

Karoonda B Grade

After 4 games of Netball, the B grade are travelling nicely with 3 wins and 1 loss.

It is important to mention that I would have to be more proud of the game that we actually lost, than the ones in which we have one. A couple losses through the year can't hurt, and if puts that much needed "fire in your belly" then all the better.

It's well worth mentioning that loss against Lameroo. We trailed by 7 goals at $\frac{3}{4}$ time to come back to only loose by 1 goal. It is every coaches dream to have a team that will never give in and to quote the great man "Vince Lombardi" (you can ask me who he is later) "it is easy to have faith and belief when your winning, but it takes courage to have faith and belief when you are loosing". I was great to see the discipline and determination displayed by each of our players on that day.

I look forward to today's game against Pinnaroo, which will finish off the first round. It will be 2nd playing 6th, but as we all know anything can happen in Netball, so we will need to go into this game as focused as we have in the last 4 games. Our defensive pressure is a strong part of our game, and something we are working hard to achieve. Let's go into today's game with the right "mind set" and maintain our concentration throughout the game.

For those wanting a bit of extra reading material, here is this years B grade...

Caroline Phillips (Captain), is always reliable and strong. Caz's last two games have been particularly good, especially seeing as though she has been playing with "gangrene & gout" in her foot (actually sounds more like a spur to me, but who's to argue). Caz's voice and direction on or off the court is a blessing.

Emily Arbon (Vice-Captain), started the year strongly and has continued in the same manner each week. We all love Em's "laid back" nature (yep just like her old man) and its great to have seen her turn into such a strong netballer. I just love seeing her pick up so many interceptions.

Nicole Bridge, proves that "white men can jump". She has a great vertical leap and oodles of agility. Nic has especially played strongly in our last two games and will only improve as the year gets on. She may think that I have forgotten to nag her about going up for rebounds with 2 hands, but beware Nic.... I am going to take stats on it today.

Caitlin "I'll play till I can't stand up" Galbraith, is having to be one of our most versatile players, and is playing great Netball, where ever she is put. She just loves her Netball, and it is great to see her soak up all that I tell her. Keep smiling Catie, your fun to have around.

Aleise Simon, is playing some fantastic Netball and also started the year strongly, and has continued each game. Coming back from playing A grade last year she is proving to be one

of our leaders, and her decision making when passing to the Goalies has been a highlight. She turns a lot of balls over with her defensive pressure.

Natalie Durdin, is a young player with a bright future. She had one of her best games last week against BDT, and her vision into the ring is developing nicely. A quiet achiever, who has slotted into the team nicely, and boy can she run.

Kate Arbon, is also having to be rather versatile this year, and playing great netball, whether it be in the goal ring or on the wing. A very clever Netballer who is her own toughest critic, and will always challenge herself to do better. Her game against Lameroo was a credit to her, going into goals, at a critical time of the match and shooting 92% in the process.

Anna Bray, continues to make each game better than the last and her game against BDT was no exception. It was great to see her step up and take control in the goal ring when needed on Saturday, and her drive into the ring is an important part of her game.

Wendy Wood (playing coach), I am loving being a part of this team and am rewarded each and every week when the players, take on the challenges I set and try anything I ask. I couldn't ask for more than that, well done girls.

The other important people in our team are Margie Arbon (Team Manager), Deb & Rob Bridge (who are assisting me with the coaching), and Kristina Durdin (helps with what ever I ask), thanks to you guys, your great to have around

Thanks also to those who are there every week supporting our team. Having you be a part of our game is very important to us.

Goodluck to all teams today. Go Maggies.

Wendy Wood.