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GRAND FINAL SCHEDULE



GRADE	HOME	AWAY	TIME
MEN'S DIVISION TWO	Wollongong BULLDOGS (2)	Ulladulla DOCKERS (1)	9:30am
WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE	Northern Districts TIGERS (2)	Kiama POWER (1)	11:25am
MEN'S DIVISION ONE	Bomaderry TIGERS (1)	Wollongong BULLDOGS (2)	1:10pm
WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION	Wollongong LIONS (1)	Figtree SAINTS (3)	3:15pm
MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION	Figtree KANGAROOS (1)	Northern Districts TIGERS (3)	5:00pm

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COMPETITION MANAGER'S WELCOME



On behalf of AFL South Coast, welcome to the 2023 AFL South Coast Seniors Grand Final Day.

Today is the culmination of a season of hard work from players, coaches and administrators. Winning today could be the pinnacle of some players' career, for others it could be the catalyst for greater things.

I moved into the Competition Manager's role in March, and have spent 2023 learning about the competition. The clubs have welcomed me into the fray, and I've enjoyed the new challenge that the change from the Central West has provided. Pleasingly, I've brought with me sunshine, and great footy conditions, the hallmark of a successful season.

2023 has been one of the more successful and uninterrupted seasons in the past five, with only one washed out week of junior footy, and no impacted senior matches. We have completed a full 16 rounds, two finals weekends, and finish the season with today's Grand Finals.

Jess and I have been fortunate to work alongside some of NSW/ACTs most supportive club executive. Our work is valued and appreciated by those we work closest to, and it empowers us to strive for better. We bombard them with emails and phone calls, and now get to celebrate the great work they have done in 2023 with our Grand Finals.

COMPETITION MANAGER'S WELCOME



Without the work of our volunteers, and club executive, community football doesn't get played. Please take the time to acknowledge their contribution to our game if you see these key club people at football today. I'd particularly like to acknowledge those (too many to name) that have taken the time to introduce me to their individual club communities whilst out at their games

So far, we have celebrated the success of both our junior competitions, with 10 premierships across the Illawarra and Shoalhaven over the past fortnight. We acknowledged the individual achievements of the Shoalhaven's elite, and have postponed the Illawarra Junior award presentations to next Wednesday to celebrate the future of the senior competition.

To our players and team officials, enjoy today's experience. We have five blockbuster clashes, all which could easily go either way. Put your best performance on the park, and showcase what the South Coast has to offer.

To our umpires, your selections today are reward for excellent performances across the season. You have earned the right to be here, now it is time to deliver on the big stage. I'd like to thank Josh and Joel Spain for their commitment to developing our umpires as matchday coaches today. I'd also like to congratulate Zac Joseph for his appointment to an AFL Sydney Premis Reserves Grand Final which explains his absence today.

COMPETITION MANAGER'S WELCOME



Each of these three, in addition to Darren White have provided great support as our league's umpire coaches this year. We hope this season has been an improvement on previous, and whilst there is still plenty of work to do, we are moving in the right direction. Please respect our umpires today, many are under the age of 18, and some are in their first senior Grand Final.

We celebrated the achievements of the AFL South Coast Seniors on Monday night, with the crowning of the 2023 Teams of the Year, Ray Tunbridge, Maddy Collier, and Tom Smith medals. Congratulations to each of our winners on the night and we will celebrate them later in the program.

The off-season will be one of change, next year will see Division Two dissolve, with many sides moving into the Division One competition. We are optimistic of multiple sides moving up into Premiers, thus creating two stronger, more competitive divisions. It will also be one of learning, as we continue to support the clubs to build on their strengths, create better connections to the junior committees, and plan long-term visions for the league.

Thank you to the Wollongong Lions for hosting us at North Dalton Park. What a venue! Have a fantastic day of footy!

Casey White

Competition Manager - South Coast

WOLLONGONG LIONS WELCOME



We respect and honour the traditional custodians of this land, the Wodi Wodi people of the Dharawal nation on which we gather and play on. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge any First Nations people here today as well as the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Welcome to the Lions Den, North Dalton Park for the AFL South Coast Seniors Grand Final Day.

Please be respectful of our ground and place all rubbish in the bins provided around the venue. We ask that all spectators be respectful of the umpires and players. Any hostility will result in people being removed from the venue. Our RSA bar staff also hold the right to refuse the service of alcohol.

Best of luck to all teams participating today, be proud of the achievement of getting to a Grand Final.

Enjoy a cracker of a day!

Ben Hyndes

Wollongong Lions President

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AWARD WINNERS



GRADE	B&F	R-UP B&F	LEADING GOALKICKER
MEN'S DIV TWO	Mark BIGNELL (16)	Scott PROCTOR (13)	Matthew THOMPSON (22)
WOMEN'S DIV ONE	Kaitlin MOTT (7) Cassie O'LEARY (7) Rhiannon TAYLOR (7)	Zoe McEVOY (6)	Shellee GIBSON (18)
MEN'S DIV ONE	Tom Smith Medal: Jack BOXSELL (18)	Zac JOVANOVSKI (9)	Andrew ELLIS (57)
WOMEN'S PREMS	Maddy Collier Medal: Michelle FOSCARINI (23)	Caitlin WILLIAMS (19)	Shanae FLOWER (27)
MEN'S PREMS	Ray Tunbridge Medal: Jack WOECKEL HYNES (21)	Joel BOTTIN-NOONAN (15)	Benjamin YAKIMOV (59)

WOMEN'S RISING STAR	Lilly PATTERSON (Wollongong Lions)
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DARREN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL: MEN'S RISING STAR	Augustin YOUNG (Wollongong Bulldogs)
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VOLUNTEER of the YEAR	Glenn KEYS (Bomaderry Tigers)
VOLUNTEER of the YEAR	Kimberley PEAT (Ulladulla Dockers)

BRIAN ARCHER DEVELOPMENT	Eva CHRISTIAN
GOLDEN WHISTLE	Jack WILSON

WOMEN'S TEAM of the YEAR



Coach: Nicholas **BREHERTON**

FB



Lauren
MYERS
Back Pocket



Katherine
GOW
Full Back



Caitlin
WILLIAMS
Back Pocket

HB



Lily
MACDONALD
Half Back Flank



Ellie
VEERHUIS
Centre Half Back



Samantha
MOON
Half Back Flank

C



Lily
PATTERSON (vc)
Wing



Michelle
FOSCARINI
Centre



Ella
MOATE
Wing

HF



Lola
SOSSAI
Half Forward Flank



Abbey
THOMAS (c)
Centre Half Forward



Ashlee
MADDERN
Half Forward Flank

FF



Elecia
PARROTT
Forward Pocket



Shanae
FLOWER
Full Forward



Mikayla
JONES
Forward Pocket

FOL



Brittany
BERRY
Ruck



Rani
SOSSAI
Ruck Rover



Kirsty
PHILPOTT
Rover

INT



Libby
HALL
Interchange



Charlee
McPHERSON
Interchange



Abby
DARGAN
Interchange

MEN'S TEAM of the YEAR



Coach: Glenn HAASE

FB



James
SCOTT
Back Pocket



Louis
BEARD
Full Back



Jarod
FALCONER
Back Pocket

HB



Lachlan
KONZA
Half Back Flank



Callum
BURNS
Centre Half Back



Nicholas
STACEY
Half Back Flank

C



Coby
ROSS
Wing



Brandon
LAGANA
Centre



Max
HARPER
Wing

HF



Dan
POSCH (vc)
Half Forward Flank



Benjamin
YAKIMOV (c)
Centre Half Forward



Kade
OVENDEN
Half Forward Flank

FF



Joel
BOTTIN-NOONAN
Forward Pocket



Jack
WOECKEL HYNES
Full Forward



Caleb
HIGGINS
Forward Pocket

FOL



Zac
DEMAMIEL
Ruck



Jeremy
WOODFORD
Ruck Rover



Ryan
ALLEN
Rover

INT



Jacob
MAY
Interchange



Josh
THOMAS
Interchange



Joseph
TEGART
Interchange

2023 GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



FIELD UMPIRES		
MEN'S DIV TWO	Ben PHILLIPS	Oliver DRISCOLL
WOMEN'S DIV ONE	Eva CHRISTIAN	Ayeesha MATAR
MEN'S DIV ONE	Gordon HUTCHEON	Ethan McMANUS
	Connor McMANUS	
WOMEN'S PREMS	Harry FRASER	Lillian JOY
	Tyler DAVIDSON	
MEN'S PREMS	Jack WILSON	Joel SPAIN
	Tim SOMERVILLE	

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Josh Spain, Joel Spain, Zac Joseph & Darren White

2023 GRAND FINAL

UMPIRES



GOAL UMPIRES

MEN'S DIV TWO	Sophie ROSO	Zac UITTERLINDEN
WOMEN'S DIV ONE	Thomas HICKMOTT	Brad LONGHURST
MEN'S DIV ONE	Jesse BRYERS	Zac UITTERLINDEN
WOMEN'S PREMS	Sam GREEN	Tasha DENNIS
MEN'S PREMS	Brad LONGHURST	Tony SPAIN

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

MEN'S DIV TWO	Liam OVENDEN , Hamish OVENDEN , Joel BADGER
WOMEN'S DIV ONE	James McLARNEN , Dimitri STRATIS , Darcy WEBER
MEN'S DIV ONE	Liam OVENDEN , Hamish OVENDEN , Joel BADGER , Charlie EDWARDS
WOMEN'S PREMS	Darcy WEBER , Chris BAERWINKEL , Alex NORRIS , Angus WILSON
MEN'S PREMS	Lucien SENNITT , Oliver BAGET-JULEFF , Charlie EDWARDS , Aiden LISLE

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MEN'S DIVISION

TWO



Previous matches:

Round 8 - *Wollongong Bulldogs* 6.19-55 def *Ulladulla Dockers* 4.4-28

Round 13 - *Ulladulla Dockers* 8.10-58 def *Wollongong Bulldogs* 5.7-37

Qualifying Final - *Ulladulla Dockers* 6.7-43 def by *Wollongong Bulldogs* 13.3-81

Road to the Grand Final:

Wollongong Bulldogs:

def *Ulladulla Dockers* 13.3-81 to 6.7-43 (QF)

Ulladulla:

def by *Wollongong Bulldogs* 13.3-81 to 6.7-43 (QF)

def *Bay and Basin Bombers* 6.10-46 to 5.3-33 (PF)

Players to watch:

Wollongong Bulldogs:

Sam Sibrey, Riley O'Brien, Luke Maslin, Will Doyle, Andrew Knox,

Ulladulla:

Harrison Donahue, Ben Clough, Brayden Atkins, Ben Shephard, Matthew Graham

Leading Goalkickers:

Wollongong Bulldogs:

Private Account (24), Anthony Goedde (14), Peter Anstice (13), Hamish Ahern (11), Liam Emery (8)

Ulladulla:

Matthew Thompson (24), Nathan Darvill (14), Harrison Donohue (12), Tom Edwards (12)

MEN'S DIVISION

TWO



MATCH PREVIEW

The two best teams in Division Two kickstart the day's play with a bang. Following three reasonably comfortable results for the victors across their three meetings, the Grand Final should be a significantly closer contest. In the first week of finals it was the Bulldogs prevailing, in a surprise victory, not in outcome, but in margin.

Following a season where the Dockers only played two matches, 56 and 153 point defeats in Division One, the southernmost side made the move back a grade in 2023 with immediate dividends. They've recruited strongly, had consistent numbers each week, and had a successful season on-field. They've stumbled towards the pointy end, two forfeit wins in the final two rounds not helping, but the earlier loss to the Bulldogs allowed them an extra match of preparation.

On the other side, the biggest impact to the Bulldogs will be their Premier Division side losing last week's Prelim, now causing selection and player qualification headaches. They'll lose some of the talent who played down in the opening week of finals, and it will take a team of Division Two players to get the job done.

Both teams pose threatening offences, with Ulladulla ranked #1 and Bulldogs #2 respectively. The goals are shared around though, Matthew Thompson's Leading Goalkicker haul of 24 less than half of the other two Men's grade winners. Like their offences, Ulladulla and Wollongong are the two strongest defences, and it will likely be a case of which back six steps up the most that gets the first trophy of 2023.

Our Prediction:

The 9:30am kickoff hurts Ulladulla, who will be on the road early to get to the ground. For the average punter, it will be worth the early start to check these two sides out. Ulladulla as a standalone side wouldn't play in front of massive crowds often so if a big Bulldogs contingent can get behind the side, they'll be tough to stop. Although the Dockers have regained some continuity, the stop start nature of their year costs them today.

A two hour bus trip is never good preparation for a game. Dogs by 19 points

MEN'S DIVISION TWO




Coach: **Luisa Marzotto**

Assistant: **Liam Emery**


Coach: **John Dyball, David Kwasha**

Assistant: **Kimberley Peat**





FF  #2 Peter **ANSTICE** #25 Harry **BROWN** #5 Jacob **MANLEY**


FB  #5 Gus **BOLAND** #1 James **HANCOCK (c)** #22 Cheyne **WHITFORD**

HF  #12 Liam **EMERY** #20 Angus **McLACHLAN** #19 Anthony **GOEDDE**


HB  #7 Ben **SHEPARD** #4 Luke **RUSSELL** #18 Jay **McDONALD**


C  #3 Jake **BROGAN** #6 Chris **POWELL** #4 Hugh **WHITE**


C  #16 Jared **SMITH** #17 Ben **CLOUGH** #28 Jack **WEST**


HB  #13 Will **DOYLE** #23 Innes **SMITH** #17 Riley **O'BRIEN**

HF  #23 Matthew **GRAHAM (vc)** #21 Tim **BRANSGROVE** #45 Tom **EDWARDS**

FB  #11 Andrew **KNOX** #24 Scott **POPLE (vc)** #16 Lachlan **PAXTON**

FF  #11 Mitchell **DONOHUE (vc)** #24 Dayne **EWINGS** #35 Brayden **ATKENS**


FOL  #22 Hunter **SMITH** #9 Sam **SIBREY** #15 Luke **MASLIN**

FOL  #25 Mitchell **HANCOCK** #2 Harrison **DONOHUE** #3 Matthew **THOMPSON**

INT  #1 Thomas **STEVENSON (c)** #7 Bayley **ADAMS** #10 Matthew **LAVIS** #18 Zac **LEARY**

INT  #6 Trent **BREWSTER** #12 Connor **WEST** #19 Baden **MANSON** #42 Shayne **LEFFLEY**

EMR  Harrison **McKINNON** Ben **REMPEL**

EMR  #10 Steven **CRAIG** #9 Adam **CLOUGH**

WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE



Previous matches:

Round 4 - *Northern Districts Tigers* 3.1-19 def *Kiama Power* 2.4-16

Round 11 - *Kiama Power* 6.6-42 def *Northern Districts Tigers* 2.2-14

Qualifying Final - *Kiama Power* 4.1-25 def by *Northern Districts Tigers* 5.3-33

Road to the Grand Final:

Northern Districts:

def *Kiama Power* 5.3-33 to 4.1-25 (QF)

Kiama:

def by *Northern Districts Tigers* 5.3-33 to 4.1-25 (QF)

def *Wollongong Bulldogs Blue* 3.1-19 to 1.4-10 (PF)

Players to watch:

Northern Districts:

Siobhan White, Georgia McEvoy, Kaitlin Mott, Ruth Sykes, Julie Langhorn

Kiama:

Cassie O'Leary, Hannah O'Leary, Elissa Rhodes, Pip Davis, Olivia Falconer, Jaime Brown

Leading Goalkickers:

Northern Districts:

Pip Davis (20), Franziska Klatt (7)

Kiama:

Shellee Gibson (19), Yasmin Anderson (13), Giselle Coromand (8), Chloe Wallace (6)

WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE



MATCH PREVIEW

Don't read too much into ladder positions, this one is closer than the teams' percentage suggests. The 200-points for differential is mainly due to the margin difference in matches against the Lions Greys. Those games saw Kiama pull away 207-points better off, compared to the Tigers +78. Against one-another, it was one-apiece in the regular season, with Norths getting the win in their Qualifying Final.

Once it was clear that the Lions would have two sides in Premis, it was always going to be these two sides in the decider. Whilst Kiama only got over the Bulldogs Blue by 9-points last weekend, they did what was needed to create the matchup.

For the Power, they'll play "Operation Stop Pip Davis". Remove her goals, and Northern Districts lose their potency. Only one other player, Franziska Klatt, scored more than three goals for their side. The Tigers also had a successful night at the league awards with Klatt, Siobhan White and joint-winner Kaitlin Mott all polling well in a low-scoring count. Expect the ball to find these players often as they work it from midfield.

Like the Tigers, Kiama also have a League Best & Fairest, in Cassie O'Leary. She will need a dominant performance to lead the side towards victory. The Power have a few more avenues to goal, none however as strong as North's Davis. Expect this one to be a low scoring slog, that goes right down to the wire.

Our Prediction:

Will either team really push on after victory and make inroads into the current competition's top four teams? On paper Northern Districts have the edge, but Kiama have a point to prove after their Qualifying Final defeat. The magic number of six goals has been achieved once by Norths compared to six times by the Power. Can the Tigers' offence fire to reach that or can their defence do the business one last time?

Did someone say back-to-back? Northern Districts Tigers by 11 points

WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE



Coach: **Madeline Mac Mahon**
 Assistant: **Maddy Collimore**
 Coach: **Steven White**
 Manager: **Olivia Falconer, Lillian Stoertz**



FF		#23 Mackenzie BATES	#13 Nikki BAILEY			
FB		#6 Jaime BROWN	#20 Caitlin ROGERS			
HF		#3 Julie LANGHORN	#5 Pip DAVIS	#25 Sophie MOTT		
HB		#16 Amanda WILLIAMS	#28 Jade QUIGLEY	#27 Emily HOOD		
C		#26 Holly COLQUHOUN	#31 Georgia McEVOY	#30 Mackenzie MILLER		
C		#12 Tara BANCROFT	#2 Cassie O'LEARY (c)	#14 Emma DOYLE		
HB		#7 Evie MCLARNEN	#4 Eef den BOER	#18 Zoe McEVOY		
HF		#3 Summer MOYLAN	#1 Yasmin ANDERSON	#35 Carra SHELDON		
FB		#40 Kristie TANCEVSKI	#33 Taylah GARTSHORE (c)			
FF		#5 Shellee GIBSON	#37 Giselle COROMANDEL			
FOL		#38 Georgie KUERSCHNER	#35 Siobhan WHITE (c)	#2 Kaitlin MOTT		
FOL		#23 Vivien JENNINGS	#11 Hannah O'LEARY	#30 Andie ETTRIDGE		
INT		#12 Jaymee-lea CASINI	#17 Siobhain WALDRON	#19 Una MC KAY	#49 Emma COONEY	
INT		#4 Tennille SHELLEY	#7 Claire WILSON	#17 Elissa RHODES	#18 Elizabeth HOCTOR	
EMR		#27 Melanie HOGAN	#32 Kelsey SHAW			
EMR		#10 Holly TYERMAN	#15 Hallie RICHMOND	#19 Alexandra SINGLETON	#21 Leah QUIGLEY	#38 Pyper MARSHALL

MEN'S DIVISION ONE



Previous matches:

Round 2 - Bomaderry Tigers 5.4-34 def by Wollongong Bulldogs 13.4-82

Round 12 - Bomaderry Tigers 8.12-60 def Wollongong Bulldogs 4.3-27

Qualifying Final - Bomaderry Tigers 6.5-41 def Wollongong Bulldogs 5.4-34

Road to the Grand Final:

Bomaderry:

def Wollongong Bulldogs 6.5-41 to 5.4-34 (QF)

Wollongong Bulldogs:

def by Bomaderry Tigers 6.5-41 to 5.4-34 (QF)

def Figtree Kangaroos 11.3-69 to 5.7-37 (PF)

Players to watch:

Bomaderry:

Jack Boxsell, Toby Craig, Louis Piva, Andrew Ellis, Jack Tagliabue, Oliver Halls, Max Hughes

Wollongong Bulldogs:

Thomas Dore, Jack Mattingly, Chris Powell, Sam Price, Liam Cooke, David Treharne, Bailey Parker

Leading Goalkickers:

Bomaderry:

Andrew Ellis (52), Jace Stallard (17), Jack Tagliabue (16), Nathan Snelling (16), Jack Boxsell (13), Gavin Costain (13)

Wollongong Bulldogs:

Sam Price (28), David Treharne (19), Angus Morschel (17), Bailey Parker (14), Jacob Manley (11)

MEN'S DIVISION ONE



MATCH PREVIEW

If at first you don't succeed, wait two hours and throw another team on the park. That will be the Wollongong Bulldogs motto if the result in the day's opening match doesn't go their way. One of just three clubs with multiple teams playing today, the Wollongong side go into this one as underdogs (sorry, awful pun), but optimistic of a favourable result.

Bomaderry have owned the "Premier Division side playing in Division One" tag, whilst dropping only one match through 2023 in a dominant display across the second grade. The goals come through competition's top marksman Andrew Ellis, and with a swarm of talented juniors coming through, they will want to move up a grade in '24 as Division One Premiers.

In reality, this could quite possibly be the last game in Division One for both teams, and could act as a great showcase for a new-look premier division in 2024. Both sides have scored more than 1400 points, and conceded fewer than 400. Only Figtree and the Bulldogs Prem's sides have scored more, but both have conceded more. The three games in 2023 have been moderate to low scoring, but high quality affairs, with pundits saying the Qualifying Final was some of the best footy Division One has ever seen.

Bomaderry are fresh off a junior flag in the 17s, and plenty of players from that side will have fought for places in today's team. They also have Tom Smith medallist Jack Boxsell leading the charge so bet against them at your peril.

Our Prediction:

First vs Second, but for the first time today, the minor premier won the Qualifying Final. It was only seven points, and we don't see the closeness changing. If the Dogs stop Boxsell and Ellis (who kicked two each in the Round 12 win), they probably win the flag. Do we have to predict a winner? Yes? Fine...

Different clubs, same result. Tigers teams go two from two. Bomaderry by 2

MEN'S

DIVISION ONE



Coach: **Geoffrey Gibbs**
Assistant: **Damien Costain**



Coach: **Andrew Watson**
Manager: **Luisa Marzotto**



FF		#15 Matthew GANDERTON	#5 Andrew ELLIS	#31 Shannon O'BEIRNE	
FB		#6 Joseph STEWART	#48 Kyle BEAVIS (c)	#15 Thomas DORE (c)	
HF		#1 Colby MORLEY	#38 Jack TAGLIABUE	#16 Jace STALLARD	
HB		#49 Gus FRANK	#52 Taj TREWEEK	#57 Jackson JEREMIASSEN	
C		#7 Dylan LIBBIS	#9 Toby CRAIG	#27 Mathew TYLER	
C		#6 Jonte Schmetzer	#40 Jack MATTINGLY	#50 Charlie DOIG	
HB		#8 Oliver HALLS	#11 Louis PIVA	#14 John MUGGLETON	
HF		#43 Samuel QUIRK	#54 David TREHARNE	#56 Harrison HUNTER	
FB		#20 Byron DEBNAM	#40 Luke McCANN	#23 Charlie RODDEN	
FF		#24 Benjamin MELTON	#62 Hamish AHERN	#60 Sam PRICE	
FOL		#25 Max HUGHES	#12 Jack BOXSELL	#36 Jake SATCHELL	
FOL		#12 Lachlan BEARD	#31 Chase BURMEISTER	#53 Liam COOKE	
INT		#2 Ryan KELLY	#64 Lachlan HUNT	#67 Samuel KINGSTON	#72 Lachlan ALMOND
INT		#25 Angus MORSCHER	#42 Leigh HUTCHINSON	#44 Brayden BEGG	#47 Colby HAMLIN
EMR					
EMR					

WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



Previous matches:

Round 2 - Figtree Saints 0.0-0 def by *Wollongong Lions* 8.9-57

Round 12 - *Wollongong Lions* 7.5-47 def Figtree Saints 0.1-1

Round 16 - Figtree Saints 1.2-8 def by *Wollongong Lions* 8.3-51

Road to the Grand Final:

Wollongong Lions:

def Wollongong Bulldogs Red 6.2-38 to 0.3-3 (QF)

Figtree:

def Wollongong Lions Red 3.5-23 to 1.3-9 (EF)

def Wollongong Bulldogs Red 8.4-52 to 2.3-15 (PF)

Players to watch:

Wollongong Lions:

Charlee McPherson, Kirsty Philpott, Rani Sossai, Libby Hall, Lauren Myers, Lola Sossai

Figtree:

Lily MacDonald, Caitlin Williams, Katherine Gow, Tiarne Hibbert, Ashlee Maddern

Leading Goalkickers:

Wollongong Lions:

Shanae Flower (27), Lola Sossai (22), Lily Patterson (15), Charlee McPherson (9), Ivy Halliwell (9), Ella Moate (8)

Figtree:

Ashlee Maddern (19), Amelia Martin (13), Caitlin Williams (7), Lily MacDonald (7), Chloe Aivaliotis (5)

WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



MATCH PREVIEW

The Nicholas Bretherton era at the Lions started shaky, storming home in the final term to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in Round One. They've then enjoyed an unbeaten season, and with the help of Figtree, have knocked their season's first round Bulldogs Red opponent out in straight sets. Shanae Flower has been a revelation in front of goals, booting 27 majors just 12 months on from only recording three. She will be tough to contain for Figtree, and if she doesn't get you, her tandem with Lola Sossai will.

The likes of Rani Sossai and Charlee McPherson have been dominant through the middle, with Rani unlucky to not poll better in the league B&F. The midfield is strong, and they control their opponent's rebound 50 so well, that their defence are rarely challenged. Only conceding 63 points in 2023 is a credit to this structure. If they do turn it over, the midfield and half forwards work so hard to slow the ball movement or break the play down before the defence become required.

It won't be as easy as turn up and celebrate though and the trophy has not yet been engraved. Figtree Saints are flying. Yes they've not been able to beat the Lions, but they have proved a challenge, especially against the Bulldogs outfit that they removed from finals. The defence will have their hands full, but if they can shut down either the supply from midfield or the two-pronged attack of Sossai and Shanae, they've got a chance.

The big question mark is where do the goals come from. Against the Lions, they've recorded scores of 0.0-0, 0.0-1, and 1.2-8. One goal in three games isn't good enough, but their performances against the other sides suggest if someone can cause an upset against these Lions, it's the Saints today.

Our Prediction:

The Lions' eggs are in the Women's team's basket. It's the host club's only Grand Finalist today, and has been their best chance all season to bring a flag to NDP.

The Lions complete the perfect season, running out 32 point winners.

WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



Coach: **Nicholas Bretherton**
 Manager: **Ella Moate**



Coach: **Darrin Collier**
 Manager: **Melissa Bartley, David Arthur**



FF		#1 Lola SOSSAI	#29 Shanae FLOWER		
FB		#6 Sophie WILLCOCKS	#25 Katherine GOW (c)		
HF		#21 Rani SOSSAI	#10 Edwina KENNELLY (vc)	#22 Lily PATTERSON	
HB		#11 Ellie VEERHUIS	#10 Sarah EAGLETON	#13 Demi ARTHUR	
C		#3 Ella MOATE	#31 Kirsty PHILPOTT	#15 Paige NANCARROW	
C		#18 Montana DOUBELL	#46 Caitlin WILLIAMS	#44 Amy LEGGE	
HB		#4 Lauren MYERS (c)	#8 Vashti MULLER (vc)	#16 Zoe WILLIAMS	
HF		#7 Jonte WONSON	#33 Amelia MARTIN	#16 Cassie NAYLOR	
FB		#7 India PATMORE	#33 Andriana BABIC		
FF		#29 Lily BRYERS	#40 Ashlee MADDERN		
FOL		#34 Tazmin FULCHER (vc)	#5 Kayla MILHAM	#11 Charlee McPHERSON	
FOL		#23 Nykia BUTLER	#4 Courtney HART (c)	#37 Lily MACDONALD	
INT		#9 Gabby MAPLES	#10 Kelsey McINTOSH	#13 Libby HALL	#14 Kyah TUNBRIDGE
INT		#2 Charlotte MAY	#12 Melissa BARTLEY	#15 Grace MEWETT	#50 Ellecia BROOKS
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MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



Previous matches:

Round 1 - Northern Districts Tigers 5.7-37 def by Figtree Kangaroos 10.14-74

Round 6 - Northern Districts Tigers 7.6-48 def by Figtree Kangaroos 8.12-60

Round 11 - Figtree Kangaroos 8.12-60 def Northern Districts Tigers 8.7-55

Round 16 - Figtree Kangaroos 10.10-70 def by Northern Districts Tigers 11.8-74

Road to the Grand Final:

Figtree:

def Wollongong Bulldogs 12.6-78 to 4.9-33 (QF)

Northern Districts:

def Shellharbour City Suns 8.15-63 to 7.7-49 (QF)

def Wollongong Bulldogs 10.12-72 to 7.8-50 (PF)

Players to watch:

Figtree:

Jacob May, Jacob Hennessy, Nicholas Hay, Benjamin Yakimov, Brandon Lagana, Joel Bottin-Noonan

Northern Districts:

Jeremy Woodford, Caleb Higgins, Ciaran Flynn, Harrison Jennings, Ryan Dunn, Heath Beaumont

Leading Goalkickers:

Figtree:

Benjamin Yakimov (67), Benjamin Bourke (27), Joel Bottin-Noonan, Nicholas Hay (17)

Northern Districts:

Brendan Davis (44), Ciaran Flynn (26), Heath Beaumont (24), Caleb Higgins (13)

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



MATCH PREVIEW

The match of the day, under lights, to finish the 2023 season. All season long, pundits have called the Premier Division competition a two-horse race between the Figtree Kangaroos and Wollongong Bulldogs. We now come to the final game of the season and the Bulldogs horse has been scratched, replaced by the Northern Districts Tigers.

The Tigers have flown under the radar this season, going ever so close to an elusive victory against the top two through fifteen rounds: 12 and five point defeats to Figtree, 14 and eight point defeats to the Bulldogs. All that was missing was one of these scalps, a scalp they claimed in the final Home & Away match. Since then, a five-goal opening term in the Prelim gave them a lead that has brought them to the Grand Final and another date with the Roos.

Their opponents have been yet again the benchmark. Figtree dismantled the Dogs after half time a fortnight ago, kicking seven goals to 1 following the main break. They've won 11 of the past 12 to close out the season, the only loss, that defeat to Norths, their first against today's opponent in over seven years.

North's have some question marks over star players heading into the game. You can almost right them off if these guys don't get up for the game...almost. Expect them to come out hard, because they'll need another flying start to stay in the hunt.

Our Prediction:

Benjamin Yakimov kicked goals for fun this season, Joel Bottin-Noonan and Brandon Lagana finished second and third in the Tunbridge Medal. They are just three of the big names at Figtree. It's been a fun run for Northern Districts, but the star power of the Roos, coupled with the question marks over some of the top Tigers, means the run ends today.

A third consecutive flag beckons. Figtree Kangaroos by 26 points. The 2023 season finishing with five different senior clubs winning premierships.

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION



Coach: **Michael Coleman**
Assistant: **Will Ryan**
Coach: **Glenn Haase, Mick Montague**



FF		#13 Joel BOTTIN-NOONAN	#25 Benjamin YAKIMOV	#55 Nicholas HAY	
FB		#16 Angus BOULTON	#40 Seamus KING	#19 James BOLTON	
HF		#5 Matthew STARK	#10 Benjamin BOURKE	#11 Mitchell DALY	
HB		#17 Ethan WHITE	#8 William SEAGER	#30 Charlie TAYLOR	
C		#9 Max HARPER	#6 Jacob HENNESSY (c)	#17 Oliver BURNETT	
C		#24 Brodie RYAN (c)	#6 Will BEAUMONT	#26 Sean ITTER	
HB		#14 Ben RYAN (vc)	#21 Cameron DALY	#27 Adam SCHUBACK	
HF		#21 Caleb HIGGINS	#22 Jack PRITCHARD	#27 Heath BEAUMONT (vc)	
FB		#4 Nicholas STACEY	#28 Daniel JOHNSON	#15 Michael COLEMAN	
FF		#2 Zac MARTIN	#4 Ciaran FLYNN	#13 Ryan DUNN	
FOL		#22 Rourke EAGLE	#20 Jacob MAY	#24 Brandon LAGANA	
FOL		#33 Michael FEARN	#3 Jeremy WOODFORD	#12 Harrison JENNINGS	
INT		#8 James STACEY	#19 Kieran CHURCHILL	#29 Rhys ANDREATA	#42 Lachlan PLEMING
INT		#5 Harry SHANNON	#29 Sam HODGE	#46 Liam SWEENEY	#49 Tavita WOOD
EMR					
EMR		#47 Jarrod MALLON	#54 Jonty DWYER	#56 Nicholas BURTON	

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