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What a great day at home against Ganmain

Strong Netball results across the court winning 4 of 5 grades

3 wins with the football was also great to pay Ganmain back after the first round

I said a few weeks ago we were in for a hard slog with Tigers, GGGM and Coolamon all in a row.

There is certainly some belief now growing and momentum building and a win this Sunday at Coolamon will certainly be a way of sending notice to all other clubs that we are here and ready to play finals footy.

Some of the Facebook photos during the week had Nick Collins, Matt Collins and Nelson Foley all joking around walking off the ground after the win against GGGM and it made me reflect on not only how good it is to win but also how dedicated these blokes are to our little country footy club. They travel for hours each week, Nick and Nelson obviously from Canberra and Matty obviously from Sydney. To also see Dom Bunyan and Nick Collins doing their early shift in the canteen shows their strong commitment to our club and a willingness to get out of bed in Canberra and turn up and do their bit for the club before their game.

Talking about volunteers, special mentions this week must go out to

- Paddy Edmunds who not only umpired 17's but then fronted up and did boundary for first grade
- Nick McRae, Claudia and Sharni for the cocktails Saturday night and Tracy & Sid running the ipod shuffle.

What a great night and one I am sure will become an annual event

- The Sunday clean up crew (you know who you are)

300 Club Tickets are now circulating so make sure you collect yours from Trent Cohalan

UNDER 17.5'S



Rick Collins

This week's game against Ganmain followed a similar trend to last week against Wagga Tigers, in that it was definitely a tale of two halves. Our first half was sluggish with Ganmain appearing hungrier for the ball and the contest. Luckily, we got back on track in the second half and produced 2 strong quarters of Mango footy leading to a 12.12.84 to 7.8.50 victory.

Our Award winners this week were Jack Woodhouse (Players Player), James Godde (MCUE Towel), Harvey Brown (Intersport Voucher) and Xav McDevitt (Wagga Meat Supply). Other good players who were unlucky to miss out on awards were Isaac Molloy, Flynn Collins and Cody Jarick.

Big shout out to the players who helped out Ganmain – Charlie Hounsell, Sam Moller, Max Neiberding and Jack Woodhouse. The Ganmain coach was very appreciative of the gesture and thanked us for giving them 'really good players.'

This week's game against Coolamon on their home ground is a big match for us as we are locked in a battle with Coolamon for 3rd spot on the ladder so a win is vital. I look forward to all the boys bringing 100% effort and producing 4 quarters of Mango footy which will provide us with a win

Good luck to all the football and netball sides this week!!

Up the Mighty Goannas!!

Rick

A GRADE



Mikaela Cole

What a great round game with netball winning 3/5 games and first grade making a return on the winning podium. For A grade griffith is one of our biggest contenders this year in the race for the premiership flag. We went into this game knowing we needed to play our best brand of netball to get a jump on them early in the game. This was probably the most impressive game of netball we have produced as a team this year and the brand of netball we want to continue to produce the back end of the season in the lead up to finals. Our full four quarter effort resulted in a 68-37 goal win, our biggest win against them in years. Our Jesse Cunningham tiling mug went to Rachel Mullane. This has been Rach's most impressive game to date this season. Her efforts defensively really shut down Griffith's delivery into the circle. She continued to hustle and work hard in WD and also fed some long bombs into the circle from the centre third. Our player's player voting system (inter sport voucher) resulted in Ava Moller receiving the standout amount of votes. Ava had the difficult task of playing against an ex super netball defender. Ava was nervous about this task but handled it with wisdom and skills well beyond her age. She absolutely dominated that position. After that win tigers are in 2nd place on the ladder so this weekend will be a top of the table clash for us. During the first round of games tigers has been our closest game so far so we know coming into this game will be a challenge for us. We hope to produce netball of the same standard as last week to help us secure this win. This game will be a good gauge of how we are sitting coming up to finals. This round in MND round and once again MCUE, as well as other clubs will be sporting socks to show our support of the cause. Goodluck to all other teams, let's secure some more wins and continue to keep tracking up the ladders! Up the plah

A RESERVE



Tamara Edmunds

It was a great day at Mango last week with awesome wins against GGGM in most football and netball grades. Our A reserve girls showed consistent netball to play through each quarter to win the game. 3 goals down at quarter time and 1 goal up at half time, our A reserve girls then put on a netball clinic in the second half winning 50-31. Kate Wallace put on a show in the backline, intercepting many balls throughout the game. She was backed up by Tracy and Cyprus who made it difficult for the Ganmain shooters. Ruby, Sophie and Caitlin were swift and agile in the centre court. Our secret weapon is our centre court players, who link the ball beautifully from defence into attack. Ruby is using her speed and agility to move the ball down the court to Sophie and Caitlin - who are unstoppable at this stage. Eliza and Alicia were up against tough Ganmain defenders this week. Both these shooters have been working on their accuracy and shooting skills at training. It is definitely paying off dividends in the game, shooting under enormous pressure and contact. Today, we join the junior club at Coolamon. This will be a fantastic day to show our support for future Mango players. Get around our junior players and good luck to all football and netball teams this weekend.

B GRADE



Tracy, Lisa, and Simone

Coming into the back end of the season with only 5 games left to play, the girls are very excited about the prospect of playing finals and are committed to working hard.

As we come up against our opposition teams again in the second half of the draw, we have set ourselves a goal to increase on any winning margin that occurred in the first half of the draw.

To do this we need to implement what we have been working on at training and play a strong brand of netball and do this for a full 4 quarters. So with those goals in mind the girls really focused on starting the first quarter strongly when we came up against Ganmain last weekend. Besides a couple of small minor lapses of play, the girls played some really good quality netball for most of the game. They continually built on their lead every quarter and eventually won the game by 30 goals. This was very impressive, as they had previously only won in their last encounter by 8 goals. We can see such improvements in their game since the start of the season and are really excited to see where this will take them. Our Fitzpatricks Real Estate Mug was awarded to Lakin Hanigan, who played a very smart and patient role in Centre and worked tirelessly to feed the ball well into the shooters. Lakin also provides such positive and encouraging talk out on the court, which is great to see. The MCUE towel went to Sharni, who was having a great defensive game in WD before moving to the goal circle as GK, where she read the play well and got a lot of touches and intercepts. Well done Sharni! This weekend we have a Sunday game against Coolamon and we look forward to smashing some more of our team goals! Good luck to all our footy and netball teams today!

C GRADE



Sarah Meyers

C grade had a great game last week coming away with the win 30-22, the girls had a physical game and had to stay mentally focused throughout the whole game. The girls did a great job staying strong and did not give up the whole game. Aaliyah Kennedy from 17yrs stayed back to help C grade, which was much appreciated. She had a fantastic game playing GA for three quarters. Ivy Winter also had a great game coming around her players and intercepting heaps of balls. This week the girls had a great training session with Trace Cole working on coming down the court and spacial awareness. The girls have been working very hard and have been coming together very well with all the latest changes to the team, this week hopefully the girls can bring together all the tactics worked on at training and implement them out on the court throughout their games. Awards: Ambler construction Mug: Ivy Winter MCUE Towel: Aaliyah Kennedy (17yrs player) Players: Jemma, Sara, Samara, Georgie.P, Hannah, Emily, Ella, Ivy, Georgie.Y, Tina, Katie Managers: Tahliah and Belinda

UNDER 17'S



Leanne Frow

The 17's were up against it last week, playing top of the table Ganmain, with 6 of our regular team unavailable. Ellie, Liv, Amity and Aaliyah gave their all for us. We were lucky enough to have 4 players step in for us from our juniors: Zahra Hunt, Inez McPherson, Millie Powell, along with Jorja Small, and Issy Edmunds from B grade. And what a superb job they did! Our centre court worked hard and fed our shooters well throughout the game. All shooters were on target, and our defence worked overtime again to have the team only down by 2 at quarter time. Ganmain lifted their intensity in the 2nd quarter, and their height was proving the difference, and they got out to a 5 goal lead at half time. Mango lifted again in the last half, and played some brilliant netball, and we held them to a draw in the second half, to go down by 5 in the end. It was very hard to pick our best, as they were all on fire, but the awards went to Zahra Hunt and Issy Edmunds. Super proud of the effort the girls put in, and the future is looking good for Mango netball! We welcome back most of our team this week and look forward to a top effort against Coolamon.