Emma Tomlins  
Jorja Brown  
Kirsandra Shepherd  
Laura Power  
Simone Edgley  
Sunny Childs  
Mia Smith

B RESERVE



vs



| 1/4 TIME      | 1/2 TIME | 3/4 TIME | FINAL |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Kangaroo Flat |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |
| South Bendigo |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |

GOLDEN SQUARE

**Coach:** Clare Hope  
**Asst Coach:** Sharni McPherson  
Alice McIntosh  
Ava Hope  
Daisy Costello  
Ella Tyrrell  
Indie Kramer  
Livi Warfe  
Maddison Ryan  
Marlie Skinner  
Milla Dalton  
Regan Hay  
Scarlett Ramsey  
Thea Tobin

SOUTH BENDIGO

**Coach:** Rox Hayes  
Bella Cail (Captain)  
Eily Ellis-Fedke  
Emily Dullard  
Harper Smith  
Indie Colley  
Ivy Pinner  
Laila Cail  
Lily Hearps  
Perry Westley  
Ruby Polson  
Lily Diss

15 & UNDER



vs



| 1/4 TIME      | 1/2 TIME | 3/4 TIME | FINAL |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Golden Square |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |
| South Bendigo |          |          |       |
|               |          |          |       |



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## A GRADE

### 2nd Semi Final

**Kangaroo Flat** 51 d **Gisborne** 37

### 1st Semi Final

**Sandhurst** 72 d **South Bendigo** 56

## A RESERVE

### 2nd Semi Final

**Kangaroo Flat** 45 d **Gisborne** 40

### 1st Semi Final

**South Bendigo** 59 d **Sandhurst** 41

## B GRADE

### 2nd Semi Final

**Gisborne** 44 d **Strathfieldsaye** 35

### 1st Semi Final

**South Bendigo** 26 lt **Kangaroo Flat** 29

## B RESERVE

### 2nd Semi Final

**Kangaroo Flat** 34 lt **Gisborne** 46

### 1st Semi Final

**South Bendigo** 45 d **Strathfieldsaye** 33

## 17 & UNDER

### 2nd Semi Final

**Sandhurst** 30 lt **Strathfieldsaye** 34

### 1st Semi Final

**Golden Square** 41 d **South Bendigo** 40

## 15 & UNDER

### 2nd Semi Final

**Sandhurst** 39 d **Golden Square** 25

### 1st Semi Final

**South Bendigo** 37 d **Eaglehawk** 25



# Netball Ladders

Round 18

| A GRADE         | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F    | A    | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|------|------|-----|--------|
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 16 | 0  | 0 | 2 | 1239 | 630  | 64  | 196.67 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 886  | 485  | 52  | 182.68 |
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 1072 | 624  | 52  | 171.79 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 9  | 7  | 0 | 2 | 953  | 788  | 36  | 120.94 |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 832  | 780  | 32  | 106.67 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 7  | 9  | 0 | 2 | 730  | 846  | 28  | 86.29  |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 4  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 845  | 953  | 16  | 88.67  |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 1  | 14 | 1 | 2 | 500  | 1085 | 6   | 46.08  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 0  | 15 | 1 | 2 | 381  | 1247 | 2   | 30.55  |

| B GRADE         | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F   | A   | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Gisborne        | 16 | 16 | 0  | 0 | 2 | 995 | 459 | 64  | 216.78 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 735 | 556 | 48  | 132.19 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 739 | 591 | 48  | 125.04 |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 11 | 4  | 1 | 2 | 735 | 578 | 46  | 127.16 |
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 729 | 637 | 32  | 114.44 |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 5  | 11 | 0 | 2 | 632 | 773 | 20  | 81.76  |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 4  | 11 | 1 | 2 | 638 | 724 | 18  | 88.12  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 3  | 13 | 0 | 2 | 541 | 875 | 12  | 61.83  |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 0  | 16 | 0 | 2 | 438 | 989 | 0   | 44.29  |

| 17 & UNDER      | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F   | A    | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 14 | 2  | 0 | 2 | 809 | 432  | 56  | 187.27 |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 13 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 856 | 527  | 52  | 162.43 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 901 | 551  | 48  | 163.52 |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 8  | 7  | 1 | 2 | 675 | 644  | 34  | 104.81 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 718 | 727  | 32  | 98.76  |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 7  | 8  | 1 | 2 | 798 | 728  | 30  | 109.62 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 6  | 8  | 2 | 2 | 731 | 635  | 28  | 115.12 |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 2  | 14 | 0 | 2 | 516 | 1015 | 8   | 50.84  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 0  | 16 | 0 | 2 | 280 | 1025 | 0   | 27.32  |

| A RESERVE       | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F   | A   | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Kangaroo Flat   | 14 | 12 | 1  | 1 | 2 | 785 | 528 | 50  | 148.67 |
| South Bendigo   | 14 | 12 | 2  | 0 | 2 | 821 | 556 | 48  | 147.66 |
| Gisborne        | 14 | 9  | 5  | 0 | 2 | 791 | 565 | 36  | 140.00 |
| Sandhurst       | 14 | 9  | 5  | 0 | 2 | 694 | 610 | 36  | 113.77 |
| Eaglehawk       | 14 | 6  | 7  | 1 | 2 | 656 | 673 | 26  | 97.47  |
| Strathfieldsaye | 14 | 3  | 11 | 0 | 2 | 550 | 729 | 12  | 75.45  |
| Golden Square   | 14 | 2  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 515 | 802 | 8   | 64.21  |
| Castlemaine     | 14 | 2  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 507 | 856 | 8   | 59.23  |

| B RESERVE       | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F   | A    | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Kangaroo Flat   | 16 | 15 | 1  | 0 | 2 | 864 | 493  | 60  | 175.25 |
| Gisborne        | 16 | 13 | 2  | 1 | 2 | 923 | 501  | 54  | 184.23 |
| South Bendigo   | 16 | 11 | 3  | 2 | 2 | 762 | 534  | 48  | 142.70 |
| Strathfieldsaye | 16 | 10 | 5  | 1 | 2 | 737 | 570  | 42  | 129.30 |
| Sandhurst       | 16 | 9  | 7  | 0 | 2 | 729 | 597  | 36  | 122.11 |
| Eaglehawk       | 16 | 6  | 10 | 0 | 2 | 624 | 641  | 24  | 97.35  |
| Golden Square   | 16 | 4  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 594 | 682  | 16  | 87.10  |
| Castlemaine     | 16 | 1  | 15 | 0 | 2 | 463 | 868  | 4   | 53.34  |
| Broadford       | 16 | 1  | 15 | 0 | 2 | 291 | 1101 | 4   | 26.43  |

| 15 & UNDER      | P  | W  | L  | D | B | F   | A   | Pts | GA%    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Sandhurst       | 12 | 12 | 0  | 0 | 2 | 811 | 262 | 48  | 309.54 |
| Golden Square   | 12 | 10 | 2  | 0 | 2 | 667 | 345 | 40  | 193.33 |
| South Bendigo   | 12 | 8  | 4  | 0 | 2 | 470 | 464 | 32  | 101.29 |
| Eaglehawk       | 12 | 6  | 6  | 0 | 2 | 420 | 483 | 24  | 86.96  |
| Strathfieldsaye | 12 | 4  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 421 | 498 | 16  | 84.54  |
| Kangaroo Flat   | 12 | 2  | 10 | 0 | 3 | 348 | 603 | 8   | 57.71  |
| Castlemaine     | 12 | 0  | 12 | 0 | 2 | 270 | 752 | 0   | 35.90  |



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## EAGLEHAWK

With 4 seasons in one day last Saturday we went to the QEO trying to get a quick path to the grand final after a tough game where both sides showed domination at some stage when the final siren sounded we were 4 pts short not the result we wanted but we gave it our best shot and we still have another shot at making the big dance. BEST B.Thompson J.Misfud O.White D.Hanley J.Neaves J.Mullen

On Sunday the reserves turned up to take on the storm to keep their finals campaign alive and we dominated the game to win by 55 pts and move on to the preliminary final it was a great team effort by our boys well done and keep the ball rolling BEST J.Holland Z.Bulger B.Brown E.Hanley N.Eliades D.Marsh

Best and Fairest Presentation night is to be held on Friday 8th October starting at 6 pm in social rooms BYO food drinks at bar prices all welcome make sure you are there.

On Friday 2nd October the club is having a night at the greyhound racing at Junortoun the club who get the most support there on the night picks up a \$1000- and we will have a dog in a race if it wins, we get \$3000- it's a great night out let's all get out there you will enjoy.

After today's games we are going back to our social rooms to discuss what transpired. All welcome drinks at bar prices BYO food will open 6-15.

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Well it's the last roll of the dice for our 2 remaining teams. We all know it is not going to be easy our

opponents have the same ambitions as we do so we must be more team orientated more disciplined play 4 quarters and listen to what our coaches instructions are and hopefully we can come back next week.

Good luck boys we know you can do it.

*Let's make 26 better than 25.*



## SANDHURST

Last Monday night on Fresh FM the vote calling for many grades took place with Sandhurst sweeping in a number of categories, Congratulations to Miller Armstrong (leading goal kicker), Evie Gretgrix (15&U best rep player), Reese Gilchrist (A Res Runner Up), Jack Moresi (U18 joint Best & Fairest), Jaxon Howard and Harriet Whiteacre (Rising Stars), Ese Phillips (17&U Best & Fairest), Elle Gilchrist (15&U Best & Fairest), Sandhurst netballers (Leading goal scorers).

In what was a nail biting game right to the end, the Senior 22 managed to fight back and score a gutsy 4 point win against a talented Eaglehawk outfit. After a solid start in the first quarter, we let the lead slip and were 19 points down at the 25 minute mark of the 3rd quarter, however managed to reduce the margin to just 4 points at ¾ time, even though we were up against it in the last quarter due to kicking against a solid breeze. The final quarter was a thrilling affair with both sides having their chances but the boys stood firm to record a memorable victory and move straight to the Grand Final in a fortnight's time. Best Players were C.Sexton, J.Coghlan, J.Howard, M.Wilkinson, J.Keating & D.Mills. Thanks to everyone who has assisted the Senior team in some way throughout the season - it is greatly appreciated. We now have a week off and look forward to the challenge in the Grand Final against either Gisborne or Eaglehawk,

How good has the finals series been for our Reserves boys, two completely different types of weather conditions for each week and our boys handled it so well and are now into the big dance in a week's time. In wet windy conditions the group knuckled down



and got to work, we knew it was always going to be a tough game against south who finished on top but we have been building momentum each week towards this finals campaign. Our better players were Jonty Davis, Louis Bandfield, Henry Edwards, Lachy Borchard, Hamish McNamara and Oscar Cail who both played in their first games back after injury. With a week off before the grand final which will be handy for some sore bodies, with some big headaches for our coaches coming up it's a good position to be in all the best to the remaining teams that still have to play out the finals and all the best Dragons.

In a do or die game the U18 boys pulled together and played a great team orientated game, with plenty of great ball movement, against a well drilled Castlemaine team the scoreboard didn't reflect the game.

The coach's agreed that it was too hard to select best players as the whole team played out of their skins. With a good spread of Goal kickers.

A grade had a point to prove after a tough loss last week in overtime. We were determined to do the work early and set ourselves up for a strong 60 minutes. Our creative attacking play and defensive pressure gave us lots of opportunity to build an early lead and by quarter time had set ourselves up nicely. We worked through different combinations and changes throughout the game to create different impact moments and build on the score board. Amazing team effort, roles played out and a super performance by our GS on her 150th Game. Congratulations girls, deserved the great win and a spot in the prelim and to Bec on her 150th.

A Res was set to take on South after a stellar performance the week before. Preparations were on point and we were ready. First 5 mins saw a nervous start from both teams but South were able to settle quickly and force some balls to be turned over. We had let them create a lead at quarter time and by halftime was stretched. We worked hard in defence and rewarded ourselves on turnovers but unfortunately South were too strong at times and we were unable to peg back the margin. We finished the last quarter on our terms with some great passages of play but the margin was too big. What a fantastic year this young group has had, watching the development and team bond grow has been special to be a part of. We hold our heads high and take the learnings of this year to bring a big 2027.

Our BFNL 15s played their first final Saturday it what was always going to be a tough game against

Golden Square and the wet court conditions. The girls started strongly with our attackers using the ball effectively, our goalers capitalising on the turnovers gained in defence, saw us go into the quarter time break with a 12 goal lead. The remaining 3 quarters were closely contested, with our defensive pressure a highlight. A great team performance by all 11 players have earned us a spot in the grand final. Our Grill'd Award this week went to Elle for a solid game in goals and Alicia earned herself the Yo-G award for a determined game in defence. Special shout out to all the Senior players and supporters that got up early to come and support our 15s – the atmosphere was electric, and we look forward to playing off in the Grand Final in 2 weeks. Go Dragons!

Good luck to all teams playing today.



## **SOUTH BENDIGO**

What a weekend for the Bloods!

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### **Football**

### **Reserves**

After 2 weeks off the boys were really fired up for finals footy. We kicked with a strong breeze in the first quarter and probably didn't convert enough in front of goal, kicking 2.4 for the quarter. Sandhurst had the game all on their terms in the second but a late goal to Toby Hardingham kept us within 5 points at half time. Both sides kicked 2 in the third time as unfortunately the breeze died down at times which allowed for a really even contest. Disappointingly, Sandhurst kicked 3 goals to our 0 in the last quarter as we struggled to connect going forward and Sandhurst intercept makers played a huge role late. We went down 5.6 36 to 9.6 60. Our season is still alive and we go again next week against Eaglehawk.

Best players: Wil Mccaig, Cody Brooks, Bailey Waterman and Kyle Johnston

### **Under 18'S**

South Bendigo and Strathfieldsaye fought it out for a spot in the Grand Final in windy and wet conditions at the GEO.

Strathfieldsaye kicked to the City End with a clear wind advantage in the opening quarter and made the most of the conditions, while South took some time to adjust. Strath opened up a 4.4 to 1.0 lead at quarter time.

South Bendigo responded strongly in the second term as the game turned into a physical and tightly contested affair. South held their own but struggled to make headway into Strath's lead, heading into half time 24 points down.

The third quarter belonged to South Bendigo. Producing a spirited comeback while attacking into the wind, South played an attacking brand of football and cut the margin to just seven points at the final change.

That momentum continued into the last quarter, with South hitting the front with only minutes remaining on the clock. Strathfieldsaye responded quickly with a goal to regain the lead. South continued to push forward and had opportunities to win the game, but unfortunately couldn't finish the game off the way we would have liked.

A thrilling contest came down to the final moments, with Strathfieldsaye finishing victorious by just 2 points.

Strathfieldsaye 8.8 (56) def. South Bendigo 8.8 (54)

A disappointing loss, but another chance this Saturday when we take on Sandhurst.

### **Netball**

### **Under 15'S**

Coming into the second week of finals, South 15's were keen to start well. Our defensive pressure created plenty of turnovers that saw us take a strong lead at half time. We had a scare in the final quarter when Eaglehawk brought the margin back to just two goals, but we showed great composure to regain control and finish strongly, extending the margin back out to 12 goals at the final siren.

### **Under 17'S**

South 17s took on Golden Square in a tight, goal-for-goal battle that went right down to the final siren. The girls held the lead for much of the second half, showing great composure, fight and determination as the pressure continued to build.

Jess Leed came on early in the second quarter and stood strong in the shooting circle, taking on the responsibility and delivering under pressure when her team needed her.

As finals do, the pressure mounted, and a few errors under pressure gave Golden Square the opportunity to work their way back into the contest. The girls fought right until the very end, but heartbreakingly, the final siren saw South go down by just one goal.

While the result is a tough one to swallow, this group should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. An outstanding year of growth, development and belief, and a team that has shown just how far they have come.

Hold your heads high, girls. What a year it has been. Bring on 2027!

### **B Reserve**

Bres was ready to fire up after last week's loss to Gisborne. We reset as a group throughout the week and headed into the game with belief in each other and confidence in our game.

Storm put up a good fight holding close with a one or two goal margin the first two quarters. We put the pedal down for the final half winning each quarter by 5 and 6 goals for a final score of 33-45. We are so proud of our team's effort during the game with 10 standout performances from every player! Bring on next week!

### **B Grade**

Unfortunately, our season ends here at the hands of K Flat.

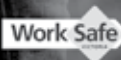
With only three points separating the teams at the final siren, it was a hard-fought contest from start to finish. We came out firing and were able to get the upper hand in the first half, putting plenty of pressure on K Flat and turning over a lot of ball.

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With the game on the line, the pressure began to build. A few missed opportunities and some forced errors allowed K Flat to crawl their way back into the game, leaving us just one point down heading into the final quarter.

We fought right until the very end, and although the result wasn't what we wanted, we can be incredibly proud of the way we played and the effort we put in all season!

### **A Reserve**

Res started the day with some sunshine and a whole lot of cheering, before getting absolutely FIRED UP by our DJ skipper during warm-up. Safe to say, we came out hungry and not just for the lollies.

Our Liv duo were dropping bombs in the forward line, setting the team up for a pearler of a match and making the goalers look like they had GPS installed. Shelly stepped in with true Falcon style and FLEW she did! From wing to shooter, she took on whatever was thrown her way and absolutely sent it.

Sandhurst weren't going down without a fight though, but our Calmness Coach battled through the centre like our lives depended on it. Cool, calm and collected.

Our foot-to-the-floor defence saw springs in the skipper's legs and speed that had the coaches questioning how many REM cycles Remi is actually getting. Because whatever it is we need the prescription.

A battle wound from Riss did absolutely nothing to slow her down. If anything, she took it personally and decided she'd simply run faster and harder.

And just when we thought there was physically no more pace to find, our secret weapon Kira came charging out with foot to the floor and arms over like she was late for a flight.

Then came Moz in classic Moz style, intercepting balls from angles we're still trying to calculate. Left, right, behind, possibly from the car park, honestly, we don't know. We just know she got it.

A huge effort from everyone, with plenty of grit, chaos, speed and questionable levels of cardio. Another great challenge for the girls.

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### **A Grade**

Sandhurst came out of the blocks firing, bringing a level of pressure and intensity that South struggled to match early.

The girls regrouped at half time, with captain Gabe

delivering a much-needed pump-up chat that sparked a strong response from the team.

South lifted the intensity, won ball through the court and began converting opportunities in attack. Responding to their captain's wise words, the girls won the second half of netball, showing great fight and determination, but unfortunately the early deficit proved too much to overcome, going down 72-56.

Karley Hynes was outstanding, while Gabe led from the front with a true captain's performance when her team needed it most.

What a talented group of netballers! The growth throughout the season has been fantastic, and with continued consistency, connection and belief, this group has plenty of potential to take their game to the next level in 2027.

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## **STRATHFIELDSAYE**

The **18's** got the weekend underway with a two point victory over South. Strath had eight scoring shots to one in the first quarter for a 22 point lead at quarter time. But South put in a big third-quarter to get them back in just seven points at the end of the term. They hit the front at the 19 minute mark of the last quarter and looked to have the game and they're keeping with the wind at their backs, but somehow the Storm rallied with a goal against play to win by two points. Jordan Matthews was named best on with three goals, he was also being the only multiple goal kicker out of the nine goals kicked. Hand, White, Schubert, Mayes and Elkington were others that made the best. All these boys have stood up when needed throughout the year. The boys will now take the week off, taking keen interest as to who they play out of South and Sandhurst.

The **reserves** finished off the season with a disappointing nine goal loss to Eaglehawk. Kicking eight behinds in their nine scoring shots didn't help the storm stay in the game. Jed Daniels made his way to the top of the list of best players. A super talented young footballer, Jed has played just four games all up this year due to injury. Hopefully he can have a clean run at a big preseason and be a regular senior player next year. Although it was a disappointing finish to the season, with the addition of some 18s coming up and some fresh blood, the

boys should be able to have a real crack at the premiership next year.

The **seniors** were coming off a disappointing last quarter against the Hawks, fronting up to a Gisborne side who touched up South the previous week never going to be easy without leading goal kicker James Schischka and some boys battling niggling injuries. The Storm boys still had a sniff in the third quarter when they got the dogs lead to just two goals but four goals in five minutes soon took the game out of the reach for the Storm with Gisborne eventually running out 38 point winners. Tyson McKenzie kicked a season high six and a best on ground performance. Benjamin (button) Lester was named second best for his performance as back up Ruckman. Ben has had a great season. A great bloke to have around the club and a massive contributor in all departments, he is an absolute legend and is much loved by everyone at the club. Archer Lancaster was another one to sneak in the best into the best. A young player who has spent most of the year in the Pioneers group this year. Archer is super aggressive and a very talented footballer. He is another young player in the club that seems to have a bright future. A disappointing finish to the year after a good home and away season finishing second on the ladder the boys will now sit back and reflect on the season, looking at the areas we can improve in. With plenty of talent coming through the juniors and some new blood to come to the club, the boys will work hard over summer and put all their effort into getting into September again next year.

What a game for our **Under 17s** from the opening whistle to the final siren! It was a tight, hard-fought contest with both sides applying plenty of defensive pressure and making every possession count. With strong defence at both ends, it was a low-scoring affair, with neither team able to gain any real separation. Heading into the final quarter, the girls dug deep and managed to find a slight edge, showing composure and determination when it mattered most. They held their nerve right through to the final whistle to secure a fantastic two-goal victory! And what makes this win even more special is what this group has overcome throughout the year. With injuries and illness challenging the team at different stages, the girls have continued to show resilience, commitment and belief and support in each other. So incredibly proud of this group! They have worked so hard, stuck together through the tough times, and now get to play on the biggest stage the grand final.

Awards – Lexi A and Sophie

**B Grade** started strongly against Gisborne, with some great intercepts from Ella and Macey O, while Chiara and Imi shot accurately despite the windy conditions. Gisborne held a two-goal lead at quarter time before coming out strongly in the second quarter. Despite some great work by Liv in C, Storm struggled to capitalise on their opportunities and trailed 27-19 at half time. The third quarter was Storm's strongest, with accurate shooting and strong defensive pressure from Mak, Macey M and Maeve helping Storm win the quarter. Gisborne regrouped in the final quarter and, despite Storm never giving up, they went on to secure a 44-35 win. Best players were Maeve and Ella.

Storm **B Res** started strongly, with Strawbs and Maddi combining well in attack, while Bridget and Crapper worked the ball effectively through the midcourt to keep Storm within one goal at quarter time. Ella and Lana worked tirelessly in defence, but South's pressure began to force Storm into turnovers, allowing South to take a 19-16 lead into half time. Bridget moved into goals in the third quarter, combining well with Strawbs, but South continued to build on their lead. Storm showed plenty of determination and continued to work hard right through to the final whistle, but South proved too strong, running out 45-33 winners. Best players were Crapper and Charli.



## GISBORNE

It was an evenly split day out for our netballers on Saturday at the QEO. B Grade and B Reserve came away with comfortable wins with B Grade winning 44-35. B Reserve defeated Flat 46-34. Both teams have now booked themselves a spot in the 2026 BFNL Grand Final. Congratulations!

A Reserve and A Grade rose to the occasion in some tough games against Flat but fell short. A Reserve losing by just 5 goals (40-45) and A Grade were defeated 37-51.

A strong four-quarter performance saw the Senior team come away with a convincing 38-point victory over Strathfieldsaye at Queen Elizabeth Oval. Gisborne came out of the blocks with intent, setting the tone early with a dominant opening quarter to take a 31-20 lead at quarter time. The Bulldogs' pressure, ball movement and willingness to work for each other gave Strathfieldsaye plenty to contend with.

The second quarter was where Gisborne really began to take control. Continuing to apply pressure around the contest and making the most of their opportunities, the Bulldogs extended the margin to 29 points at half time, leading 10.3 (63) to 5.4 (34). Strathfieldsaye responded after the main break and managed to win some momentum, but Gisborne remained composed and answered every challenge. The Bulldogs added another four goals in the third term to take a 36-point advantage into the final break.

With the game firmly in our grasp, Gisborne finished the job in the last quarter. Despite some resistance from Strathfieldsaye, the Bulldogs maintained their discipline and continued to find scoring opportunities, eventually running out 38-point winners.

The final scoreboard read Gisborne 16.11 (107) to Strathfieldsaye 10.9 (69). It was an impressive team performance from the Bulldogs, with four-

quarter effort, pressure and composure proving the difference. Importantly, Gisborne were able to build a lead, withstand a period of opposition momentum and then finish strongly.

A terrific result at the QEO, and plenty of positives to take into the next challenge, a Preliminary Final against Eaglehawk.

Pat McKenna(4), Tom Werner(3), Dom Sullivan(2), Shane Clough(2), Lucas Hannon(2) and Matt Merrett(2), were the main contributors for our 16 goals, with 1 other player contributing with a single goal.

Best players for the match were Shane Clough, Dylan Johnstone, Jed Denahy, James Gray, Pat McKenna and Will Elliott.

Thank you to everyone who came out to watch and support the team at the QEO, we would love to see our red, white and blue army at the QEO for Prelim finals!

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# 2026 Netball

## Season Launch: 28 March

Broadford 25 lt Sth Bendigo 87

## Round 1: 3 & 4 April

(Good Friday)

Castlemaine 32 lt Golden Square 71

Gisborne 39 lt Kangaroo Flat 42

Strathfieldsaye 42 lt Sth Bendigo 44

(Easter Saturday)

Eaglehawk 35 lt Sandhurst 56

Bye: Broadford

## Round 2: 11 April

Sandhurst 99 d Broadford 28

Golden Square 39 lt Eaglehawk 72

Kangaroo Flat 96 d Castlemaine 17

Sth Bendigo 40 lt Gisborne 47

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

## Round 3: 18 April

Eaglehawk 36 lt Kangaroo Flat 70

Castlemaine 29 lt Sth Bendigo 79

Gisborne 45 d Strathfieldsaye 22

Broadford 35 lt Golden Square 72

Bye: Sandhurst

## Round 4: Split Round

**25 April** (Anzac Weekend)

Sth Bendigo 58 d Eaglehawk 52

**2 May** (Pat Cronin Round)

Strathfieldsaye 61 d Castlemaine 25

Sandhurst 72 d Golden Square 47

Kangaroo Flat 95 d Broadford 16 (PCF)

Bye: Gisborne

## Round 5: 9 May

Eaglehawk 48 lt Strathfieldsaye 49

Castlemaine 19 lt Gisborne 65

Sandhurst 50 lt Kangaroo Flat 60

Bye: Golden Square, Broadford

& Sth Bendigo

## Round 6: 16 May

Strathfieldsaye 80 d Broadford 26

Gisborne 60 d Eaglehawk 33

Sth Bendigo 47 lt Sandhurst 60

Kangaroo Flat 82 d Golden Square 44

Bye: Castlemaine

## Interleague: 23 May

Bendigo FNL 83 d O&M 49

## Round 7: 30 & 31 May

(Indigenous Round)

Broadford 13 lt Gisborne 89

Eaglehawk 56 d Castlemaine 33

Golden Square 53 lt Sth Bendigo 68

Sandhurst 68 d Strathfieldsaye 31

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

## Round 8: 6 June

Castlemaine 57 d Broadford 43

Gisborne 40 lt Sandhurst 44

Strathfieldsaye 55 d Golden Square 47

Sth Bendigo 48 lt Kangaroo Flat 81

Bye: Eaglehawk

## Round 9: 13 June

Broadford 11 lt Eaglehawk 59

Sandhurst 70 d Castlemaine 37

Golden Square 36 lt Gisborne 58

Kangaroo Flat 71 d Strathfieldsaye 40

Bye: Sth Bendigo

## Round 10: 20 June

Sandhurst 68 d Eaglehawk 31

Golden Square 80 d Castlemaine 39

Kangaroo Flat 54 d Gisborne 47

Sth Bendigo 63 d Strathfieldsaye 44

Bye: Broadford

## Round 11: 27 June

Broadford 12 lt Sandhurst 97

Eaglehawk 55 d Golden Square 54

Castlemaine 28 lt Kangaroo Flat 105

Gisborne 43 d Sth Bendigo 33

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

## General Bye: 4 July

## Round 12: 11 July

Golden Square 77 d Broadford 37

Kangaroo Flat 59 d Eaglehawk 47

Sth Bendigo 74 d Castlemaine 21

Strathfieldsaye 20 lt Gisborne 67

Bye: Sandhurst

## Round 13: 18 July

Broadford 16 lt Kangaroo Flat 106

Eaglehawk 75 d Sth Bendigo 60

Castlemaine 38 lt Strathfieldsaye 44

Golden Square 49 lt Sandhurst 70

Bye: Gisborne

## Round 14: 25 July

Sth Bendigo 88 d Broadford 21

Strathfieldsaye 50 lt Eaglehawk 60

Gisborne 59 d Castlemaine 19

Kangaroo Flat 64 d Sandhurst 60

Bye: Golden Square

## Round 15: 1 August

Broadford 25 lt Strathfieldsaye 61

Eaglehawk 37 lt Gisborne 50

Sandhurst 53 d Sth Bendigo 42

Golden Square 47 lt Kangaroo Flat 88

Bye: Castlemaine

## Round 16: 8 August

(Bendigo Health Round)

Gisborne 75 d Broadford 11

Castlemaine 38 lt Eaglehawk 68

Strathfieldsaye 26 lt Sandhurst 88

Sth Bendigo 65 d Golden Square 60

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

## Round 17: 15 August

Broadford 37 dr Castlemaine 37

Sandhurst 40 lt Gisborne 44

Golden Square 50 lt Strathfieldsaye 67

Kangaroo Flat 82 d Sth Bendigo 57

Bye: Eaglehawk

## Round 18: 22 August

Eaglehawk 67 d Broadford 25

Castlemaine 31 lt Sandhurst 77

Gisborne 58 d Golden Square 19

Strathfieldsaye 38 lt Kangaroo Flat 81

Bye: Sth Bendigo

## Qualifying Final

Gisborne 55 d Sandhurst 52

## Elimination Final

South Bendigo 67 d Eaglehawk 54

## Second Semi-Final

Kangaroo Flat 51 d Gisborne 37

## First Semi-Final

Sandhurst 72 d South Bendigo 56

## Preliminary Final

Saturday, 12 September

## Grand Final

Saturday, 19 September

• (N) Night game • (Sun) Sunday game • (PCF) Pat Cronin Foundation Feature Match • (GW) Graeme Wright Memorial  
• (RB) Ron Best Memorial • (BH) Fluoro for Neuro Feature Match



# 2026 Football

## Season Launch: 28 March

Broadford 2.11.13 lt Sth Bendigo 32.26.218

## Round 1: 3 & 4 April

(Good Friday)

C'maine 14.10.94 d Golden Square 12.14.86

Gisborne 26.20.176 d Kang Flat 7.10.52

S'saye 17.14.116 d Sth Bendigo 16.13.109

(Easter Saturday)

Eaglehawk 11.10.76 lt Sandhurst 16.18.114

Bye: Broadford

## Round 2: 11 April

Sandhurst 25.20.170 d Broadford 2.0.12

Gld Square 7.10.52 lt Eaglehawk 10.19.79

Kang Flat 8.14.62 lt C'maine 23.12.150

Sth Bendigo 12.19.91 d Gisborne 13.11.89

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

## Round 3: 18 April

Eaglehawk 17.10.112 d Kang Flat 11.7.73

C'maine 11.9.75 lt Sth Bendigo 15.21.111

Gisborne 17.13.115 d S'saye 11.14.80

Broadford 6.3.39 lt Gld Square 24.17.161

Bye: Sandhurst

## Round 4: Split Round

**25 April** (Anzac Weekend)

Sth Bendigo 14.8.92 d Eaglehawk 10.15.75

**2 May** (Pat Cronin Round)

S'saye 16.9.105 d Castlemaine 6.14.50

Sandhurst 11.11.77 d Golden Square 6.13.49

K Flat 21.25.151 d Broadford (PCF) 9.4.58

Bye: Gisborne

## Round 5: 9 May

Eaglehawk 8.14.62 lt S'saye 9.15.69

Castlemaine 9.13.67 lt Gisborne 8.20.68

Sandhurst 18.13.121 d K Flat 3.6.24

Bye: Golden Square, Broadford

& Sth Bendigo

## Round 6: 16 May

S'saye 36.21.237 d Broadford 2.2.14

Gisborne 14.18.102 d Eaglehawk 14.11.95

Sth Bendigo 14.14.98 d Sandhurst 6.14.50

Kang Flat 9.7.61 lt Gld Square 13.22.100

Bye: Castlemaine

## Interleague: 23 May

Bendigo FNL 14.13.97 d O&M 11.11.77

## Round 7: 30 & 31 May

(Indigenous Round)

Broadford 11.7 lt Gisborne 35.18.228

Eaglehawk 13.10.88 d Castlemaine 9.12.66

Gld Square 11.7.73 lt Sth Bendigo 19.11.125

Sandhurst 9.11.65 lt S'saye 12.12.84

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

## Round 8: 6 June

Castlemaine 35.14.224 d Broadford 2.5.17

Gisborne 10.15.75 lt Sandhurst 13.8.86

S'saye 15.9.99 d Golden Square 8.12.60

Sth Bendigo 16.17.113 d Kang Flat 12.9.81

Bye: Eaglehawk

## Round 9: 13 June

Broadford 2.4.16 lt Eaglehawk 32.32.224

Sandhurst 13.10.88 d Castlemaine 7.15.57

Golden Square 11.8.74 lt Gisborne 14.13.97

Kangaroo Flat 4.10.34 lt S'saye 15.20.110

Bye: Sth Bendigo

## Round 10: 20 June

Sandhurst 10.9.69 d Eaglehawk 7.6.48

Golden Square 11.13.79 lt C'maine 12.17.89

Kangaroo Flat 2.9.21 lt Gisborne 31.17.203

Sth Bendigo 11.16.82 lt S'saye 16.13.109

Bye: Broadford

## Round 11: 27 June

Broadford 3.0.18 lt Sandhurst 37.25.247

E'hawk 22.14.146 d Gld Square 7.2.44

Castlemaine 16.15.111 d K Flat 6.9.45

Gisborne 17.11.113 d Sth Bendigo 8.11.59

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

## General Bye: 4 July

## Round 12: 11 July

Gld Square 30.23.203 d Broadford 3.4.22

K Flat 5.7.37 lt Eaglehawk 18.18.126

Sth Bendigo 18.14.122 d C'maine 5.11.41

S'saye 15.8.98 d Gisborne 12.14.86

Bye: Sandhurst

## Round 13: 18 July

Broadford 8.4.52 lt K Flat 27.21.183

Eaglehawk 19.14.128 d Sth Bendigo 11.14.80

Castlemaine 10.14.74 lt S'saye 17.10.112

Golden Square 6.7.43 lt Sandhurst 11.21.87

Bye: Gisborne

## Round 14: 25 July

Sth Bendigo 33.17.215 d Broadford 1.2.8

S'saye 5.5.35 lt Eaglehawk 13.25.103

Gisborne 11.12.78 d Castlemaine 8.6.54

Kangaroo Flat 7.9.51 lt Sandhurst 18.16.124

Bye: Golden Square

## Round 15: 1 August

Broadford 3.3.11 lt S'saye 35.22.232

Eaglehawk 18.13.121 d Gisborne 10.16.76

Sandhurst 12.19.91 d Sth Bendigo 8.6.54

Gld Square 4.3.37 lt Kangaroo Flat 10.13.73

Bye: Castlemaine

## Round 16: 8 August

(Bendigo Health Round)

Gisborne 40.18.258 d Broadford 2.4.16

Castlemaine 9.8.62 lt Eaglehawk 13.13.91

S'saye 9.9.63 lt Sandhurst 9.10.64

Sth Bendigo 11.15.81 d Gld Square 6.12.48

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

## Round 17: 15 August

Broadford 4.3.27 lt Castlemaine 26.19.175

Sandhurst 12.11.83 d Gisborne 11.12.78

Golden Square 14.6.90 d S'saye 7.9.51

K Flat 8.10.58 lt Sth Bendigo 10.11.71

Bye: Eaglehawk

## Round 18: 22 August

Eaglehawk 55.29.359 d Broadford 0.0.0

Castlemaine 4.5.29 lt Sandhurst 24.14.158

Gisborne 13.8.86 d Golden Square 9.11.65

S'saye 15.20.110 d Kangaroo Flat 3.6.24

Bye: Sth Bendigo

## Qualifying Final

S'saye 12.17.89 lt Eaglehawk 18.10.118

## Elimination Final

Gisborne 16.9.105 d Sth Bendigo 7.11.53

## Second Semi-Final

Sandhurst 11.13.79 d Eaglehawk 11.9.75

## First Semi-Final

S'saye 10.9.69 lt Gisborne 16.11.107

## Preliminary Final

Saturday, 12 September

## Grand Final

Saturday, 19 September

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