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THIS WEEK



SENIOR PRELIMINARY FINALS

@ GEORGE PARK 1

GRADE	TEAM A	TEAM B	SCORE
MEN'S TIER 2	<i>COWRA BLUES</i>	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS REBELS</i>	Cowra 2.6-18 def by REBELS 7.4-46
WOMEN'S	<i>DUBBO DEMONS</i>	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS</i>	DUBBO 5.3-33 def Busrangers 1.1-7
MEN'S TIER 1	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>DUBBO DEMONS</i>	GIANTS 16.9-105 def Dubbo 15.5-95

JUNIOR GRAND FINALS

@ GEORGE PARK 2

GRADE	TEAM A	TEAM B	TIME
UNDER-12s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>DUBBO JUNIOR AFL</i>	<i>9:30AM</i>
UNDER-14s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
YOUTH GIRLS	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS</i>	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>12:30PM</i>
UNDER-17s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>2:00PM</i>

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INCLUDING LIVE SCORING THROUGHOUT TODAY'S
JUNIOR MATCHES

SCHEDULE



TIME	EVENT
8:45am	Change Rooms Open
9:00am	Welcome & Housekeeping
9:15am	Under-12s Team Announcements
9:30am	Under-12s match start
10:45am	Under-12s finishes, Team Announcements for Under-14s, Presentations for Under-12s
11:00am	Under-14s match start
12:15pm	Under-14s finishes, Team Announcements for Youth Girls, Presentations for Under-14s
12:30pm	Youth Girls match start
1:45pm	Youth Girls finishes, Team Announcements for Under-17s, Presentations for Under-Youth Girls
2:00pm	Under-17s match start
3:15pm	Under-17s finishes, Presentations for Under-17s
3:30pm	Grand Final Day closed

WELCOME



On behalf of AFL Central West, welcome to the 2022 Junior Grand Final Day.

Firstly, thank you to the Bathurst Bushrangers for hosting the day's play, and congratulations to your Youth Girls side on their second consecutive Minor Premiership. Winning the final five matches is no mean feat, particularly when three matches were against teams ahead of you. Your reward is to play in front of a home crowd, the first time in a decade that George Park 2 has hosted junior grand finals.

Excitingly in 2022, we have all four junior clubs represented on Grand Final day, with Orange Tigers in all four matches, Bathurst Giants in 14s and 17s, Dubbo Junior AFL in 12s, and of course the hosts Bathurst Bushrangers in Youth Girls.

Last year we were unable to celebrate 40-Years of Footy in the Central West with premierships and Grand Finals, and I want to thank and acknowledge everyone involved with each of the seven clubs for their efforts and support in getting us to this point in the season.

We have had a successful 2022 season, with the opening and first matches at Gaggin Oval Forbes, visits to the region from Shane Mumford and Leon Cameron, the nicest man in football Lenny Hayes joining the Bathurst Giants, and some outstanding achievements from our high-end junior talent via Polding and Western PSSA selections, in addition to GWS Development Squad progression.

To the club executive members who work long hours, and then work even longer hours on football, to the coaches and managers who turn up every week, and to the volunteers that run canteens, scoreboards, and do what they do to ensure football is played each week, thank you.

WELCOME



Today is an exciting day for our participants. For some, today is their first Grand Final, for others, their last game of junior football. Celebrate the excellent, encourage the attempts, and ultimately please keep things positive. During breaks, let the coaches coach, and if you go onto the ground to the huddle during breaks, listen without getting involved.

Whilst the participants play a major role in today's proceedings, the umpires also remain integral. Please don't criticise the decisions, for these comments won't change the decision. Acknowledge and support them and ensure that, like your kids or teams, these important members of our game have a positive experience today. I'd like to thank both Micheal Brown and Paul Willoughby for their support of the umpires and coordination of umpire appointments this season, as well as acknowledge all at clubland who do so much for your club umpires' development.

Finally, thank you to the other members of the Regional NSW Competition Management Committee, whose efforts and support for me this year have allowed you all to play the game we love. We don't get it right every time, but we do the best we can to facilitate this great game.

2022 has been one of the most competitive seasons in recent memory, with any of the Top Three in most grades capable of beating one-another on any given day. We are set for four fantastic matches today, another three next week, and we will crown deserving premiers at the conclusion.

Good luck to all eight teams playing today, congratulations to the winners, and commiserations to the losers. Have a fantastic day.

Happy Footballing and may the best teams win,
Casey White

Competition & Development Coordinator – Central West

WELCOME



To all in attendance,

The Bathurst Bushrangers AFL Club are proud to be hosting the 2022 AFL Central West Junior Grand Final Day.

As the President of the Bushrangers, it is a privilege to welcome players, coaches, support staff, family and friends from each of the junior clubs in the AFL CW league to George Park today. Congratulations to each of you for your performances throughout the season.

I would like to recognise the Orange Tigers Football Club for securing three minor premierships, and for reaching the Grand Final in each of the grades that will be played today. It's an amazing effort and well done to you all.

Furthermore, congratulations to the Bathurst Bushrangers Youth Girls side for securing the minor premiership in the final round of the season, and in doing so, securing hosting rights on this special day.

I will also pass my thanks and gratitude onto Casey White, the region's Competition & Development Coordinator for his tireless efforts throughout the season, and, Micheal Brown, the AFLCW Umpiring Coach for his work in training and supporting our match day officials . An extraordinary amount goes into delivering a football season, and, following on from the challenges over the last 2-years, we thank you for support, availability and for everything you have done to ensure a complete football season.

WELCOME



Finally, I would like to pass my best wishes onto everyone participating today. As many of you know, this is the best game in the world, so play hard, play fair and no matter what the result, enjoy the experience.

Your's in footy,

James King

President - Bathurst Bushrangers AFL Club



Congratulations and thank you once again to Head Coach of the GWS Development Squad (Central West Squad) Kieran Brown, and his team of assistants, James Metzeling and Andrew O'Brien for their support of our Junior superstars.

Following last week's announcement, the below players have been selected in the Combined Western Sydney, South Coast & Central West squad for the upcoming GIANTS Development Regional Challenge Games on September 10 & 11. Congratulations, to those selected, your hard work and thousands of km travelled has been rewarded.

GRADE	PLAYERS				
12s	<i>CONNOR HOBBY</i>	<i>JACK SARA</i>			
13s	<i>RILEY GOODSELL</i>	<i>CAMERON HEALEY</i>			
14s	<i>HEIDI ZWIERS</i>	<i>BRAYDON TOTTEN</i>			
15s	<i>OLIVIA ANDERSON</i>	<i>LUCY DRISCOLL</i>	<i>CLAIRE GIBSON</i>	<i>CHARLI HUNTER</i>	<i>JAMES ARMOUR</i>
15s CONT.	<i>HARVEY SHEPHARD</i>				

GWS

DEVELOPMENT



BATHURST BUSHRANGERS



The defence of the Bushrangers' inaugural Youth Girls Minor Premiership started slowly with a loss to today's opponents, the Orange Tigers. The side accounted for Dubbo in Round 2, and then stumbled again, this time to the Bathurst GIANTS in Round 3.

Fortunately, the season had returned to normal in 2022, and there was plenty of footy left to play. A great seven-point Round 5 win in the return fixture versus the GIANTS had the two sides neck and neck, yet still trailing the Tigers.

Two more stumbles in Rounds 6 and 7 had the pre-season favourites staring at a mountain to climb. Jade Leven had already been sidelined for the season, and whilst the losses were close, the side needed to find wins.

Wins, the girls found. The Bushrangers stormed home, winning each of their final five convincingly by 29-points (Dubbo), 38-points (GIANTS), 19-points (Orange), 51-points (Dubbo), and 18-points (Orange) in horrendous final-round conditions. The Minor Premiership, and a home grand final were secured. With that, the opportunity to claim what 2021 took from them, a chance for silverware.

Nell Griffin, in her first full-season (and first since 2018) booted 17 goals to lead the team, She was supported all season by sister Olivia and future star of the Women's competition Lucy Driscoll, who took the captaincy this season.

Mia Bringolf provides first use to her midfield, and the return of Callee Black has made a huge difference to the team's dynamic.

Congratulations and thank you to coaches Brian Matheson and James Leven on another successful season. Good luck & GO BUSHIES!!

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BATHURST GIANTS



The Bathurst GIANTS are in two of the four Grand Finals today, both going in as toss-of-the-coin underdogs.

The Under-14s side, captained by Jack Mackie and Abby Weiss has excelled for a side which is relatively inexperienced having eight brand new players in 2022. Under the tutelage of Simon Kay and Matt Wolfe, the side has developed every week.

The GIANTS led the ladder with three rounds remaining but two stumbles against the Dubbo Junior AFL side which they dispatched in last week's Preliminary Final dropped them to second.

Back to the captains, Jack is now into his fifth season as a GIANT, joining the Under-12s in 2018. His leadership has been critical to building his teammates confidence, and is a pretty handy footballer to boot, averaging more than a goal per game.

Abby is the team's dynamo, a genuine pocket rocket now in her third season. Her efforts to recruit a team of girls around her, and her ability to lead by example were key to the side's success this season.

.Whilst Grand Finals have been a staple of the GIANTS older age-groups, there are only two players in the 21 named that have played in the last game of a season before. Regardless of the result today, with three-quarters of the side bottom-aged, this team is going to be challenging for the 2023 flag.

The season's success has been credited to Team Manager extraordinaire, Ellen Mackie, who has gone above and beyond to support the team and keep the coaches in line. Go GIANTS

BATHURST GIANTS



Like the Under-14s, it's been an almost brand new Under-17s team that pre-season, the word was out that the GIANTS stranglehold of the division was ending. Only four players remained from the 2021 Minor Premier side, with a majority of those departures aging into the senior ranks.

That all went quiet in Round 2 when they pushed the fancied Orange Tigers to the final minutes of the game, and was well and truly gone by Round 5, after they repaid the favour with a seven-point victory.

The returning Fergus Mann has stepped into the captaincy and been phenomenal all season, his ball-use driving the GIANTS forward where co-captain and foundation GIANT Jenson Brown, and Jed Foxall await to do what they do best - kick snags. They've both kicked 23 for the season, a dangerous duo for opposition defences.

With so many similarities to the Under-14s side, 11 bottom-age players, seven new players, and an abundance of leadership from the experienced players, there's plenty to like about the future of the GIANTS 17s side.

Head coach Brad Broes has been outstanding, taking what could have been no team in 2022, to 21 Grand Finalists and a genuine contender. He has been well supported by the returning Steve Mann, and Peter Hunt.

Thank you to Team Manager Tracey Brown for all she does in supporting the players and coaches, helping out on game day and upskilling new volunteers



BATHURST GIANTS



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DUBBO

JUNIOR AFL



Dubbo Junior AFL return to Grand Final day for the first time since their inaugural season, following another hugely successful year on field for the club.

The "Juniors" qualified for the finals in three grades, a first for the club with their 17s side, in particular, only narrowly going down to the GIANTS last weekend. It's a return for the club, and also a return for the Under-12s, who qualified in 2019, and although beaten on that day set the tone for what was in store.

Captained by James Wonderley, the only remaining player from that 2019 GF, with Thomas Ashby as his deputy, the side were always challenging for second position, competing with the GIANTS. Including Tom and James, Laylah Roll, Lucy Turner, Isaac Sutton, and Development Squad star Will McKenzie are all into at least their third season in the team, making for an experienced core.

For James, Issac, Will, and Laylah, in addition to Beau Rousell, George Amor, Harry Mongan and Cameron Justice, today will be their final Under-12s match, and they are hoping to go out with a premiership.

The side has its mix of new players, with six graduating Auskick in 2021, and another six new to the game complementing the experienced heads. Coach Trevor Thomas has done an incredible job supporting the development of the team, and been well supported by an amazing team of volunteers.

Thankyou Assistant Coach Ken Mongan, Manager Dean Justice, and all the volunteers who have helped out this year in particular Carmen Armour and Marcus Ashby. GO DUBBO!!



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JUNIOR AFL



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FORBES JUNIOR AFL



It's been a year to celebrate for Forbes Junior AFL, with Gaggin Oval formally opened as the home ground of the Swampies.

For the second consecutive season, the Swampies have contributed a number of players to the Orange Tigers Under-12s and Under-14s teams.

In addition to this participation, Gaggin Oval hosted a strongly participated Paul Kelly Cup Local Final in February, and a Dubbo Junior AFL home game vs Orange Tigers in July.

A dozen Swampies Auskickers have just returned from Half Time Auskick at the GWS GIANTS vs Fremantle Dockers match, with the centre taking the largest Central West contingent to the match.

Next up for the Swampies is a day of Indigenous cultural recognition as part of Forbes Council's NAIDOC celebrations. Subsidised with grant funding, a traditional game of Marngrook will be played on AFL Grand Final Day, as the town continues to embrace AFL



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ORANGE TIGERS



Grand Final day shapes as being an exciting one for the Orange Tigers with all four junior grades qualifying for the day. With three teams (12s, 14s, and 17s) all finishing in top spot as minor premiers, there's a strong chance of silverware returning to Tiger Park in 2022.

The Under-12s had an outstanding year, dropping only one match. Supported by a cast of Forbes juniors, the side has been the benchmark all season long. In finishing the season five wins clear, they'll go into today's match as hot favourites.

Captained by Polding representative Jack Sara, with Forbes Development Squad star Jackson Beaudin as his deputy, the Tigers are strong in the leadership department. There's also no shortage of premierships won by the coaching staff, with Dale Hunter and Andrew McIntyre involved heavily across the Tigers' 2010s success.

It took a positive Match Ratio for the 14s to claim the Minor Premiership, and whilst it hasn't always been smooth sailing in matches against the Giants, winning only one of three, the side are more than capable of winning their match.

Three captains have all an abundance of experience with Braydon Totten, Lochlan Nelder and Bailey Stewart sharing the role throughout the year. Keep an eye out for some of the Under-12s backing up today as well, with their involvement influential to a strong Tigers performance. Like the 12s, there's also a smattering of support from the Forbes juniors, strengthening participation and having an impact on the field.

Coached by club President Nathan Totten, the side have done a fantastic job to make it to Grand Final day, now they need to find one more win against the challenging Giants.

ORANGE TIGERS



The two top grades have been major success stories at Tiger Park in 2022. Participation has been through the roof with 25 Youth Girls and 29 Under-17s taking the field in 2022.

It went down to the final game of the season to decide whether Orange would progress to the Grand Final in all four grades, likely a competition first, however their loss in the girls ensured they'd settle for three.

Mark and Julie Gibson have been incredible as a coach/manager team for the Youth Girls, with the players improving each week, and many certainly capable of stepping up into senior footy in the near future. Similarly, Matt and Fin Shephard have kept the 17s squad engaged, and given a positive approach to their play.

The 17s sportsmanship has been second to none, the Record's cover page highlighting that they'll celebrate and support anyone, as they did for Nick Fogo and Lachlan Gillespie's last junior games a fortnight ago.

The Youth Girls are led by Sophie McFarlane and Juliette Hart, the experienced duo showing strong leadership qualities throughout the season, and bringing the fun into the Youth Girls lineup. They're well-supported on field by the likes of Claire Gibson, Charlotte Felice, Phoebe Hoolahan, and Charlie Hunter. Whilst unfortunate that injury will likely rule out Georgina Kingham from today's match, we acknowledge that she's just as much of this team as the other 24 girls.

The 17s side has no shortage of representative experience, with the likes of Max Fitzsimmons, Daniel Casey, Sean Dwyer, Calum Duncan, Harrison Coleman, and James Gibson all having pulled on an AFL CW guernsey. They'll be tough to beat, and will be doing all they can to bring the final trophy of the day back to Orange. Go TIGERS!!

ORANGE TIGERS



Orange Tigers Under-12s and Under-14s. Photo Credit
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ORANGE TIGERS



Orange Tigers Youth Girls and Under-17s. Photo Credit
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ORANGE TIGERS



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UNDER-12s



Previous matches:

Round 3: Dubbo 3.1-19 def by *Orange* 10.14-74, Round 5: *Orange* 10.8-68 def Dubbo 2.2-14, Round 7: *Orange* 10.9-69 def Dubbo 5.0-30, Round 9: Dubbo 1.6-12 def by *Orange* 8.14-62

Players to watch:

Orange - Jack Sara, Hugo Fitzsimmons, Jackson Beaudin;

Dubbo - James Wonderley, Isaac Sutton, Will McKenzie

Season Stats:

Orange (P12, W11, L1, For 756, Against 241 – 313.69%);

Dubbo (P11, W6, L5, For 457, Against 519 – 88.05%)

Leading Goalkickers:

Orange - James McIntyre (17), Nicholas Wood (15), Zavier Felice (14), Jack Sara (11);

Dubbo - James Wonderley (17), Thomas Ashby (16), Beau Rousell (7), Isaac Sutton (5)

On paper, Orange are the stronger lineup, with elite players across the ground. Their depth in goalkicking, having four players in double figures for the season coupled with the strongest defence in the competition shapes a tough matchup for the improving Dubbo side.

Orange have been the benchmark of the competition all season, and their Under-12s side has regularly featured on Grand Final day in previous seasons. For Dubbo, whilst built around several experienced players Wonderley, Ashby, Sutton, McKenzie, Laylah Roll and Lucy Turner, between them they have only played in one grand final.

The challenge for Dubbo is going to be keeping the opposition's forwards quiet, as their best chance of winning is if it remains low scoring.

UNDER-12s



FF	#10 Harry PRICE	#30 Aston LETT	#5 James McINTYRE
FB	#50 Luke SHERWOOD	#27 Will TAYLOR	#37 Abby TAYLOR
HF	#8 Sebastian FELICE	#13 Nicholas WOOD	#28 Felicity MOLLER
HB	#15 Cameron JUSTICE	#28 Will McKENZIE	#31 James WONDERLEY (c)
C	#11 Tyson McLENNAN	#14 Zavier FELICE	#12 Hugo FITZSIMMONS
C	#2 Harry ASHBY	#1 Harry MONGAN	#12 Hayden HEALEY
HB	#15 Romulus MILSOM	#17 Jack SARA (c)	#6 Boyd HUNTER
HF	#18 William DAVIES	#26 Xavier BOWEN	#34 Beau ROUSELL
FB	#23 Ethan TURNER	#29 Rowdy MANSELL	#25 William NOTHEY
FF	#16 Jaida-David PEARSON	#23 Thomas ASHBY (vc)	#70 Lucy TURNER
FOL	#24 Max RIDGE	#1 Joey BOCK	#9 Jackson BEAUDIN (vc)
FOL	#29 Laylah ROLL	#11 George AMOR	#20 Isaac SUTTON



ORANGE

INT	#2 Liam SCOTT	#3 Cian GOLLNER	#4 Lachlan ALLEN	#7 Hannah SARA	#18 Tempy TAYLOR	
INT	#3 Angus SUTTON	#7 Jake WYKES	#22 Liam JUSTICE	#27 Bradley CLARK	#80 Mekari KELLY	#95 Baxter WHITEHOUSE
OFFICIALS	Dale HUNTER (Coach)		Andrew McINTYRE (Assistant Coach)			
OFFICIALS	Trevor THOMAS (Coach)		Ken MONGAN (Assistant Coach)		Dean JUSTICE (Manager)	

UNDER-14s



Previous matches:

Round 2: Giants 5.7-37 def by *Orange* 5.8-38, Round 4: Orange 5.8-38 def by *Giants* 6.7-43, Round 8: *Giants* 5.5-35 def Orange 5.4-34, Round 11: Orange 0.6-6 def by *Giants* 9.7-61

Players to watch:

Orange - Cayden Metzeling, Braydon Totten, Lochlan Nelder, Zain Clark;

Giants - Riley Goodsell, Koby Collins, Connor Hobby, Jack Mackie

Season Stats:

Orange (P12, W9, L3, For 707, Against 354 – 199.72%);

Giants (P11, W8, L3, For 505, Against 276 – 182.97%)

Leading Goalkickers:

Orange - Cayden Metzeling (24), Nicholas Chopping (12), Bailey Stewart (11), Travis Wright (11);

Giants - Jack Mackie (14), Callum Munns (13), Riley Goodsell (8), Cooper Stephen (8)

Before the Round 11 blowout, these two sides had played in two one-point thrillers, and as that wasn't enough, a five-point match as well. Toss a coin, that's probably the best chance of picking a winner in this one.

The Giants were at their blistering best in last week's Preliminary Final, their speed and ball use transitioning to forward-50 with ease. The Tigers, fresh off a week off, will see a few Under-12s back up to support, but expect them to be just as involved as their teammates.

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UNDER-14s



Cayden Metzeling, the smallest key-forward in the competition, looms as the difference in this one. He missed Round 11, but has only kicked one major in three games against the Giants. If the Bathurst defence lets him off the leash, he's proven in 2022 that he can blow teams away.

Metzeling may only have an impact, if his midfield can get first use of the footy. Against a side with Goodsell, Munns, Flynn Wolfe and Cooper Stephen, and plenty of outside support via Hobby, Abby Weiss, Ruben Campiao, and Samuel Kay, this is no mean feat.

The Tigers are supported in that sense by a strong core midfield that have regularly won first possession and launched the side forward. Maklin Henderson in the ruck, with Jack Conolly and co-captains Lochlan Nelder and Bailey Stewart crumbing the taps matches the Giants midfield four in all aspects.

Both sides are well drilled, and both have plenty of experienced talent. The Giants are lacking some experience on Grand Final Day in their lineup, with only two players, Samuel Ring and Jarvis Jones having played in such a match but don't expect this to stop their stars from performing.

Across the match, there's Development Squad, PSSA and Polding representatives, and just a whole lot of talented footballers.

If this is what the future looks like in the Central West, then strap yourselves in for the ride.

UNDER-14s



FF	#1 Nicholas CHOPPING	#2 Cayden METZELING	#28 Rowdy MANSELL
FB	#47 Koby COLLINS	#20 Henry SMITHERS	#55 Charlotte MARTIN
HF	#29 Evylin HERBERT	#24 Travis WRIGHT	#24 Flynn McARTHUR
HB	#33 Abby WEISS (vc)	#6 Tom CARDOSI	#44 Ruben CAMPIAO
C	#14 Zavier FELICE	#12 Jack CONOLLY	#17 Jack SARA
C	#40 Nicholas GODDARD	#21 Cooper STEPHEN	#37 Charles CROAKER
HB	#9 Jackson BEAUDIN	#18 Braydon TOTTEN (c)	#21 Owen CAUGHLAN
HF	#26 Jessi BALL	#54 Connor HOBBY	#49 Samuel KAY
FB	#31 Charlie FOSSILO	#19 Zain CLARK	#22 Joseph McDONNELL
FF	#8 Riley CLAYTON	#46 Jack MACKIE (c)	#3 Samuel RING
FOL	#25 Maklin HENDERSON	#20 Lochlan NELDER (c)	#26 Bailey STEWART (c)
FOL	#2 Riley GOODSSELL	#51 Flynn WOLFE	#58 Callum MUNNS

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ORANGE

INT	#4 Joey BOCK	#8 Hugo FITZSIMMONS	#27 Max RIDGE	
INT	#36 Jarvis JONES	#56 Oscar DEHNERT	#53 Asta HELNER-REECE	
OFFICIALS	Nathan TOTTEN (Coach)	Christie TOTTEN (Manager)		
OFFICIALS	Matt WOLFE (Coach)	Simon KAY (Coach)	Ellen MACKIE (Manager)	#14 Matilda MARTIN (Water)

YOUTH GIRLS



Previous matches:

Round 1: *Orange* 3.3-21 def *Bushrangers* 2.1-13, Round 6: *Bushrangers* 4.3-27 def by *Orange* 4.8-32, Round 10: *Bushrangers* 3.7-25 def *Orange* 1.0-6, Round 12: *Orange* 1.3-9 def by *Bushrangers* 3.9-27

Players to watch:

Bushrangers - Lucy Driscoll, Nell Griffin, Callee Black, Abby Dubojski;

Orange - Claire Gibson, Charli Hunter, Sophie McFarlane, Charlotte Felice

Season Stats:

Bushrangers (P12, W8, L4, For 462, Against 232 – 199.14%);

Orange (P12, W8, L4, For 389, Against 263 – 147.91%)

Leading Goalkickers:

Bushrangers - Nell Griffin (17), Jade Leven (13), Olivia Griffin (12), Lucy Driscoll (7);

Orange - Charlotte Felice (15), Charli Hunter (12), Holly Lynch (10), Claire Gibson (5)

It took a run of five straight wins for the Bushrangers' Youth Girls to claw their way back into the top spot. For the Tigers, arguably the benchmark side of the first eight rounds, they had to make it the hard way, winning their Preliminary Final.

Between the two, only Orange in 2018 has tasted premiership glory, following their 2018 triumph, and for many, it will be a first Grand Final experience.

Orange were clinical in poor conditions last week, and had the wood over their opponents during the season's early stages. Claire Gibson has returned to the lineup following injury and adds some class to their team's transition whilst supported by a cast of former WRAS squad, and current Development Squad stars.

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YOUTH GIRLS



At the Bushrangers, the emergence of Nell Griffin as one of the competition's premier players, and continued improvement of established players Mia Bringolf and Lucy Driscoll gives the side a target up forward and drive from the midfield. They've also greatly benefited from the booming boot of Callee Black, whose return has helped spark the unbeaten run into finals.

One of the Bushrangers' major challenges is going to be their fitness. With only 14 players named, they won't have a bench, leaving plenty of fresh Tigers towards the final quarter. A fast start could prove vital, as a close match will suit Orange late.

YOUTH GIRLS



FF	#29 Abigail DANIELS	#31 Olivia GRIFFIN	
FB	#1 Lilly O'BRIEN	#2 Phoebe HOOLAHAN	
HF	#23 Lucy DRISCOLL (c)	#18 Jessica NAKAD	#25 Lyla MILLSTEED
HB	#3 Sienna NEVILLE	#4 Charli HUNTER	#5 Claire GIBSON
C		#21 Abbie DUBOJSKI	
C		#6 Juliette HART (c)	
HB	#13 Elspeth HARDIE	#15 Jade TURNER (vc)	#26 Callee BLACK
HF	#7 Hannah PAGE	#8 Lucinda REIDY	#9 Olivia KINGHAM
FB	#14 Molly GILDEA	#22 Zara REID	
FF	#11 Morgan LEE-HEWITT	#12 Lillian MARSHALL	
FOL	#30 Mia BRINGOLF	#7 Jessica MILLS	#9 Nell GRIFFIN
FOL	#13 Maddi VAUGHAN	#14 Sophie McFARLANE (c)	#15 Amelia PATTERSON



BUSHRANGERS

ORANGE TIGERS INT	#16 Holly LYNCH	#17 Madeline SINCLAIR	#18 Charlotte FELICE	#19 Kyla BROWN	#20 Olivia BENNETT #40 Sienna HUNTER
	#28 Harriett SINCLAIR	#32 Evelylin HERBERT	#33 Tomika KELLY	#35 Ava CAMERON	EMER: #10 Georgina KINGHAM
OFFICIALS	Brian MATHESON (Coach)		James LEVEN (Assistant Coach)		Nikki KILDEA (Manager)
OFFICIALS	Mark GIBSON (Coach)		Daniel MARSHALL (Assistant Coach)		Julie GIBSON (Manager)

UNDER-17s



Previous matches:

Round 2: Giants 5.6-36 def by *Orange* 6.9-45, Round 4: Orange 5.7-37 def by *Giants* 6.8-44, Round 8: *Giants* 9.3-57 def Orange 7.9-51, Round 11: *Orange* 9.7-61 def Giants 1.2-8

Players to watch:

Orange - Harvey Shephard, Max Fitzsimmons, Calum Duncan, James Gibson;

Giants - Archer Ryan, Fergus Mann, William Sloan, Jenson Brown

Season Stats:

Orange (P12, W9, L3, For 659, Against 314- 209.87%);

Giants (P11, W7, L4, For 581, Against 512- 113.48%)

Leading Goalkickers:

Orange - Damian Chopping (14), James Gibson (10), Max Fitzsimmons (10), Jesse Carmody (9);

Giants - Jenson Brown (23), Jed Foxall (23), William Sloan (5), Archer Ryan (4)

Almost a carbon-copy of the Under-14s match-up, these two sides have been evenly matched all season. Three games decided by less than ten points, and a Round 11 blowout, set this up to be a blockbuster to round out the day. It also pits 2021 Junior Coach of the Year Matt Shephard against one of the 2022 frontrunners Brad Broes. Both coaches have plenty of experience, and game plans that suit their lineups. It's going to be a fun one.

The Giants stumbled into finals, dropping points severely undermanned in Dubbo three weeks from season's end, and whilst this didn't cost them top spot, it's shaped as the loss they needed. They returned serve two weeks later, dismantling them by 33-points in Round 12, before weathering the storm, and coming from behind last week to progress.

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UNDER-17s



Orange also dropped an early season fixture to Dubbo, and split the series with the Giants one-apiece both home and away. The week off will have done the Tigers plenty of good, particularly following how contested the Preliminary Final was played.

The two key forwards, Brown and Foxall shape as vital cogs for the Giants, but they'll need fast ball movement to get them at their best. Fergus Mann and Archer Ryan are the keys here, with no shortage of leg speed, and elite skills, they'll bring their forwards into the game.

This one will be decided by the battle of the midfield. Both teams have prime movers on the outside, but it's going to be a tale of who wins the contested footy early, in the worst of the conditions. James Gibson continues to develop, and he'll be supported predominately by Oliver Yates and Harvey Shephard. They'll have plenty of work to do, to lockdown Mann, Harley Spice and James Mills - who was close to best afield last week.

UNDER-17s



FF	#6 Jack HARDING	##8 Blake DWYER	#20 Jesse CARMODY
FB	#12 Ethan DOLBEL	#16 Josh WHYBROW	#24 Grayson CROSS
HF	#25 Henry MANNING	#7 Daniel CASEY	#24 Cooper CHARNOCK
HB	#13 Mark CAULFIELD	#9 Baxter GRIFFIN	#15 Ben HALVORSON
C	#2 Damien CHOPPING	#14 James GIBSON (vc)	#4 Max FITZSIMMONS (c)
C	#21 Archer RYAN	#17 James MILLS	#18 Lachlan MUNNS
HB	#17 Luke REED	#11 Calum DUNCAN	#23 Doavan HANSELL
HF	#3 Jai CHATFIELD	#2 Jed FOXALL	#22 Alexander WATSON
FB	#3 Sebastian GARRIDO	#21 Harrison COLEMAN	#28 Angus GUYER
FF	#1 Kailem COSGROVE	#4 Jenson BROWN (c)	#47 Koby COLLINS
FOL	#27 Noah YATES (vc)	#1 Harvey SHEPHARD	#18 Oliver YATES
FOL	#7 Isaac BUTTSWORTH	#11 Harley SPICE	#27 Fergus MANN (c)

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ORANGE

INT	#5 Matthew KENDEY	#9 Ben MASLIN	#10 Will WARD	#12 Ajay SARA	#19 Elliot McDONNELL	#22 Sean DWYER
INT	#5 William SLOAN	#19 Zeljko SABAN	#23 Conner EAGLES			
OFFICIALS	Matt SHEPHARD (Coach)		Fin SHEPHARD (Manager)			
OFFICIALS	Brad BROES (Coach)	Steve MANN (Assistant Coach)	Peter HUNT (Assistant Coach)	Tracey BROWN (Manager)		

2022 JUNIOR GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



FIELD UMPIRES

UNDER-12s	Nicholas FOGO	David FLUDE
UNDER-14s	James KING	Nicholas FOGO
YOUTH GIRLS	Luke WHITTON	Shaun ROWLANDS
UNDER-17s	Luke WHITTON	Shaun ROWLANDS

GOAL UMPIRES

UNDER-12s	Gregory RIDGE	Jade LEVEN
UNDER-14s	Gregory RIDGE	Michael SLOAN
YOUTH GIRLS	Paul WILLOUGHBY	Sebastian KING
UNDER-17s	Jade LEVEN	Michael SLOAN



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Umpire Coaches
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&
Paul WILLOUGHBY**



TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS



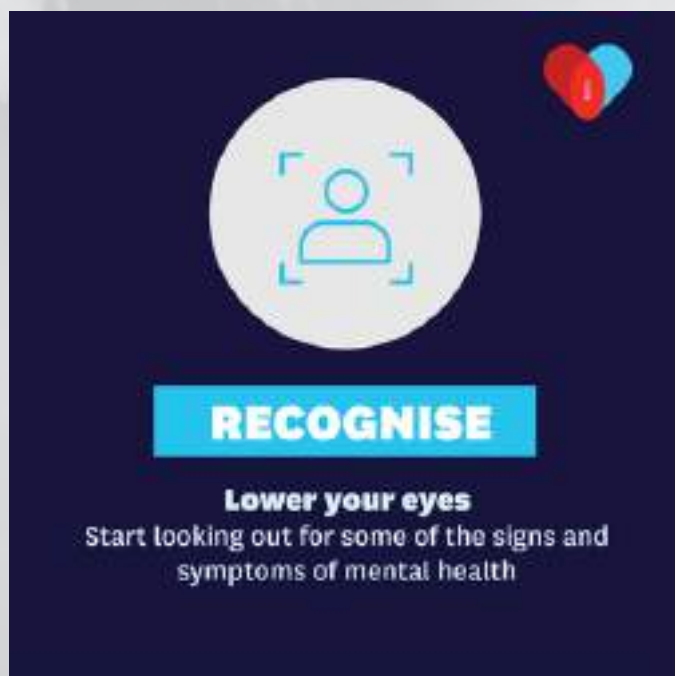
Tackle Your Feelings is a free mental health training program for community AFL coaches, as well as committee members and other club support staff.

The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018, after the tragic death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh three years earlier.

The workshop is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health in their players.

In 2022, Tackle Your Feelings have coordinated two sessions in the Central West, one at Bathurst Giants, the other with Dubbo Junior AFL and Dubbo Demons.

As part of the Dubbo session, we were fortunate to have former GWS GIANTS coach Leon Cameron attend, and share his advice and experiences to the participants



UNDER-10s COMPETITION



The 2022 season saw the introduction of the fifth junior age group, Under-10s. Participated on a modified field with teams from Bathurst GIANTS, Dubbo Junior AFL & Orange Tigers/Forbes Swampies, the inaugural shortened season will be considered a success by many.

Officially launched at the Dubbo vs Orange game day in Forbes, the final four rounds saw teams compete for fun and skill development. The program intended to support the transition of players from Auskick (particularly midweek Auskick centres) to play footy on Sundays.

The Under-10s competition formally concluded at last week's Preliminary Finals, with the AFL CW Game Development team running the kids through some skill acquisition activities before finishing with a final match.

Thankyou to all participants from our inaugural season, we hope you had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all the coaches, Shaun Noyen, Rachel Fairman, & Ben Bock for their efforts. Thank you also to Darcy Fairman, Beau Barrett and Ben Halvorson for umpiring matches during the competition



UNDER-10s COMPETITION



NEXT WEEK



SENIOR GRAND FINALS @ GEORGE PARK 2

GRADE	TEAM A	TEAM B	TIME
MEN'S TIER 2	<i>PARKES PANTHERS</i>	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS REBELS</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
WOMEN'S	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>DUBBO DEMONS</i>	<i>12:30PM</i>
MEN'S TIER 1	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>2:15PM</i>



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teams today**

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