



Banyule & Districts Netball Association Inc.

Representative Team Newsletter April 2023

2023 Tournaments

- 21st May** **Altona**
- 4th June** **Ass Champs -
Altona (no 11&U or 13/3)**
- 18th June** **Ass Champs Finals Day -
If successful**
- 18th June** **Springvale**
- 23rd July** **Whitehorse**
- 6th August** **LYVNA**
- 20th August** **Mountain Districts
(Changed from 27th Aug)**
- Presentation night – 8th September TBC**

TOURNAMENTS

(Entered to date yet to be confirmed)

All Tournaments listed have been entered. It is not until about a week before that we know whether we have been accepted. information is sent out to players as soon as confirmation is received.

Fixtures are often not available till the day and sometimes when we arrive on the day there has been some changes. The fixtures will usually be found on the Connect Netball App or the particular Association’s website.

Reminder - Association Champs Players

Payment of \$40 is required for those players who are representing Banyule in this tournament. (This cost was not included in 2023 Rep Fees.) Payment due 31st May. Bank details as follows:
Banyule & Districts Netball Assoc. Westpac
Account 033 053 Account 148552

Please use surname as reference.

Hi everyone,

Another great day for Banyule at the Caulfield tournament, although a very cold start to the day for our younger teams. It was good to have the opportunity to play against some teams we have not come up against before. It was also great to have an allocated space indoors for our squad to meet and gather together.

All teams performed very well on the day coming up against some strong opponents. Congratulations to our 15 Reserves who came away with the grand final. Win or lose it’s all about the experience at tournaments. I hope everyone enjoyed the day.

Once again thank you to our team managers for following the process to ensure we were organized for online scoring and to all the parents who assisted with scoring on the day.

Photos – When taking photos for Newsletter please do include photos which include players from other teams where the players can be recognized. Thank you

Parkville

All teams at Parkville continuing to have a great season. Current Positions on ladder after 9 games,

Open

- Div. 1 – 8 wins 1 draw First on ladder
- Div. 2 – 8 wins 1 losses First on ladder
- Div. 3 - 6 wins 2 losses Second on ladder
- Div. 4 – 7 wins 2 losses Third on ladder
- Div. 4 - BANYULE 5 7 wins 2 losses Second on ladder
- Div. 6 - 7 wins 2 losses Second on ladder

15&U

- Div. 1 - 7 wins 2 losses Second on ladder
- Div. 2 - 6 wins 3 losses Fourth on ladder

GO BANYULE!!

Now from the Coaches

11 & UNDER PINK

The U/11 1's had a mixed day at Caulfield! It was a very fresh Sunday morning, so we had the girls warming up for a while to make sure they were ready to go for round 1. Unfortunately, our opposition was a late withdrawal, so after getting bibbed up and waiting on the court it was announced we had a bye.

After a delayed start, the girls hit the ground running, and had two very strong wins against Whitehorse and Kingston. Our 4th game was against our old rivals West Side. They are a very talented side and we unfortunately lost, but we have closed the margin from the last time we played them, which was all I was asking for. Our next game was against Eastern United who caught us off guard and had a quick first half. We spent the 2nd half playing catch up, and unfortunately went down by 2 goals. To finish off the day we played against Ariels, where we redeemed ourselves and had a solid win.

The girls did a great job, and adapted to different conditions on court. I am very proud of their efforts, and look forward to our next tournament.

Shout out to Sharon Parks for keeping myself and the girls organised for the day!

- **Ruby Bainbridge**



11 & Under White

Another great day was had by the Banyule 11s White team at the Caulfield Tournament on Sunday. Our first game was very challenging, playing against Lilydale's 1s team. To the players credit, they got a score on the board and were able to be competitive during some passages of play. Unfortunately, Lilydale's 1s were too strong for us, so we accepted the loss, and with a positive mindset, moved on with the rest of our day. The team bounced back from the loss beautifully and were able to win the remaining 5 games. An outstanding result!!!

Our circle defenders did an amazing job throughout the day. Both Quinn and Anabelle had strong hands over every ball, and as a consequence, were able to force many turnovers, keeping each opposition team to a very low score. Anabelle had plenty of tips and rebounds, Quinn, despite being one of the smallest on the court, managed some tips and intercepts also. Both players provided great defensive pressure each game.

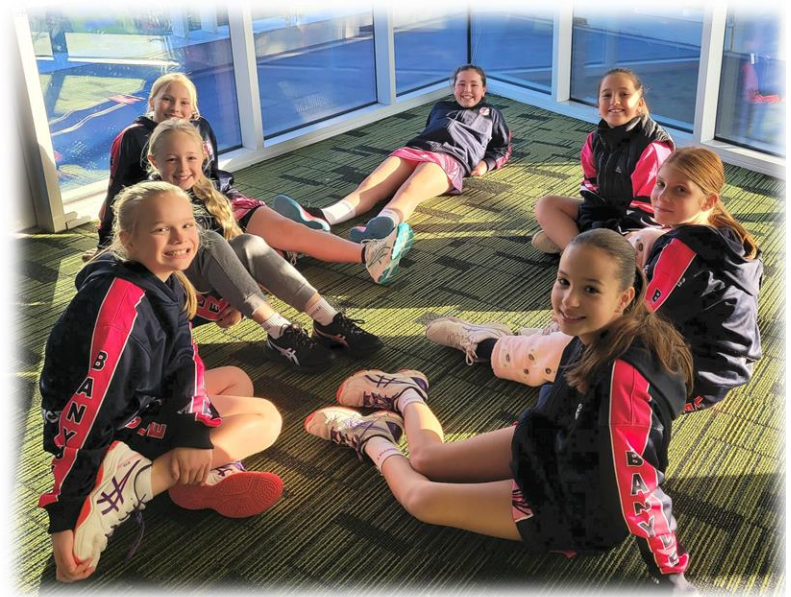
Our mid-court were brilliant all day. Strong angled leads to the ball, speedy transition from defence to attack and some lovely feeding to the goalers. Augie, Lola, Inaya and Allegra moved the ball efficiently up and down the court and provided strong options in each and every game. Thanks to Allegra for helping to fill our team, she fitted in seamlessly and was a great asset on court.

Our goalers, Lily and Maddy presented with hard, strong drives, shot with accuracy and on the rare occasion when they missed, they backed each other up with strong rebounds. I was really impressed with their ability to work together and provide a tight connection in the goal circle.

I'm very proud of this team's work ethic and positive response to any feedback. The day's results reflect each player's commitment and work rate, which is the foundation of their success. Awesome stuff Banyule 11s White, Love your work.

A big thanks to all our lovely parents for all their encouragement and support, with special mention to our Team Manager, Robyn, for all her fantastic assistance. Looking forward to our next Tournament!

- Sharon Hunter



13 & Under

There seemed to be a Banyule team on court for each of the games in the morning session – a great opportunity for the coaches and player to support each other ... all the way to the semi finals for 2 of our teams.

Overall I was impressed with the squad's early game transition and goal reward for leads and defensive efforts!

Again, many thanks to our TMs, Leah, Jing and Catherine for keeping us on track and assisting with the scoring on the day.

13 & Under Pink

All arrived on time, all warmed up and ready to go... sadly our first game was a late forfeit for a no show opposition ... We cant control what we cant change... we needed those points in the stronger pool of teams, but it meant string with intensity was our focus.

An early win, *just*, followed by a lesson in court speed. Oh dear!. Picking ourselves up, we regained our composure, kept possession of the ball and gave our shooters every opportunity. We experienced some *body work* during a game and I am delighted to say that our girls composed themselves and resisted retaliating, even when they were being hassled off ball. The girls managed to represent Banyule with enviable sportsmanship. I am very proud of our team, Kartika, Lily, Laila, Giselle, Tilly, Alana, Adele ad Jessie and Look forward to Evie returning to the court next tournament.

A couple of solid wins left us in the middle of the strong pool and disappointingly we missed the finals by percentage to a team we had beaten earlier in the day.

As always, every game is a forward step in our team development and awareness of our strengths and the "need to work on's". We are adding skills and team understanding. Watch our next tournament!!!!

Jo Davies



13 & Under White

It was a cold and early start to the day on Sunday with lots of the girls still rugged up in pyjama pants and battling cold fingers when passing and catching the ball. However the girls hit the ground running and had a strong start to the day against Essendon.

Charlotte had an amazing start in goals, rarely missing and showing fantastic movement in the ring. Super strong defensive efforts and intercepts from Hannah E in the defensive ring and Kate through the midcourt helped the team to win 13-1. Hannah B and Chelsea had outstanding runs in the midcourt Round 3 & 4, nailing the timing of drives and making transitions look easy!

South Geelong saw us winning 10-4 thanks to Ellie and Josie's defensive pressure down the court and their extraordinary effort to turn the ball over. Tessa showed her ability against Sandringham, picking up her confidence and nailing her shots, passes and movement with ease.

The girls worked really well together all day, not losing a game during the rounds but unfortunately falling behind in the semi by only 2 goals.

Also a big thank you to Grace for supporting the team from the sidelines while injured! I am extremely proud of how the girls showed up for each other and how they played throughout the day. I saw 100% effort in every game and am looking forward to our upcoming tournaments!

- **Scarlett Elliott**



13 & Under BLUE

Caufields tournament was short and sharp and the girls we warned that it wasn't one where we could take a game or two to warm up.. of course, being early Sunday morning, it did take us a game to warm up.

However, once we did warm up, we played the best we have as a team in any tournament to date! We worked hard and we played for each other as a team. The hands over the ball pressure was phenomenal and caused so many opportunities for turnovers!

We made sure that when finals were on the line, we pulled out our best game and made it to the semifinals. We sadly went down to Whitehorse who we lost too in our first game, but we sure did give them a run for their money second time around and really took it to a team much taller than us.

I'm very proud of the progress the team is making at tournaments, and we will be looking for a better result than a semi-final at the Altona Tournament.

Well done girls! -**Jazz Adams**



15 & Under Pink

We ventured to Caulfield for a later afternoon tournament commencing at 2:30pm. There were 10 teams in the open section and to finish the tournament at a reasonable hour, all teams played 6 games in the rounds and the top 4 teams to play finals were decided on overall points and percentage.

The girls are doing a lot of work at training on creating angles, executing high release passes, looking for the right option and 1 on 1 defensive pressure and they need to really focus on these areas in real game time as too many of our turnovers are coming from simple mistakes. Our 6 games in the rounds was certainly a mixed bag of results with our first two games being a draw, we won 3 and lost 1 and narrowly scraped into fourth position by percentage to play finals.

Our semi final was against Westside and the girls certainly kept their best game to this one as they implemented all the good work they train for and took it right up to Westside with the lead only changing as per the centre pass.

Unfortunately a couple of turnovers in the last couple of minutes of play resulted in Westside scoring from our centre pass and that was the difference with them coming out on top. I was rapt with the girls efforts in this game as I know they have it there to one of the best teams in the competition, they just need to play as a team and utilise best options.

Keep working hard girls, listen and implement what we are working on at training to take to game day 😊

Sharon Ashworth



15 & Under White

What a day our girls had on Sunday! 15's had a late start at 2pm, playing into the evening. The games were short 6 minute halves, with very little breaks in between each game. Today our focus was making sure we have a strong start to each game so we aren't left chasing the score board towards the end of the game. This happened a couple times last tournament and ultimately cost us in the long run. The girls took this on board and had a phenomenal day of netball! Undefeated all day, despite having tough competition we had come up against before. Altona is always a close and tough game however the girls stayed strong, goalers Ava and Elsie hardly missed a shot, and Mia shutting down their tall target in goals, we got a win of 6 against them!

Undefeated through the rounds, we knew we would finish first or second on the ladder, but due to the fixture set-up with not all teams playing each other, we finished second, having not yet played SACSNA, who finished top.

Our semi final against Whitehorse, who we also had not yet played throughout the day, therefore not knowing what we were coming up against, the girls played with the same energy they had all day and got another convincing win.

Next came our first grand final of the year! Win or lose we were proud we got this far. But once again came up against Altona, the beginning of the game was goal for goal until the entire stadium's lights went out causing the games to suddenly stop. Minutes later, after court swaps we continued the rest of the final. First half was goal for goal with an even score, but it was the second half where the girls really excelled. We had a brilliant midcourt combination with Rylee, Mietta and Ava, and everyone stepping up defensively down the court got us over the line getting our first premiership of the year!!

So proud of all the girls' efforts today, everyone played such a good day of netball. We had many injuries throughout the day with Olivia's hamstring, Rosie's knee, and Holly's back, who couldn't play for the day but we luckily had Emily come and slot in beautifully with us.

I'd also like to say a massive thankyou to my super supportive and organised parents who make the day so much easier for me.

- Lilli Florance



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