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The 2022 First Nations All Stars Team is set to play the GIANTS Academy as a curtain raiser in the Suncorp Super Netball First Nations Round on Sunday 29th May.

This is the second year that Netball NSW has named an All-Star team which is made up of the best Indigenous Talent in the state pathway from both metro and regional areas.

The All Stars and GIANTS Academy will hit the court ahead of the GIANTS' Round 12 Super Netball clash with the Adelaide Thunderbirds at Ken Rosewall Arena.



KAYLAH UPFIELD

2022 FIRST NATIONS ALL STARS

FIRST GRADE



Jeremy Rowe

To The MCUE Faithful,

Back to Mango we went and with a win under the belt and some renewed confidence we were keen to build some momentum into our season. Narrandera were coming off a good win and with a quality ruckman, 2 strong targets forward and couple of elite ball users, they were always going to be a plucky opponent who needed to be respected.

Both teams had their moments in the first half and the game was a back-and-forth arm wrestle with glimpses of decent footy but nothing to write home about. We were structurally very poor, and we disengaged off the footy and this made the game harder for us than it needed to be. In saying that, we also showcased some terrific ball movement and went coast to coast on a few occasions which was great to watch.

Despite our halftime focus to take the game away from them in the 3rd quarter, Narrandera mounted a strong challenge and at the final break there was only 14 points in it and it was truly 'game on'. Thankfully, our Mango Men rose to the challenge, played some tough and gritty footy and answered all of the questions the game had to throw at us. The game wasn't pretty, and I still believe that we have gears to get through and levels to find but for the second week in a row, we did what was necessary and banked another valuable win which keeps us relevant in terms of the ladder and one step closer to finding the type of footy we have been searching for.

Tom Keogh provided terrific rebound and penetration from CHB whilst Chuck Chambers perhaps played his best game of senior footy, racking up 26 possessions that were executed to high standards. Jono Male spread hard from the contest and was rewarded with 26 disposals and 2 important goals and Ethan Schiller worked through a slow start to have a huge last 3 quarters for 27 efficient disposals and an important goal. 3rd best was our running machine Harry Collins who gained possessions in all parts of the ground. H's 23 possessions were impressive but his run and carry and metres gained was the true highlight. 2nd best was Nick Collins who has hardly played a quiet game for MCUE in his 4 years. Collo marked well, competed at the stoppage, broke the lines and showcased elite execution within his 24-possession game. BOG is left to none other than the Big Dog! Our goal kicking machine, Trent Castles. Trenta eased himself back from injury with an 11-goal haul and was absolutely unstoppable in one-on-one contests over the course of the game.

Congratulations must go to Lewis Pulver for making his first-grade debut. It was a highlight to see the lads get around Lewis after he kicked his first goal. Lewis is our 5th club junior to debut this season which backs up 4 last season. It seems our future is bright, and our current development of our youth is a strong point of our club. Alex McCormack also celebrated a milestone, playing his 200th club game. A Mac has been a terrific servant of our club on many levels, and we hope there are many more games left up his sleeve.

This weekend, we travel to Collingullie where we go knowing the challenge that presents itself. One of the form teams of the comp will welcome us as a team who is determined to put ourselves back amongst the top rung of the ladder and I cant wait to see how our boys operate this Saturday.

See you at the footy, Regards

Jeremy



RESERVES



Mitch Sykes

This week in the 2nds we came up against Narrandera. Although the scoreboard was one sided and could of been more one side if we had kicked straight not everything went our way with Narrandera being a very physical and competitive side especially at the stoppages and centre bounces. Once we got the ball on the outside and we're able to use our speed and running game we were able to take advantage and runaway and post a very good win.

For The awards this week the Peter mohr construction mug went to Wes Clark who made it back to back mug and playing some really quality football. The wagga meat supply award went to Ryan Wales who got plants of footy across half back and was very efficient with ball in hand. The inter sport award went to Bayley Moller who keep getting better every week and shows great running power and the towel went to our skipper in Harry Dew who led from the front. Overall a fantastic win and looking forward to the tough challenge of heading to collingullie this week for a top of the table clash.



UNDER 17.5'S



Rick Collins

In perfect football conditions we welcomed the Narrandera Eagles to Possum Park for our Round 6 game. It was clear from the start of the match that our boys had turned up to play football, showing the same crisp ball movement and run that had been evident in our last game against Leeton. The first quarter ended with us leading 5.5 to 1 goal which was built on centre dominance and the willingness of our back six to work for each other and transition the ball into our forward line. This would remain a strong part of our entire game as Narrandera only managed the one goal for the entire game. Our second quarter effort mirrored our first quarter with the return being 6.6 to no score for Narrandera. The third quarter was more of the same with another 5.5 added to our score, with our final quarter producing a massive 15 shots at goal, unfortunately only 4 of these shots were majors. I was impressed by the fact that a number of players were moved around and played in unfamiliar positions but we were still able to stop Narrandera from scoring whilst continuing to score heavily ourselves. The only area for improvement from the game was our entry into the forward line in the last quarter. Narrandera had dropped an extra 2 players into their backline which led to a number of our behinds for the quarter being rushed through by their defence. As you would expect from such a comprehensive victory there were no bad players for us with each one of the team outplaying their opponent and playing their part in the victory.

Awards for this week went to Flynn Collins (Players Player) for his 8 goals. Flynn was able to perform at a high level even while clearly not feeling 100% after struggling with a cold all week. A particular highlight was his roving goal from a Cody Reynoldson tap out from a stoppage as was his handpass to set up Mark Walker for his first goal in the Under 17.5's. It was great to see all the boys get around Mark after his goal. Beau Edmunds (Towel) got our second award for another strong game across the halfback line and through the midfield. Beau's ability to find space amongst traffic really stands out each week and allows him to set up a lot of our attacking forays. Harrison Wheeler (Intersport) continued his strong form from last week dominating his wing and drifting forward to kick 4 goals. Harrison has become a strong linkage player across the midsection of the ground and his ball use has been first class over the past several games. Isaac Molloy (Wagga Meat Supply) took home our final award. Mez has been one of our most consistent performers all season so far and provides strong leadership and strength through the middle of the ground. His ability to win the hardball really stands out this season and has been a strong factor in our mid-field dominance in games. Other strong performers who were unlucky to miss out awards this week were Cody Reynoldson, Xavier McDevitt, Sam Moller, Harry Smith and Mark Walker.

This week sees us venture out to Collingullie before we have a fortnight off. Let's see if we can continue our current strong vein of form and celebrate another victory at our Ball..... Good luck to all the football and netball sides this week 😊😊 Up the Mighty Goannas!!

A GRADE



Mikaela Cole

What a successful round against Narrandera coming away with a clean sweep of 8/8 wins! This does not happen often so is definitely something that should be celebrated! There were a lot of impressive score lines with the wins as well, which is a credit to the talent we have at our club.

A grade came out firing, scoring 27 goals the first quarter, which is a record for us. Our defensive pressure across the full court resulted in numerous turnovers from held balls, touches, rebounds and intercepts. Our score line finished 102-22, which is massive. The score book only goes to 80 and the score board only goes to 99 so we managed to go both past of those. I have never seen a team reach this score before and this is a massive credit to our team and their consistent four quarters. We did not take our foot off the accelerator once in order to improve our percentage.

The Jesse Cunningham Tiling mug went to one of our on court captains, Shannan Russell. She's been a power house this year and stepped it up in terms of leadership providing that voice and guidance the back end of the court. She set herself a goal for her player to not get any easy balls and shan nailed that goal, she had a crack for every single ball, used her body to block her defender and got up for a lot of rebounds. Our players player initiative saw Phoebe being a standout winner for the Intersport voucher. Phoebe was hungry for the ball all game, chasing down numerous loose balls. Defensively she was body on her player slowing down the speed of Narrandera coming into their attacking end. Both well deserved award recipients. This week we face off against Gullie, who have been massive competition for us for a few years. They bring a physical and vocal game and have a lot of young talent on their team. This is looking to be a very competitive game and we are preparing mentally for it.

This weekend is also our country ball and with record number of tickets being sold it is looking like it's going to be an awesome night. Massive Thankyou to the social committee and all those involved in organising events, such as this one. Without them these events wouldn't be possible, so if you see any of them this weekend please make sure to thank them for their hard work. Goodluck to all other teams, let's hope for another clean sweep! Mikaela



A RESERVE



Tamara Edmunds

Our A reserve girls are on a roll, cementing their dominance and assertion into the competition. The girls came away with a healthy win against Narrandera, 76-23. Narrandera were unlucky on the day having so many players out with illness. Credit to our girls for continuing to strive for their very best, in every quarter. Eliza and Alicia were on fire with their shooting movement and accuracy. Alicia was as classy as ever, moving into the circle with ease. Eliza was even more impressive than ever, having a run at GA and making it look easy! Caitlin and Lakin head our centre court positions strongly. Caitlin out classed her opposition providing strong drives and defensive pressure all the way down the court. Lakin provided another solid dimension to the team, moving swiftly around the court and with strong leads in attack. Ruby, Tracy and Kate were unstoppable in defence. Keeping the opposition to 23 goals for the entire game demonstrates the experience, turnovers, intercepts and ability of our defensive line-up. Tracy and Kate were consistent in defence however special mention goes to Ruby for her resilience and never say die attitude. 'Stay on the court' Ruby, listens to all coach instructions! Her closing speed and agility in defence is certainly untapped! Watch this space..

Today, we play Gullie and help celebrate the Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous round. Today, we pay respect to all Indigenous players both past, present and emerging. Thank you for hosting us today. Good luck to all teams today and have a fantastic night at the ball!!



B GRADE



Tracy, Lisa, and Simone

Off the back of a tough 1 point loss to Leeton the week before the team worked hard at training. With a full team and an expected easy game ahead of us the team had a great opportunity to work on different areas of their game

The team were a little quiet to begin with though the team continued to improve through each qtr and so did their lead. Narranderra shooters were very accurate so this gave the team the opportunity to work on getting turnovers mid court.

Another amazing effort from our defenders with Eliza, Georgia and Hannah working really well together.

Our shooters, Sarah A, Sarah M & Issy were on fire this week.

Our mid court worked well together bringing the ball out of defence and feeding into our shooters.

Mug this week went to Issy, dont think she missed a goal! Intersport voucher went to Eliza for her awesome work in defence



C GRADE



Sarah Meyers

What a fantastic week last week with all netball teams having a fantastic end results with wins all round. C grade play fantastically out on the court both in attack and defence. The girls managed to stay ahead the whole game coming away with the win 45-12. During this game some of our players took on positions they had never played before and adapted well to the position, helping c grade for future games to come ahead. Last week Jemma (mug winner) and Samara (voucher) who both worked perfectly together in the circle bouncing off each other to help stay ahead of the game. Well done girls keep up the good work!

This week sadly I will not be able to make it to the game and the MCUE ball, but I hope everyone has a ripper of a time. Where i will leave Tahliah (manger) with the help of Jemma (captain) to help lead the girls out on the court as well as at training for the next 2 weeks, I wish both football and netball all the best with the up coming game.

Awards: Ambler construction Mug: Jemma Yates Intersport voucher: Samara David

Players: Jemma, Sara, Samara, Georgie.P, Hannah, Emily, Ella, Ivy, Georgie.Y Managers: Tahliah and Belinda

UNDER 17'S



Leanne Frow

I would like to start off by saying well done to all grades on the weekend. And a big well done to 17's who had a great game coming away with the win 39-23. The girls worked really well together and talked during each quarter trying to find ways to improve their game. The girls completed some beautiful passes down from the defensive end all the way to the attacking end. This week Ella Hale won the Intersport Voucher. Ella played so well from the start, intercepting and tipping the ball at every opportunity. Mia Willis moved very well in the circle and didn't miss a goal, and was given our other award. The girls are very keen to step up their game again as they take on Gullie. The girls have been working very hard at training and are ready for the challenge, so make sure you get there early to see the 17's in action!