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PERFECTION: Brian Dwyer was one of three players to win all their sets during the latest round of the Eglington Saturday tennis competition.

Western Advocate Wednesday 19th February

Terrific trio wins all Saturday sets

Dwyer, Speirs and Honeyman are on fire

TENNIS TALK
BY JOHN BULLOCK

TWENTY-TWO players took to the court in round three in this year's Autumn competition but only three players of the twenty-two delighted the crowd by winning all of their four sets.

Brian Dwyer, Caitlin Speirs, and Bailey Honeyman let their rackets do the talking playing well above their ability.

Brian Dwyer looked totally focused in his sets and teamed up with Brook Lynch in the first set winning 6-2.

The pair dominated again in the second set winning 6-3.

The third set wasn't going to be easy but Dwyer and Speirs upped the ante to cap-tivate a brilliant win 6-4.

With one set to go for Dwyer the odds were in his favour and he and Speirs went

for the jugular playing some crafty tennis winning the set 6-4.

It was a polished display of tennis from Dwyer and is a player that will trouble the tall poppy players in his future rounds.

Caitlin Speirs - one of Eglington's top brightest young talents - was full of running as Speirs and her partner Judy Smith played good constructive tennis winning the first set 6-2.

The pair teamed up again in their second set to win a close encounter 6-4.

In Speirs' third and fourth sets, it was a delight to watch as Caitlin and her partner Brian Dwyer won both sets 6-4, 6-4 respectively.

The tennis Speirs played on the day was a truly epic performance from the Eglington top young gun, and is a player that players should be very worried about in her

future matches.

Bailey Honeyman another one of Eglington's top young guns was in good touch as he powered away through his sets.

Honeyman teamed up with Stacey Markwick in the first set winning in fine style 6-3.

In his second set, Bailey partnered Dan McLeay and powered their way through the set winning 6-2.

It was time to let loose in the third set for Honeyman as he and partner Markwick played exciting tennis winning 6-1.

With one set to go for the young gun, it was looking like a clean sweep.

However things were looking tight in the set and both players were in a spot of bother but Honeyman and McLeay managed to power their way through the set to take it in a thriller 7-5.

It was a relaxed Honeyman out there on the court today and with some big matches coming up, the young tennis talent will become a very dangerous player to watch out for.

Well, folks, it was another great round of tennis at the biggest little club in the west.

Yes, folks, the Eglington's players are in boot camp and training at a secret location ready and waiting for their big clash against the highly respected Northbridge Tennis Club come March 28.

Coch Graeme Stapleton and captain of the Eglington side slugger John Bullock believe our players will be in peak condition and are primed and ready for whatever the Northbridge side throws at them.

The teams will be out soon so keep posted in my future columns for the magnificent twelve. Good Hitting.



IN MOTION: Denison College students Blaine Dawes, Jayden Thornbury and Aiden Clancey try their hand at a biomechanic exercise.

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Students look towards the future

EDUCATION

INDIGENOUS Australian high school students from Bathurst and Orange have taken some promising steps towards their future careers through their involvement in Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Strong Moves program.

The program, an Indigenous Australian subset of CSU's larger Future Moves initiative, sees students in years 9, 10 and 11 gain a valuable insight into what to expect during tertiary study.

CSU Future Moves manager Ben Morris said the program helps Indigenous Australian students to consider options for their futures.

"We want to help these students find out what they want to do, not what society tells them to do," Mr Morris said.

"Future Moves supports around 15,000 students a year, and 15 per cent of that

figure identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander."

The program runs across the Central West, Riverina and Mid-North Coast regions, and sees students visit a CSU campus for one day a week over four weeks.

"We try to ensure the students see as much of their

nearby CSU campus as they can," Mr Morris said.

CSU has the highest proportion of Indigenous Australian students in the country, and we want to continue to close the gap."

Yesterday saw students focus on communications and science activities.

McNeil seals deal Future's looking good for Western



TOP SCORER: Wellington's Amali McNeil puts this shot away on her way to 61 runs in Western's win over Sydney East. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK



BIG HIT COMING UP: Dubbo's Alex Morley prepares to send this one down the field during Western's innings against Sydney East. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

CRICKET

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

AN 83-RUN partnership between Wellington's Amali McNeil and Blayney's Dimity Parton paved the way for Western's win over Sydney East in Wednesday's NSW CHS Girls Cricket Championship meeting at Bathurst.

Western produced one of their finest performances of the week to take a 45-run victory in their first 50 over match of the tournament.

McNeil was in fine form with the bat, notching up six fours and a six on her way to 61 runs, while Parton (33) and Parkes' Maddy Spence (31) played excellent knocks in Western's total of 203 all out.

Sydney East had a middle order surge of their own, led by Ananaya Sharma (33) and Laura Metry (29 not out), but the run rate began to climb as Western kept the boundaries to a minimum.

Catherine Wilson's (20) wicket would spell the beginning of the end for the visitors at 5-128.

At that stage it was only the 33rd over of the game, and Sydney East still had plenty of time up their sleeves, but Western was giving up little wobble room with the ball.

Sydney East finished all out for 158 in the 43rd over after losing their last four wickets in four overs.

Blayney's Taylor Hobby finished with Western's leading figures of 3-28.

The last of those Hobby

wickets was a stunning diving catch to win the game from Parkes' Marites Woods.

Spence took 2-28 while Bathurst's Chloe Stapleton, Parkes' Abi Simpson and McNeil all finished with wickets.

Western manager Rachel McCann said her team's vital middle order partnership helped ease the pressure on her players in the field.

"I thought we'd be around 180 at one stage before that partnership between Amali and Dimity. They chipped away at it and they were able to play more of their shots once they were able to settle in," she said.

"That setup gave the girls confidence to defend the score. That's been a big improvement this year. They've had the confidence to go out there and set a score. We haven't had big scores like that for many years."

McCann said the fielding effort was another strong point out of Wednesday's game.

"Breaking up big partnerships can be hard when they get settled so I told the girls to keep up the pressure in the field, and they were able to cut off a lot of fours and that kept the pressure on," she said.

It's the third win of the tournament for Western after they finished the Twenty20 phase of the competition with two victories and two losses.

Western conclude the competition in Thursday's second 50 over game.

Home side finishes up with a 4-2 record

CRICKET

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WESTERN needed a big performance in the field if they were to end their NSW CHS Girls Cricket Championships campaign on a high against South Coast on Thursday.

Just like they did a day earlier, Western didn't buckle under pressure with the ball.

Western once again bowled beautifully to stop South Coast 24 runs short of their 118 total at George Park 2, and in the process finished the competition with a positive win-loss record of 4-2.

Western manager Rachel McCann said it's one of the brightest years Western has seen for some time at the tournament.

"We've been in a rebuilding phase for some time ever since we had that really strong team who won it 2012," she said.

"It's a positive sign seeing these girls play well after spending several years with the side and having the opportunity to play at a high level in carnivals like these.

"We said all this week our aim was to learn and improve and that's what we did."

Western were under the pump early with the bat.

Partnerships of any significance were impossible to come by as the top order failed to get themselves out of single digits.

Just like they did a day earlier Western found some middle order spark, this time through Dimity Parton (27 not out) and Maddy Spence (22).

The unbeaten final wicket partnership between Parton and Taylor Hobby (15 not out) added a vital 35 runs to the tally.

The South Coast chase began in positive fashion.

Top three batters Kallie Gum (14), Isabella Greig (13) and Jade Allen (22) helped bring the required run rate down over the opening stages of their innings.

South Coast reached the halfway point of the 40 over chase at 4-66, with the match poised to swing in either direction.

It quickly turned the way of the hosts.

Once the middle order were dismissed the wickets arrived in a rush for Western.

Western's Taylor Hobby was once again the pick of the bowlers with her figures of 3-20 while Amali McNeil (2-8) and Spence (2-9) also made multiple breakthroughs.



DONE AND DUSTED: Amali McNeil (right) celebrates the winning wicket for Western in Thursday's concluding game against South Coast. Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT



WAY TO GO: Western's squad are all smiles following their victory over South Coast on Thursday afternoon. Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT

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Bathurst juniors chase upset wins in deciders

CRICKET

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

IT'S time to wear the underdog badge with pride.

Bathurst's under 12s and 14s travel to face Orange in this Sunday's Mitchell Cricket Council finals knowing the hosts will enjoy favouritism in both deciders.

One year after Bathurst dominated all three age groups in the Mitchell competition the tables have turned.

Bathurst's squads have many bottom-age players in action this season but it hasn't stopped the 12s and 14s from reaching the last day of the season.

The Bathurst under 14s have a big task ahead to try and turn around the result from their previous meeting against Orange.

Orange were too strong on that occasion, scoring an eight wicket win on the back of an unbeaten 95 from James Harper.

Bathurst coach Chris Warry said the team has the capability to beat Orange but they'll need their best game of the season to make it happen.

"Jacob Lamb, Liam Cain and Cooper Warry are the kids we need to contribute on the weekend. It'll take a good team effort in the field, and that's let us down in a couple of our games so we've worked on that a lot," he said.

"Liam and Jacob are our dual captains and they lead the side really well. Liam's a strong opening bowler and Jacob's our opening batter. I feel like we'll be strong in the batting department, we just need to lift with our bowling.

"There's some really strong cricketers in that Orange



THE BIG DAY: Cooper Stephen and the Bathurst under 12s are chasing the upset against Orange this Sunday, as are their under 14s counterparts, in Mitchell Cricket Council finals. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

team and we'll need to get them out quicker than we did in that last game."

Meanwhile under 12s Bathurst coach Matt Stephen said there's plenty of ambition in a relatively experienced squad, who are just thrilled to earn another clash against Orange.

"They're excited to have

made it. There's only three boys who have been there before, so they know what it's about. I tell them that at the end of the day it's just a game of cricket. They just have to go out there and do themselves and Bathurst proud," he said.

"One of our players is 10 and a couple of them are

11. I'm not going to put any amount of pressure on them at all. Just do your best, that's all you can do."

Orange will come into the game with plenty of momentum after a 259 run hammering of Blue Mountains, which included an unbeaten 217 to Toby Middleton.

Bathurst earned their

place in the decider with a win over Mudgee in a do-or-die clash for both clubs.

Cooper Stephen, Blayde Burke and Gilby Glawson are the Bathurst trio chasing back-to-back titles.

Under 14s will play at Wade Park and the under 12s final will be at Riawena Oval. Both games start 10am.

Bathurst set to attract best junior girl players



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Gum guns fire up to lead side home

Craft, Honeyman playing strong tennis

TENNIS TALK
BY JOHN BULLOCK

EGLINTON top young guns Lincoln Craft and Bailey Honeyman helped steer Sluggers Team Sweet Gum to a memorable victory over David Bants Team Oak side 12 sets to two.

Both players out of Rod Schumacher's Eglinton tennis academy showed their opponents no mercy by producing some magical tennis in all of their four sets winning 6-0, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 respectively.

Craft and Honeyman have improved dramatically over the past six months with their coach Rod Schumacher pleased on how well they have adapted to the stronger tennis.

"This competition is a very strong one with both boys serving it right up to the tall poppy players. They're still

learning how to tackle the big points and develop their court craft skills but that will come as they get older and stronger. If they continue to focus on their game they will become very good club players." Schumacher said.

Captain of team sweet gum slugger Bullock was full of praise on how well the young guns helped steer his side to a sweet victory.

"I must give there coach Rod Schumacher full credit for how well he has coached both boys into becoming good club players. It's a hard job, but the Eglinton tennis Academy has definitely bought the best out in the boys in becoming the rising tennis stars of the future."

Bullock said. The young guns were not the only ones to shine for team sweet gum. Kathy Wilkinson and Dan McLeay also produced some

Of all the twelve players to take the court, they were the only players to win all of their four sets and showed their opponents that pure guts and perseverance will always prevail.

Well, folks another great round of tennis at the biggest little club in the west. Good Hitting.

Eglinton District Tennis Club

Small but strong tennis club that operates from the courts in Eglinton. A very strong competition every Saturday, social tennis on Wednesday afternoons.

Whether your a serious competitor, or just in it for some hits and giggles and a bit of social, come on down. Courts available for hire all year around. Key available from the Eglinton General Store for a small fee. For more information visit them on facebook.

The star players in this match were no doubt, Robert Mack and Brian Dwyer.



Lincoln Craft (pictured) and Bailey Honeyman helped steer Team Sweet Gum to a memorable 12-2 victory over Team Oak.

Wednesday 26th February

Coach proud of girls' effort

SOCCER
BY BRADLEY JURD

WHILE Bathurst may have come up short in its fourth and final match in the Proctor Park Challenge on Sunday, coach Phil Bromhead was full on praise of his under 15s side.

After opening its campaign on Saturday with a 1-0 win over Macarthur rams, Bathurst continued its good form with a 2-0 win over Harrington United later in the day.

However, Football South Coast ended Bathurst's undefeated run with a 3-1 win in the third and final match on Saturday.

On Sunday, Bathurst went into its crucial match against Wagga City Wanderers knowing a win might still see them finish top of the five-team pool.

But it wasn't to be for the local girls, with goals from Jade Emms, Francesca Scott and Tamara Cochrane delivering a comprehensive 3-0 win for the Wanderers.

Coach Phil Bromhead said he couldn't more prouder of the effort his players put in,



ON THE BALL: Bathurst under 15s footballer Isabelle Schumacher looks to get around her Wagga City Wanderers opposition in the Proctor Park Challenge on Sunday. Photo: BRADLEY JURD

considering the short time span of recruiting and training.

"As always, we get these girls from all over place in the last couple of weeks, between when school starts and now," he said.

"We throw them together, stick them out there and you get half that knew each other from last year and you get newbies in there too.

"You can't fault them. You couldn't be more prouder."

The first real chance in

the match fell the way of the Wanderers five minutes in, with a shot going across goal but out for corner after taking a touch off a Bathurst defender.

Two minutes later, Amy Parker saw the ball in space

and put the burners on for it, but Wanderers keeper Mischa Northeast got to the ball just in time.

A minute later the Wanderers snatch the lead.

Scott shot from distance, which was fumbled by Ba-

thrust keeper Laura McKee, with Cochrane scoring what was a tap-in and the Wanderers took that 1-0 to the break.

Bathurst put on some good pressure in the opening minutes of the second half and came close to equalising the match through Parker.

However, seven minutes into the second half, Emms had a shot from outside the box which found the back of the net and the Wanderers were up 2-0.

The last goal came off literally the last play of the game, with Scott scoring from the edge of the box to give the Wanderers a solid 3-0 win.

Regardless of the defeat, Bromhead couldn't fault his girls' performance, considering the amount of games they played.

"They always give you 110 per cent and that's all you can ask for," he said.

"These 15s girls are also backing up for the 17s, so yesterday they played six games and at least two more on Sunday.

"So for 15-year-old girls playing eight games in 24 hours is a big effort."

Monday 24th February

Big field for Legacy day raises big money

EVENTS

MORE than 150 golfers took to the fairways at the Bathurst Golf Club last Sunday for the 17th annual Legacy Golf Day.

The golf day was originally scheduled for early February, but had to be postponed until later in the month due to the weather.

The major drawcard, a \$20,000 prize for a hole-in-one on the 13th, was not won: Bathurst Golf Club president

Ray Stapley got the closest, being only half a metre from Golf Club, Sydney.

"Funds raised on the day exceeded \$10,000, which will be directed to our practical programs, dedicated to enhancing the lives and opportunities of our Legacy families in the Bathurst area plus Oberon and other local villages."

"We currently have more than 120 widows and seven children who are being looked after by Ba-

thurst Legatees."

Mr Cassidy said the golf winners on the day were Paul Abbott's team, who carded a respective nett 53.7 strokes.

Ladies' longest drive went to Wendy Smith and closest to the pin on the eighth was won by S Wallis.

"Bathurst Legacy thanks all sponsors as without their help, the day would not have been possible," Mr Cassidy said.



ON COURSE: Brian, Kevin and Kyle Burke took part in the Legacy Golf Day, helping raise funds for a good cause. 022320clegacy2

Saturday 29th February

Festival to continue today

WHAT'S ON

BY SAM BOLT

BATHURST'S bustling status as an events city will be on show at Wahluu- Mount Panorama today with the continuation of the Inland Sea of Sound festival.

The event got under way yesterday with an energetic headline performance from Killing Heidi, memorable

sets from Timberwolf and 19 Twenty, and a spirited Welcome to Country from Bathurst's Wiradyuri elders.

And the action is set to continue today with Missy Higgins, Mama Kin Spender, Thando and Albi & the Wolves, as well as local acts Gabbi Bolt and Amy Viola.

Bolt, who has performed at the festival for a number of years, said she's stoked to

quality live music."

Fellow local musician Sophie Jones has also had an illustrious association with the festival through Smith & Jones but instead of performing at this year's event, she and Abby Smith will assume

master of ceremony duties. "We've been involved with the festival since it was in people's backyards, so it's exciting for us to take on a

different role at the festival," Jones said.

"There's such an incredible variety of artists on show at this year's festival, and we've had a great time kicking back and getting to know them all."

Bathurst mayor Bobby Bourke said the festival will help continue the community's strong start to the year from an events perspective.

"It's vital that we continue to showcase Bathurst, and events like Inland play a key role in bringing people to town," Cr Bourke said.

"The festival will be the place to be this weekend."

Today's roster of acts will commence at 11.45am with LEAP artists. Children under 12 have free entry, with \$40 entry for accompanying adults before 1pm.

Sharing notes on ringing the bells

IT'S not every day you see two groups get together in Bathurst to discuss the process of bell ringing.

But with a roving theatrical production at Inland Sea of Sound set to showcase the art of campanology [bell ringing], the opportunity arose for the Society of Bathurst Bell Ringers to share notes.

The 5 Angry Men theatre group, who are in town to perform "The Bells" at this weekend's Inland Sea of Sound festival, were given a grand tour of the All Saints Cathedral bell tower on Wednesday evening.

To return the favour, the group invited the Bathurst Bell Ringers up to their festival installation the following day to offer a brand new perspective on the bell ringing process.

5 Angry Men director Steve Phillips said the group gained a lot of interesting pointers from the experience.

"Our show is essentially a cover version of what the



RING ON: 5 Angry Men performer Rodrigo Calderon introduces Bathurst bell ringer Jared Bignell to a different take on the art. Photo: SAM BOLT

Bathurst Bell Ringers do," Mr Phillips said.

"There's a rule in their tower where your feet aren't allowed to leave the ground, whereas in our performance, it's the exact opposite due to an absence of real bells and more room to move around."

about their terminology and processes," he said.

"We'd never taken a tour through a real bell tower before, so it was interesting to view the belfry and the role each bell plays in the overall sound."

Denison College Kelso High Campus Year 10 stu-

dent Jared Bignell has been a bell ringer for two years, and enjoyed interacting with a different approach to bell ringing.

"I've enjoyed being able to jump around, and it's a far cry from what we do in the bell tower," Jared said.

"The process is heavily hanawalni Stage.

Sunday 29th February

Panthers to travel to Central Coast

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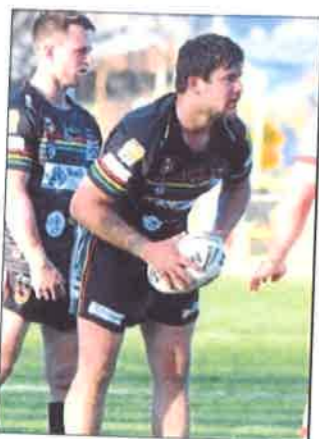
THE Bathurst Panthers will travel to the Central Coast on Saturday to play the Ourimbah Wyoming Magpies in a pre-season trial.

Played at Morrie Breen Oval in Tourkley, the match will be a chance for the two-time defending Group 10 premier league champions to prepare for the upcoming season which starts on the Easter weekend.

First division will kick-off at 2.30pm, while the premier league side will play at 4pm.

"That'll give our two senior sides a hit out before the knockout," Bathurst Panthers president Dennis Comerford said.

The Bathurst Panthers Rugby League Knockout will be held at Carrington Park on March 13-14, with all eight premier league sides required to play in the tournament.



Blake Lawson

Panthers opponent for this Saturday were founded 107 years ago in 1913 and have won 12 Central Coast Division Rugby League first grade premierships, the most recent in 2010 against the Berkeley Vale Panthers.

Ourimbah qualified for the Central Coast grand final a year later, but went down to the team they defeated in the 2010 decider.

Thursday 27th February

Raising their glass to fresh, clean, water

STUDENTS at Denison College are taking the fizz out of their drinks, giving coffee a miss and raising a glass to the one drink that nobody on Earth should be forced to live without.

To mark World Water Day on March 22, the group of students has taken on an unusual mission.

For the month of March, students in Year 7 (Kosciusko and Batman classes) at Denison College's Kelso and Bathurst campuses - along with their teachers Sharon Mendes and Heidi Waldron - are undertaking the Water Challenge, which will see them drink only water for the month.

Ms Mendes, the Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) head teacher, said one-in-nine people worldwide did not have access to clean, safe drinking water.

"As we know water is essential for life and good health," Ms Mendes said.

"The challenge is about the students appreciating water and the issues that surround a safe reliable water supply.

"As part of their studies in geography they look at



WATER CHALLENGE: Students from both Kelso High and Bathurst High, with their teachers, Sharon Mendes and Heidi Waldron.

the topic Water in the World so the challenge fits with what they will be studying in class."

As the event is a fundrais-

er for communities without access to fresh water, students who break the challenge are fined \$2.

Likewise if there is an

event coming up where they need to drink something apart from water, like a sports carnival, they can also buy a water pass, which

enables them to drink other fluids on the day.

Ms Mendes said during the event students would also commit to walking 10,000

steps in a day in recognition of those who don't have access to water, and have to walk up to 30 minutes to access it.

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Birch barges past their Maple rivals

Schumacher's side too good on Saturday

TENNIS TALK
BY JOHN BULLOCK

CAPTAIN Iron Lady Allyson Schumacher and her team Birch of George Collins, Fred Kentwell, Cal Hobson, Robert Mack, and Peter Deacon showed why they are the hot favourites in this year's Autumn competition with a scorching win over David Crafts Team Maple of Ben Moulds, Harry Dang, Kathy Wilkinson, Stacey Markwick and David Bani 12 sets to two.

Team Birch was in total control from the word go and sent out a sound warning to their rival sides that they are the team to beat.

Captain Iron Lady Schumacher believes her side will lead her to two straight grand final victories.

"My side is full of running and are playing very exciting tennis at this stage of the

competition. We are all totally focused and committed to our game and are ready for whatever the other sides throw at us," Schumacher said.

Birch's top young gun and nationally ranked George Collins was in full flight producing that champagne tennis for which he is renowned.

Collins powered his way through his sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, and is the danger player to look out for in the future rounds.

Birch's Iron Lady Schumacher up the ante playing some powerful tennis from the back of the court leaving her opponents in panic mode.

Allyson's 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, sets win were as good as it gets and an inspiring captain's knock.

However, Fred Kentwell and Peter Deacon stole the show for Team Birch as both

players were the only two of the twelve to take to the court to win all of their four sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1, respectively.

It was an impressive display of tennis from Kentwell and Deacon and was in no small way responsible for steering their side to an epic win.

Robert Mack let his racket do the talking for Team Birch with a polished display of tennis winning 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Macks big serve and cannonball forehand sunk his opponents leaving them stranded.

Cal Hobson also battled on gamely Team Birch winning his 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Hobson is no slouch and is not to be underestimated come semis and finals time.

The second match saw slugger John Bullocks Sweet Gum side of Garth Hindmarch, Dan McLeay, Bailey Honeyman, Lincoln Craft,

and Sebastian Honeyman have a thrilling win over Judy Smith's side of Rod Schumacher, Brook Lynch, Brian Dwyer, Barry Lindsay, and Graeme Stapleton seven sets all 69 games to 50.

Sweet Gum captain slugger Bullock believes his side is just peaking at the right time and are the only side that can beat the hot favourites in round seven.

"Odds on favourites do get beat you know. The Iron lady better have her side in tip-top shape because my side can't wait for my trump card to bring them down," Slugger said.

Weil, folks another great round of tennis at the biggest little club in the west. I'll leave you with one of my little quotes. "A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners." Good Hitting.



TOO STRONG: The team of Allyson Schumacher, George Collins (pictured), Fred Kentwell, Cal Hobson, Robert Mack and Peter Deacon were winners.

Bathurst sides put up fight in Mitchell finals



TRICKY TIMES: Rupert Begg was a bright spot for Bathurst under 14s during a tough final against Orange on Sunday. Photo: JUDE KEOGH

CRICKET
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THEY were always going to be underdogs against their older and more experienced opponents but despite the losses for Bathurst's under 12s and 14s in Sunday's Mitchell Cricket Council grand finals there's plenty of positive talking points.

Orange seized the window of opportunity to take titles with two teams boasting a majority of top-age players, winning the under 12s clash at Riawena Oval by 102 runs and the 14s game at Wade Park by 120 runs.

Those scores suggest Bathurst were never in the respective contests but both

sides, the under 12s in particular, had enjoyed promising phases of play.

Bathurst had Orange at 5-30 at one stage thanks to exceptional bowling performances from Gaby Bennett (3-39), Cooper Stephen (2-16) and Blyde Burke (2-28).

But a lower order resurgence, led by Robert Heath's 55, took Orange to 9-164.

Bathurst's chase never gained steam, as all six Orange bowlers came away with at least one wicket in a big team performance to have the visitors all out for 62.

Orange's Toby Middleton (3-4 from four overs) was almost unplayable.

Jayden Brasier (20) was Bathurst's only double-dig-

its scorer.

"They were up for the contest and the underdog tag was good. We had nothing to lose. Our bowlers put it exactly where we had been practicing," Bathurst coach Matt Stephen said.

"They took some brilliant catches in slip and gully plus an awesome run out. Things like that change games. We put ourselves in a position to win the final but unfortunately, as we've seen before, our batting didn't stand up.

"Orange bat deep ... and we haven't at all and we've relied heavily on the top order. But we have the bowling strike power. The whole team can bowl and it's awesome to watch."

Meanwhile the Bathurst 14s found themselves on the back foot early when Orange's James Harper (59) and Will Rodwell (54) put on 112 for the opening wicket.

And the breakup of that partnership did little to stop the hosts who would go on to record 4-257 from their 50 overs.

Bathurst's Hugh Taylor (40) tried his best to get his side off to a good start in an intimidating chase but the Orange attack wasn't offering up many chances to score.

Rupert Begg (27 not out) batted well but was left stranded with no more partners as Bathurst were all out for 137.

"Orange were just too

good on the day," Bathurst coach Chris Warry said.

"We had good contributions with the ball from Seth Norris, who bowled 10 overs with 0-25, so he's was very economical. Will Lamb bowled really well off his nine overs with 1-39. Hugh Taylor was 1-36 and Mark Sheather was 1-35.

"The boys will learn from it. The good balls dismissed our two captains one after the other and that hurt us a lot as well. Liam Cain got 10 and Jacob Lamb came in straight after him and was gone first ball.

"All credit goes to Orange. They also took all their catches and we dropped a few. They played really well."

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POSSESSION: Giaan Willott on the ball for the Western Stars during their game against Metro North Wildcats on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Goals are achieved by Western at challenge

HOCKEY
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

IF THE overall goal of the under 15s Western Stars was to improve with every game at the weekend's 2020 Hockey NSW Regional Challenge held in Bathurst then you can grade them with an A+.

While scores weren't officially kept for the competition the home association dropped just two of their eight games at the Cooke Hockey Complex in a strong sign for the girls' game across the region.

Charlotte Cooper plus Ella and Giaan Willott were the Bathurst players among

the under 15s Western girls team, and part of the huge 3000-strong contingent of players and parents enjoying the match time across all age groups at Bathurst over the three-day event.

The competition isn't run with a 'win first' mentality, but rather puts the focus on skill development as NSW regions test their players against one another.

And it's fair to say that Western's skills are stacking up quite nicely.

Under 15s Western girls coach Mal Willott was most impressed with the way his side applied what they'd learned at their training ses-

sions in the lead up to the tournament.

"It was a great weekend. The kids I had really enjoyed it. They had a ball," he said.

"We probably won around half our games and we were competitive in all our games. We've had probably eight training sessions for this, and it's mostly about developing their skills.

"We've been learning different skills all the way through those sessions and we finish it all off with this carnival."

Western fielded four teams across boys and girls' under 15s and 13s competitions, mixing in less experienced

players with those who have several years of hockey to their names.

All of the Western players enjoyed the experience of being able to take on different regional squads on their home turf in a massive celebration of junior hockey.

The region has produced many elite hockey players through the years, and it's through carnivals such as these that the next generation of talent could be unearthed.

Willott said all his players, regardless of experience, always took lessons on board and applied them to their next game.

"The kids got a lot better as

the carnival went on, which was really good," he said.

"I'd coached some of them last year and those ones who I coached again have improved heaps. That's what you want to see."

Willott's side took in players from Parkes, Orange, Cowra and Bathurst.

All 1000 of the junior athletes at this weekend's Regional Challenge were given a special treat by Hockey NSW - a complimentary three-game pass to the 2020 NSW Pride season.

The Riverina Heat were the winners of the Champion Region award at the conclusion of the three day carnival.

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Academy products are keen to serve it up

Young guns poised to fire

TENNIS TALK
BY JOHN BULLOCK

EGLINTON Tennis Club young guns Jorge Collins, Bailey Honeyman, Sebastian Honeyman, Maddie Honeyman, Caitlin Spears, and Lincoln Craft have sent out a warning that they are not to be underestimated in the lead up to the semis and finals as they continue to produce that champagne tennis.

The young guns all out of the Eglinton Tennis Academy under head coach Rod Schumacher, with the exception of Jorge Collins, are a force to be reckoned with, with their rackets doing all the talking.

The Eglinton Tennis Academy under the guidance of head coach Rod Schumacher has over the years produced many outstanding juniors, going on to becoming good quality club players.

Let's have a look at the young guns and their form:

JORGE COLLINS - A nationally ranked player who is grooming to become one of the stars of the future. His

big serve and cannonball like forehand have his opponents in panic mode, with his lightning reflexes on the net brilliant. Collins reads the play well and is always looking for that magic-making moment to delight the crowd. A real danger player to watch out for come semis time.

BAILEY HONEYMAN - This young gun is improving week by week. Honeyman has a big serve that worries the tall poppy players and has good court craft skills. If the chips are down, watch Honeyman lift a gear. A very good team player.

SEBASTIAN HONEYMAN - Sebastian is a real goer who never stops trying new ideas. His consistency of tennis worries his opponents. If given room to move Honeyman will flourish with his wide range of crafty shots.

MADDIE HONEYMAN - A good steady player who never stops trying. Her enthusiasm and dedication towards her game is quite remarkable. If you let your guard down against Maddie

you could find yourself in all sorts of strife as her steady style of tennis will wear you down.

CAITLIN SPEARS - A very talented young gun with all the shots. Spears anticipates so well that her game just seems to flourish. Her forehand is accurate with her net skills spot on. If Spears gets her nose in front lookout as she can tear you apart. A real danger player comes semis time.

LINCOLN CRAFT - This young gun as he matures with age will become a very good club player. Craft has a good steady game with all the shots. His serve is well directed with his forehand and overheads being his main weapon. Craft is a player of the future and is one of the real big threats come finals time.

We are getting close to that city versus country cup challenge. Stay posted for the rundown of the team that they call the magnificent 12. Good hitting



JUNIOR JUGGERNAUT: Sebastian Honeyman is one of the Eglinton Tennis Club's juniors who is hungry to show up his older, more experienced rivals.

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GAME ON: Panorama's Brock Collins, Dylan White, Bryn White, Jye Fleischmann and Beau Yates, ahead of Wednesday's match. Photo: BRADLEY JURD

Goats looking to win in White's last match

SOCCER
BY BRADLEY JURD

LOWER league clubs going above and beyond their perceived ability to cause giant upsets - that's what the FFA Cup is all about.

And now Panorama Football Club will look to create its own inspirational run when it plays its first ever FFA Cup preliminary round match on Wednesday night.

Panorama have drawn Central Coast-based outfit Southern & Ettalong in the second preliminary round but the match will mark the last for interstate-bound player Dylan White, who's

been a regular face in Panorama Red's Bathurst District Football men's premier league side in recent years.

Panorama president Beau Yates said the match will be a special occasion for his club, which was founded only eight years.

"It's very exciting," he said. "It's awesome for the club and it's going to be good on the coast Wednesday night. We're looking forward to it."

Southern & Ettalong currently compete in the Central Coast Battlewin Premier League and they finished in fifth place at the end of the 2019 regular season season, with minor premiers Kil-

larney District SC beating Woongarra FC in the grand final.

While Southern & Ettalong or Panorama don't play in the NSW NPL system, they both play at the highest in their association, putting them at level six in Australia's football league pyramid.

"They seem like a pretty good club, from what we've seen. It should be a good test," Yates said.

"But the boys have been training hard and Ricky [Guihot] has them training hard. We've had two pre-season games so far and they've gone pretty well."

The before-mentioned

Guihot is one of the co-coaches for Panorama in 2020, with the other being Brent Osborne.

The Goats picked up a 2-0 win against Parkes Cobras on the weekend gone, but suffered a 4-2 loss to Barnstonsworth United the weekend before.

Yates believes the re-introduction of the Western Premier League in 2020 has created a "boom time" for football in the Central West region.

"Obviously the WPL sparked that," he said. "It's great for the region and it's good for Bathurst too. Hopefully we can win on

Wednesday night and get a home game.

One other Western Premier League side has entered the FFA Cup preliminary rounds, that being Lithgow Workmen's, who will host Holroyd Rangers at Majoric Jackson Oval on Sunday, March 15.

If Panorama do defeat Southern & Ettalong, they would progress to the round three and play the winner of either the Australian Catholic Uni FC or Sydney CBD FC.

Wednesday night's match will be played at the home of football on the Central Coast - Plum Park in Lisarow - with the match to kick-off at 7pm.



TRIAL: Collegians and Maquarie United played a friendly game to celebrate international Women's Day at Police Paddock on Sunday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

Solid hit-out for new players

SOCCER

THERE were well-seasoned players and some that have never played the game before and Sunday's pre-season women's match between Macquarie United and Collegians proved to be an important hit-out for both sides.

Played at Police Paddock, Bathurst District Football president Andrew Speed said it was a "good introduction" for many of the first-timers who played on the day.

"It was a good trial game," he said.

"All the girls had fun and both teams had a lot of players that have never played

before, so it was a good introduction for them."

The Collegians side was made up of players that are likely to participate in BDF women's third grade in 2020, while the Macquarie team featured a mix of both second and third grade footballers.

With Sunday also marking International Women's Day, Speed acknowledged that women's football in Bathurst is "massive" compared to other centres across the region.

"Orange don't even an all-age competition, so we'd have the biggest ladies com-

petition in the Central West quite easily," he said.

"We've got 26 registered teams in women's competitions across three grades this year, similar on par to last year."

"A lot of teams seem to have players playing for the first time, with some players picking up the sport later in life. Some are mums who have daughters playing."

Draws and grades are yet to be finalised by BDF, however, it's likely that the first round of senior competitions will be played on the first weekend in April.

- BRADLEY JURD



The Land 16th March

Kelso High School students Daniel Luther, Yr 12, Jamie Luther, Yr 10, Bailey Honeyman, Yr 11, Ethan Jones, Yr 9, and Liam Kimbel, Yr 11. – The Land – 16th March 2020

Bathurst athletes to contest state titles

Hunting for gold

ATHLETICS

BY BRADLEY JURD

IT'S been a hugely successful season for Bathurst Little Athletics and it's set to culminate with the Little Athletics NSW State Track and Field Championships on Saturday and Sunday.

Held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, the Bathurst club will send 11 medal-hopeful athletes down to the state's capital.

One of those is 15-year-old Bathurst High student Hayley Davis, who will compete in the triple jump after qualifying for the event via the regional championships in Dubbo at the start of February.

"I did fail my first few jumps but I made my next jump bigger and I worked on my stride a bit better and jumped into the pit," Davis said on her triple jump at the regional championships.

"I aiming for top eight this weekend. My last three jumps, hopefully I can bump up a little bit more."

Davis said she's previously been to the state championships and she believes the Bathurst squad has a good chance at winning medals.

"I reckon the whole lot of us will do pretty good," she said.

"We've got a strong team going down there and I think we'll do well."

Twenty-six athletes had gone to regional championships in Dubbo on a scorch-



LOOKING FOR GOLD: 10 of the 11 Bathurst Little Athletics members that will compete at the Little Athletics state championships this weekend.

ing weekend on February 1-2, with 11 qualifying for the state championships.

The other 10 athletes that will compete at the state championships are Kobe Borgstahl (100m, 200m and triple jump), William Curtin (100m, 200m and long jump), Breanna Fisk (100m, 200m, long jump and shot put, discus), Aaron Houston (long jump and 800m), Ashley Mullins (discus), Hollie Rumming (shot put, 1500m

walk and javelin), Thalia Ruming (discus), Fraser Sharwood (javelin) and Shiralee Thurlow (100m).

Three of those athletes - Houston, Fisk and Thurlow - will all compete in parathlete events, with Houston and Fisk all participating at the recent NSW Junior Athletics Championships.

Fisk came close to scoring discus success in the under 16s girls division, throwing the furthest of all competi-

tors with 21.24 metres, but coming narrowly second after adjustments based on class.

The Bathurst competitor also added a shot put bronze to her name thanks to a throw of 6.76m.

Houston also came close to scoring gold across his track and field program, scoring silver in the 1500m and long jump and adding a bronze in the 800m to his name.

Bathurst Little Athletics team manager Kelsey Borgstahl said he believes the athletes attending the state championships should perform extremely well.

"The kids that have made it, they've put in a really good effort," he said.

"Congrats to all our athletes attending, they've worked hard to get there, that's for sure."

They progressed from their zone to the regional

carnival, which was held in Dubbo last month when it was 42-43 degrees.

"Having 11, it's a bit down from last but compared to last year, the numbers are bit down overall."

Athletes aged under nines to under 17s will contest the state championships, with track and field events on both Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, visit the competition's website at answ.com.au.

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FRIENDS: Zoe MacPherson, Tammy Reeves and Lea McMillan.



CHEERS: Julian Woods and Owen Merkel. 022920ccseason03



WE WERE THERE: Dan Cove with his wife, Domino Houlbrook-Cove.

INLAND SEA OF SOUND

A crowd of around 2000 people converged on Waiuu- Mount Panorama on the last weekend of February for the Inland Sea of Sound festival. The event was headlined by Missy Higgins and Killing Heidi and featured memorable performances from Thando, 19-Twenty, Mama Kin Spender and LamBros. The event saw a 66 per cent increase on ticket sales compared to 2018.



STAFF: Inland Sea of Sound volunteers Penny Stibbard, Romain Richard and Jo Dickson. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK 022920ccseason010



IN FOCUS: Emma Vidler and Keira Williams



CAMARADERIE: Bathurst Girl Guides at last year's NSW and ACT Girl Guides Regatta. Photo: SUPPLIED

Guides look for new leaders

COMMUNITY

FUN and friendship are promised for ladies aged over 18 who take up an invitation to join the Bathurst Girl Guides.

The Guides' Lesley Buchan says a number of local leaders have moved away and more adults are needed to help local girls "develop skills in a safe environment while having fun and finding friends".

"Several of our leaders have moved away - some for education - but all are looking forward to continuing their Guiding journey, find-

ing new units and making new friends," she said.

"We thank them all for the fantastic job they have done with the Guides in Bathurst."

For those young adults wanting to join the Bathurst Girl Guides, "accredited leadership training is given and the Bathurst leaders are a friendly group always ready to include and help newcomers", Ms Buchan said.

Those who are interested are asked to contact Kellick on 6337 4161 or kellickguides@gmail.com to learn more.

"All units of Bathurst District Girl Guides have com-

menced their meetings for 2020," Ms Buchan said.

"They are looking forward to a busy year with Centenary of Guiding in NSW beginning in May and new Guide biscuits coming soon."

The Senior Guides (ages 13-and-a-half to 18) meet on Mondays from 4.30 to 6pm; the Guides (ages 10 to 14) meet Mondays from 5 to 7pm; and Junior Guides meet Tuesdays from 4.30 to 6pm.

"Limited vacancies are available for girls in these units until extra adults are available," Ms Buchan said.

Friday 13th March

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Giants name junior leaders for new year

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AHEAD of the new junior Central West AFL season, which is expected to get underway in next few months, Bathurst Giants have named its coaches for its five junior sides and Auskick program.

Brad Broes will coach the under 17s, Katie Kennedy has the reigns for the youth girls, Mick Sloan has returned as the under 14s coach, Simon Kay and Scott Traves will co-coach the under 12s and Chris Fosteris is in charge of the under 10s, while being the Auskick coordinator too.

Giants secretary Kathy

Sloan said the club is looking forward to another great year.

"We once again have strong numbers across all grades and have plenty of exciting off field events to support the players," she said.

Broes' position as under 17s coach comes after a two-year stint as the assistant coach.

"We will have a number of players that will be playing both 17s and seniors, which will continue the goal of the Giants, which is to support the transition of junior players to seniors," Sloan said.

"So Brad will work closely



READY TO GUIDE: The Bathurst Giants have named the coaches of their junior teams for season 2020.

with the senior team."

Kennedy, who captained the senior women's side to a

premiership in 2019, brings plenty of experience to her role as youth girls coach.

"Katie is an experienced players having represented NSW in AFL as a junior and has lead the Giants over the last two seasons," Sloan said. "She will be assisted by Jayarna Kay, who is the senior women's representative coach, WRAS coach and former Orange Tigers captain. "We are lucky to have two fantastic women in this important role."

While Mick Sloan has the role as coach for the under 14s, his son Sam Sloan is stepping in as an assistant coach for 2020, while also being supported by former

at parents."

to forget." Collins has made the Panorama coach aware that he's available for Western Premier League action this year. "I've told him that I'll be there at training next week but he laughed at that," he said.

He now expects the Goats to come back bigger and better for a cup run in 2021. "We'll keep doing it and it's only going to make us better," he said. Nathan Davis scored twice for the Goats on the night, while Dylan White scored from the spot.

SOCCER

BROCK Collins was only meant to a part of the support crew that travelled to the Central Coast on Wednesday night for Panorama Football Club's maiden FFA Cup preliminary round match.

But after a late withdrawal from the squad, Collins - who is actually a registered third grade player for 2020 - was called into the squad and come off the bench towards the end of the match.

Panorama may have lost the match to Southern & Ettralong 7-3 but Collins said his FFA Cup run is something he's not going to forget



KNOCKED OUT: The Panorama squad that played in the FFA Cup preliminary round match on Wednesday night. Photo: HENRY SIMMONS

Collins' late inclusion for cup

anytime soon.

"I ended up getting 10 minutes towards the end, so it was a bit of a laugh," he said.

"I'm actually registered to play third grade this year, so it's been a long time since I've played first grade."

"I was more proud for me to be a part of something we've achieved as a club. Obviously, Beau [Nates], Brent [Osborne], Ben [Fry] and everyone else at the club has worked so hard to get us to this stage."

"It was special, like a side a bit of laugh, but it was great. It's 10 minutes I'm not going



PLENTY OF PROMISE: The Bathurst Giants women made the final of the AFLX Challenge. Photo: BATHURST GIANTS FACEBOOK

Giants impress at Newtown's AFLX carnival

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY ANYA WHITELAW

THEIR AFL Central West title defence might be on hold at the moment due to the coronavirus outbreak, but the Bathurst Giants women have already sent their rivals a warning.

The Liz Kennedy coached outfit gave a hint of what could come this year when reaching the final of the Newtown Breakaways pre-season Women's AFLX Challenge.

Held last Sunday before the coronavirus forced the AFL to shut down all competitions nation-wide until May 31, Kennedy was unsure what to expect.

But the format of shortened, 10-player-a-side games on a modified rectangular pitch was one the Giants adjusted to quickly. They ended up finishing as runners-up to Western Magic in pool B.

"I was just blown away how well they played and to be honest, I had no idea what to expect. The girls were just sensational, amazing," Kennedy said.

"It was good just to have a good hit out and give some of the new girls a game, we had three girls who hadn't played before in Liz Golsby, Olivia Johnston and Sophie Gullifer.

"You wouldn't have known because they fitted in so well.

"We also had two girls come up from youth girls, Bridget Warne and Saige Davies. They were just great.

"When I first watched a game I thought 'Oh wow, the standard is pretty high', but my girls, they just went out and they certainly matched it with the other sides. They exceeded all my expectations."

While going down by five points in their opening game, the Giants hit back to win

their second match in impressive fashion - 6-4-41 to nil.

They went on to beat Southern Power 4-5-31 to 2-2-14 in the semi-final and while not quite able to match Magic in the decider, Kennedy was still delighted with the day.

"By the end the girls were just out on their feet. We played our grand final to get into it, our semi-final was the match of the day, the girls just played incredible footy," the coach said.

"I have been on record saying I don't agree with carnivals, but I do agree with this pre-season carnival, it was really good.

"You get to try the girls in different positions. You know you are going to get at least three games, so that's six halves of football to try people in different positions.

"We will absolutely be going back next year."

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HARD WORK: CrossFit 2795 talent Roxy George as she completes weight-lifting section of her CrossFit online qualifiers. Photo: SUPPLIED

George completes her online qualifying tests

CROSS FIT
BY BRADLEY JURD

ROXY George's 2020 CrossFit Open campaign has started with a strong showing and there's still plenty more ahead for the young talent as she finished 53rd in the online qualifiers earlier this week.

The now 14-year-old completed her sixth and final event on Monday in the online qualifiers, a solid performance from the CrossFit 2795 talent who finished the CrossFit Open as the seventh best performing athlete in Australia for her age category

and 74th overall back in November.

She qualified for the online qualifiers via the event back in November.

This year, like last year, George is competing in the 14-15 years girls category and only six other Australians finished above her in the online qualifiers.

CrossFit 2795 trainer and father Dan George said her daughter was ecstatic with her performance in the online qualifiers.

"She did tests on Friday, another one on Saturday, two on Sunday and the last one on Monday," he said.

"We had no idea what the workouts out were, but at Friday lunchtime they released the six workouts, so she had until Tuesday morning to complete six different workouts. They all had to be set up and videoed and judged.

"The tests were gymnastics, weight-lifting and conditioning with the rower. The big one was 100 dumbbell catches, 50 rows and 100 bar facing burpees. The burpees was the ones she enjoyed the most.

"Looking at it, it was probably the one that scared her the most, was going to hurt. Once she finished it, she said

that was her favourite so far.

"She was just really ecstatic with how she went. After qualifying in 74th position, placing 53rd overall in that age group, that's awesome. She is in the bottom age, so she will have another 12 months of training under the belt and still be in that age bracket."

George has also jumped some 21 spots since the CrossFit Open last year.

"It's really good and there was some pretty tough competition," Dan George said.

"She really went well and she was really consistent in her workouts, with her best

finish 36th in her workout in the sixth event.

"The worse one she had was a 90th finish but her consistent results across the six events really showed in her final standings."

In George's first event, she finished 67th, then 60th in her second event, 48th in her third, 50th in her fourth, 90th in her fifth and 36th in her sixth and final event.

She was going up against another 200 athletes in her age group, from countries like the United States, Brazil, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Colombia, to name a few.

Saturday 21st March

Plan to explode

RUGBY LEAGUE
BY ANYA WHITELAW

PREPARE for an eight-week explosion to ease the cabin fever - that is the message from Group 10 Junior Rugby League as it plans for season 2020.

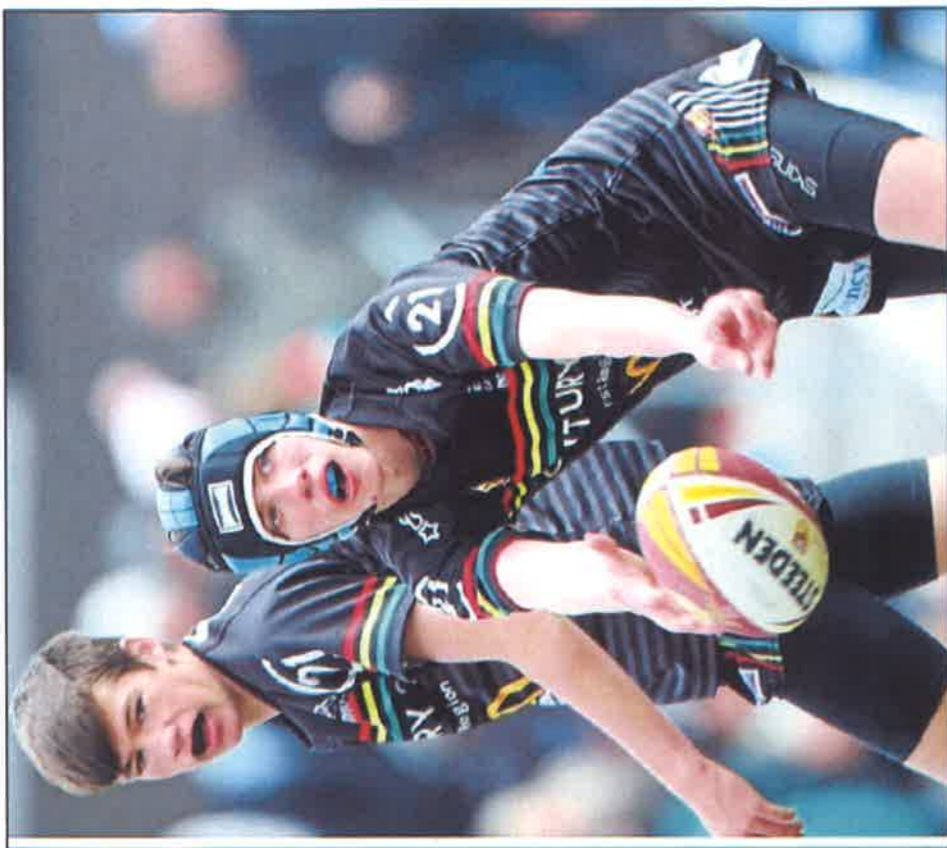
Group 10 JRL vice-president Shane Earsman said he and his fellow executive "have been relentless behind the scenes to come up with ideas" for a season format.

With New South Wales Rugby League setting July 18 as the target for grassroots competitions which had been on hold due to COVID-19 to commence, Group 10 JRL are aiming for 'no weekends off, explosive eight rounds into finals.'

"It will be eight rounds otherwise we run out of time and I'm pretty sure it falls in term three, so there's no impact with school holidays. Historically we've not really played through the bulk of the school holiday periods as some parents like to go away, but the way the calendar has been designed, it doesn't fall in school holidays which is good," Earsman said.

"We've got most of the teams noms through now and the brains trust of Group 10, when they develop the draw, we'll have it so there are no byes in there.

"Some teams may have to play each other back-to-back in that eight weeks, but it's a case of getting those eight rounds done and dusted.



FINGERS CROSSED: Junior Saints and Panthers are amongst those hoping for the Group 10 JRL season to go ahead. **Photos: PHIL BLATCH**

are played, he said the target date provided "a breathe of fresh air."

"That includes league tag as well, they'll follow the same format."

The finals series would run over three weeks, with Group JRL planning for a 'super grand final day for boys and girls'.

While Earsman acknowledges that the July 18 resumption is not set in stone and all medical advice will be considered before any games

are played, he said the target date provided "a breathe of fresh air."

"It's been tough on mums and dads and the kids getting a bit of cabin fever, so I can only see it as a positive."

"Normally the weekends are a chance for kids to get out there and let off some steam, but we haven't had that opportunity. So that again, that just adds to the excitement that if, all going

well, come July 18 the whistle blows and we'll all be up and running again.

"As it stands now, every club in the Group 10 junior competition are busting at the seams to get the competition up and running.

"We've had no negative feedback."

While no games or team training sessions have been permitted due to social distancing laws, Earsman has been buoyed by the efforts

clubs have made to keep their young players engaged.

"Some of the clubs I've noticed on Facebook and other social media platforms, they've put out challenges and that's really keeping the interest and the spirits high," he said.

"It's good to see no-one has gone 'Oh well that's the season done and dusted, let's focus on next year'. It's been refreshing to see all the stuff on the social media

pages it shows people are still super keen."

While spectator limits may have to be implemented, Earsman hopes canteens will be able to run at games.

"At times like this it has been really tough on sponsors and they may find it hard to meet obligations ... so if clubs can have a canteen up and running, it will mean they don't have to put the pressure back on sponsors so much," he said.

EDUCATION
BY BRADLEY JUR0

WHILE concerns remain over the return to schools, NSW Secondary Principals' Council president Craig Petersen said students and teachers will be "keen" to get back to class from Monday.

The NSW Government announced on Tuesday afternoon that students would be required to return to school from May 25, affecting all public schools in Bathurst.

Some schools in Bathurst

had been sending students in on certain days, but from next Monday, students will be returning to the normal five-days-a-week schedule.

Mr Petersen, who is also the former principal of Denison College, said students are "overwhelmingly" keen to return to normal classes.

"I think overall it is [exciting for students to be returning to school]," he said.

"I think there is a mix reaction right across the state, as you could imagine, but by and large, teachers are keen

I saw was that 40 per cent of parents, nationally, were concerned whether schools were safe for their children.

"There's also some anxiety from staff and that's around the perceived mixed messaging. Like you can only have five people in your house but obviously in the classroom, even with the social distancing, you're having 10-15.

"We are particularly concerned about how we can manage the social distancing for adults at a school. A lot of staff rooms are quite crowd-

ed and the front office can often be a place where lots of people are congregating or passing through."

While the usual schooling routine has been severely disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, Mr Petersen said there had been some positives from the situation.

"Teachers are engaging with technology that they haven't previously," he said.

"There's lots of parents that are commenting about how they've got a better understanding of where their

child is at academically. There's also been a greater appreciation of the centrality of schools in the local communities."

Under new guidelines, students will be able to use the school library, continue with apprenticeships, attend after-school care and mingle in the schoolyard.

However, school excursions including camps, as well as work experience, debating and sport with other school communities will not be permitted.

Keen to get back to school

Monday 4th May

The ...

Students return to school across city

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"We are really excited to see the students, we love our kids, that's why we do what we do," he said.

Other schools across the city have also returned to face to face lessons.

Lindsay Luck, head of St Stanislaus' College, said the school's Year 12 cohort returned to face-to-face classes last Monday and were joined by Year 11 and Year 7 this week.

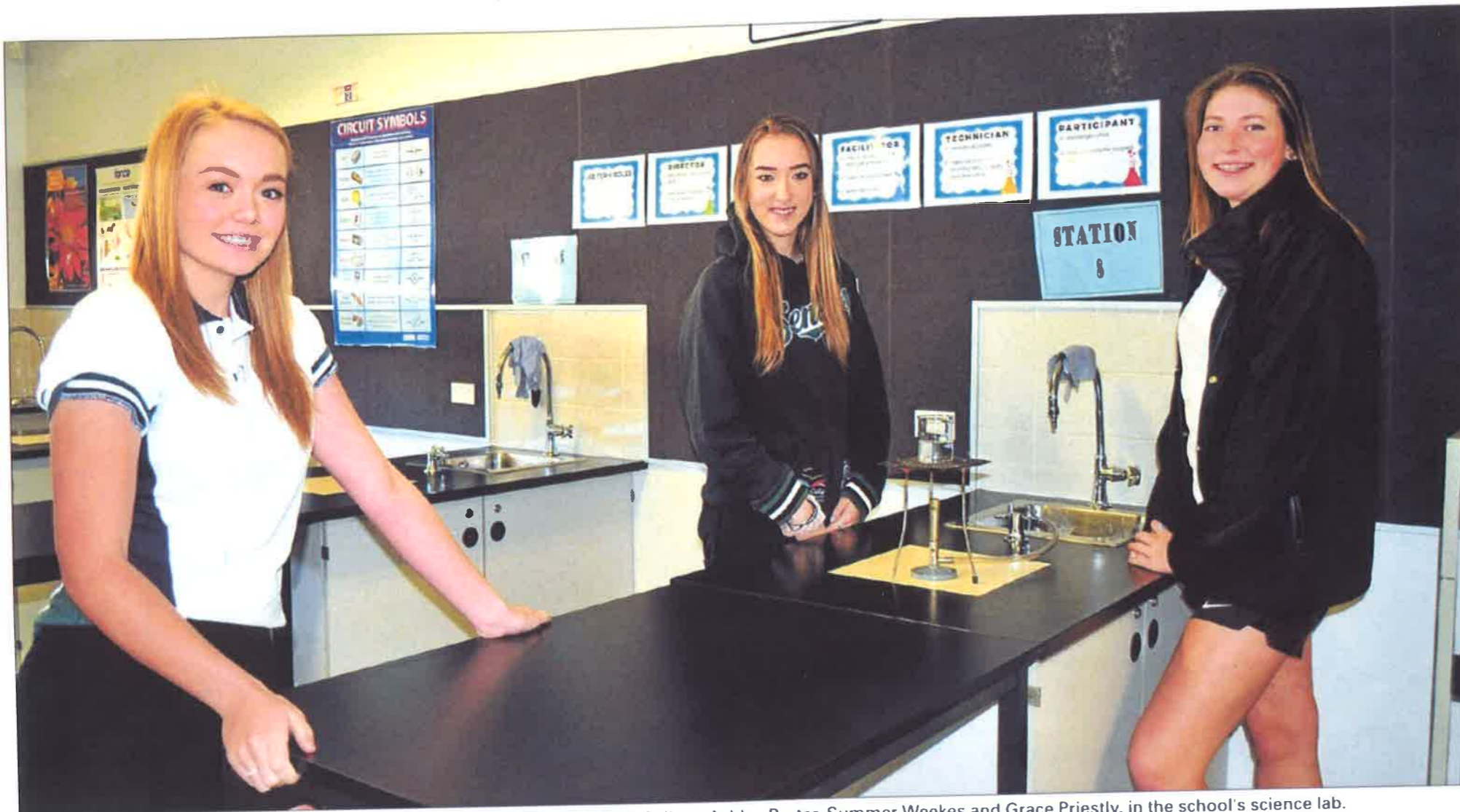
Scots All Saints College returned to face to face learning from April 28 with students choosing to stay at home undertaking the same pro-

grams, fully supported with remote learning resources.

Principal, John Weeks, said the college aims to transition all students across the College back to school by May 11.

Catholic schools across the Diocese of Bathurst are planning for a gradual return to school, taking into account the needs of its school community its students.

Year 12 students returned to school for face-to-face classes last week at MacKillop College, with Year 11 students attending two days this week. All year groups from Year 7 -10 will attend at least one day this week.



BACK IN THE CLASSROOM: Year 12 students at Kelso High School, Denison College Ashley Porter, Summer Weekes and Grace Priestly, in the school's science lab.

CLASS IS IN

Face-to-face learning resumes for school students across city

Tuesday 12th May

EDUCATION

SCHOOL students across Bathurst are returning to face-to-face learning, and they are happy to be back in the classroom.

Year 12 students at Denison College returned this week, with all other year groups returning one-day

a week.

Michael Sloan, Principal of Denison College said teachers at both campuses were looking forward to seeing the students again.

He said with Year 12 students now back full time, the college is working to have Year 11 students back in

face-to-face lessons as soon as possible.

Mr Sloan it had been an enormous logistical exercise planning the return of face-to-face learning, but said the college was fortunate to have an amazing senior leadership team including Ken Barwick, principal of Bathurst

High and Stephanie Scott, principal of Kelso High.

"It was great to have different perspectives when making decisions of this magnitude," he said.

He said it was a strength of Denison College to have such experienced and professional educators work to-

gether and provide the best outcome for all students, adding all staff had done "exceptional work" in the online space, and maintained connection with students.

He credited the staff at both Bathurst High and Kelso High for their hard work and adaptability in switching

to online learning when the COVID-19 crisis hit back in March, saying "everyone did an outstanding job."

But, he said everyone was looking forward to returning to educating students in a classroom environment, with teachers and peers.

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Challenges lie ahead for new-look Giants

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BATHURST Giants players are "jumping out of their skin" about a resumption of training, but coach Mark Kennedy knows there are still challenges ahead in 2020.

Last week AFL Central West clubs were given the green light to resume training in small groups as the social distancing measures put in place for the coronavirus pandemic ease.

While those training sessions will be restricted to a maximum of 10 people and no physical contact will be allowed, it is an important



EMERGING STAR: Zac Yandle is one of the young Giants who should see good minutes this season.

step towards a 2020 AFL-CW season.

"It is good news, we are looking forward to it and there are a few guys jumping out of their skin to get out and have a bit of a run around," Kennedy said.

"There's no physical contact, but at the end of the day the guys still remember how to tackle, the training drills are the training drills. First of all we've got to get the guys into a fitness regime because we lost all our pre-season."

"The last two sessions we had before all this hit we had something like 30 people at

up again."

Building momentum will be important for the Giants if season 2020 goes ahead given the changes to their squad.

From the playing group which reached last year's preliminary final, Nic Broes, Mitch Taylor, Reilly Mitchell, Aiden Macauley, Dave Manning, Dylan Noyen and Paul Jenkins are all gone.

"We lost a number of players from last year, a phenomenal amount of players when you look at it in the scheme of things. So we have to rebuild

training, which was really good. There was a lot of enthusiasm around the club

and then all of a sudden it ground to a halt, so we'll have to build all that momentum

this year," Kennedy said.

"But we'll just have to see how we go. We've got some great kids coming through like Zac Yandle, Jacob Molkentin, Brody Taylor and I want to have things in place for those kids to play senior football because they are good little footballers."

"Dubbo want to win a premiership, I think they'll be quite strong this year, my prediction would be a Dubbo-Bushrangers grand final."

"I can't see us sitting in the top four this year. I think we will struggle."

— ANYA WHITELAW

KHS STEM teachers lead the state through COVID-19 lockdown

COVID-19 saw unprecedented changes to schools and learning, but it's also given two teachers from Kelso High School not only the chance to challenge and up-skill their own students, but also thousands of others across the state.

During COVID-19 STEM teachers Nicholas Dingle and Damien Allan led virtual staffrooms for teachers across NSW, sharing their skills and experience to ensure the ongoing quality of education for students during the lockdown, and their efforts have been recognised by the Director.

Relieving Principal of Kelso High, Stephanie Scott said Kelso High was incredibly lucky to have such talented and passionate teachers on staff.

"During the lockdown both teachers supported the delivery of STEM through the State Wide Staffroom sharing their practice through a live and recorded webinar," she said.

"They also answered questions posed by participants, including a recorded interview sharing their STEM leadership at Kelso

High Campus."

The virtual sessions came about after Matt Scott, Professional Learning Coordinator for STEM NSW, made

contact with the pair to get suggestions about teaching in lockdown.

Mr Dingle said the challenges facing teachers was

not only the ability to teach students remotely but more importantly, engage them in their learning.

As teachers, he said they

had to think about how students could fulfill practical requirements of the subject, the challenge being what resources students would

have at home. He said it was an opportunity to look outside a traditional classroom, while giving students the chance to up-skill.



STEM STARS: Acting principal Stephanie Scott, with Kelso High students and, far right, teachers Nicholas Dingle and Damien Allan.

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 26th May

Goldminers prepared for new tournament

BASKETBALL
ALEXANDER GRANT

THERE was naturally a great deal of disappointment around the Bathurst Goldminers camp when the coronavirus brought the Western Junior League to an abrupt end.

But from the ashes a new tournament has risen.

Basketball NSW recently announced the creation of the Waratah Country Junior Challenge to give players an opportunity to play across regional NSW and have a chance to play more high level basketball before the end of the season.

Goldminers coaches met on Wednesday to discuss their intent to travel for the August and September events and committee members Amanda Matthews said the response was excellent.

"We were on the verge of missing the second round of the Western Junior League before everything was cancelled. There were enough weeks to fit all the remaining basketball in so that's why we've created the Country Junior Challenge," she said.

It will run over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We had an under 14s development team who won't be progressing to it but every other team we have is going to compete."

The eight different competitions over under 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s boys and girls will take place across seven different venues in August and September weekends.

Bathurst is among those venues and will host the under 16s girls tournament over September 4 to 6.

The Country Junior Challenge starts with the under 12s over August 21 to 23 and



TIME TO PRACTICE: Bathurst Goldminers juniors will still have the opportunity to play basketball this season after the governing body created the Waratah Country Junior Challenge.

ends with the under 18s over September 25 to 27.

"We've got a round in Bathurst which is great because it gives us the chance to do some fundraising and see some of our local kids play," Matthews said.

Having the WJL cut short is a blow to the Goldminers but Matthews said just giving

the club's juniors the chance to enjoy one more weekend of strong basketball is welcome news.

"I think the local competitions also start back up again in July so it's great having players back on the courts," she said.

"Everyone was really keen for this tournament. Usually

with other sports we lose players in that time of year but because it's only over that one weekend it allows for them to play.

"The senior men's competition in division two has unfortunately been cancelled but division one is still happening and we've got a couple of players in that one.

"We've still got a couple of Bathurst players in action for Central Coast and they get to start next month as well."

Also in the announcement Basketball NSW stated the under 13 and 14s Talent Athlete Program (TAP) camps have been rescheduled to take place at the end of July and in August

26th June, Friday



NICE WORK: Kelso captain Bec Bosianek is congratulated by Kirsten Howard after scoring in last year's grand final. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

Title defence requires Kelso to fire up earlier

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

THEY survived two sudden death matches before being crowned premiers last season, but if Kelso wishes to build on its impressive Bathurst Women's Hockey Association first grade record in 2020 the green and whites need to fire earlier.

Last week it was revealed the season, which will commence on the weekend of July 18-19, will run for 10 weeks. Instead of the usual finals format, after the completion of the regular rounds the 2020 finale will see the top two sides in the minor

premiership clash while third plays fourth.

Kelso coach Maureen Markwick, who has guided her side to three premierships over the past four years, feels the adjustments are a good solution to deal with a season cut short due to the coronavirus.

"We have had to think outside the box ... we are going to go without semi-finals, we are going to have a one versus two, three versus four, everybody gets to play on the one day and hopefully by then it can be a social day," she said.

"It's like the minor premier gets recognition for being the

best throughout the year."

Last season Kelso ranked third in the minor premiership. They survived tough elimination finals against Waratahs and St Pat's before beating Souths 5-2 in the grand final.

Though Kelso has retained a bulk of its premiership winning squad and will be keen to defend its crown, Markwick feels that simply being able to compete after the coronavirus pandemic threatened the season is a positive.

"I hope it takes the pressure off the results, it's a short, sharp season so hopefully we can get in and

enjoy it," she said. "Everyone has had to co-operate and work together to get back to playing ... I'm glad people are getting back out onto the field because you can't build on no base.

"We've still got a lot of the girls from last year. There have still been changes, we've had to make changes due to the late season start, but Kelso is still fielding the same amount of teams we planned on before this [COVID-19]. We've got our Premier League team then firsts, seconds, thirds and fourths.

"But we've got a high percentage of people returning. We've got a few young play-

ers, a few older players, we've got the return of Kirsten Howard, Maddy Tattersall, Kylie Tattersall, Bec Bosianek - those types of players.

"We use the younger players for Bathurst City so they have younger people coming through their squad. They will run in first grade and be hoping for a spot to become open in Premier League.

"We are really keen to get back into it, I know the players are really keen."

This season will see games run over a pair of 30-minute halves, while at this stage due to social distancing restrictions, no spectators will be permitted.

St Pat's target another 18s premiership

Western Hunters

Friday 3rd July

RUGBY LEAGUE
BY ANYA WHITELAW

LAST year St Pat's were crowned the best under 18s outfit in Group 10, but when it comes to 2020 the Saints are targeting Western Rams league glory.

While Group 10, Group 11 and Woodbridge senior competitions were cancelled for the season due to the impact of the coronavirus, clubs worked with Western Region manager Peter Clarke to ensure an under 18s league goes ahead.

The solution was a 13-team Western Rams league and its one St Pat's coach Kevin Grimshaw and his players "are dying" to have a shot at.

They want to build on the momentum of last year's premiership - it was the Saints' first under 18s title in seven years - and also become the first Pat's team in this age group to win a competition in consecutive seasons.

"It's probably not what I'd call a title defence, but it's a chance for these kids to win another premiership. Even though it will be a different format, I like that any time you play there's a carrot on the end of the stick for you to win," Grimshaw said.

"I wouldn't have been happy if we were just playing and there was nothing at the end of it. Most kids now are super competitive and they like to see the end result in there or if you don't get that



HUNTING AGAIN: St Pat's won the 2019 Group 10 under 18s premiership, this season the target is the Western Rams league title.

end result, at least you get the chance to go for it.

"It's the last year for a lot of them in junior footy and they'd like to finish it by trying to win a competition, whether it be a Group 10 competition, Group 11 or a combined competition, it's still a competition they want to win."

Grimshaw has retained a bulk of last year's premier-ship squad and they have already given an indication

they will again be a force, having taken out the pre-season Blayney knockout in early March.

Still, the coach knows his side will face a significant challenge.

In a move to minimise the burden of travel, the Western Rams league will see teams split into three pools. The Saints have been grouped with fellow 2019 Group 10 under 18 grand finalists Bathurst Panthers, Lithgow

Workies, Orange CYMS and Orange Hawks.

The top two in each pool are assured a place in the eight-team finals series, with the two best performed third-placed outfits to advance as well. If the Saints make that stage, they could find themselves pitted against an unfamiliar rival.

"It's a very good pool we're in, Lithgow won the under 16s last year so they'll be pretty strong I'd say and

Panthers are always strong. The two Orange sides, CYMS and Hawks, CYMS two years ago played Pat's in the under 16s final, so they've got some good kids," Grimshaw said. "It's going to be sudden death I think when you get to the finals, so it doesn't matter if you run eighth or first, if you go out there and perform in that game and win, you move on."

"That's a good challenge for kids before they go up to seniors where it's a pressure game every week, this will be pressure in the finals, there are no second chances. You've got to go in with the right attitude for that game or you could go out the back door."

"Playing sides from other groups, that's another challenge in itself, I think it's a good concept because you'll end up playing some sides you've probably not played before come finals time."

New way to shop

BUSINESS
 BY RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

THE Bathurst Winter Festival is again providing an opportunity for residents to support their local artisans and small businesses.

Instead of the typical outdoor market in Kings Parade, the festival will offer an on-line market to give a platform to small local businesses.

The markets will run from Friday through to July 19, with around 40 stallholders to be part of the event.

"The Bathurst Winter Festival website will list the market stalls in one easy location," mayor Bobby Bourke said.

"Participants can see a list of market stalls and simply click through to their website where they can view products and make a purchase in the comfort of their own home."

Among the stallholders is Oriana Zanon, the woman behind Grapes of Wreath.

Ms Zanon reuses old wine and champagne corks to make a range of products, including Christmas wreaths, Christmas tree decorations,



CORK CREATIVITY: Cork artist, Oriana Zanon, with samples of the items she makes and sells through Grapes of Wreath. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 070620corker

cork art boards and other wall hangings.

"People around the world are becoming more aware of the issues with single use products and their environmental impact," she said.

"The increasingly hard to find wine corks - thanks screw tops - that are usually thrown away, can be trans-

formed into amazing art designs and gifts.

"I do buy used corks from a supplier in Germany, but I am also very lucky to have so many friends who now collect corks and donate them to Grapes of Wreath, for which I am very grateful."

While she has attended markets in Leura and Mill-

thorpe, and exhibited at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, this is the first time Ms Zanon has been part of the winter festival and she looks forward to the experience.

"The online winter festival gives me the opportunity to meet people looking for that unique handcrafted gift," she said.

Tuesday 7th July



STAFF: Abby Hardie with Joshua Noonan. 070420cdrivein8



WE WERE THERE: Nick Rasmussen with Emma Guffogg from Lithgow. 070420cdrivein9



RUGGED UP: Kylie Selmes with Kellie Evans. 070420cdrivein10



FIRST FILM: Mount Panorama's drive-in cinema on Saturday for the double feature of 'The Notebook' and 'Dirty Dancing'. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK

DRIVE-IN CINEMA

More than 100 vehicles packed into the Mount Panorama pit complex on Saturday, July 4 for the opening evening of the Bathurst Winter Festival's drive-in cinema.



BRIGHTER: Another view of the drive-in cinema. 070420cdrivein3

Thursday 9th July

Friday 10th July



LIVE MUSIC: Cameron Russell performing at Harvest Cafe yesterday as part of the Bowman Dental Groove and Grill. Photo: SAM BOLT

Gigs for young musos

MUSIC
BY SAM BOLT

EMERGING Bathurst musicians will get the opportunity over the coming days to showcase their talent at a range of local venues as part of the Bowman Dental Groove and Grill.

The event, held each year during the Bathurst Winter Festival, has already showcased a bunch of Bathurst's finest up and coming talent throughout the week, in-

cluding Belle Whitwell, Ben Ruddle and Madi Pincott.

Each musician has been paired up with a local cafe or restaurant, with participating venues including Doppio, Brilliant Street Cafe, The Hub and Bake, Table and Tea.

Yesterday saw Cameron Russell perform at Harvest Cafe, and he said it was a pleasure to be performing in front of people again.

"It's great to see events like this starting again after such a long lockdown period,"

Cameron said.

Harvest Cafe co-owner and head chef Chris Ringrose said live music adds a greater atmospheric presence to local venues.

"It's a great opportunity for local performers and it's nice to see the Winter Festival overcome the restrictions by branching out into other areas of the community," Mr Ringrose said.

Bathurst mayor Bobby Bourke said the Groove and Grill showcases

some of the region's best young musicians.

"It gives them a chance to be part of a major community event and to be seen by a wider audience, which helps them to practice their talent and build their confidence as performers."

While the event isn't taking place on a stage in Kings Parade as in previous years due to public health orders around COVID-19, Cr Bourke said the reworked schedule puts greater em-

phasis on local venues.

"The event will feature a different artist in a local venue each weekday," he said.

"This encourages people to get out to businesses in the community, eat lunch and enjoy some local music."

The next featured artist will be Lily Morgillo, who will perform at El Guapo Cantin from 12pm today.

For next week's artists visit www.bathurstwinterfestival.com.au. All gigs start at 12pm.

Macquarie's quest to go back-to-back

SOCCER
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

MACQUARIE United are a team feeling inspired after their literal last minute success in the Bathurst District Football Ladies Premier League opening round, and want to channel that energy for a trip out of town this Sunday.

Macquarie travel to play Millthorpe Tigers where they have a strong chance to make it two from two to start the season, following a thrilling 2-1 breakthrough success against CSU in round one.

The match looked destined to head for 1-all draw until Macquarie found the go-ahead goal with 30 seconds remaining.

Coach Andrew Speed said the result was a major boon

leave their mark on the competition.

"CSU were very strong but our girls defended well and our goalkeeper was outstanding. We just took our chances when we had them," he said.

"They scored from a set piece and we got a very late goal. It was a really strong first grade game. They equalised with around 10 minutes to go but we got in front with virtually the last kick of the game."

Millthorpe didn't have a great time in their opening round venture to Bathurst as they went down 5-0 to Eginton.

Speed isn't paying attention to that result, believing that Millthorpe can be a different beast when playing on their home turf.

fiicult at home," he said.

"At home it's a bit easier for all the players to get there and they tend to have a good squad. We tend to have good close games with them."

"They're a young team in there's much in it. It could be very interesting."

In the other result from round one Abercrombie FC pushed forward their cause to be considered early title favourites with a 2-0 victory over Panorama FC.

The men's matches were a mixed bag of close contests and high scoring affairs.

AFC Navy brought down PFC Black 4-2 after the Goat provided a late scare. AFC Gold and PFC Red finished all square at 1-all while Collegians marked their return to first grade with an emphatic 5-0 win away to Lith-



Saturday 11th July

NICE START: Amy Parker is one of handful of returning players for another youthful



NEW ROLE: While not playing in the blue and white herself, Meredith Jones will coach the under 18 St Pat's league tag side this season. **Photo: ANYA WHITELAW**

Jones is fostering a new generation

LEAGUE TAG
BY ANYA WHITELAW

HE has been a star during Pat's incredible run of success in Group 10s league tag competition, but in season 2020 Meredith Jones has a new mission. It is to foster a new generation of Saints. While the coronavirus pandemic led to the cancellation of this season's open women's league tag competition, premierships for the younger grades will still go ahead. The under 18 Saints will be coached by Jones. "It was sprung on me one night at a function and I said I'd do it and before you know it, someone was following up on that comment," she said. "Pat's is kind of where the heart is, so I'm putting everything into that for now, coaching the under 18s girls is my priority. "It's certainly a different kind of feel coaching compared to playing, but they're a good group of girls. They are kinda of the same group of 18s we had last year and I just couldn't say no, they are a really good bunch of girls and really want to learn."

Jones was understandably disappointed she will not be able to push for a fourth consecutive league tag premiership with her teammates, but she was delighted that the 18s will still compete in 2020. She knows how crucial it is for this age group to stay involved and get the chance to develop before progressing to the senior ranks. "It's crucial, if you look at the amount of females that stop playing sport between that age of 16 and 19, or 16 and 20, you really need that age group. It's such a big jump from 16s to opens, so 18s are so important to keep them in the sport and keep them coming back," she said. "You've got a lot of competition with rugby sevens taking off and girls are really enjoying the tackle, so you want to have that there to keep them going. "You don't want to lose those numbers and I know they've worked really hard to get those numbers to where they are today to be able to run an 18s comp, we certainly don't want to see them disappear at all." Having learned from qual-

ity coaches so far during her own playing career, Jones is now keen to pass on some of her knowledge. In doing so it will not only help the under 18 Saints this season, but in the future as well. "I've been lucky enough to have some really good coaches over the years between Mick [Armstrong] and Jess Skinner for the Western Rams. So having had good coaches, you kind of want to put your hand up as well because you understand that opportunity that's there," she said. "That was the other thing, you want your younger players to be playing in the same style that you are, so when they come up they can just slot in. So that was another incentive to coach the 18s, it's a really good way to get them involved with the club having one of the open girls doing it. "We did have three of them step up into opens for the Canowindra carnival at the start of this year and they slotted in really beautifully. That's the beauty of having 18s too, they can filter up." The under 18s will begin their season on July 19.

Parkes natives are now Pat's weapons



DIFFERENT CHALLENGE: Parkes natives turned Saints women's Premier League Hockey stars Paige Hay and Mish Somers will play against their home town on Saturday.

HOCKEY
BY ANYA WHITELAW

ONCE they gave their all each weekend for Parkes in women's Premier League Hockey, but now that Mish Somers and Paige Hay wear blue and white they have a different loyalty. Now both are passionate Saints. This Saturday at Bob Roach Field, Hay and Somers will line up for the Saints in a match against their old home-team Parkes. Somers, who spent four seasons with Parkes before relocating to Bathurst, knows it is a special sort of rivalry. "I still play touch for Parkes in the State Cup, so still definitely consider myself a bit of Parkes girl. But in terms of hockey and stuff, I'd say I'm a Bathurst girl," Somers said. "It was very weird the first time I played against them because a lot of girls I'd played with were still playing. Now I think it will be a bit different. "It will still be weird, you know home town, but they've got a heap of new super-young girls I haven't played with or played against. So it will be interesting to get out there."

Though the Saints, under new coach Ben Weal, are hoping to improve on a 2019 campaign that took them to the preliminary final, for Parkes the new season marks their Premier League return. It is something Somers was pleased to see, just as she was delighted when Parkes beat Confederates 2-1 in the opening round last Saturday. The star defender thinks that won't be Parkes' only win either. "It was very nice to hear. It was quite disappointing when they exited a few years ago and with all the hard work quiet a few girls had done to keep them in the comp, but they struggled with numbers," she said. "So it was awesome they've returned and they had a win straight away which was good for the girls. I think they'll be a bit of a dark horse this season. "They're a team you can't take lightly and they're very strong at home ... so if you take the foot off against them, that's when they'll come and pull your pants and get over the top of you, they're a very unpredictable side." Somers, Hay and their fellow Saints certainly won't be taking Parkes lightly this

Saturday as they look to build on an impressive 5-0 win over Exies last week. Hay was one of the Saints' best in that win at inner and Somers predicts her fellow Parkes native will have another strong performance this Saturday. "She's now found her feet at Pat's and she had a bit of a blinder last week," Somers said of Hay. "She ran all day and yeah, one of the best games I've seen her play in awhile. "I'm sure she'll be keen to get in there and give it to the Parkes girls, because she has certainly played with a lot of those girls growing up." That performance against Exies was one which please Somers, the Saints vice-captain, was excited by as a new-look attacking set up clicked. "We hadn't done a lot of team work at training, so to get out there and string the passes together the way we did was probably a bit of a confidence boost," she said. "The forwards were just in sync, having Esther Hotham back up front and combining with the Fulton girls was pretty nice to watch." Saturday's match starts at 2.15pm.

Mandau 13th July

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Virtual rebirth for KHS

Nearly 15 years after it was destroyed by fire, the original Kelso High School building is set to undergo a virtual reconstruction courtesy of Perth-based developers 3D Walkabout. The \$11,000 project has been funded by former student Dr John Rouse, though a crowd-funded campaign has been set up to assist with the costs due to popular demand.

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MEMORIES: Former Kelso High teacher Hans Stroeve with the original school's theatrette sign spared by the 2005 fire. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Resurrecting the old 'KHS'

HERITAGE

BY SAM BOLT

ALMOST 15 years on from the devastating fire, the original Kelso High School building is set to receive a rebirth online via a 3D virtual reconstruction.

The project will use original building plans and existing photographs of the former Kelso High, which was destroyed by fire in August 2005, to create a detailed virtual model of the old building.

Former Kelso High student Dr John Rouse, who graduated in 1987, has funded the \$11,000 project himself, and was inspired by last year's launch of the Kelso High archive.

"I was absolutely blown away from all the memories compiled by Hans [Stroeve, former teacher] and various ex-staff and students, and immediately felt a virtual reconstruction could enhance the archive," Dr Rouse said.

"So I came across this Perth-based company, 3D

Walkabout, who has the capacity to create virtual walkthroughs of buildings, and they immediately jumped at the idea, as a reconstruction of an extinct building is something they've never attempted before."

Dr Rouse, who is now a partner in a national radiography firm, has received assistance from fellow Kelso High alumnus Nick Drenenberg, who tracked down the original school's plans through NSW Public Works.

"We've purchased near-

ly 70 plans of the original school to assist developers with the recreation," he said.

"The end product will be a short, interactive video fly-through of the old building, with a closer look at each area of the school akin to what you'd see on Google Maps."

"It's still in the early days yet, but I feel this is an important legacy project to help keep the memory of the original Kelso High School alive."

The project has been met with significant enthusiasm among Kelso High alumni,

with more than 140 promises to reimburse Dr Rouse for the cause and Mr Stroeve, who taught full-time at Kelso High for nearly 40 years, has set up an account on the 'Kelso High School friends' Facebook page.

He said the project will hopefully allow future generations to virtually revisit Kelso High as it once was.

"The developers have labelled it 'forensic architecture,' and it's pleasing to hear they're just as excited as we are to see this project come

about," he said.

"So many people in Bathurst remember the old Kelso High, but have only vague memories of the experience, so we hope this reconstruction will help alumni reignite some of their treasures school experiences."

To contribute to the 3D Kelso High Virtual Tour project, visit the Kelso High School friends Facebook page or send a donation to account name H Stroeve, account number 68521 and BSB 882000.

Monday 27th July



GOALFEST: Tayla Lloyd was one of five different goalscorers for CSU FC in their huge win over Panorama FC. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

CSU's seventh heaven

SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

IN THE 2014 FIFA World Cup the host nation Brazil were stunned by a rampant Germany team in a 7-1 semi-final result, which sent shockwaves through the sport.

Bathurst District Football women's first grade might have just found its equivalent match.

CSU FC hammered Panorama FC by that same scoreline in a grand final rematch

like no other.

All eight goals in the match came inside a wild opening half of football, where CSU's dangerous through balls in the wet weather put the game to bed before the break.

CSU ran out to a 2-0 lead in the space of just five minutes when Tayla Lloyd punished Panorama for a failed corner clearance and Jasmine Christie-Johnson's found a goal.

Teegan Ward latched onto an excellent long through

ball from Jess Gostelow to give Panorama a quick reply in the seventh minute.

But from there it was one-sided mayhem.

Christie-Johnson found her second goal of the day in the 19th minute with a stunning strike outside of the box and a successful long range attempt from near the half way line from Chloe Anlezark pushed the score out to 4-1.

CSU found goal number five before the half hour

mark had even ticked over, as Minna Annand found the target on the break.

The Vixens piled on the pain with two more goals inside the last six minutes.

Annand was involved in both, scoring from the top of the penalty area before setting up Mackenzie Ryan for her sweetly-hit half volley.

Panorama's defence at the back and through the midfield picked up their game to deny any second half goals but the damage was well and

truly done.

"We used the space, passed it well to each other and the goals were outstanding," CSU coach Brice Dwyer said.

"I honestly couldn't have imagined anything like this.

"We used our triangles, played the ball through and our corners were great."

CSU FC 7 (Jasmine Christie-Johnson 2, Minna Annand 2, Tayla Lloyd, Chloe Anlezark, Mackenzie Ryan) defeated PANORAMA FC 1 (Teegan Ward)

Jenkins' good form is helping Saints win

A fiery hot wing

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY ANYA WHITELAW

HE WAS strong in defence against Bathurst Panthers, he celebrated his 18th birthday then he scored an impressive hat-trick against Orange Hawks - now what will come next for Jayden Jenkins?

Just like the rest of his St Pat's team-mates, the red-headed winger has enjoyed a strong start to the new Western Youth League under 18s competition.

While noted Saints stars such as fullback Ash Cosgrove and halfback Tyler Colley weaved their magic in the 28-7 win over Panthers last Wednesday and in Sunday's 42-0 triumph against Orange Hawks, they have not been the only players in blue and white to impress.

Jenkins' efforts in both attack and defence have been solid, joining Cosgrove in scoring a treble against the Hawks.

"He was a young bloke, I didn't know where he was going to play or what I was going to do with him, but last year I put him on the wing and he did a fantastic job for me," Pat's coach Kevin Grimshaw said.

"He's just getting better and better. One of his tries, he took and intercept and ran 80 yards from a good read of play, he knew where it was going to go and read it well.

"They were all good tries. Tyler kicked a cross-field



TRY TIME: St Pat's winger Jayden Jenkins dives over for one of his three tries against under 18s rivals Orange Hawks. **Photo:** CHRIS SEABROOK

ball and he out-leaped the other winger and scored in the corner - it was a beautiful kick, like one of those NRL ones - and the other try he had to do a fair bit of work as well. He scored in the corner with a couple of kids hanging off him."

Before Jenkins' attacking highlights, it was strong defence that was the feature in the opening quarter of the match against Hawks.

Having withstood that

early pressure, the Saints pushed out to a 20-0 half-time lead then went on with the job after the long break.

"Our defence is winning us the games, yeah we are putting points on, but it's been our defence that's winning the games," Grimshaw said.

"They [Hawks] give it to us in that first quarter, they had a lot of ball, we made a couple of mistakes and they were trying to get to our line, but we just defended very,

very good.

"If you were watching it, you wouldn't have looked at the scoreboard and thought it was 42-0. Both sides were pretty willing in the middle of the ruck and they had a couple of really good-sized kids and good players as well, I coached a couple of their forwards in the Group side last year."

That combination of strong defence and attacking flair is something the Saints

will be drawing on again this Wednesday night as they look to go three-from-three to start the season.

They will face an Orange CYMS outfit which Grimshaw has a high opinion of and he expects the green and golds will be hungry to hit back after a 20-12 loss to Lithgow on Saturday.

"It should be a good game, the kids are looking forward to it. I think CYMS are the benchmark at the moment

from what I've seen and what people are telling me," the coach said.

"I guess you don't know until you play them, but they should be a good challenge for us."

Wednesday night will feature a double-header at Carrington Park with Bathurst Panthers looking for their first win when taking on Lithgow Workies at 6.20pm. The Pat's versus Orange CYMS match will start at 7.45pm.

Wednesday 29th July

Wearing red for a reason

STUDENTS at Kelso High were wearing it red on Thursday, as a show of support for Ronald McDonald House in Orange. The students from Kelso joined thousands of others from around the region who answered the call to wear red, and make a gold coin donation for the charity which is a home away from home for sick kids and their families.

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WEAR IT RED: Students from Sharon Mendes' Year 9 Geography class at Kelso High were among those supporting Ronald McDonald House.

Students' show of support

COMMUNITY

BY JACINTA CARROLL

STUDENTS at Kelso High School were "wearing it red" for a reason on Thursday, as a show of support for Ronald McDonald House in Orange.

The students from Kelso joined thousands of others from around the Central West, answering the call to wear red, and also making

a gold coin donation for the charity which is a home away from home for sick kids and their families.

Wear It Red Day is now an annual fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House in Orange, which supports families living across five health districts, including Bathurst.

Since it opened its doors in April 2015, 730 families have used the facilities, as their

children receive specialist medical support based in Orange. Ronald McDonald House Orange is also the first house to support families with issues relating to Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

While the average stay for families is three days, some have stayed up to six months, enabling them to be close to their child while they under-

go medical treatment.

Principal of Bathurst High School, Ken Barwick, came up with the concept for Wear it Red Day three years ago. In 2017, about 16 schools participated, this year 60 have registered along with businesses in Bathurst, Orange, Parkes and other areas.

Mr Barwick said the day was all about raising funds to keep the doors open, so fam-

ilies in need can utilise the service when they need it.

Last year the day raised in excess of \$10,000, with organisers hoping to eclipse that amount this year.

Narelle Small, Deputy Principal, Kelso High, Denison College, said the students loved being part of the day.

"They did it last year as well, they really love sup-

porting such a great charity," she said.

Year nine student, Volkan Gunduz said everyone was happy to wear red and make a donation to Ronald McDonald House.

He said everyone including teachers made an effort to wear something red and support the day.

"It's a good cause, we're happy to help," he said.

Friday 31st July



BE SHARP: Bec Bosianek (left) is a key returning face for Bathurst City in their tough trip away to Lithgow Panthers. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

City squad shuffles ahead of Lithgow game

HOCKEY
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

AHEAD of their challenging trip to face Lithgow Panthers in women's Premier League Hockey this Saturday Bathurst City will be making several changes to their side in pursuit of win number two.

Injuries have impacted several City players but the Bathurst club do get back a trio of players for what is one of the hardest away trips to make in the competition.

"We're without Kelsey Willott who is injured and could be out for the season and also Jenny Roberts who was injured last weekend," City coach Jill Long said.

"We do bring in Bec Bosianek, Ange Behan and Anna Cartwright. That's three back and two out. After last week's performance we're hoping to have a better game but with it be-

ing an away trip we'll have to wait and see what happens."

City knew after their opening round 3-2 win over Bathurst rivals Souths that they could still make a step up to the next level in attack.

But in the following 2-0 loss to Orange Ex-Services they went backwards instead.

Chances went begging in front of the Ex-Services goal for City and Long said that can happen again against a Lithgow side who look red hot through their opening two games.

"We have to score, plain and simple," Long said.

"We're lacking that ability to put the ball home. Last week we probably had somewhere around 20 shots but we weren't able to put them in.

"We'll be concentrating on that as much as

we can and we'll see what we can bring forth. "We've been practising that shooting. It was just a case of them going wide. We have to make better use of those chances."

City and Panthers have played out some classic games through the years and favouritism has often been hard to assign in the matchup - usually favouring the home ground.

That will be the case this Saturday as the Panthers will be favoured to do the job in Lithgow.

Bathurst City will fight hard at the Lithgow clash though to keep their place inside the top four on the ladder.

"It's always been a good game between the two of us. There's never been a boring match," Long said.

The clash at the Lithgow Hockey Complex gets underway at 1.30pm.

Saturday 1st August.

EDUCATION WEEK 2020 ADVERTISING FEATURE

Together we can RISEUP

EDUCATION Week is the ideal time of year to acknowledge all of the wonderful stakeholders who work closely with the schools in the Bathurst network. Many external organisations and community groups contribute to building a student's confidence and skills to successfully navigate the complex world which lies ahead. One of those organisations who works closely with Bathurst High and Kelso High campuses is the Bathurst Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). The students and families from both campuses of Denison College have strong relationships with the PCYC, and together work in partnership through a range of mentoring programs that promote confidence, success, healthy lifestyles, discipline and engagement with learning. The connections made with PCYC have significantly improved the lives and educational opportunities for many students.

External well being and educational programs are vital for the continued growth and development of young people today. Each campus



WORKING TOGETHER: Joint programs like RISEUP and Fit 2 Learn have been very successful and opened an amazing range of opportunities for students at Denison College. **Photo: Supplied.**

engages twice yearly in the Fit 2 Learn Program, targeting both boys and girls to inspire them both at school and in their learning. Older students engage with the Driver Safety Programs provided,

along with general fitness and well being programs. The Fit 2 Learn Program provides many benefits, including a white card, first aid certificate, a well-constructed resume and inter-

view confidence; credentials needed by many students in the real world and part time work. The program builds soft skills and life connection skills, through positive re-



RAISING THE BAR: Police and PCYC staff with Kelso High School's who graduated from the Fit to Learn program at the end of 2019. **Photo: File.**

lationships with the most amazing and selfless individuals who work at Bathurst PCYC. At Denison College the students involved in the program have demonstrated increased school attendance rates, decreased social anxiety at school and improved confidence to engage in daily conversations with peers, adults and school leaders.

Principal of Bathurst High Campus, Ken Barwick said that it was at the PCYC that his self-confidence grew and aspects of leadership developed. "It's about empowering young people and it's about realising potential and building self-confidence. It's about developing skills, character, leadership and self-belief," he said. "Together we can create young adults who are resilient and resourceful, who will not only thrive in an exciting and ever-changing world, but ones who will be able to make a significant and positive contribution to that world".

During Education Week 2020, the students, staff and wider school community of Denison College of Secondary Education would like to thank the Bathurst PCYC Team for their committed approach to supporting our students in achieving suc-

Weary Pat's get the job done in Lithgow



CREATOR: Halfback Tyler Colley has shone in the Saints' four Western Youth League wins thus far. **Photo:** ANYA WHITELAW

RUGBY LEAGUE BY ANYA WHITELAW

ST PAT'S coach Kevin Grimshaw anticipated a tough match against Lithgow Workies and that's exactly what his side got in their Western Youth League match on Saturday.

Ultimately the Saints emerged 20-16 victors from the clash at Tony Luchetti Sportsground to make it four wins from as many games in an 11-day period.

It puts them in a good position to finish on top of the eastern pool and advance to the eight-team finals series of the under 18s competition.

Though Grimshaw admitted the busy schedule of games did impact his squad, he also paid tribute to the efforts of the Wolves.

"It was a little bit of fatigue for my boys, you could see it when they were warming up, they were tired. It's not an excuse, but they were very tired," the coach said.

"We had the Stannies guys play at Dubbo on Friday and they didn't get home until 11 o'clock at night, there were four of them. So they've played five games in 11 days.

"But full credit to Lithgow too, they played very well I thought. They were in the hunt

the whole game, they're not a very big side, but they're mobile and very willing."

Three days prior to the match at Lithgow, both teams had played under lights at Carrington Park.

While the Saints emerged with a 32-8 win over Orange CYMS, Grimshaw noted how Workies came from a 12-0 deficit to very nearly beat Bathurst Panthers.

The coach knew the match was not going to be easy, but thought that his side would be able to dominate the forwards battle. However, just as Workies' pack had done against Panthers, they muscled up well.

"I was nervous, I knew beforehand it was going to be tough. I sent them all a message on Friday night telling them they had to come ready to play, not thinking 'Oh well, it's Lithgow, they've only won one game, we'll beat them easy'," Grimshaw said.

"I just had a feeling it was going to be a tough game because of the campaign we've had, we've been up for three really big games. I thought Panthers were going to be a threat, then I thought Hawks with all those Blayney kids were going to be a threat and CYMS too, so we spent a fair bit putting into those three games.

"It's not that I'd forgotten the Lithgow game, but that was the one at the end of it.

"I said to my blokes going into it 'Let's try and roll over the top of them in the middle' but they handled us. Their little blokes just worked their butts off for them and they'd also swing the ball wide, they liked moving the ball about.

"We did enough to win. My boys, they know how to win games, in close games they know how to get across the line. They've got a bit experience on their side."

Once again halfback Tyler Colley created plenty in attack while hooker Jack O'Neil was busy around the ruck and solid in defence. Prop Geordie Larkham was another to impress in the four-tries to three victory.

The Saints now have the round six bye before resuming with another local derby against Panthers.

"Now it just starts again sort of thing, but at least the games are a week apart and we can train again, we couldn't train for the last two weeks," Grimshaw said.

ST PAT'S 20 (Josh Belfanti, Josh Hanrahan, Jayden Jenkins, Michael Clarke tries; Tyler Colley 2 goals) defeated **LITHGOW WORKIES 16** (Sam Lane, Luke Brown, Hayden Callan tries; Cooper Egan 2 goals)

a result of the terrible drought conditions that the region has experienced.

Well done Tracy Robinson, Marian Renshaw and everyone that has contributed to making the velodrome what it is. This project is sure to make the grounds safer (and more comfortable!) for both athletes and spectators (those catheads are sharp!), along with bringing environmental benefits for the longer term.

The Club has over 200 members many of whom participate in regular Saturday rides.

They've done a great job in keeping this wonderful, healthy community sport alive during these challenging times. Cycling is booming in our area thanks to the efforts of Marian, Tracy and hard-working community members like them!

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Andrew with Marian and Tracy from the Bathurst Cycling Club.

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- ✓ \$390,000 for the Rivulet Road Bridge replacement
- ✓ \$380,000 funding to support the rebuild of Glenray Industries
- ✓ \$200,000 for revitalisation of Wattle Flat Recreation Ground

Bathurst City

the Lithgow



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WINTER FESTIVAL WRAP UP

The 2020 Winter Festival has come to a close, and despite the current conditions impacting the event, organisers are very happy with how everything went.



More than 1,500 tickets sold to the nostalgic Drive In up at Mt Panorama. 70% of all tickets sold were to 2795 postcode which shows great support for the event from our local community.

All of the offerings could be enjoyed from the comfort of your car to adhere to the COVID-Safe guidelines currently in place, with the illuminations and drive-ins proving to be very popular.

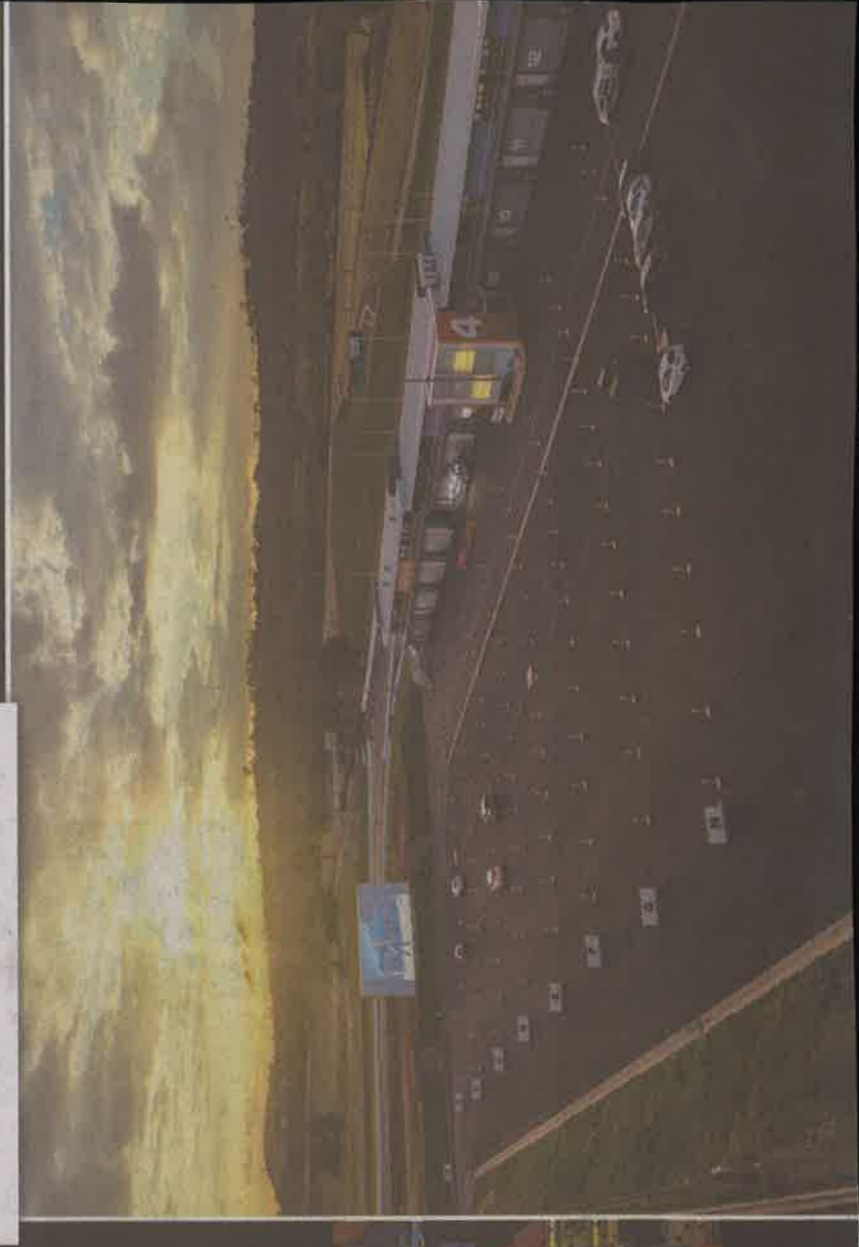
Live-streamed music events encouraged people to support local restaurants/cafes with lunch local and bite night events.

The online markets featured 35 businesses from around the state, 24 local businesses participated in the Bring Winter Into Your Business promotion.

There were large numbers of visitors at all the regions museums and attractions throughout the holiday period, with a large number of visitors to the region from Sydney and the Central Coast.



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ON THE HUNT: Bec Bosianek has returned for Bathurst City and is eager to help them climb the ladder. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

Short season intensifies City's desire to win

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

"THE win is everything."

Bec Bosianek is a player well-versed with the competitive drive that comes with being part of the Bathurst City set-up, but she knows in 2020 every women's Premier League Hockey competition point holds more significance.

With just seven rounds - three of which have already been completed - before the finals, the competition for ladder positions is intense.

Bathurst City is currently sitting fifth and Bosianek admits the pressure to climb is something she and her team-mates feel. It intensifies their already strong desire to win.

"It's strange that it's such a short season. Jill [Long, coach] highlighted the fact we only

have four games to go at training on Wednesday, so it's a bit surreal," the striker said.

"We feel that pressure and the win is everything, you must come away with the win every game to be in that top position as a grand final contender."

Bosianek, a member of the 2017 premier-ship winning side, missed City's first two games of the season. She returned last Saturday as City went down 1-0 to competition leaders Lithgow Panthers.

Though it was not the win City wanted, Bosianek saw enough from the squad to suggest that City can push for a spot in the finals.

"We started to click as a team and to come away with a 1-0 loss is good on our part considering we conceded that first goal early in that first quarter," she said.

"It was just unfortunate some of our shots weren't on point and we're working on that

for the future. We've clicked, we just need to capitalise on our chances, make the most of them and put some in the back of the net."

This Saturday City will host third-placed Confederates. The Orange side was gifted a round one win as Parkes fielded an unregistered player, they beat CYMS 3-0, then drew 2-all with Ex-Services last week.

Still, Bosianek believes City can build on the positives of last week. She feels the combination of experienced players and new recruit Emily Thompson from Lithgow Panthers will become "a deadly one to watch".

"Feds are going well so it's not going to be easy, but we want to catch them, that's the plan," she said.

"Hopefully we come out strong, we were looking strong at training and hopefully that converts to a win in the game."

The match will commence at 12.45pm.

McLaren and Saintry trio lift the Mungals

Red hot recruits

LEAGUE TAG
BY ANYA WHITELAW

A PAST star has returned, a trio of celebrity Saints have joined in and the CSU Mungals are on a roll in the Mid West League's league tag competition.

While CSU has been the force of the league tag competition since it was introduced to the Mid West League - they have won every premiership - the 2020 squad shapes as one of the finest yet.

With the Group 10 league



Wednesday 12th August

8th August, Saturday



GIVE ME THAT: Macquarie's Tiana Monks challenges CSU's Phoebe Reynolds for possession. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 080920cwsocr1

Half hour of power is key to Vixens victory

SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

A RAPID start paved the way for CSU FC's 5-1 victory over Macquarie FC in Sunday's Bathurst District Football women's premier league match.

The Vixens found four of their goals before the half hour mark had ticked over, essentially sealing the result barring a miracle Macquarie turnaround.

Once the shock of CSU's goal barrage had subsided Macquarie FC lifted their game in attack, eventually leading to a goal shortly after

the Vixens' fifth.

However, CSU had done more than enough to keep themselves within three points of competition front runners Abercrombie FC, who stayed on top after a 2-1 win over Panorama FC.

"I'm very happy. We've had three good wins in three weeks which has helped take us up the ladder," CSU coach Brice Dwyer said.

"We've definitely come back firing. The girls have really gelled now that we know where everyone plays and all our positions are sorted.

"I think our passing game in the first half was great. We

really worked the ball well through them."

Jasmine Christie-Johnson almost got the scoring underway in the fourth minute when her strike from distance thundered into the crossbar, but the Vixens would only have to wait three more minutes to make a breakthrough.

Tayla Lloyd was left open on a corner to put home the opening goal and Christie-Johnson picked up an assist moments later when her cross met the head of Phoebe Reynolds.

Following a few more excursions near the Macquarie

goal CSU were able to make it 3-0 when Annabel Meadley got plenty of power behind a strike from the top right of the penalty area in the 21st minute.

On the half hour mark the margin became four on the back of Lloyd's hit into the top left corner.

Macquarie found their groove in the lead up to half-time as their one-two passes started to connect and they made several promising attacks into the CSU goal.

CSU clawed back momentum at the start of the new half, going close to scoring eight minutes into the term

when Christie-Johnson's close range shot forced a nice stop from Anna Coombes.

However, Brianna Menken still put CSU five ahead on their next attack down the field.

Claire Sheehan gave Macquarie a much deserved goal in the 65th minute after she made a run behind the defensive line.

Both sides struggled to make headway as rain brought the game to a crawl. **CSU FC 5 (Tayla Lloyd 7' 29', Phoebe Reynolds 10', Annabel Meadley 21', Brianna Menken 57') defeated MACQUARIE FC 1 (Claire Sheehan 65')**

Kennedy's banger a highlight for Giants

AUSTRALIAN RULES

SHE has led by example with her tackling pressure and winning a big amount of contested possessions and on Saturday Bathurst Giants captain Katie Kennedy inspired with an absolute banger as well.

With a water-logged Sherin in her hands, Kennedy launched a shot from beyond the 50 metre arc and it sailed through for a major score.

It was just one of the highlights for the Giants as they posted a 9-11-65 to 2-2-14 win over Cowra at George Park 1.

"She just hit it very, very sweetly and to do that in wet weather footy - Katie just really stood up," Giants coach Liz Kennedy said. Having suffered their first loss since the 2018 grand final a week earlier and with the Reid-Broes Cup on the line, the Giants were hungry to get the job done against the Blues.

While that's what they did - leading at every change and holding the Blues scoreless in the final term - the Giants coach said Cowra made her side fight hard for the win in the wet.



TOP EFFORT: Bathurst Giants skipper Katie Kennedy was players' player in her side's win over Cowra. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

quarters and they were pretty unlucky not to get a few more goals. They had a full squad, they had subs and they really, really gave it to us.

"My girls wanted to do it for Sarah [Taylor] as she was playing against her sister, that added a little bit to their game too."

While Katie Kennedy was solid at centre-half-forward for the Giants, she was not the only player in the orange and charcoal to make an impact.

Olivia Johnston and Hailee Provest each booted three majors while two oth-

er Giants drew praise from their coach.

"Hailee scored a couple of her soccer off the ground goals and she did actually take a really good mark out in the pocket and slotted that through from a set kick," Kennedy said.

"Keira Germech is really starting to find her feet in our side now. Keira just plays outstanding, she finds the gaps for us and knows where to be.

"Liz Golsby was the other one who took some amazing marks."

- ANYA WHITELAW

"There was a pretty big slog," Kennedy said. "Full credit to Cowra, they pushed us for the whole four

Tuesday 11th August

OUT AND ABOUT

IT was a cold weekend, but that didn't stop people heading out to watch various sporting games in Bathurst. The Western Advocate snapped people at Carrington Park and Proctor Park.



HAPPY COUPLE: Relle and Roy Turner braved the cold to watch the women's soccer at Proctor Park. 080920cwsocr3



THEY WERE THERE: Jackson Howle with Jake Parker, at the women's soccer match on Sunday afternoon. 080920cwsocr2



RUGGED UP: Bronwyn and Michael Mitchell watching their son, Panthers player Ben, play at Carrington Park. 080920cu18s3



SPECTATORS: Amy, Lyla, 7, and Andrew Warren were at the under 18s match at Carrington Park on Sunday. 080920cu18s4



SPOTTED: Charlie Fox with Mitchell Allen at the women's soccer at Proctor Park last weekend. 080920cwsocr1

Saturday 15th August.



BACK IN BUSINESS: Retired KHS teacher Hans Stroeve, has taken up the challenge of publishing the school's Panorama magazine for 2020.

Panorama magazine's back after brief spell

EDUCATION

BY JACINTA CARROLL

AFTER a two year hiatus, Kelso High School's annual magazine, Panorama, will be back this year.

Hans Stroeve, who retired from Kelso High three years ago, said he picked up the challenge to publish the mag, even though he's never done anything like it before.

He said in Kelso High School's history, there have only been about five missed publications.

"One of them was the year of fire," he said.

Unfortunately for the last

two years, the school has gone without the publication, which was killing Mr Stroeve, who loves nothing more than cataloging the school's history, so he decided to put up his hand to help.

"I've never done it before," he said

"But Wendy (his wife, also a former teacher at Kelso High School) is a whiz on the Mac, so she's helping out too.

Mr Stroeve said he was talking to her about the fact 2020 was going to be another year with no school magazine, when Wendy just said to him.

"Why don't you stop

whinging about it and just do it.

"So I thought Let's see how it goes."

While he's still a long way from finishing (he's still taking and collating photos and stories from the students and teachers, and will be doing so until the end of term) he said it's going well.

He said once it is completed he's having the book printed locally at Central Commercial Printers, but copies must be pre-paid, and ordered from the front office.

With COVID-19 obviously causing disruptions during the year Mr Stroeve said it

has been challenging generating content, in the fact the majority of students were working remotely earlier in the year, and many sporting and other school activities had been cancelled as a result of the pandemic.

"There's been no excursions or things like that"

"But the English department has been busy sending in short stories and there are kids at school taking pictures every day."

He said the students are really excited to be part of the project, and ultimately he hopes in the future they will have an even greater role

in the publication.

He said his aim is to have the mag back every year, with students participating in a very hands on role.

He said the importance of a school magazine is evident by the number of requests he has from former students for copies of Panorama dating back decades.

"I'm really hoping to get it going again, its something great to be able to look back on," he said.

The magazine can be pre-ordered at the school's front office at a cost of \$15. It is expected to be available in time for the Year 12 grad.

Mungals have a firm grip on minor title

LEAGUE TAG

BY ANYA WHITELAW

players - the likes of skipper Issy Hunt, fullback Claudia McLaren, five-eighth Bronte Emanuel plus forward Lily Phillips missing the clash - made the result even better. "It was a bit of a reshuffled side as we had a fair few people not play ... at the end we only had two on the bench when we usually have 10," Mungals coach Phil Tui-lau said.

"Oberon, their ball skills were quite good, they tried to spread it out wide and do some decent plays, but because of the weather, because of the rain, it didn't al-

ways come off for them. But they were a good team, they were well coached.

"We focused on keeping it short, keeping it in the middle and using our fast girls to try and run through them.

"In the first quarter our defence was quite bad - we were spread out too far - and Oberon scored by just going straight through the middle.

"So after that first quarter I just told the girls to tighten up in the middle, I'd rather Oberon try to run around us than through us, and by doing that we were able to be quite strong defensively."

Emily Rhynehart impressed as she switched from hooker to five-eighth, Caitlin Treble lined up at halfback and Meredith Jones was shuffled from the second row to fullback.

Jones finished with a hat-trick - two of which came in the opening quarter to give the Mungals a lead they did not surrender. Centre Jenn Kimbel also snagged a treble and Miranda Rodgers played her best game of 2020.

CSU 34 (Jenn Kimbel 3, Meredith Jones 3, Miranda Rodgers tries; Ellen Taylor 2, Jenn Kimbel goals) defeated OBERON 16



STILL ON TOP: The CSU Mungals sit on top of the league tag ladder after defeating Oberon on Saturday. **Photo: OBERON TIGERS**

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

IT WAS far from a perfect performance but St Pat's did more than enough to best their Bathurst rivals Panthers for the second time this Western Youth League season with a 34-16 win on Sunday.

The Saints' speed and creativity from dummy half played a big part in taking them out to a 16-6 lead at the main break, and although they lost their way at times in the second half they'd done enough to keep their unbeaten record intact.

Panthers produced better ball security and decision making than in their recent outings but a couple of defensive lapses and errant

kicking always kept them on the back foot.

Pat's coach Kev Grimshaw was naturally happy to see the team's winning run extend but he believes the level of football shown in Sunday's derby won't keep that streak going into finals.

"We'll take the win. It was a typical derby game. Both sides were in the mix and both were scrappy. It took us a long time to get into our own game," he said.

"The disappointing thing is that it should have been a bit more comfortable than that and we took some poor options.

"Our bench is a big positive. When you bring someone off you're never losing anything by putting other players on. Tyler Col-

ley played really well, Jack O'Neill controlled the game from hooker and our starting front rowers were excellent."

The game got off to an even start as both teams played a sensible, cautious game through the middle of the park in their opening sets.

Saints halfback Tyler Colley inspired a Saints lift late into the opening quarter and early in the next period as started to make inroads on both edges of the Panthers' defence.

Jack O'Neill opened the scoring and Colley snared a try early in the second term to keep the momentum going.

Noah Cooney's try for the Saints was quickly cancelled out with a stroke of luck for the Panthers as a kick struck



PLANTING IT DOWN: St Pat's centre Josh Belfanti strolls over with ease for the first try of the second half in Sunday's Bathurst under 18s derby against Bathurst Panthers. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

the uprights and landed in the hands of Haydon Taylor, who scored a few minutes before the main break.

Cooper Ackroyd scored for the Saints with just six seconds left on the clock to seal the deal.

Discipline was a strong score but tries for Evan Cafe

area as well for the Saints, setting themselves up for tries on the back of several penalties and Panthers kicks which sailed out on the full.

St Pat's and Forbes Magpies are the only remaining unbeaten clubs.

It's hoped that it won't be the last game the two Bathurst sides will have this season.

It remains unclear whether any Rugby League NSW competitions will be affected by Tuesday's announcement of restrictions to community sports.

ST PAT'S 34 (Tyler Colley 2, Jack O'Neill, Noah Cooney, Josh Belfanti, Cooper Ackroyd tries; Colley 5 conversions) defeated BATHURST PANTHERS 16 (Haydon Taylor 2, Evan Cafe tries; Charlie Hutchings 2 conversions)



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St Pat's claims a derby double



GET BACK HERE: Saints' Zane Watson is caught by Evan Cafe after a long run down the field. Photo:CHRIS SEABROOK 081620cu18s8

It wasn't the prettiest brand of football from the high flying St Pat's on Sunday but it was enough to get them their second Western Youth League derby victory this season over Bathurst Panthers. Pat's continued their unbeaten start with a 34-16 victory at Carrington Park on Sunday.

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Wednesday 19th August

Grand final time at Eglinton Tennis Club

TENNIS TALK

WE HAVE had whitewash grand finals and we have grand finals that have gone right down to the wire, but this Saturday's grand final is shaping up to be one of the closest and most keenly contested finals between two very competitive sides in the club's history.

Club selector Graeme Stapleton believes this years grand final is going to be full of spectacular champagne tennis.

"It's going to be a ripper of a grand final even without crowd puller slugger Bull-

ock," he said.

Let's have a look at both sides and their form.

TEAM EGO: MAIT TREE (c) - A big hitter of the ball with a cannonball serve. A real danger player if given room to move. Tree is ready to let loose.

GARTH HINDMARCH - One of the best volleys of all the players in this grand final. His big kick serve will prove troublesome to his opponents. He is ready to fire and serve all the aces.

ALLYSON SCHUMACHER - The Iron Lady is ready to serve it right up to the big

guns in this final. Schumacher is as tough as they come who seems to thrive on pressure tennis in grand finals. Of all the players, if you were in the trenches you would want her right beside you. A huge danger player in this match.

JASON HONEYMAN - A big server with good net skills. If he gets his nose in front look out. He will grow another leg.

RUSSEL WELSH- The new kid on the block will be playing in his first grand final. Welsh has speed to burn and is a very consistent player who reads the play well.

Watch for improvement.

MADDI HONEYMAN - One of Eglinton's young guns who is improving week in week out. Maddie will be battling on gamely all day.

TEAM RIVERVIEW - JASON MOLKENTIN - A good allrounder who is dangerous on the net. He comes into this grand final full of running and is a real threat to the tall poppy players.

DAVID CRAFT - Has a good all round game who plays the big points well. Craft can turn defence into attack in an instant and will definitely worry the big gun

players. His fortune favours the brave attitude in this match could be the turning point if his side is to win.

PERCY RAVENEAU - One of the two left handers in this match. This guy can turn it on when the pressure is applied. Has a very effective chip and charge game with good net skills. A key player.

BAILEY HONEYMAN - One of Eglinton's hot young guns who is powering his way through his matches. Watch out for big hard hitting shots in this match from the young gun. He can play the big points well.

What a great grand final it will be, so be there or be square at the biggest little club in the West, EGO.

CATLIN SPEARS - Another young gun who comes into this match in peak form. Spears has the uncanny knack of rallying with the best of players. A very committed player who will give her all in this final.

PETER DEACON - A very consistent player with good court coverage. Never stops trying especially in big matches. A player to watch out for in this match.

What a great grand final it will be, so be there or be square at the biggest little club in the West, EGO.

- JOHN BULLOCK

Thursday 20th August

A cover for every trolley

Denison College Kelso High Campus student Alannah Smith is providing members of the Bathurst community and beyond with extra hygiene protection through the manufacturing of trolley handle covers. Alannah started making the covers while home from school during the lockdown period, and has since sold close to 100 locally and to buyers in parts of Sydney.

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INGENIOUS IDEA: Alannah Smith, 14, with one of her hand made trolley handle covers. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 081820covers

Welcome trolley creations

COMMUNITY

BY SAM BOLT

DENISON College Kelso High Campus Year 8 student Alannah Smith has introduced her own unique initiative to help protect members of the community from COVID-19 through the manufacturing of trolley handle covers.

Alannah, 14, has imple-

mented her textile and design skills to create an assortment of covers in a variety of patterns.

Her creations have already generated plenty of interest, with nearly 100 sold already throughout Bathurst and parts of Sydney.

"I've been making trolley covers since the pandemic began, and it started as something to do in my spare

time while schools were shut," Alannah said.

"I found someone on the internet who was doing the same thing, and I felt they would come in handy for people after that extra bit of protection while doing their shopping."

Alannah has been selling the trolley covers for \$7 each.

The covers are adjustable for a range of different

trolleys, and are able to be cleaned in the washing machine.

Alannah has also made a series of lavender bags for residents at Oak Tree Retirement Village to assist with their health and wellbeing.

"In these hard times, I wanted to let the residents know there's people in the community who are thinking of them," she said.

"Due to COVID-19, a lot of the residents haven't been able to see their families in person, so I felt it was necessary to bring them some happiness."

Alannah said she's gracious for all the positive feedback she has received thus far for her projects.

"It's been nice to receive so many letters of thanks from members of the community

who are appreciative of the products," she said.

"I've started to make face masks as well, but I'm intending to continue with the trolley covers as they've proven popular."

Alannah's trolley covers and various other creations are regularly posted for sale online via the Bathurst Buy, Swap and Sell Facebook page.

Friday 21st August

NAPLAN with a difference

EDUCATION

BY JACINTA CARROLL

COVID-19 may have seen NAPLAN testing cancelled this year, but schools across the state are still able to get an assessment for specific cohorts through an optional Check In Test.

Denison College Kelso Campus is one of many schools opting to use the

testing for Year 9 students through online reading and numeracy assessments last week.

Principal Michael Sloan said the optional assessment would provide schools with data to track the progress of their students.

He said it was important to capture the data, which would then be used in future programs and planning.

"It enables us to differentiate our teaching to meet individual needs," Mr Sloan said.

Mr Sloan said due to the COVID-19 lockdown earlier this year, NSW NAPLAN testing was cancelled for 2020.

"In order for us to collect data for our Year 9 students, Kelso High Campus has opted to complete the Check-In Assessment," he said.

The Check-In Assessment

is an optional testing tool for students in Years 3, 5 and 9.

It can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help Teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to Student needs.

The assessments are mapped to the NSW syllabus and national literacy and numeracy programs.



TEST: Michael Sloan.

Riverview comes close to historic mark

TENNIS TALK

JUST when it looked as if Mother Nature was going to take out this year's Eglinton Tennis Club winter grand final with snow, rain and wind, the super sopper came to the rescue.

While it was sunny in the morning but the courts were still wet from overnight rain. Head coach at the Eglinton complex, Rod Schumacher, put the super sopper to work to try and get the grand final started.

Well it worked and the grand final was ready to go thanks to Schumacher's

quick thinking. And folks, for Molkenitin's troops.

Still, captain Molkenitin was in good touch, winning three of his four sets 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.

Craft was also in fine touch winning three sets 6-1, 6-2, 6-4. He showed fortune favours the brave as he carved up his opponents with his brilliant court craft skills.

Raveneau glided round the court like Torvill and Dean, winning three sets 6-4, 7-5, 6-1. He had his opponents in panic mode with his crafty style of tennis working wonders.

Honeyman, Spears and

Deacon all produced some champagne tennis for Team Riverview and were in no small way responsible for steering their side to a brilliant victory.

Molkenitin was over the moon at his teams great victory. "We all peaked just at the right time and came oh so close to knocking off slugger Bullock's history making grand final win," Molkenitin said.

Losing captain Tree was gobsmacked at his team's loss.

"We were just outgunned,

Caitlin Spears, Andrew Tree, Graeme Stapleton, Travis Simpson.

TEAM THREE: Matt Gibson, Percy Raveneau, Harry Dang, Jason Honeyman, Daniel Mcleay, Stacey Markwick, Judy Smith, David Bant.

TEAM FOUR: David Craft, Bryan Reiri, David Smith, Barry Lindsay, Russel Welsh, Andrew Howarth, Peter Deacon.

TEAM FIVE: Rod Schumacher, Jason Molkenitin, Brian Dwyer, Bailey Honeyman, Robert Mack, Daisey Hoskins, Maddi Honeyman.

- JOHN BULLOCK

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

CONVERTING more circle penetrations into goals - that will be the focus for St Pat's as they prepare for a sudden death women's Premier League Hockey semi-final.

St Pat's finished its regular season by posting a 1-0 win over Bathurst City on Saturday at Bob Roach Field, but it was a game in which they created plenty more scoring opportunities.

Had they managed just one more goal the Saints would have booked a place in the major semi-final against Lithgow Panthers. Instead Pat's will host Orange CYMS in a sudden death semi-final. The 1-0 result saw the Saints finishing on the same

amount of competition points and the same goal difference as Confederates, who beat Souths 4-2.

But as Feds had the better for record - the Orange outfit scored 16 times across six games and the Saints 13 - they were awarded second place on the ladder.

"We have just got to win them all now, we've got to beat the best teams," Saints coach Ben Weal said.

Beating the best teams will require the Saints to show better composure than what they did against Bathurst City. It will also require shots which are aimed away from the reach of rival goalkeepers.

Bathurst City goalkeeper Maddy Tattersall blocked a whole host of shots aimed



ON THE BURST: Paige Hay avoids this diving tackle from Bathurst City's Brooke McFadden. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

The game was six minutes old when the Saints earned the first penalty corner of the match and while they had three shots from the ensuing play - two off the stick of Ella Davis, the other from Macey Fulton - Tattersall

blocked them all. Tattersall came up with a bigger play later in the quarter when finding herself in a one-on-one with Millie Fulton. Though her full length dive did not stop the young striker, it forced her

blocked them all.

Tattersall came up with a bigger play later in the quarter when finding herself in a one-on-one with Millie Fulton. Though her full length dive did not stop the young striker, it forced her

wide enough for her attempt to miss.

Down the other end of the field St Pat's custodian Lilli-Rai Campbell made a nice block to turn away a shot from City skipper Bec Bosianek.

In the second quarter both goalkeepers were again up to the task when tested, meaning it was nil-all at half-time.

It took until 62 seconds into the final quarter for the match winner to come via a nice piece of individual talent from Millie Fulton.

"It was probably a good hit out for us before finals, you like to have a tough game going in. But absolutely we are going to have to be better than that," Weal said.

ST PAT'S 1 (Millie Fulton) defeated BATHURST CITY 0

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GOING DOWN FIGHTING: Bathurst City skipper Bec Bosianek tries to work the ball past St Pat's defender Lucy Weal in Saturday's match at Bob Roach Field. Photo: PHI BLATCH

City's skipper sees positives in young squad

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

BATHURST City was not able to finish its 2020 women's Premier League Hockey season with a win, but captain Bec Bosianek still had reason to smile after Saturday's 1-0 loss to St Pat's.

She could smile because her side - even when missing six regulars - came so close to the finals bound Saints.

She could smile because the young members of Bathurst's City's squad, three of whom were debutantes, did the job required of them.

"We're actually pretty happy with the game today, to only go down 1-0," Bosianek said.

"We had opportunities, we just couldn't make the most of them today unfortunately. There were some really good saves by the

goalkeeper and a good save off the line by one of their fullbacks.

"We all gelled, the young ones that have come up showed potential, so the future looks good for the club."

Amongst the 'young ones' the skipper referred to were the debutantes in Maggie Thompson plus Hayley and Giaan Willott.

The game time they got on Saturday was a good reward for the effort they had put in at training while it also gave them an indication of the standard required to be a Premier League regular.

"They all did really well for their first game, they stepped up and pace and realised that yep, this is what it is like to be in Premier League," the captain said.

"They had been to every training, fitness and stick, so it was really lovely to have the final game of the season with those young girls

who have trained so hard with us this season.

"There is a good platform, good foundation for the side for next year."

Bathurst City finished the shortened season with just one win, a 3-2 effort against Souths in their season opener.

However, they were only narrowly defeated by each of the four finalists - Lithgow Panthers (1-0), Confederates (2-1), St Pat's (1-0) and Orange CYMS (2-1).

Bosianek thinks that shows City can make a return to the finals in 2021 after missing out the past two seasons.

"We started the year really strong pre-COVID, we had really good numbers at all trainings, but unfortunately we dropped off, a few people got injured," she said.

"But we'll work on that for next year, we'll get the enthusiasm back and like I said, we do have that good platform."

Monday 31st August

Record numbers for spring

TENNIS TALK

THIS year's Eglinton Tennis Club spring competition started off with a bang last Saturday as a record number of 37 players took to the court.

It was described by club committeeman Graeme Stapleton as a sensational start to the new-look competition.

"It just seems to get better and better at our club, which is a good indication of how well the players show their true loyalty in each competition," Stapleton said.

The first round was a scorcher with the first match a whitewash affair. It was Slugger Bullock's Team Wham of George Collins, Garth Hindmarch, Rebekka Fischer, Peter Francis, Kathy Wilkinson and Sebastian Honeyman storming home over a depleted Team AC/DC of Rod Schumacher, Jason Molkenntin, Brian Dwyer, Bailey Honeyman, Robert Mack, Daisy Hoskins and Maddi

Honeyman 13 sets to three.

The star players in this match were no doubt Hindmarch, Wilkinson and Honeyman. Of the 14 players to take to the court, those three were the only ones to win all of their four sets, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 respectively.

Captain of Team Wham, Slugger Bullock, believes his side's first up win was a breathtaking victory.

"It's been awhile since a team has won 13 sets to three first up. I didn't even have to play my trump card," Bullock said.

Losing captain Robert Mack was gut-wrenched.

"How does Slugger Bullock do it? He just seems to bring the best out of his players. In saying that ... it's not where you start, it's where you finish," Mack said.

The second match saw Team Cold Chisel of Matt Tree, Percy Raveneau, 'Iron Lady' Allyson Schumacher,



SUPER SATURDAY: Andrew Tree was one of the stars for the victorious Team Cold Chisel.

Caitlin Spears, Andrew Tree, Graeme Stapleton and David Bant win a thriller over Team The Eagles of Dave Craft, Bryan Reiri, Dave Smith, Barry Lindsay, Russell Welsh, Andrew Howarth and Peter Deacon nine sets to seven.

The star players in this match were no doubt Spears and Andrew Tree from the winning side. Both players

shone with some very skilful tennis, winning their sets 6-1, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, respectively.

Captain of the winning side Schumacher was over the moon, but not getting too carried away with the win.

"We played the big points better I thought and rallied hard all day," she said.

- JOHN BULLOCK

Thursday 3rd September

Bathurst upsets the Demons to stay alive

A waking Giant

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY ANYA WHITELAW

THEY have the belief and as the finals of the AFL Central West season loom, the Bathurst Giants are hoping for the football gods to grant them some favours too.

On Saturday at George Park 1 the Bathurst Giants posted an upset 14-15-99 to 12-4-76 win over the Dubbo Demons to keep their hopes of a spot in the three-team men's tier one finals alive.

Giants coach Mark Kennedy is aiming for his side to hold onto that spot in the two rounds which remain.

There is the chance that the Orange Tigers, who are one win behind them, could snatch that third spot while there is also an opportunity for the Giants to replace Dubbo in second and host the preliminary final.

"There is a bit of belief around the team now and who knows? Football is a fickle, funny creature and sometime the football gods are with you, sometimes against you. Hopefully this year they might help us," Kennedy said.

"We really want to make the top three, that is our goal. Look it will be a tough road trip if we have to travel to Dubbo and play a final away, so it would be ideal for us to finish top two. We will try our best but I'm not hedging everything on that."

While the experienced Jordan Longmore was a late



ZAC ATTACK: Zac Yandle was one of 10 Bathurst Giants players to boot a major in the upset win over Dubbo Demons. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

withdrawal for the Giants on Saturday, Max Martinez was called in to replace him and Oscar Mann lined up for his first game of 2020.

Sam Sloan, playing at full forward, had his best game of the season with four majors, but he was just one of 10 Giants to boot goals.

The Giants were also strong in their defensive 50, with fullback Derryn Clayton helping to shut down the Demons forwards and launch

attacking movements.

"Sam Sloan was amazing up front. He kicked four really good goals and took some strong overhead marks," Kennedy said.

"Derryn Clayton had a fantastic game at fullback, like he constantly beat two players to get it out wide to our outside runners."

The Giants began well to hold a nine-point lead at the first change, but it was the second quarter where they

really won the match.

They booted five goals three for the term and restricted the Demons to a pair of majors to lead 8-7-55 to 4-1-25 at the long break.

By three-quarter-time the margin had increased to 45 points, but the effort Giants put into building that advantage told in the last period.

The Demons rallied as they booted six goals - Josh Anasis finishing the match with five majors for Dubbo

- but in the end the Giants held on.

"We bloody went to sleep in the last quarter so it could have been a lot better. They kicked six goals two to our two in the last quarter, I was like 'Oh my God', my nerves were shot," Kennedy said.

"Our mids did a lot of running in the first three quarters and just absolutely killed it, some of the running and the link-ups out of the back line were really good.

"By the end Jack Goodsell was just tanked, he rucked most of the game and rucked so well. We had to give him a rest in that last quarter and put him on that last 10 minutes and that sort of settled the team and we got across the line.

"We always know if we can manage our player numbers well and try and get our best team on the paddock every weekend, anything can happen for us."

Tuesday 1st September

FACES AT THE FOOTY

THERE were plenty of tries to keep the crowd entertained when the Western Rams played the North Sydney Bears at Carrington Park recently. The Rams crossed for the final two four-pointers of the game, but went down 42-26.



HAPPY: Grace, Vanessa and Ebony O'Neill from Oberon. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK 083020cfooty6



TWO OF US: Kerrie and Bill Stait from Bathurst. 083020cfooty5



WE WERE THERE: Toby and Emma Foskett from Bathurst. 083020cfooty3



TAKE A SEAT: Lachlan Naylor with Hayley Sutton from Bathurst. 083020cfooty7



HAVING A YARN: Graeme Osborne with Royce George. 083020cfooty8

Finals place booked

Tuesday 8th September



NICE ONE: Beth Durham and Bathurst Bushrangers got back into the winner's circle on Saturday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST Bushrangers needed a win in Saturday's AFL Central West women's clash with Dubbo Demons to show that they had

Coach Brian Matheson said the Tigers clash showed that the team had to keep focused for the full game against the Demons, and that was what they were able to achieve. "We didn't play the way we wanted to against Orange and it wasn't a result we were

last term but their strong work early in the piece had given them plenty of breathing room.

It was the kind of performance Matheson wanted to see at this point of the season. "Dubbo are a competitive and skilful side

Halsey's late try separates rival Saints

WHITE KNIGHT

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY ANYA WHITELAW

CENTRE Stuart Halsey was the hero for one under 14s St Pat's side and the villain for another on Friday night when he scored a brilliant individual try with a tick over three minutes left on the clock.

The Group 10 Junior Rugby League match at Jack Arrow Oval pitted St Pat's White against St Pat's Blue and with a semi-final spot on the line for the victor, the young Saints threw everything they had at the contest.

As the clock ticked down it looked as if Blue would avenge their round one 18-6 loss to White as they held a two-point lead.

But Halsey had other plans.

Ducking into dummy half he caught out the Blue marker defence as he darted down the blindside.

When he planted the ball over the line in the right corner it triggered scenes of celebration from his White team-mates while it was bitter disappointment for the valiant Blues.

"He's one of those kids who can see a gap and knows how to utilise it and that's exactly what he did. He did it at the right time tonight, so I'm a happy coach," St Pat's White coach Tony England said.

While England is delighted his side, a bulk of whom won last season's under 13 grand final, remains in contention



SAINTLY STRUGGLE: St Pat's Blue and White under 14s teams fought out a classic at Jack Arrow Oval on Friday night. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

for another title, he also paid tribute to St Pat's Blue.

It is the second year in succession a White win in a St Pat's derby has ended Blue's season.

"It was a great game of football between these two teams, I just loved it," England said.

"We moved from both ends of the field and there was a lot of defensive work done by both teams, so to come away with the victory

in such a close game, we're over the moon.

"The winner tonight made the semi-finals and we played the Blue side last year to see who would go into the grand final, so we're just very evenly matched sides.

"It's a great club, the sportsmanship is there, and it's great to see them go so hard at each other.

"There are some excellent footballers in there for Blue, Reagan Stait, Riley Hancock,

he's another great player, young Dave Elvy is another great player.

"We got away tonight just through attrition, it's what it comes down to."

With rain falling for the start of the final round match, both sides struggled to hold onto the slippery football at times in the opening quarter.

But handling errors aside, the physicality and determination from both sides was certainly not lacking.

A desperate ankle tap from White lock Bryce Fisher halted Blue prop Caleb Bunning in the fifth minute after he punched through the defensive line, while in turn Blue second rower Reagan Stait made some crunching tackles to inspire his team-mates.

Stait and his second rower partner Riley Hancock were strong in attack as well and helped Blue enjoy the territorial advantage in the first quarter, yet the sides went to

break locked at nil-all.

Two minutes into the second quarter Blue broke that deadlock. From an attacking scrum feed 20 metres out, Stait drifted left and with a fend forced his way over the line to make it 4-0.

However, Blue put their kick-off out on the full to get the second half underway then were penalised for stripping the ball to gift White good attacking position.

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Halsey's late try rescues Whites

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Fullback Sam Clarke took advantage as he crossed and with Jack Branda's conversion, White led 6-4.

While they were now behind on the scoreboard, Blue renewed their efforts.

It took a good hands from Halsey to pick up a threatening Stait grubber, while moments later Branda made a superb one-on-one tackle to hold Joey Farr up over the line.

Three minutes into the final quarter Blue was back in the lead as Wyatt Loughlin crossed in the left corner.

As the rain got heavier it looked as if Blue would take the last spot in the top four, but White was able to work its way into an attacking position.

Halsey then came up with a piece of magic to score and after Branda nailed the sideline conversion there was only one minute, 13 seconds left on the clock.

White held on in that remaining time to win 12-8 and join minor premiers Bloomfield, Mudgee Dragons and Orange CYMS in the top four who will now play sudden death semi-finals.

White will meet Bloomfield in their semi-final at 12.15pm Saturday at Jack Arrow Oval.

"That puts us against Bloomfield and they're going to be a very, very tough team to beat because they are a cracker of a team, so we'll see how we go," England said.

ST PAT'S WHITE 12 (Sam Clarke, Stuart Halsey tries; Jack Branda 2 goals) defeated ST PAT'S BLUE 8 (Reagan Stait, Wyatt Loughlin

Wednesday 9th September



PLATYPI KICKING GOALS WITH VERTO SPONSORSHIP

VERTO CEO, Ron Maxwell, has proudly announced today that VERTO will be major sponsor of the Panorama Platypi Rugby League Club for 2020-2021.

Mr Maxwell said he was thrilled to be able to support the team and help to provide young women from Bathurst, Oberon, Lithgow, Orange and surrounding regions with a safe pathway to develop talents.

"O's core values of encouraging participation aligned well with what the team at the Panorama Platypi Rugby League Club are trying to achieve, so we jumped at the opportunity to support them," he said.

"VERTO already partners with Tradeswomen Australia, and we are big believers that women should feel empowered to pursue their dreams and have as many

opportunities as their male counterparts, whether that be in the workplace or on the football field."

Panorama Platypi Rugby League Club President, Catherine Hanrahan, said VERTO's sponsorship would allow players, supporters and families to gather and enjoy the game of rugby league, while creating friendships for life.

"Raising funds to purchase uniforms, equipment, trophies and ongoing expenses is very difficult for a small, non-profit organisation, and without the continued support from local businesses like VERTO, we would not be able to continue to deliver the current level of development, growth and community involvement that we

do now," she said.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have VERTO come on board as major sponsor. To partner with such a highly respected organisation that prioritises female inclusion is something all our players and supporters are really proud of."

Ms Hanrahan also paid tribute to the club's other important sponsors, including The Hallows Accommodation, Borg, Bustin Free Earthworks and A1 Towing Bathurst.

Pictured L-R – Platypi U/14 player Samantha Hanrahan, VERTO CEO Ron Maxwell, Platypi president Catherine Hanrahan, and U/14 player Bonny Campiao.

Bathurst City Life 9th September

Bullock's side goes Wham

TENNIS TALK

IT MY not be a grand slam in tennis in this week's round of tennis at the biggest little club in the west, but slugger Bullock's Team Wham have now firmed into hot favourites in this year's spring competition.

The team are already looking like the team to beat after belting Iron lady Schumacher's Team Cold Chisel side 12 sets to four.

Slugger's side of George Collins, Garth Hindmarch, Rebekka Fischer, Peter Francis, Kathy Wilkinson and Sebastian Honeyman were running hot as Iron Lady Schumacher's side of Matt Tree, Bryan Reiri, Caitlin Spears, Andrew Tree, Graeme Stapleton and Paige Dakota had no answer to slugger Bullock's on-court tactics.

The star players in this match were Peter Francis, Kathy Wilkinson and Sebastian Honeyman.

Of all the 14 players to take to the court, they were the only three players to win all of their four sets, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 and 6-2 respectively.

Captain of the winning side slugger Bullock believes his side are the team to beat.

"We deserve to be hot favourites, the proof is in the pudding," he said.

Losing Cold Chisel captain Iron Lady Schumacher was gracious in defeat.

"We were beaten by a better team on the day," she said.

The second match saw Robert Mack's Team AC/DC be too strong for Matt Gibson's Team Warumpi.

Mack's squad of Rod Schumacher, Jason Molkenyin, Brian Dwyer, Fred Kentwell, Toko Tari and Maddi Honeyman were too hard to stop, serving all the aces to beat the Warumpi team of Gibson, Percy Raveneau, Harry Dang, Jason Honeyman,



BIG WIN: Is John Bullock's Team Wham already the squad to beat in Eglinton Tennis Club's spring competition? They won 12 sets to four on Saturday.

Stacey Markwick, Judy Smith and David Bant 10 sets to six.

The star play in this match was Toko Tari who won all of his four sets 6-2, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Next week's round of tennis should be a ripper of a round with Iron Lady Schumacher's Team Cold Chisel and her troops tackling Judy Smith's Team Warumpi side.

Team Warumpi will be far

too classy for the overrated Cold Chisel outfit.

The second match will see hot favourites Slugger Bullock's Team Wham up against Andrew Howarth's Team The Eagles lads. Slugger and his team of invincibles will have to much power and court-craft skills to bury the out of form Eagles outfit.

- JOHN BULLOCK

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