

Grand Final Wrap Up

Just like that our Summer competitions have finished up with the grand finals being played over the last week. It was another great summer season for the Raymond Laurie and Maclean Sports Centres with strong numbers throughout all comps along with quality games week after week. The finals were no different with high quality and intense games throughout.

Raymond Laurie

Basketball:

Kicking the grand finals off on Monday with the women's basketball, we saw the 'Bobcats' take on 'Queen of Hearts' in a game that went to the down to the wire, with Bobcats coming away with it 28-26. With a strong performance as always from Missy Randall, backed up by Shantai Walker and co, Queen of Hearts went into the half time break with a slight lead. The third quarter was evenly matched with 4 apiece and it wasn't until the last quarter after some heroic plays from Rebeka Teni and Tianna Manusu that the Bobcats were able to escape with a two-point win.

The Men's comp had 'Lightning Boltes' pitted against 'Mixed'. Lightning Boltes would have gone into this game quietly confident after a successful season which saw them finish second and boast a positive record against their opposition. Bill Bolte started the team off well and as usual turning up everywhere, and with Cooper Daley-Hadi hitting a few nice threes, Boltes got off to a good start. However, coming off an upset victory in their semi final against the top team, Mixed were determined to go all the way. Using Jayden as their pivot man they were able to soak up the rebounds at both ends and use their height to their advantage. After an intense three quarters fatigue had set in and Lightning Boltes were struggling to hold on and Mixed capitalised on this and ran away with a 44-36.

Futsal:

Monday night also saw the Premier League futsal grand final between Tekkerslovakia and Jesse's Team. Coming off an undefeated season Tekkers went into this game full of confidence and ready to win. Jesse's team however, had a different idea and came out with a high intensity a got out to a quick 2-0 lead. This was a shock to Tekkers who quickly adjusted and went into the first break 2-1 down. Jesse's continued to pressure and managed to build up a 6-2 lead in the third quarter through the combination of Nick Shugg and Dylan Dickson, along with some accurate shooting from Nathan Hollis. Tekkers hadn't lost hope and were able to get within two by the last break thanks to some handy shooting and silky moves by Josh Arndell and Fraser Marsh. The intensity continued in the last quarter with Jesse's Team holding on for a 7-6 upset win against the previously undefeated Tekkerslovakia.

Tuesday night provided another upset in the mixed grand final between Toe-Pokers and MHS Boys. After coming in mid-way through the season, Toe-Pokers had been dominant in their previous games and came into the final undefeated, hoping for that trend to continue. Toe-Pokers came out strong but to their surprise MHS Boys matched their intensity and took an early lead. MHS Boys had come to play and Toe-Pokers realised that and stepped their game up and took a 7-5 lead in the last quarter with a powerful strike from Jarred Barber. However, MHS Boys once again stepped up to the

task and with some smart play and accurate shooting from Connor Bridges they were able to clinch an 8-7 lead and hold on for the remaining minutes.

Netball:

The mixed grand final had 'SBD's' come up against 'NutBurners'. Coming into this game off some good form in previous weeks NutBurners were quietly confident and looking to cause a major upset. This showed in the first quarter by matching SBD's. However, the undefeated SBD's were determined to keep that clean record and were able to break away with a scoring second quarter thanks to some clean shooting from Courtney Smith. SBD's continued to show dominance for the remainder of the game for a 42-19 win despite Kane Hancock's best efforts at some mind games.

The women's grand final saw a familiar occurrence with 'Sam's' coming up against 'Broken'. The two dominant teams through the competition once again came up against each other in a close scoring affair. Broken were able to score through some nice attacking combination play between Leah Essex and Frankie Aird. However, clean shooting from Courtney Smith once again proved the difference with Sam's coming away with a four-point win, with the game finishing 28-24.

Maclean

Netball:

The final saw Scorpions vs Maclean Cellars. The teams who had showed their dominance through the season competed in a low scoring affair with a great defensive display from both teams. Arguably the underdogs coming into the game, Maclean Cellars showed their class and were determined to cause an upset and did just that. The game saw Maclean cellars come away with a 15-12 victory over Scorpions.

Futsal:

The final had 'The Goats' vs 'Goal Diggers'. Coming into this game off an upset victory in the semi finals Goal diggers had a confidence coming into this week. Unfortunately, due to a few players missing through injury they were unable to compete with the dominant Goats. Thanks to some early goals from Caitlin Davies and Josh Arndell, Goats continued their impressive season coming away with a 16-6 victory.

We are now taking nominations for our Winter competitions at both the Raymond Laurie and Maclean Sports Centres. Competitions include Basketball, Futsal and Netball. They commence from the 6th of May, so get your nominations in now to secure your spot for the 2019 Winter Competitions.

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