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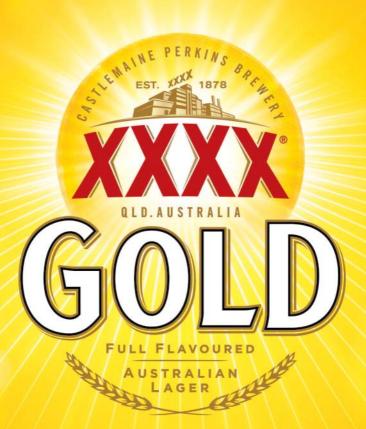
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#### By Kirstie Fitzgerald



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For some football clubs, winning premierships is as simple as shelling peas. At the other end of the scale, however, are the clubs whom winning a premiership often seems like an

Today, six teams will run out for the last time in 2015, all hoping to leave their mark in league history.

The grass has been cut, the lines painted and the scene has been set for what is sure to be another great occasion for the last day on the WRFL calendar

Well done to all teams who have made it to the Grand Final this year, across both our junior and senior competitions. Congratulations to the premiership winning teams, particularly Division Two's Wyndhamvale, Division Three's Albanvale and our newest team, the Wyndham Suns Football Club's reserves side, who last week tasted senior premiership glory for the first time in their club's history.

Yet regardless of the results this afternoon, the day could not be possible without the support from our corporate sponsors. Coming on board as the league's Premier partner last year, 7NEWS has once again showed their support for football in the west, with the introduction of the 7NEWS Round earlier this year as well as bringing some of the league's great

stories to life throughout the season on 7NEWS.

The Werribee Football Club, sponsors of our Under 18 and Under 16 competitions, are once again hosts of the WRFL Senior Finals Series, and have presented the Avalon Airport Oval facilities in great condition. The Western Bulldogs Football Club has been a major sponsor of the WRFL junior competition throughout season 2015, highlighted by the popular weekly Junior Heartland Award promoting good sportsmanship amongst the next generation of stars. A sincere thanks to all of our valued sponsoring partners, without their support it would not be possible to run a successful league.

Being the final record of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated contributors who make the WRFL Footy Record possible each week. From our feature writers, match reporters, photographers, video gurus and radio team- it is the hard work from you all which brings the love of the game to life.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank the WRFL Board, and in particularly the league's devoted staff for all the support you have given me not only this season, but during the last three years I have been the Media Manager at the WRFL. To all the WRFL club presidents, administrators, players and volunteers, thank you for what has been a great year of football in the west- your passion for our game is what makes grassroots football so enjoyable, and I wish you all the best for 2016.

Winning and losing on the WRFL's biggest days leaves priceless, unforgettable memories. Here's hoping your team is on the end of a winning margin when the final siren sounds on season 2015.

Until then, play hard, kick straight and best of luck to you and your team on the last day in September.

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Front Cover: Deer Park captain Chris Stewart and Werribee Districts star Lachlan Patterson go to war this Saturday as they battle it out for 2015 Division 1 Senior Premiership glory. Photos: Cody Bench and Darrell Jones

















### NEWPORT HOSTS AFL VICTORIA GIRLS CUP

By Alex Karavas

With the rise in female football participation numbers evident across the country, the Newport Power Football Club has thrown its support behind female football, hosting the 2015 AFL Victoria Girls Cup last month.

Developed to give girls of all experience levels the opportunity to play in a competitive environment, over 130 girls from six schools strapped on the boots in a fun focussed day of footy.

Despite the rain and cold weather, nine teams from Altona Primary School, Altona North Primary School, Altona Green Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School – Newport, Williamstown Primary School and St Marys Primary School – Altona headed to Bryan Martyn Oval to join in the festivities.

Hosted by AFL Victoria, with support from Newport Power FC, Western Bulldogs Football Club, Sunshine SEDA Group, Williamstown FC and Abel Sports, the day involved a 30-45 minute skills sessions at the beginning of the day, followed by a Round Robin competition.

The initiative saw girls in Grades 5 and 6 take part in the competition, with Grade 4 students encouraged to participate if teams were struggling for numbers.

After a successful day of fierce competition, it was Williamstown Primary School who were crowned the winners, after going undefeated for the day.

This year was just the cornerstone for the event, so judging by the success with the numbers that were involved, it looks as though this has taken a positive step forward for female football in the west.

In the WRFL alone, there has been a large increase in the participation of girls, with Caroline Springs/Manor Lakes Youth girls team signing up this season, as well as the recent Newport Power Youth Girls side who came was introduced halfway through the year.

Well done to all who took part in the event and made it such a success. Hopefully there will be more events across the state such as this, which has the potential to give the code a boost in the near future.

If you know of anyone who would like to get involved in female football in 2016, please call the WRFL office on 9315-5400.

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## TRIBUNAL REPORT

Week 21

September 5 - 6

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Result
Chris Jones	Wyndhamavle	Div 2 Seniors	Rough Conduct	One (1) Premiership match*
Mustafa Mesto	West Footscray	Div 2 Seniors	Striking	Two (2) Premiership matches*
Stefan Callea	Werribee Districts	Div 1 Seniors	Striking	Withdrawn

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# DIVISION TWO SENIOR GRAND FINAL REVIEW

Can a fairytale be clinical? There are no few adjectives and superlatives that can be used to describe Wyndhamvale's season – adventurous, audacious and dominant all fit the bill, but none as comfortably as 'clinical'.

Through the off-season the club retained its list, content with the quality already accrued, while other sides chased big name signings. During the regular season, the Falcons dismantled sides with a game built on defensive integrity while other teams tallied up big scores and ticking scoreboards. The finals were the performance of a seasoned favourite, doing more than enough to dispatch any challenge.

Such professionalism was reflected in the Falcon's final win over West Footscray. Three early goals against a strident breeze set the tone for Wyndhamvale and established a lead that would never be overtaken.

The first quarter harkened back to the club's clash two weeks prior – West Footscray were able to win their fair share of contested ball but a lack of skill with ball in hand and the defensive structures of the Falcons meant they received little reward. Wyndhamvale were able to counter attack with precision and only the inaccuracy of Paul O'Shea kept the Roosters as close as the 16-point quarter time margin.

Although the Roosters were lucky to be as close

as they were, their intensity lifted noticeably after quarter time. With their normal avenues to goal – Munir El Houli and Damien Yze well held, the underdogs manufactured the opportunistic goal kickers they had missed in the semi final. Adam Magnabasco scrapped his way to multiple goals while Denis Bicer – forced forward with a leg injury, kept the Roosters in the game with two majors.

West Footscray's willingness to fight and pressure had cut the Falcon's lead that had sat at 26-points halfway through the quarter, to just 13 at the final change. With the game on a razor's edge and emotions bubbling, Wyndhamvale's professionalism rose to the surface.

The Falcons smothered West Footscray around the ball early and gave Paul O'Shea the chance to compete one out – the spearhead finally finding his range and converting opportunities. With the wind sucked from the Rooster's sails Wyndhamvale piled on six-goals to begin the party early. Unheralded midfield bulldozer Noa Fonua was a worthy Rex Swann medal winner while Tyler Tessari was a rock across half back.

The perennial finalists have their first piece of senior silverware – a fairytale completed in the most clinical fashion

By Justin Lemmon Follow me on Twitter @JustinLemmon1



L-R: Wyndhamvale captain Chris Graham, coach Troy Beamond and former coach Luke Dennerley hold up the club's first Senior premiership. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.

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# DIVISION TWO RESERVES GRAND FINAL REVIEW

As the Division Two season came to an end last Sunday, fans of the Division Two Reserve competition were treated to an impressive Grand Final between West Footscray and Yarraville Seddon.

Only dropping one match the entire season, West Footscray lived up to their reputation of being a competitive side and was able to display some of their best football of the season.

Booting the first goal of the day, the Roosters got off to a confident start, harassing the ball at every contest while holding the Eagles to just one behind.

Despite leading by 13-points at the first break, the Roosters applied even more scoreboard pressure, piling on 3.5 to the Eagles' five behinds.

Still goalless going into the main break, Yarraville Seddon had an impressive second half, finding the big sticks in the third term and linking up better across the ground.

Yet despite a last quarter surge from the Eagles, the damage had already been done. West Footscray were simply too good and more consistent on the day. The final margin 10.14 (74) to 4.8 (32).

Rhys Kirk was a valued player for West Footscray kicking four goals, while teammates Karl Lewicki, Corey Thomas and Kane Liossis combined for six.

West Footscray's Ben Douglas was awarded the best on ground medallion for his efforts on the day, while Matthew Nolton, Mohmed Abdou, Rhys Kirk, Patrick Trowsdale and Lee Allen all showed why West Footscray deserved the win. In a disappointing day for the Eagles, Michael Volpi was a solid contributor, kicking three of this team's four majors, while Dean McDonald, Jason Camillo, Paul Azar, Jacob Connors, Aaron Disney and Andrew Willis were all stand out players.

By Sophie Hammill Follow me on Twitter @hammillsophie



West Footscray were simply too good for their Eagle opponents, storming home to a 42-point victory. Photo: Darrell Jones.

# **DIVISION TWO U18**GRAND FINAL REVIEW



They had been the two-standout teams all season, having lost just three-games combined all year.

Newport and Werribee Districts were both fitting Grand Finalists and it was going to be a huge match in a repeat of the 2014 Grand Final.

Last year the Tigers had prevailed to claim premiership glory; however it was the Power who entered the clash with the mental edge.

Despite finishing second on the ladder after trailing Werribee Districts for much of the year, Newport had claimed a vital semi-final win over Werribee Districts by 31-points. Throwing in the fact that their two-meetings were split in the home and away season, the game had all the makings of being a classic.

Having started slowly in their semi-final meeting, Newport weren't making the same mistake this time around, dominating the opening Grand Final quarter, even if they weren't fully rewarded for their efforts.

The Power kicked inaccurately but held the Tigers to just the one-goal to open a 17-point quarter time lead.

Having been completely outplayed in the first quarter, Werribee Districts bounced back quickly and wrestled back the momentum in the second term as they put in a dominant five-goal quarter, while also holding Newport to just two-behinds.

The domination saw the Tigers enter the main break with a 13-point lead, however the Power were close enough to setup a tense second half.

The premiership quarter was dominated by more inaccurate kicking from Newport, booting 3.6 to 2.1, which saw the Tigers enter the final term with a slender two-point advantage.

It was always going to be a tense finish and the Grand Final lived up to expectations with a frantic final term. After three-quarters of inaccurate kicking, Newport held their nerve to boot 3.0 in the final term, while Werribee Districts could only manage 2.3 and on the final siren, the Power led by one-point and were crowned 2015 premiers. The final margin 9.13 (67) to 10.6 (66).

Chris Sotiropoulos was the key goalkicker for the winners with four majors, Mitchell Taleb added two and Lachlan Carpio was best on ground in a stellar display.

For Werribee Districts, even Timothy Mallia's five-goals weren't enough and despite the efforts of Scott Woods and Josh Snow, the Tigers fell agonisingly short of back-to-back premierships.

By Declan Boffa
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After making it to its third consecutive Grand Final appearance, Newport Power weren't going to let this year's premiership slip away, fighting back to win by one-point. Photo: Darrell Jones.



# **DIVISION TWO DETAILED RESULTS**

#### 2015 DIVISION 2 SENIORS

#### (GRAND FINAL)

**WYNDHAMVALE** 17.12 (114) **WEST FOOTSCRAY** 10.5 (65) GOALS, WYNDHAMVALE: P. O'Shea 5, T. Lawrie 2, T. Nyawela 2, N. Bisset 2, A. Molivas 2, N. Fonua 1, K. Morrison 1, D. Bunworth 1, C. Benson 1 WEST FOOTSCRAY: D. Bicer 2. D. Yze 2. S. McAnulty 2, A. Magnabosco 2, M. Kennedy 1, T. Lyon 1

BEST, WYNDHAMVALE: T. Tessari, D. Ellis, J. Damjanovski, N. Bisset, L. Dennerley, P. O'Shea WEST FOOTSCRAY: S. Lobb, M. Kennedy, A. Kirk,

N. Burmeister, Z. Kadour, T. Lyon



Wyndhamvale celebrate its first senior premiership. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald

#### **2015 DIVISION 2 RESERVES**

#### (GRAND FINAL)

**WEST FOOTSCRAY** 10.14 (74) YARRAVILLE SEDDON EAGLES 4.8 (32) GOALS. WEST FOOTSCRAY: R. Kirk 4. K. Lewicki 3. C. Thomas 2. K. Liossis 1 YARRAVILLE SEDDON EAGLES: M. Volpi 3, A. Willis 1 BEST, WEST FOOTSCRAY: M. Nolton, M. Abdou, K. Liossis, R. Kirk, P. Trowsdale, L. Allen YARRAVILLE SEDDON EAGLES: A. Willis, P. Azar, J. Connors, A. Disney, J. Camillo, D. McDonald



Division Two Reserve Premiers- West Footscray. Photo: Darrell Jones.

## 2015 WERRIBEE TIGERS DIVISION 2 UNDER 18

#### (GRAND FINAL)

**NEWPORT POWER** 9.13 (67) WERRIBEE DISTRICTS 10.6 (66) GOALS, NEWPORT POWER: C. Sotiropoulos 4. M. Taleb 2, A. Zahraman 1, C. El-Dannani 1, B. Zahraman 1

WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: T. Mallia 5. Y. Afif 2. B. Siwek 2, M. Atem 1

BEST, NEWPORT POWER: A. Zahraman, L. Carpio, M. Taleb, C. Sotiropoulos, C. El-Dannani, R. Dannaoui

WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: S. Woods, J. Snow, B. Siwek, T. Mallia, R. Larsen, M. Golowka



Newport enjoy its premiership after a 1-point win. Photo: Darrell Jones.





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PROGRESSIVE	182	159



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LAST WEEK	3	1
PROGRESSIVE	181	153



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# **DIVISION THREE SENIORS**GRAND FINAL REVIEW



The Albanvale Cobras are the 2015 Division Three Senior Premiers for the first time in its proud 37-year history after an emphatic 35-point victory over a credible Parkside.

The Cobras avenged both their four point defeat to Parkside a fortnight ago and their excruciating two point defeat to Braybrook in last season's premiership decider, those nightmares replaced with memories of jubilation and celebration for this year's minor premier.

Parkside have proven to be sensational front runners with their ability to comfortably dictate play and momentum. However, this time they were forced to take risks after the Cobras denied the Magpies the ball and their passing game.

Through John Sirianni and Jarryd Formosa, Albanvale raced out of the blocks to establish an early three goal lead before Magpie Benjamin Ashman pegged one back late in the term. The Cobras were vicious, bolting inside 50 on 19 occasions and launching 17 tackles to the Magpies' nine. Parkside would win the clearances before eventually settling into their style of game.

The second term was a classic reply from the 15-time senior premiers. The Cobras took ascendancy at the stoppages but Parkside increased their intensity in all other areas. Their marking game was vintage and forward Brent Kelly threatened to take the game away from Albanvale. Kelly kicked two goals and Stephen Campbell slotted one also.

When Clint Hunter kicked truly from a stoppage infringement, Parkside took a five point lead.

The third term isn't described as the premiership quarter for nothing. Albanvale's spread and attack was phenomenal. David Azzopardi rescued the lead early as the Cobras would pound on six goals to two. John Sirianni kicked goal number 100 for the season, Dallas Fedfern nailed a goal and small forward Jamie Dicicco capped off his sensational finals series with one of the goals of the season. The Cobras led by 23-points.

The last quarter would also belong to the boys from Robert Bruce Reserve. Nathan Cuthbertson kicked a second and Matthew Harper booted his third and the contest was decided. Parkside continued to fight on; John Eastoe never giving up and Benjamin Ashman dominating possession. When the siren blew on a 35-point win, the celebrations began and continued well into the night.

Cobras ruckman Julian Story was awarded the Henry Turner medal for best afield for his domination of the tap battle. Sam Bonnici was incredible as were Shaun Blake and Mathew Plummer. Division Three Coach of the Year, John Thrush, was the centrepiece to his team's success and his squad will forever be the golden boys of Albanyale Football Club

By Andrew Mead

Follow me on Twitter @AndvJMead



It's been a long time coming, but Albanvale finally secured its first senior premiership after defeating Parkside by 35-points. Photo: Darrell Jones.



# DIVISION THREE RESERVES GRAND FINAL REVIEW

With the season coming to an end, one question remained in the heads of all Division Three Reserve fans. Would Albanvale, ladder leaders for majority of the season, be able to overcome the Wyndham Suns, the best team of late?

With the Suns on the verge of winning their first senior flag and looking to be heavily backed favourites, the premiership was theirs to lose. Yet they started their Grand Final match nervously, scoring two goals and five behinds in the first quarter, after dominating much of the play and holding Albanvale to just one goal.

Albanvale needed to respond in the second quarter, and while they kicked two goals of their own, the Suns scorched away to a blistering 32-point lead at half time, after kicking five goals for the term.

The Cobras again showed fight in the third quarter, however Wyndham, with the momentum behind them, kept pushing to ensure the premiership would be theirs. A four goal quarter had them heading into the final term with a 39-point lead, thanks to their improved accuracy over the previous two quarters.

In the final term, the Suns put on the afterburners with the knowledge that the premiership was theirs. Four goals sealed the deal, and while Albanvale

kicked a goal in the last term, the glory couldn't be taken away from the Wyndham Suns.

Leon Day was illustrious up forward for the premiers, kicking four goals for the afternoon, while Christopher Stephens was awarded the Best on Ground Medal for a superb display.

For Albanvale, Ange Messina kicked five goals, dominating up forward as he has for most of the year, taking his season tally to 92. James Glenn and Jason Karim were the best players for Albanvale, however they would take little away from the historic victory of the Wyndham Suns.

A premiership win in their first season is no easy feat, managing to defeat every other team, and leaving Albanvale, arguably the most dominant side all season, in the shade in four out of five clashes this year.

Next season, Wyndham will have to come back fit and firing if they are to win back-to-back flags, while the Cobras will be hungrier than ever to seek Grand Final glory in 2016.

However until that time, the Sun will continue to shine over Wyndham.

By Will Zwar Follow me on Twitter @zwar\_w



It's all smiles for the league's newest team as the Wyndham Suns take home its first senior premiership. Photo: Darrell Jones.

# **DIVISION THREE DETAILED RESULTS**



#### 2015 DIVISION 3 SENIORS

#### (GRAND FINAL)

ALBANVALE
PARKSIDE
7.7 (49)
GOALS, ALBANVALE: M. Harper 3, J. Sirianni 3,
N. Cuthbertson 2, J. Di Cicco 1, D. Redfern 1, D.
Azzopardi 1, J. Formosa 1 PARKSIDE: B. Kelly 2,
C. Hunter 2, S. Campbell 1, A. Gauci 1, B. Ashman 1
BEST, ALBANVALE: N. Cuthbertson, J. Brook, D.
Azzopardi, C. Lock, A. Brook, J. Sirianni PARKSIDE:
C. Hunter, M. Alderman, I. Bera, J. Eastoe, B. Kelly,
D. Thomas



#### (GRAND FINAL)

WYNDHAM SUNS
ALBANVALE
7.3 (45)
GOALS, WYNDHAM SUNS: L. Day 4, C. Neville 2,
A. Nikolovski 2, J. England 2, D. Bean 1, J. Cott 1,
J. Ryan 1, J. Cott 1, B. Cook 1 ALBANVALE: A.
Messina 5, J. Karim 1, K. Truscott 1, C. Collins 1
BEST, WYNDHAM SUNS: C. Stephens,
L. Day, D. Bean, P. Palimaka, C. Neville, A.
Nikolovski ALBANVALE: J. Allen, A. Graham, M.
Truscott, A. Messina, J. Karim, J. Glenn



Division Three Seniors Premiers - Albanvale. Photo: Darrell Jones.



Division Three Reserve Premiers - Wyndham Suns. Photo: Darrell Jones.



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# DIVISION ONE SENIOR REPORT

**NEWS** 

Game on

What can you expect today when Deer Park attempt to become a three-time premiership side.

Three in a row is not a common occurrence, having only been done six times in the history of the WRFL. Braybrook have done it three times, Spotswood did it most recently in 2007/08/09, and the disbanded F&Y Socials did it in the late fifties early sixties. The team to do it the first time was ICI Deer Park in 1939/40/41

Are they good enough to be the latest to achieve this monumental feat? Yes they are.

When your team boasts the likes of McHarg, Purton-Smith, Houlihan, Stewart, Condos and McKenzie you expect to win more games than you lose. Their emerging talent in Ismail, Amarantidis and Ewer have really stepped up a notch during this season. Coach of the Year Marc Bullen has been at pains in the last half of the season to reinforce the brand of football he brought to the club, and remind his players what is expected. They have strayed from that twice this season and looked very ordinary in the losses to Hoppers and today's opponent Werribee Districts. Deer Park will be ready to do the business.

There is a lot to like about Werribee Districts in just their second year in the WRFL. Their tackling and relentless pressure on the ball and the ball carrier is second to none. They were given a footy lesson in

#### **2015 DIVISION 1 SENIORS**

#### (PRELIMINARY FINAL)

WERRIBEE DISTRICTS 13.8 (86)
HOPPERS CROSSING 9.10 (64)
GOALS, WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: B. Morrow 5, C.
Molivas 4, S. Callea 1, S. Miller 1, N. Johnston 1, L.
Patterson 1

HOPPERS CROSSING: J. Mead 3, M. El Hawli 2, R. Kitchen 1, A. Poland 1, D. Strnak 1, M. Appleby 1 BEST, WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: B. Morrow, M. Dean, T. Anderson, B. Morton, S. Miller, S. McGuinness HOPPERS CROSSING: A. Brown, M. Smith, W. Skipper, D. Barbieri, J. Arnott, C. Muscat

the second semi final by Deer Park, and will have no doubt learnt a lot from that. They have also found a way to win without Andrew Panayi up forward. Brent Morrow missed the semi final and he is a big inclusion for Districts as a leader and a player. His five goals last week were instrumental in the win over Hoppers Crossing.

The ruck is a big question mark for Districts, but Nick Johnston is learning on the job and has a big heart. He'll need it to combat Chris Stewart who loves the big games. The District on ballers have a knack for reading the opposition ruckman and still winning clearances.

We have seen some epic grand finals in the last few years and I think this will be another.

I am tipping Deer Park, but like most won't be surprised if the result goes the other way.

**Bv Kevin Hillier** 

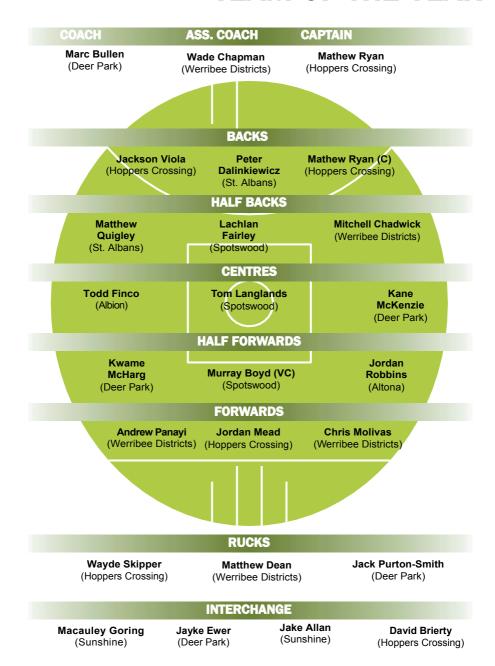




The Warriors were surrounded last weekend, as Werribee Districts booked their ticket to the Grand Final. Photo: Cody Bench.



# **2015 DIVISION ONE** TEAM OF THE YEAR



### **HEAD TO HEAD**

#### Deer Park V Werribee Districts

#### ALL TIME (2014 - 2015):

**Played:** 5 Matches

(Deer Park 4, Werribee Districts 1)



Deer Park 24.16.160 def Werribee Districts 10.11.71

(2014 Round 2 DIV 1 @ John McLeod Oval)

Werribee Districts 13.7.85 def by **Deer Park 15.12.102** 

(2014 Round 11 DIV 1 @ Soldiers Reserve)

**Deer Park 11.6.72** def Werribee Districts 10.8.68

(2015 Round 5 DIV 1 @ John McLeod Oval)

**Werribee Districts 12.17.89** def Deer Park 5.4.34 (2015 Round 14 DIV 1 @ Soldiers Reserve)

#### IN FINALS:

**Deer Park 13.14.92** def Werribee Districts 7.4.46 (2015 Semi Final DIV 1 @ Grants Reserve)

#### **VENUE RECORDS:**

John McLeod Oval: 2 Matches (Deer Park 2, Werribee Districts 0)
Soldiers Reserve: 2 Matches (Werribee Districts 1, Deer Park 1)
Grants Reserve: 1 Match (Deer Park 1, Werribee Districts 0)
Avalon Airport Oval: 1 Match (Deer Park 0, Werribee Districts 0)

#### **CLUB PREMIERSHIPS:**

#### **DEER PARK**

Div 1 (6 Premierships)

Spotswood x3 (1994, 2013, 2014) Parkside x2 (1939, 1941) North Footscray x1 (1940)

Div 2 (2 Premierships)

Parkside x1 (2009) Albanvale x1 (2011)

#### WERRIBEE DISTRICTS

Yet to Win a WRFL Senior Premiership



### **DIVISION ONE SENIORS**

Deer Park vs Werribee Districts

#### FROM THE COACH - DEER PARK

2015 has been as enjoyable as the previous seasons, coming off another premiership I have noticed that our younger players have been a driving force behind our success this year. Our preparation could not have been any better, we have left nothing to chance. We know that we are in for a one hell of a fight if we are to lift the cup again and have used our previous experience and added some new training methods to get us in the best shape for an assault at the flag.

We feel we have the best balanced side we have had in my time at the club.

A few standout players would include our three youngsters in Jake Ewer, Sohrab

Ismail and Spiros Aramantis who are chasing their first flag, down back there is experience across every line lead by Corey Brown, Ryan Crawford and Tim Quick. Our midfield has exceptional players lead by Captain Chris Stewart, Jack Purton Smith, Shannan Broadbent and Kane Mackenzie. Our forward line can kick a winning score with the likes of James Condos, James Wong and Ryan Houlihan, plus a couple of game changers in Kwame McHarg, Donny Bloomfield to name a few!

It's simple- our supports are by far and away the most passionate in the league, week in week out the support they show gets us over the line. We look forward to putting on an excellent show of Deer Park branded

Finally I would like to congratulate Pat Christofi and the Under 18 cubs on the effort this year, there would be nothing more special than the mighty Lions holding up two premierships cups on Saturday. GO PARKERS.

Marc Bullen
Deer Park Senior Coach

#### FROM THE COACH - WERRIBEE DISTRICTS

footy which will give them the chance to be a part our success.

Our season up to now has been excellent. It's our second year in the WRFL Division One competition after coming across from the VAFA. It's been a great effort by the club to have the seniors, reserves and both the Under 18 sides play finals again this year. It has been very competitive and there are no easy games. The league is full of quality sides and players and will continue to improve. We've had our fair share of injuries and we have been able to cover off on them, luckily. Every side gets them and it just needs to be managed which we have been able to do.



We're excited with the prospect of playing in the Grand Final today. The feeling throughout the club is very positive. We give ourselves a chance and anything can happen on Grand Final Day. You just need an ounce of luck to go your way.

As a club and coaching group, we couldn't be happier with our preparation up to now. Our players have prepared as best as they could have with the way they have gelled this year and they worked extremely hard this year with the pre-season, practice matches, home and away season, training and recovery. The coaching and playing group would like to thank our committee, support staff, sponsors, members and juniors. They have all been fantastic in the way they have supported the team this year and we look forward to continued success as a club in the WRFL.

Wade Chapman
Werribee Districts Senior Coach



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Ashleigh.lewis17@gmail.com or 0420 673 034

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# HERB PASCARL MEDAL PREDICTIONS

Deer Park would have enjoyed the week off last weekend knowing they had extra time to rest any niggling injuries that arose from their semi-final win.

For Werribee Districts last weekend was a chance to make a Grand Final. These opportunities don't come along often, and the Tigers made sure they grabbed onto it with both hands.

Having had competitive duals against each other this season, you can bet that the claws will be out when the Lions take on the Tigers at 2:20pm.

In the previous games this year, Deer Park held on to secure a four-point win in Round 5, while in the Round 14 fixture, Werribee Districts cruised to a 55-point victory, before going down to the Lions by 46-points in the semi-final a fortnight ago.

But as we all know, Grand Finals are a whole different ball game, with players putting their bodies on the line and taking the game by the scruff of the neck to ensure their team tastes victory.

For Deer Park, the three players that I think are in the running for the best on ground Herb Pascarl Medal are 2014 Medallist **Kwame McHarg**, spearhead **James Wong**, and former AFL star **Ryan Houlihan**.

Selected in the Vic Metro representative team earlier this year, McHarg took on the best talent Queensland had to offer and showed them why he is one of the best players in the region with his skill and pace. Crowned as the 2014 Andrew Gibson Division One Leading Goal Kicker, James Wong has had yet another dominate season in front of goal booting 51 majors, so his input in today's match will be important. Houlihan has played 12 matches this year and has been named in the best on three occasions. He also brings a wealth of experience and will be a handy contributor come Grand Final Day.

Werribee Districts, meanwhile will need all their senior players to be amongst the action this Saturday, and the three players that I feel will do the most damage are Christopher Molivas, Matthew Dean and Ryan Harrington.

Playing 19 matches this year, Dean has backed up his solid 2014 season having been named in the best

players on 16 occasions. The reigning Barry Priest Medallist will no doubt want to lead from the front and have an impact in directing the ball movement from the centre square. Booting a team high 55 goals this year, Molivas is vital in the Districts' forward structure, so his class in and around stoppages and in front of goals will be pivotal. Ryan Harrington is another one who can open up a game when he is on-song, and if this game is going to be a shootout, Harrington's leadership will be vital.

Regardless of who takes home Herb at the end of the final siren, spectators are in for a ripping game of football that has the potential to be one of the great Grand Finals in the modern era.

By Alex Karra

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Deer Park's Kwame McHarg receiving the 2014 Herb Pascarl Medal last season. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.

# **DIVISION ONE - SENIORS** NEWS



Avalon Airport Oval - (Watton Street, Werribee)

#### **DEER PARK**

Senior Coach: Ass. Coaches: Marc Bullen

Jamie Madigan & Grant Setterfield Home Ground: John McLeod Reserve, Hume St, DEER PARK

Colours

- Guernsev: Royal Blue & Gold with V Collar & Cuffs

- Shorts: Royal Blue - Socks: Royal Blue



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
1	Scott Greenhough		
2	Chris Stewart (C)		
3	Jack Purton-Smith		
4	Ryan Houlihan		
5	Sohrob Ismail		
6	Marc Bullen		
7	Shannan Broadbent		
8	Kane McKenzie		
9	Trent Williams		
10	Hicham Nidam		
11	Daniel Cooper		
12	Shaydon Bloomfield		
14	Tim Quick		
15	Jayke Ewer		
16	Dean Stankovic		
18	Ryan Crawford		
20	Rod Van Riet		
22	Spiros Amarantidis		
23	James Wong		
24	Ahmed Souki		
25	Luke Summers		
26	Corey Brown		
27	James Condos		
29	Kwame McHarg		
31	Ben Foley		
36	Max Bruin		





#### **DEER PARK** (Key Players)

- 1. Kwame McHarg
- 2 Jack Purton-Smith
- 3 Chris Stewart
- 4. Sohrob Ismail
- Kane McKenzie

#### **DEER PARK** (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. James Wong
- 2. Kwame McHarg
- 3. Spiros Amarantidis
- 4 James Condos
- 5. Jack Purton-Smith

Q1	Q2	QЗ	Q4

LAST TIME THEY MET: Deer Park 13.14.92 def Werribee Districts 7.4.46 (2015 Second Semi Final @ Avalon Airport Oval)



### **GRAND FINAL**

Saturday 12th September at 2:20pm

#### WERRIBEE DISTRICTS

Coach: Wade Chapman
Home Ground: Soldiers Reserve

Home Ground: Soldiers Reserve, Cnr. College & Duncans Roads, WERRIBEE

- Socks: Yellow & Black

Colours - Guernsey: Yellow & Black - Shorts: Black



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
2	Jameel Sargent		
3	Christopher Molivas		
4	Mitchell Chadwick		
5	Aaron Taylor		
6	Andrew Panayi		
7	Troy Anderson		
8	Matthew Palmington		
11	Shaun McCutcheon		
14	Jesse Fortune		
15	Scott Miller		
17	Joey Halloran		
18	Lachie McDowell		
20	Brent Morrow		
21	Ryan Harrington		
23	Adam Alifraco		
24	Conor Purton		
25	Ben Morton		
26	Steph Calea		
27	Nick Johnston		
28	Wayne Pelar		
29	Shaun Dean		
31	Lachie Patterson		
32	Jordon Patty		
33	Shaun McGuiness		
34	Matthew Dean		
35	Dillon Taylor		
39	Christopher Scudamore		
40	Kurt Mayne		
41	Daniel Montalto		
44	Kier Bol		
48	Stephen Plumridge		





# WERRIBEE DISTRICTS (Key Players)

- 1. Matthew Dean
- 2. Lachlan McDowell
- 3. Lachlan Patterson
- 4. Chris Molivas
- 5. Brent Morrow

# WERRIBEE DISTRICTS (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. Chris Molivas
- 2. Andrew Panayi
- 3. Ryan Harrington
- 4. Scott Miller
- 5. Brent Morrow

Q1	Q2	QЗ	Q4
	Q1	Q1 Q2	Q1 Q2 Q3

LAST TIME THEY MET: Deer Park 13.14.92 def Werribee Districts 7.4.46 (2015 Second Semi Final @ Avalon Airport Oval)

### **UMPIRES CORNER**

# WRFL

#### By Graeme Hodgart

For many in the WRFL, the season is already over, but of course, there are those players, officials, supporters and umpires that are still involved at the business end of the season. Even at this stage of the year, there are some who are already starting to plan for Season 2016.

With less games being played, the number of umpires still officiating at this time of the year has dramatically decreased and many whistles, whites and flags have been relegated to the back corner of the cupboard. There they will wait gathering dust until they are required in the first few months of the New Year. Even though many umpires may be inactive at present, the WRFL Umpires Association is still planning and organising for the future.

The WRFL and the Umpires Association have been instrumental in leading the way in developing umpiring academies in the west to recruit and train young umpires. The new field umpires generally start in Under 9 and Under 10 grades and are mentored by a handful of experienced umpires who are on the ground with them throughout the game.

In order to expand its mentor numbers, the association is looking for experienced people who are ex-umpires or current running umpires who are prepared to spend time early Sunday mornings in mentoring new young field umpires. Anyone interested in being involved is asked to please contact Terry O'Donnell on 0439-724-545.

This program is hoped to continue the large influx of junior umpires into the WRFL which has been happening in the last five or six years mainly due to the Werribee Academy at MacKillop Secondary College. Some of those former academy umpires will be seen this weekend blowing whistles and waving flags. Good luck to them as well as all umpires who have been selected to officiate in this weekend's finals.

#### LAWS OF THE GAME - QUIZ #22

#### Last week's question:

Player A is given a free kick on the boundary line and goes back beyond the boundary line to take his kick while his opponent (Player B) stands on the mark right on the white line. While still outside the boundary line Player A moves sideways, plays on at which point the field umpire calls, "Play on". He then attempts to run past Player B who has moved forward a metre when he heard the "Play on" call. Both players are wrapped up a legal tackle and fall over the boundary line back into the field of play. What happens next? The correct answer was (OPTION C) The boundary umpire blows the whistle for a throw in because Player A failed to bring the ball back into play and attempted to play on outside the boundary line.

#### This week's question:

The balls dribbles through for a behind close to the behind post. A behind is signalled and then Player A kicks from the goal square and the ball is marked by Player B. As the field umpire awards the mark, one of the boundary umpires informs the field umpire that the ball had hit the behind post before going through for the last behind. What happens next?

- (a) The field umpire informs the boundary umpire that because the ball has since been brought into play the score cannot be cancelled and Player B is directed to take his kick.
- (b) The field umpire directs the goal umpire to cancel the last behind and the ball is tossed back into play by the boundary umpire.
- (c) The field umpire informs the boundary umpire that because the ball has since been brought into play the score cannot be cancelled and he calls for a ball up at the end of the kick off line.

This week's Answer is: OPTION (A)

### 2015 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

	FIELD	BOUNDARY	GOAL
Div 1 Seniors	Greg Denison Adrian O'Donnell Scott Vanstone Vaughan Garner (emergency)	Robert Hill Paul Parker Shaun Weise Jordan Wiltshire	Paul Battaglia Brendan Moloney
Div 1 Reserves	Tom Harrison Phil Stone Cam Terrill Michael Gurrie (emergency)	Jake Bokhove David Melek Adrian Terrill	Allan Larrad Tim Moloney
Div 1 Under 18s	Adam Cosham Dean McGowan Geoff Tresidder Flynn Dalton (emergency)	Willem Cumming-Grey Donna McDowall Jarod Sutton	Christine Gent Adam Steger

<sup>\*</sup>PLEASE NOTE: Italics denotes Emergency positions.





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# WRFL SUPER QUIZ WK 4 FINALS



- Prior to the 2015 Division 1 Grand Final, how many finals have Deer Park and Werribee Districts played against each other?
- 2. How many Division 1 Reserves Grand Finals have Hoppers Crossing and Sunshine played against each other?
- 3. When was the last time Deer Park won a U18 Premiership in the WRFL?
- 4. How many goals did James Condos kick for Deer Park in their first game against Werribee Districts in Round 2 2014?
- How many U18 Grand Finals have Spotswood won in the WRFL?
- 6. Which Deer Park player won the Herb Pascarl Medal in the 2014 Division 1 Grand Final?

4) 10 Goals

2) One (2011, Division 1 Reserves Grand Final)

5) 16 Premierships6) Kwame McHarg

3) Zero (Deer Park have never won an Under 18 Premiership)

 One (2015, Division 1- Second Semi-Final @ Grant Reserve)

**YNZMEKZ:** 

### WHO AM I?



- I played FDFL/WRFL Football with the Parkside Football Club
- I'm a life member of the Parkside Football Club and a life member of the FDFL/WRFL which I was awarded in 1958
- I was President of the Parkside Football Club from 1956 to 1964 which the club won 2 premierships during my time as president
- I'm a name sake of the WRFL Best player medal in the Division 1 Grand Final
- I was awarded the Australian Sports Award in 2000

I am.....

VN2WER: HERB PASCARL

### **DIVISION ONE**

# **RESERVES REPORT**

Season 2015 has all come down to today.

Two teams- Hoppers Crossing and Sunshine, will face off to determine the champions of the Division One Reserves competition for 2015.

The Kangaroos gained its grand final place with a hard-fought 11.4(70) to 7.12(54) win over St. Albans in last Saturday's Preliminary Final.

Sunshine started off the stronger side as consecutive goals midway through the first quarter extended an early lead, however turnovers and an inability to maintain possession stopped either team from gaining an edge over the other.

The second quarter started similarly to the first, as Sunshine dominated play. Yet their hard work didn't translate to scoreboard success, only managing to kick one goal.

The reigning premiers started its comeback midway through the second, but were limited by a combination of rushed behinds and poor accuracy, seeing the Saints finish the quarter registering zero goals and nine behinds.

St.Albans were arguably the better side for a longer period in the quarter but weren't able to convert, a reason why they aren't playing in today's Grand Final.

The start of the second half started with a bang as Sunshine did what St. Albans could not do in the previous quarter; kick a crumbing goal.

Max Sosnowski quickly matched the goal for the Saints, urging his teammates on in their comeback attempts.

The goals dried up shortly after, as there was a

#### **2015 DIVISION 1 RESERVES**

#### (PRELIMINARY FINAL)

 SUNSHINE
 11.4 (70)

 ST ALBANS
 7.12 (54)

**GOALS, SUNSHINE**: B. McInneny 5, M. Havlin 1, D. Moloney 1, M. Rizzo 1, S. Considine 1, S. Jacobs 1, J. Cowan 1

**ST ALBANS**: K. Wintels 4, J. Romeo 1, K. Sosnowski 1, A. Fawcus 1

**BEST, SUNSHINE**: B. McInneny, D. Foley, M. Havlin, M. Ellis, T. Argus, J. Landgren

**ST ALBANS**: L. McKellar, J. Romeo, Z. Jimenez, C. Clements, J. McCormack, J. Galea

period of almost ten minutes of no goals. The Saints broke the drought through Kirk Wintels, but couldn't hold back the Kangaroos who almost instantly replied.

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Wintels did his best to keep St. Albans in the game, booting two majors in the quarter and four for the game.

He played a lone role up forward as Sunshine pressed ahead, and took a 22-point lead into the third quarter break.

A close finish appeared likely as the Saints kicked an early fourth quarter goal, but a costly turnover by Aaron D'Cruz in the backline ended in a Sunshine mark inside forward 50 and another six points.

The Kangaroos' lead still sat at 22-points with just eight minutes remaining, as both sides advanced the ball forward but were unable to convert.

A late goal to St. Albans brought the margin to 16-points, but it was not enough as Sunshine ran out winners and will today face the Warriors.

**By Connor Pain** 

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Sunshine didn't waste its chance for a grand final berth, beating St. Albans by 16-points. Photo: Cody Bench



# **PNEWS DIVISION ONE RESERVES**

Hoppers Crossing vs Sunshine

#### FROM THE COACH - HOPPERS CROSSING

We are still a very young team in the Reserves playing majority 19 to 22-year-olds. With a few more experienced senior players adding to this year's team I thought we would finishing in the Top 3. But to only lose two games for the season has just shown me how much this group want to improve and are all pushing to be senior players. A couple young players have really come on this season also like Josh Doyle, Leigh Douglas, Alex Christomonou and Daniel Strnak.



We have tried to keep things as normal as possible training as we always do. I have probably been at them a bit to not take the foot off the gas even though we have had a couple finals off. We have trained extra-long and hard and added running sessions on both those lead up weeks.

I'd like to thank a number of people for helping out this season. My biggest help is senior coach Steve Kretiuk, who's game plans and structures, training ethics and guidance for our young team has been second to none. Emma Doyle my Team Manager who allows me to get on with the job is just a Superstar. Peter Doyle who does everything he can for us also. Jordan Moody has been great Assisting me after doing his ACL in the pre-season and is a Senior Player of the future I have no doubt. It's going to be tough for the few boys who could miss out on playing in the Grand Final and I just want them to keep pursuing their opportunity and hope they get that chance going forward in the coming years as they have been a big part of keeping us strong. ALL the Hoppers Crossing people from Juniors to Seniors, Supporters and Staff are just great people to be around, talk with and enjoy their enthusiasm. Warriors United.

> Glenn McGaw **Hoppers Crossing Reserves Coach**

#### FROM THE COACH - SUNSHINE

It's pleasing to be back on grand final day, but this year has been a development year for our club with a new senior coach in Brendan Hallinan arriving at the start of the year. We have had 63 players in total play reserves, with a highlight being 13 from our Under 18's program getting a game. We are confident this will help us in building for the future.



There has been genuine excitement around the club in the lead up to the Grand Final and reward for effort as they should.

We are preparing as normal for this week. We were fortunate to have a good preparation going into finals and the campaign itself has prepared us for the big day.

I think the crowd should enjoy a high quality standard of reserves football with no doubt the two best teams putting it all on the line to win the cup.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to everyone that's been involved- all my officials, the match committee and the Sunshine Football Club committee as a whole. Most importantly to the players, who are just a sensational bunch of mates and a group I love coaching.

> Nathan Wilson Sunshine Reserves Coach

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# **DIVISION ONE - RESERVES** NEWS



Avalon Airport Oval - (Watton Street, Werribee)

#### **HOPPERS CROSSING**

Coach: Home Ground: Glenn McGaw Hogans Road Reserve.

Hogans Road, HOPPERS CROSSING Colours

- Guernsey: Navy Blue

with White Logo - Shorts: Navy Blue - Socks:



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
4	Jay Bluschke		
10	Nicholas Weir		
11	Kyle Traynor	i	
12	Michael Hart		
16	Adam Poland		
17	Nicholas Jones		
19	Jordan Cook		
21	Todd Caulfield		
24	Mitchell Appleby		
31	John Robinson		
32	Joel Bentley		
34	Joshua Doyle		
36	Adam Moscatiello		
37	Sean Bennett		
38	Mohammad Dibb		
39	James Farrugia		
40	Daniel Strnak		
41	Leigh Douglas		
42	Lochlan McDonald		
43	Alexander Chrysostomou		
44	Nathan Knight		
45	Lachlan Furniss		
46	Mohammad Haddara		
48	Andre Bistisi		
49	James Santarosa		
50	Cameron Wilson		
52	Jackson Redfern		
53	Ethan Raczkowski		
54	Michael Nozzolillo		
55	Jake Mutton		
58	Nicholas Fincher		
59	Brendan Wilson		
60	Jarrod Saliba		



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#### **HOPPERS CROSSING** (Key Players)

- 1. Mohammed Haddara
- 2 Adam Poland
- 3 Mohamed Dibb
- 4. Mitchell Appleby
- 5 Michael Nozzolillo

#### **HOPPERS CROSSING** (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. Kyle Traynor
- 2 Mohamed Dibb
- 3. Jay Bluschke
- 4. Todd Caulfield
- 5. Cameron Wilson

Q2	QЗ	Q4
	Q2	Q2 Q3

LAST TIME THEY MET: Sunshine 9.11.65 def by Hoppers Crossing 15.9.99 (2015 Round 16 @ Kindersmith Reserve)



### **GRAND FINAL**

#### Saturday 12th September at 11:40am

#### SUNSHINE

Reserves Coach: Nathan Wilson Kinder Smith Reserve Home Ground: Lily Street, BRAYBROOK Colours

Kangaroo Motif

- Guernsey: Gold with Royal Blue - Shorts: Royal Blue - Socks: Royal Blue with Yellow Hoops



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
2	Ben McInneny		
3	Mitchell Ellis		
10	Aaron Kelly		
12	Brad Connor		
15	Brendan Acreman		
17	Michael Havlin		
19	James Nardella		
25	Troy Magee		
27	Ricky Martin		
30	Michael Murphy		
33	Stephen Considine		
34	Dean Foley		
37	Declan Moloney		
41	Jim Cowan		
43	Matthew Wilkie		
45	Russell Schofield		
47	Dyllon Westra		
48	Thomas Argus		
49	Jay Shaw		
51	Matthew Rizzo		
52	Vincent Smart		
53	Matthew Caserta		
55	Jack Landgren		
56	Josh O'Neill		
57	Kyle Frahm		
58	Nicholas Triplett		
59	Caylan Goring		
60	Matthew Macfarlane		
61	Matthew Bongiovanni		
63	Xavier Hayes		
67	Dalton Tonkin		
68	Sean Jacobs		





#### **SUNSHINE** (Key Players)

- 1 Vincent Smart
- 2. Michael Havlin
- 3. Thomas Argus
- 4. Dyllon Westra
- 5. Dean Foley

#### **SUNSHINE** (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. Nicholas Triplett
- 2. Thomas Argus
- 3. Ben McInneny
- 4. Dyllon Westra
- 5. Cory Connor

Q2	QЗ	Q4
	Q2	Q2 Q3

LAST TIME THEY MET: Sunshine 9.11.65 def by Hoppers Crossing 15.9.99 (2015 Round 16 @ Kindersmith Reserve)





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### WHEN ONE PREMIERSHIP WAS NOT ENOUGH

By "Thomsie" and "Smackas"

As we prepare to witness premiership glory this afternoon, the WRFL's Steve Thom and Gary Turner wind back the clock to the 1970s to take a look at some of the most influential coaches the league has ever seen.

Whilst making it to the Grand Final is hard for most, the following eight men have reached the pinnacle on multiple occasions, leading their teams from the front and into the history books.

#### John Lloyd

(Braybrook) - 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Probably the first to introduce a form of discipline and professionalism to the Braybrook Football Club and the competition. Stopped the barrel on a Thursday night and taught his side how to get the best out of themselves on all occasions. John also set the scene for the future of coaching in metropolitan football.

#### Ron Brown

#### (North Footscray) - 1978, 1980 and 1983

Ron demanded and earnt respect. He was as tough as nails as both a playing and non-playing coach. He wouldn't ask anything of his players that he wouldn't do himself. One of the first to introduce Sunday morning recovery which included a routine 6km run

#### Robert "Bones" McGhie (West Footscray- 1982, 2007 (Div 2) and St. Albans 1988 and 1989)

If he said jump, you'd ask how high! Bones was the master of bonding the playing group to work together as one. No-one would dare not look and listen when Bones spoke, and some of his match day tactics were innovative and ruthless.

#### Shane "Skitza" Keogh (Albion- 1985, 1986 and Spotswood 1993, 1995)

Possibly coached decades too early. Keogh was the start of the new professional metro coaches. Left no stone unturned, to learn about opposition. Whether it was Albion or Spotswood premierships, Keogh made sure his team were ready and totally prepared for battle.

#### **Larry Simmons**

#### (Parkside 1996 and Hoppers Crossing 2002)

Larry was one of the great communicators and knew how to get the best out of individuals. He took the fitness levels of his players to a higher standard. He could be one of the boys, but knew exactly when to crack the whip and be an extremely respectful leader.

#### Phil O'Keefe

#### (Parkside) - 2000 and 2003

Did his work mainly during the week with one-on-one coaching. Hugely respected by his group, he knew what player's buttons to press to get his team success. Allowed players to believe in themselves and play on instinct.

#### **Jason Clarke**

#### (Port Melbourne Colts) 2005 and 2006

Clarky has a very smart football brain and is a great leader. He led the way for his players, both on and off the field. Sometimes controversial, yet very entertaining. He got the very best out of any player that represented the Port Colts Football Club.

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# **IMAGES OF THE WEEK**



Hoppers Crossings' Wayde Skipper leaves no room for his Tiger opponent in this heavy tackle. Photo: Cody Bench.



What every WRFL player wants to own...a premiership medallion. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.



West Footscray link arms during the national anthem before the Division Two Grand Final. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.



Wyndham Sun fans were out in force with their pom-poms and flags last Saturday. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.



WRFL President Bruce Mildenhall pictured with some of the league's Life Members last Sunday. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald



WRFL Director of Umpiring Mark Westgarth with the Division Three Senior umpires. Photo: Kirstie Fitzgerald.



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The Werribee Football Club and its team of hard working staff have been a long-time supporter of the WRFL for many years.

CEO Mark Penaluna's time at the WRFL prior to his position at Werribee gave him a solid insight into the WRFL's operations and importance as a community football body in the west, particularly with its huge junior involvement.

In recent years, Werribee Football Club has focussed its support of the WRFL through taking the naming rights of the league's Under 15, Under 16 and Under 18 competitions introducing the Werribee Tigers Premiership Cup.

The Werribee Football Club, which participates in the state's premier league, the VFL, has always been involved in community football, running multicultural programs, making its first-class oval and facilities available for schools and junior clubs, as well as community groups.

For more information on the Werribee Football Club, visit: www.werribeefc.com.au

# DIVISION ONE UNDER 18 REPORT



Predicted as underdogs to make it to the final stage after finishing fourth on the ladder, Deer Park will meet Spotswood in today's showcase event having defeated Werribee Districts by seven points in the Preliminary Final last week.

The Lions' form over this final series has been quite consistent, defeating Altona, Hoppers Crossing and now Werribee on their way to the big dance, defying all the odds.

The game was Deer Park's to lose after taking a 21-point lead into the first change with a flurry of quick goals, much to Werribee Districts shock

The second quarter opened up though, and the Tigers fought their way back set up a fascinating last half.

The premiership quarter went the way of the second-placed side Tigers, as they kicked five goals to two to close the gap to 12-points going into the final and deciding quarter.

Yet the Lions held on to storm home to record an emphatic victory, eliminating the chance of a 2014 Grand Final rematch between Spotswood and Werribee. The final margin 11.12 (78) to 10.11 (71).

Nick Christofi played the game of his life for Deer Park, booting four goals up front to steer his team to victory, with brilliant support from fellow

2015 WERRIBEE TIGERS DIVISION 1 UNDER 18

(PRELIMINARY FINAL)

DEER PARK
WERRIBEE DISTRICTS
GOALS, DEER PARK: N. Christofi 4, J. Schembri 4,
J. Harrison 1, K. Testa 1, Z. Gervasoni 1
WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: B. Malual 4, D. Kerruish 2,
G. Donnon 2, B. McMahon 1, A. Law 1
BEST, DEER PARK: M. Cooper, J. Harrison, J.
Schembri, N. Christofi, A. Scerri, J. Portelli
WERRIBEE DISTRICTS: B. McMahon, J. Viojo, J.
King, M. Copley, G. Donnon, J. Pattison

forward Josh Schembri who also booted four.

Cooper, Harrison and Scerri dominated the middle of the park and found a lot of the ball, providing multiple forward opportunities for the Lions.

Bior Malual tried his best for Werribee, kicking four goals in a lone effort, with adequate support from Donnon and Kerruish who added two each.

McMahon, King and Copley were the standouts for Werribee but will feel disappointed that their side couldn't get over the line.

And now we're down to the last game- the big one.

While tipsters may have Spotswood marked down as hot favourites, you can bet that the confidence and momentum of this Lions outfit will give the reigning premiers one hell of a fight.

Make sure you head down to Avalon Airport Oval from 9:15am this Saturday, because this one is set to be a cracker

By Alex Patterson
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Deer Park dug deep to run over the top of the Tigers to book their ticket to the Grand Final. Photo: Cody Bench.



## **DIVISION ONE UNDER 18**

Spotswood vs Deer Park

#### FROM THE COACH - SPOTSWOOD

This season has been a very even year in the Under 18s competition, with ladder positions not decided until round 18. Our opponents today in Deer Park have had a very good season.

From my team's point of view we have had a number of bottom age players step up from the Under 16s and perform exceptionally well, this includes Darcy Wilson, Ciarin Lynch and Jaii Bunting.

Having the weekend off we trained as usual on the Tuesday and Thursday, backed up with the boys doing a boxing session at The Gym in Yarraville on the Saturday morning before viewing our opponents.

I believe we are a very even team but if I was to nominate players to watch I would suggest our co-captains Mark Nicholls and Nicky Ryan and two boys that have played senior football this year, Conor Daley and James Beilby. To make it this far it takes a massive effort from all 35 players on our list. Every one of them has contributed. I'd like to thank my co-coach Trevor Carr, our assistants George Jaksic and Gary Turner and team manager Grant Bunting. A big thank-you to all our volunteers, waterboys, timekeepers and umpire escorts. Lastly thankyou to the Spotswood Football Club for giving me the opportunity to coach and to my wife Kelly for encouraging me to pursue this passion.

Matt Dean Spotswood Under 18 Coach

#### FROM THE COACH - DEER PARK

It has been a very even competition and has been a tough and physical contest just as expected. It has gone the way I anticipated due to a lot of hard work. We suffered many injuries late in June and all of July but we managed to hang in there. We have many first year players that have improved dramatically as the year progressed.

We are a young team so it's fair to say we are even contributors across the board. It's been nothing but positive energy and excitement for the upcoming Grand Final around the club, and we are so excited to have the opportunity to play in.

Coming off a six day break from our previous two finals games, recovery has been our major focus as we prepare to take home the silverware.

I would simply like to thank everybody that's helped us reach this point. Support staff, supporters and every player on our list that's given their all. We are looking forward to representing our proud club in the upcoming Grand Final.

Pat Christofi

Deer Park Under 18s coach

# **DIVISION ONE – UNDER 18**



Avalon Airport Oval - (Watton Street, Werribee)

#### **SPOTSWOOD**

Coach: Matt Dean Ass. Coach: Trevor Carr

Home Ground: The Avenue, SPOTSWOOD

Colours - Guernsey: Emerald Green with Gold V

- Socks:



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
1	John Boutros		
2	Joel Menadue		
3	Ciaran Lynch		
4	Lynden Kane		
5	Cam Buck		
6	Darcy Wilson		
7	Mohammed El Souki		
8	Reece Johnson		
9	Jaii Bunting		
10	Charlie Bettiol		
11	Mark Nicholls (Co-Captain)		
12	Riley Carr		
13	Hamza Ali		
14	Grant Williams		
15	Chris Dal Sasso		
16	Jordan Boyd		
17	Nayef Hamed		
18	Mickey Nicholls		
19	Nick Ryan (Co-Captain)		
20	Noah Dowling		
21	Salah Saaoud		
22	Connor Smillie		
23	Conor Daley		
24	Kyle Turner		
25	Dali Sulejmani -Blackwell		
26	Tyler Johnston		
27	Luie Greenwood		
28	Dylan Ballarin		
29	Malek El-Hassan		
30	Henry Bulbeck		
31	Tyron Bennett		
32	Kieren Jaksic		
33	James Beilby		
34	Alex Mokdsi		
35	Joshua Clark		





#### **SPOTSWOOD** (Key Players)

- 1 Charles Bettiol
- 2. Jaii Bunting
- 3. Nicholas Ryan
- 4. Darcy Wilson
- 5 Kieran Jaksic

#### **SPOTSWOOD** (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. Joel Menadue
- 2. Dali Suleimani-Blackwell
- 3 Charles Bettiol
- 4. Navef Hamad
- 5. Salah Saaoud

Q1	Q2	QЗ	Q4
	Q1	Q1 Q2	Q1 Q2 Q3

LAST TIME THEY MET: Spotswood 10.14.74 def Deer Park 4.2.26 (2015 Round 17 @ McLean Reserve)



## **GRAND FINAL**

#### Saturday 12th September at 9:15am

#### **DEER PARK**

U18 Coach: Pat Christofi
Home Ground: John McLeod Reserve,

Home Ground: John McLeod Reserve,
Hume St, DEER PARK

Colours - Guernsev: Royal Blue & Gold

with V Collar & Cuffs
- Shorts: Royal Blue
- Socks: Royal Blue



No.	Name	Goals	Behinds
1	Mark Galea		
2	Dylan Garlick		
3	Aaron Scerri		
4	Matthew Muscari		
5	Johnny Foti		
6	Jacob Azzopardi		
8	Jarrod Portelli		
9	Peter Maglogiannis		
10	Jordan Galea		
12	Joel Hough		
13	Tim Plese (Co-C)		
14	Jackson Kelly		
15	Josh Webb		
17	Jesse Portelli		
18	Kane Testa		
19	Shaun Wilson		
20	Tim Knight		
21	Nicholas Nesci		
22	Tyson Maiava		
24	Nick Vetrano		
25	Dylan Kotas		
27	Nick Christofi		
28	Josh Schembri		
29	Nathan Nelson		
33	Zac Gervasoni		
35	Jack Knight		
37	Mario De Campo		
43	Corey Krstevski		
44	Matthew Cooper		
46	Daniel Maric		
56	Joel O'Donnell (Co-C)		
98	Luke Warden		





# DEER PARK (Key Players)

- 1. Aaron Scerri
- 2. Amar El Nour
- 3. Peter Maglogiannis
- 4. Jack Knight
- 5. Tyson Maiava

# DEER PARK (Sharp Shooters)

- 1. Kane Testa
- 2. Nicholas Christofi
- 3. Mark Galea
- 4. James Harrison
- 5. Joel Hough

Q1	Q2	QЗ	Q4

LAST TIME THEY MET: Spotswood 10.14.74 def Deer Park 4.2.26 (2015 Round 17 @ McLean Reserve)

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## **ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY**

Alan Pascoe is one of the most well-known and likable characters in the WRFL. He has also been a popular member of the umpiring fraternity for more than a decade. At age of 74, Alan took some time out from adjudicating in the WRFL to venture down to the Ballan Football Club where he developed a greater appreciation and understanding of country football. This is his story:

On the Saturday the 15th of August I ventured out of the leafy, sunny Metropolitan area of Melbourne and headed west to the goldfields region of Ballan. While I enjoy my time umpiring in the WRFL, I took the weekend off to complete a promise I made to my three grandsons that I would umpire a game at Ballan. The drive to Ballan was quite uneventful and I arrived in one piece. However, the weather had taken a turn and it was cold and raining. Just my luck!

Ballan play in the Central Highlands League and were playing Hepburn all day from the Under 12, Under 15, Under 18, reserves and seniors, with the first game starting at 8.30am. I decided to take a look at the ground and boy oh boy it was a muddy. Very much like the old St Kilda ground,

ankle deep in mud. The game started at 11.30am and the quarters were 20 minutes in duration. The standard of football was excellent with most of the boys having good skills in the wet. There was only one 50 metre penalty paid all day and no more than 15 ball ups and very few free kicks. The players had a lot of respect for each other and they were a complete joy to umpire. The crowd of about 700 were a joy to umpire in front of and it was a great match, particularly for Hepburn who kept their undefeated record intact.

The experience taught me how lucky we are in the WRFL to have good grounds to umpire on, compared to the ones in the country. The ground at Ballan was boggy and heavy to run on. So much so that when you went to change direction you were not sure if you would be standing up or be face down in the mud. After the game it was good to mingle with the other umpires and also hear some of their experiences.

It was a pleasure to help the Ballan Football Club out as they only get League umpires in the seniors while the rest are done by club umpires. If you ever get the chance to umpire in another league grab it with both hands.

By Alan Pascoe



Back: Barry Webster, Alan Pascoe, Andrew Wilson, Geoff Tresidder, Jarred Walson Front: Jacob Spinks, Brad Carlton and Jack Nolan in the 2014 Division Two Reserves Grand Final.





# 2015 BARRY PRIEST MEDAL PREDICTIONS

By Kirstie Fitzgerald

Named after one of the WRFL's legendary players, the Barry Priest Medal is one of the league's most prestigious individual awards. Held in high esteem by all players, the award recognises the best and fairest player in the Division One senior competition throughout the home and away season. This year, we have seen many great standout players from various Division One clubs, many of who are sure to poll well. With such an even competition this season, this year's recipient is anyone's guess.

In anticipation of the 2015 Barry Priest Medal to be presented at the Senior Presentation Night on September 24, the WRFL Footy Record reviews a number of standout players from the top five teams we think are most likely to be in the mix to take home best and fairest honours.

#### **DEER PARK:**

Despite winning the past two flags, it seems the hunger for Lion's captain **Chris Stewart** is still as strong as ever. Named in the best on nine occasions this year, Stewart leads by example and has produced solid performances in his 17 matches. Teammates **Jack Purton-Smith** and **Kane McKenzie** are another two players who are likely to poll well, with both men named in the Team of the Year for their outstanding seasons.

#### **HOPPERS CROSSING:**

Warriors tall-man **Wayde Skipper** has been the source of many headaches for opposition coaches with his dominance in the centre circle unstoppable. Good below the knees and his versatility to play forward, Skipper's experience and ability to find the ball should see him poll well. Also in the mix are fellow Hoppers Crossing stars **Jackson Viola** and **Jordan Mead** who have all had excellent seasons and will no doubt rank highly in this year's count.

#### **WERRIBEE DISTRICTS:**

If you thought reigning Barry Priest Medalist Matthew Dean had a good 2014 season, think again. The hard running Tiger has been named in the best on 16 occasions from his 19 games and will once again be a strong contender for back-to-back wins. Lachlan McDowell has also had a standout year, named in the best on 11 occasions, while the flashy **Chris Molivas** should also earn a few votes after a great season which saw him selected in the Team of the Year.

#### SPOTSWOOD:

Selected as the Team of the Year Vice-Captain, Spotswood captain **Murray Boyd** has had a season to remember. Named in his side's best players on a staggering 14 times, his flexibility to move forward saw him boot 39 goals. New recruit **Lachlan Fairley's** year has been one to savour with his position as a key swing player earning him a place in the top echelon of players on 13 occasions. Fellow Team of the Year player and playing-coach **Tom Langlands** should also poll well, with his leadership and never give up attitude infectious on the field.

#### ALTONA:

Rounding out the top five clubs is Altona who had a stellar second half of the year which saw them play finals football. Tall-man **Jayden Post** has been one key player to contribute to that success. With a great set of hands and a good kick, Post has booted 28 goals and has been named in the best on six occasions. Also likely to poll well is WRFL Senior interleague co-captain and Team of the Year player **Jordan Robbins** who has lead from the front this season and named in the best on five occasions.



WRFL Life Member Barry Priest pictured alongside the 2014 Barry Priest Medallist, Matthew Dean from Werribee Districts. Photo: Darrell Jones.

# WRFL LADDERS - 2015



#### Home and Away

DIVISION 1 SENIORS							
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS	
Deer Park	16	13	2	1	182.67	54	
Hoppers Crossing	16	12	4	0	167.85	48	
Werribee Districts	16	11	5	0	149.91	44	
Spotswood	16	11	5	0	109.60	44	
Altona	16	8	8	0	96.09	32	
Sunshine	16	7	8	1	92.42	30	
St Albans	16	7	9	0	116.29	28	
Albion	16	1	15	0	54.46	4	
Port Melbourne Colts	16	1	15	0	38.32	4	

DIVISION 3 SENIORS								
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS		
Albanvale	18	15	2	1	244.02	62		
Parkside	18	12	5	0	128.68	48		
Sanctuary Lakes	18	11	7	0	147.61	44		
Wyndham Suns	18	10	7	1	122.37	42		
Laverton Magpies	18	6	11	1	76.73	26		
North Sunshine	18	6	11	0	71.59	24		
Tarneit	18	5	12	1	67.96	22		
Braybrook	18	4	14	0	58.70	16		

<b>DIVISION 1 RESERVES</b>							
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS	
Hoppers Crossing	16	14	2	0	222.15	56	
Werribee Districts	16	12	4	0	199.30	48	
St Albans	16	12	4	0	159.54	48	
Sunshine	16	11	5	0	151.98	44	
Altona	16	8	8	0	122.82	32	
Deer Park	16	6	10	0	71.35	24	
Spotswood	16	5	11	0	65.66	20	
Albion	16	2	14	0	40.24	8	
Port Melbourne Colts	16	2	14	0	39.65	8	

DIVISION 3 RESERVES							
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS	
Albanvale	18	15	3	0	179.12	60	
Wyndham Suns	18	14	4	0	275.78	56	
Tarneit	18	13	5	0	157.76	52	
Laverton Magpies	18	10	7	1	111.55	42	
Parkside	18	8	10	0	97.37	32	
Sanctuary Lakes	18	6	11	1	80.70	26	
North Sunshine	18	3	15	0	45.06	12	
Braybrook	18	2	16	0	38.73	8	

<b>DIVISION 2 SENIORS</b>								
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS		
Wyndhamvale	18	16	2	0	200.46	64		
West Footscray	18	15	3	0	196.81	60		
North Footscray	18	11	7	0	141.98	44		
Yarraville Seddon	18	10	8	0	142.84	40		
Caroline Springs	18	9	9	0	103.16	36		
Glenorden	18	6	12	0	72.73	24		
Manor Lakes	18	5	13	0	64.81	20		

WERRIBEE 1	IGERS	S DIV	ISI0	N 1	UNDER 18
	Р	W	L	D	% % Won
Spotswood	15	13	2	0	242.83 86.67
Werribee Districts	16	10	6	0	140.04 62.5
Hoppers Crossing	15	8	7	0	122.91 53.33
Deer Park	16	8	8	0	148.95 50
Altona	16	8	8	0	101.57 50
Yarraville Seddon	15	7	8	0	111.70 46.67
Albion	15	0	15	0	11.39 0

DIVISION 2 RESERVES								
	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS		
West Footscray	18	17	1	0	340.70	68		
Wyndhamvale	18	16	2	0	353.65	64		
Yarraville Seddon	18	13	5	0	184.62	52		
North Footscray	18	9	9	0	164.80	36		
Caroline Springs	18	9	9	0	111.27	36		
Manor Lakes	18	4	14	0	46.20	16		
Glen Orden	18	4	14	0	42.16	16		
Sunshine Heights	18	0	18	0	13.65	0		

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	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS
Werribee Districts	16	15	1	0	301.22	68
Newport Power	15	13	2	0	192.89	64
Wyndhamvale	16	13	3	0	209.35	60
Hoppers Crossing	16	8	8	0	102.12	40
Sanctuary Lakes	16	7	9	0	126.44	36
Sunshine	16	6	10	0	94.00	32
Caroline Springs	16	6	10	0	75.38	32
Glen Orden	16	3	13	0	41.10	20
Albanvale	15	0	15	0	19.79	8



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