



# Banyule & Districts Netball Association Inc.

Representative Team Newsletter March (2) 2023

## 2023 Tournaments to date

- 30<sup>th</sup> April**      **Caulfield**
- 21<sup>st</sup> May**        **Altona**
- 4<sup>th</sup> June**        **Ass Champs -**  
**Altona (no 11&U or 13/3)**
- 18<sup>th</sup> June**       **Ass Champs Finals Day -**  
**If successful**
- 18<sup>th</sup> June**       **Springvale**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July**       **Whitehorse**
- 6<sup>th</sup> August**     **LYVNA????**
- 20<sup>th</sup> August**   **Mountain Districts**  
**(Changed from 27<sup>th</sup> Aug)**

### 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** - Fees Were due last Friday. Please make payment asap.

Bank details as follows :  
Banyule & Districts Netball Assoc. Westpac  
Account 033 137 Account 205622

Please use surname as reference.

Hi everyone,

What a great day it was for Banyule at the Nillumbik Force tournament. Great weather, Great competition, Great outcomes but more importantly simply Great fun!! Well done to everyone involved.

Special thanks to our amazing coaches. It's great to hear from coaches that all players are doing well and implementing the structures that have been taught at training. Having a consistent game plan across all our teams has definitely paid off which is demonstrated by the number of players moving between teams and these players fitting in seamless in whatever team they play in.

**Special Thank you Eddie Grbic** for towing the trailer and to all those that helped with set up and pack up. It definitely makes things easier if everyone chips in especially at the end of a long tiring day.

After a great day at Diamond Creek I hope everyone is looking forward to our next tournament at Caulfield on 30<sup>th</sup> April. This is an outdoor venue so once again be ready for all types of weather in one day.

### Please note - Parkville Competition

Anyone wishing to photograph or film matches must complete a consent form at the Competition Office. As there are over 100 players/officials who do not consent to photo/video, we must respect their privacy and wishes. Therefore, the Competition Supervisor will advise whether the opposition provides consent. The opposition will also be advised via the Team Official (coach, team manager etc.).

**Please DO NOT photograph or film without completing the steps above.**

All teams at Parkville have had a good start to the season. Current Positions on ladder after 6 games,

#### Open

- Div. 1 - 6 wins 1 draw      First on ladder
- Div. 2 - 6 wins 1 losses    First on ladder
- Div. 3 - 6 wins 1 losses    First on ladder
- Div. 4 - 6 wins 1 losses    First on ladder
- Div. 4 - BANYULE 5    5 wins 2 losses    Fifth on ladder
- Div. 6 - 5 wins 2 losses    Fourth on ladder

#### 15&U

- Div. 1 - 4 wins 2 losses    Third on ladder
- Div. 2 - 5 wins 1 losses    Third on ladder

Reminder there is a game during school holidays on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. If unable to play please give your coach plenty of notice.

**GO BANYULE!!**

**Now from the Coaches**

## 11 & UNDER PINK

The 11 1's were super excited to hit the court for another great tournament! We had 5 games ahead, with some fresh competition. We started the tournament against Parkville, a historically strong association. Being first thing in the morning, we started off a little slow. Our structure down the court was great, but our passes were all over the place. We were down, 2-3 at half time. We started to wake up a bit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, and blitzed it, coming away with a 7-4 win. Our success continued with another two convincing wins against Diamond Creek, and Essendon. Our biggest challenge for the day was Westside. We knew it was going to be tough coming into the game. They were a head taller than all our girls and very athletic. We didn't win that game, but we are happy to have a benchmark team that we will be working to beat throughout the course of the year. Our final game for the day was against Northern Pride, where we had another solid win.

Overall we finished equal 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder. I am super impressed by how dynamic and skilful all eight girls were. I am looking forward to our next tournament!

A big thank you to Sharon Parks for keeping myself and the girls organised for the day!

**Ruby Bainbridge**



## 11 & Under White

An amazing day was had by the 11 2s at the Force tournament on Sunday! A much cooler day (temperature wise), than the previous tournament, set the scene for some energised, competitive netball. The team had 6 games for the day, 3 of them against other association's 1's teams. I knew the players would all give 100%, but was totally blown away by the grit and determination that was on display in each and every game!

Our goalers were on fire from the get-go, and continued to improve as the day progressed. I was particularly impressed with Lily's strong rebounds and Maddy's angled leads to the ball. Both players shot with a great display of accuracy and used their height to their best advantage. Again, this tournament, our goalers shot more goals than any other team in their section.

The mid-courtiers ran their hearts out throughout the day and provided lots of options for our centre pass. Scarlett and Annalise were the intercept superstars each game and facilitated lots of turnovers which were converted into goals. Lola and Augie were instrumental in moving the ball through the middle goal thirds and fed the shooters beautifully. Our transition from defence to attack, was swift and at times, unstoppable. Full credit to our mid-courtiers for their adaptability and flexibility with rotations.

Quinn and Anabelle performed as a tight, slick unit in circle defence. Strong hands over every ball and great body positioning for the rebound, was very pleasing to see. The girls provided persistent pressure on the opposition goalers both within and outside the goal circle and caused many a turnover. Lots of tips and deflections by the defenders, without incurring many penalties, was also a highlight.

The players were so supportive and encouraging of each other throughout the day, it was lovely to see connections and partnerships gelling on and off the court. I really appreciated their respectful listening to feedback and criticism, especially when they all endeavoured to apply it to their game. Their quest to achieve and improve was the motivating factor for this group of players to walk away from the tournament, UNDEFEATED!!! I couldn't be prouder of this talented group, especially in our final game when at half time we were only up by 2, and after I asked everyone to "dig deep" and find some energy, they smashed it and won by 8, not allowing the opposition to score. An incredible 6 wins from 6 games is an awesome result, congratulations Banyule 11 2s.

Thankyou to our lovely parents for scoring and all their cheers of encouragement and support. I would also like to thank our Team Manager, Robyn, for keeping us organised and punctual throughout the day. Last but not least, a big thank you to our players for the respectful, mature and committed approach they displayed throughout the whole tournament, well done. - **Sharon Hunter**



**To the whole squad ...**

Our aim was to work with “team” as our driver to improve court connections. The long tournament day gave the 3 coaches the opportunity to see all the squad teams on court and to celebrate the improvement from last tournament.

The training on Monday straight after was a challenge for our thinkers and decision makers...all while having a bit of fun. We have been pleasantly surprised by the self-reflections that we asked for from the girls. Mature and insightful.

Thanks again to our support crew! Parents, siblings and especially our TM's; Craig, Jing and Anna. A big shout out to Jazz's sister who is caring for the gorgeous Mackenzie so Jazz can look after her team!

Takes a village!



## 13 & Under Pink

I was so impressed with the reflections that my team shared with me that I would like to put a couple into print for you to read!

“We were connected”, “worked well around the circle with one of us leading and one at the post”, “proud of how we look out for each other on and off the court”, “making turn overs and working to grab the intercept with 2 hands”.

I want to first congratulate all the girls for recognising, listening and working so hard on court to make team improvements all day. Perhaps the 2 hour break between games with a team dash to Maccas was inspiration for our most cohesive team game of the day!

With a scoreboard read of 6 games, 5 wins, 1 loss, 65 goals for and 30 goals against... huge positives. 3 games of a goal run of 6 – super defensive effort rewarded by midcourt possession and our shooters rotations and accuracy. There was only 1 game that we would like to forget, but it was a game that will make us work on timing, patience and adjusting to repeat patterns that beat us on court.

Fast footwork and shoulders before arms had Jessie, Alana and Tilly making intercepts with defensive circle and mid court pressure. Mid court Evie and Giselle backing up the defensive turnovers, leading, reoffering and patiently delivering to the attackers. Kartika, Lily and Laila, each demonstrated decisive centre pass leads, quick shoulders, passes and rotations to achieve scoring opportunities.

Our greatest challenge came with the 2 top teams. One in our pool, the other we had to play in the first Semi final. We had opportunities, but were beaten by the stronger team on the day. I am convinced that we will get closer to a scoreboard win each time we play them.... Our Champion team will find a way! - **Jo Davies**



## 13 & Under White

We had a great day yesterday at the Nillumbik Force Tournament, the girls all showed up with confidence and an eagerness to leave all they had on the court. We knew it would be a tricky day being in division 1 but that didn't shy the girls away from showing up on court with determination and persistence. We had some unlucky games as well as some great games that flowed exceptionally well throughout the court and showed partnerships that are developing beautifully. After chasing Keith from The Block down for a team we had a challenging start against Westside although the girls did well to keep fighting. Adele had an amazing game keeping her player covered and her fast footwork in the circle allowed her to get many hands in and confuse the space. Kate had a strong defensive game against PV Comets with lots of intercepts and fantastic defensive pressure helping the team to win 11-4. Chelsea had a ripper game against Northern Pride with her goal being on angled drives towards the ball, she not only achieved this goal but had strong, accurate drives and passes all game including intercepts! Grace also showed her skill down both ends of the court with a determined run in GK keeping her player covered and then in GA showed punchy drives, great circle movement and accurate shooting. Playing Essendon, Ellie and Charlotte both put in 100% efforts down their respective ends of the court with Charlotte using her fast footwork to get into the perfect position for her high shooting percentage. Ellie had a fantastic run in GD, not shying away from any battle for the ball, intercept and drive her shooter was making. She stuck to her player like glue and was rewarded with many intercepts and deflections. Josie started the game against Kingston in GK being an important anchor in our defensive ring for intercepts and rebounds before moving into GA in the second half. She showed strong movements and confidence in her shooting! We saw decisive drives, intercepts and accurate feeds into the ring from Hannah against Altona in the last round. The girls should all be very proud of their performance on court yesterday and it is so exciting to see our team forming and partnerships coming together. I look forward to our next tournament. Well done girls!

Some of our wonderful player reflections of the day include: "I listened to my coach and improved on what was asked", "I had good drives and movement on the court", "I played well attacking down the court", "I made really good intercepts".

Along with our reflections, I also asked the players to make a goal for themselves to achieve this year and I look forward to seeing these be reached! Thank you!! - **Scarlett Elliott**



## **13 & Under BLUE**

The Force tournament saw a few changes to our team.

We welcomed Hannah and Ivy to our team as well as Georgie and Neve who got the opportunity as training partners to come and experience a tournament.

It was a massive day but there was lots of positives for the day & the girls reflected on that and came up with some feedback for themselves and the team.

The girls thought they did well attacking around the circle edge and feeding into the circle and the shooters felt like they looked for the passes and found their shooting buddy more regularly than last tournaments. Our defenders are feeling more confident with our baseline throw in setups and are doing a good job on boxing our opposition shooters out.

I definitely agree with the girls and we are starting to form a strong base together but as always in netball there are things to work on and more strengths to gain.

Force saw us win 2 of 6 games however there easily could have been another 3 that went out way.

A tough day at the office but can't wait to see the girls keep building from here.

A shout out to Anna for helping as a TM this tournament & again to my sister Bec for being very patient and helpful with our cranky little 8-month-old cheerleader Mackenzie. I couldn't be coaching the girls without her help on tournament days.

**-Jazz Adams**

## 15 & Under Pink

It was nice to only travel to Diamond Creek for the Force tournament last Sunday. It was an early start to the day for our girls as they had 9 games to play in the rounds, plus finals. We welcomed Mia into the team for the tournament as Em and Chiara were at the final trial for SSV and were coming back at lunchtime to join the team for the afternoon games.

Our focus for the day was implementing what has been worked on at training - creating angles in passages of play, executing high release passes and accurate passes.

Our first game was against Parkville with the team winning a nail biter by 1 goal after coming from 5 goals down. The girls had another 5 games up until the lunch time break, winning four of them and losing one to Altona. The girls only had 7 players at this stage as Mia injured her ankle and was unable to play for the remainder of the day.

The team welcomed Em and Chiara back for the 3 remaining games of the rounds and enjoyed good wins against Wangaratta and Force, leaving their last game against Westside to decide on the placings for the final four on the ladder. We lost the last game and that placed us fourth on the ladder due to percentage, which meant we would come up against Westside again in the semi final.

The girls did a great job in the semi and got off to a flying start, but allowed Westside back into the game by inaccurate passes. The second half was a goal for goal encounter with the girls holding strong with their defensive pressure and some great passages of play until a turnover on our behalf cost us a goal in the dying seconds for us to lose by just the 1 goal! I am very proud of your efforts in this game girls.

We are getting closer and closer to Westside each time we play them and when we iron out the little things that cause turning over our opportunities, we will be a much better team for it.

Let us keep up the good work at training, work hard and improve on the areas required. Well done girls! - **Sharon Ashworth**





## 15 & Under White

The 15's had a very long day on Sunday, with a 7:30am start and a 4:15 pm finish. The girls had 8 games throughout the day excluding finals.

We had a great first game to start the morning, however it was followed by our strongest competition for the day. We knew the Parkville team would be a challenge, but unfortunately with a rough and slow paced first half we were down by 5 at half time. This didn't stop the girls fighting though, they were able to maintain possession and break one of the centre passes although dropping that game by 4 goals.

Altona was our next challenge for the day, but we learnt from our mistakes against Parkville and the girls played flawless netball managing to take the win by 1 goal. Amazing netball to watch.

For the rest of the day, the girls managed to win each game rather convincingly with some amazing accuracy from all our goalers and great teamwork picking off loose balls created by our defenders. But then came finals and we faced Altona again, knowing this would be a competitive game it all came down to fatigue after a long day of netball.

Unfortunately, once again, we just missed out on the grand final as the rough Altona team just slipped past us. But winning 7 out of 9 games is something to be proud of and it was so lovely to see the netball skills improving as the day went on.

We wouldn't have been as successful without our training partner filling in for us Emily who played outstanding netball all day long and filled the spot beautifully, as Mia was needed for the Open team for the day!

Bad luck girls but we will make the granny!

- Lilli Florance



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