



2025 YP FOOTBALL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

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TOP PRIZE...Moonta A grade coach Aidan Zwar and CMS Crows A grade coach Jamie Kemp hold the premiership cup ahead of Saturday's grand final in Maitland.

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2025 season snapshot

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

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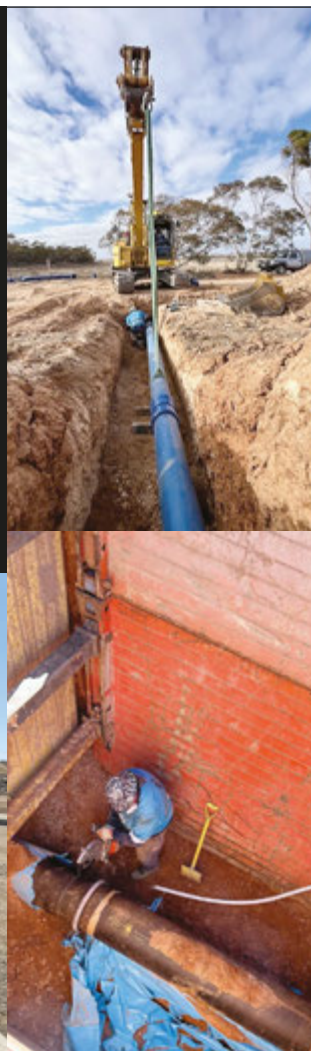
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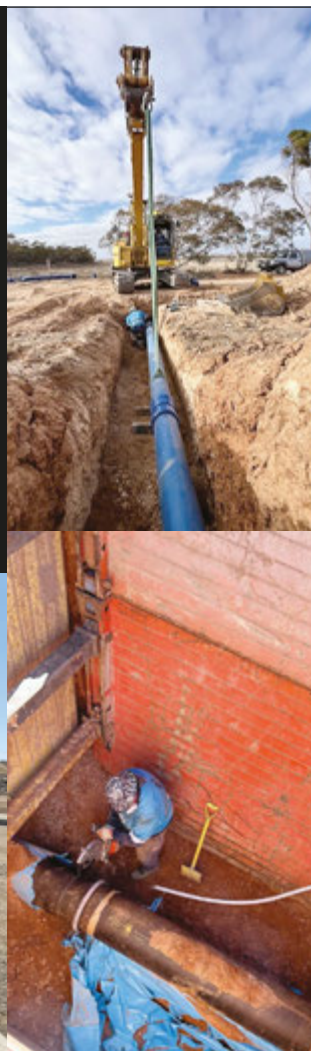
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Grand final week is here — and Tippy can't wait!

“Eric ‘Tippy’ Tipwood”
REPORT BY

What a treat the YP Football League A grade preliminary final was!

On a picturesque Saturday at Kadina, Bute started with the breeze, launching into electric form with five goals in the first quarter.

Moonta slowly wrestled back momentum, with Dylan Aldridge and Tyler Andrews proving a handful. It was a slow grind for the undermanned Demons, but they clawed their way back.

In the second half, Bute couldn't quite regain the lead, and the premiers quarter proved decisive.

The Roosters threw everything at Moonta, but the Demons held firm. Despite missing key players and suffering several more injuries on the day, Moonta's resilience shone through.

They'll have some sore bodies heading into the grand final.

Grand finals previews

A GRADE

CMS Crows v Moonta

Moonta and CMS Crows resume their fierce rivalry — this marks their fourth meeting in the past five grand finals.

These sides know each other very well:

- 2024: A 100-point demolition by Moonta on their home deck.
- 2022: A low-scoring grind at Bute, again won by Moonta.
- 2021: The Crows pinched it by a point with incredible accuracy at Yorketown.

This will be first time in those five years that Crows have reached the grand final via a qualifying final win.

They've also defeated Moonta in their past two encounters.

The teams' preparations couldn't be more different.

The Crows are fresh from a week off and welcome back Matthew Goldsworthy and Thomas Schott.

Moonta, meanwhile, is limping in — Aidan Turner and Michael Virgin missed the prelim, and Ryley Maitland left the game in a bad way.

Maitland Oval suits Moonta's game style. The smaller deck allows for plenty of stoppages, favouring the Dees' midfielders. Their backline is well-organised and sets up beautifully.

Forwards: The Crows have the edge with more options: Angus Glazbrook, Jack Matchett, with Goldsworthy, who is the X-factor in a spread of goal kickers.

Moonta's forward line has been make-shift in recent weeks.

Jayga Warmington has been quiet on the goals, but Aldridge stepped up. Tom Hancocks and Andrews have spent more time in the midfield to cover injuries.

Midfielders: If Ryley Maitland doesn't get up, hopefully Aidan Turner can fill the gap.

Matt Appleton spent quite a bit of time at half-forward.

Introduce Andrews, Hancocks and Alex Elsworthy as a stopper. They love to flick the ball around with fast hands around stoppage. If they can get the ball to the outside then it's tough to stop.

Otis Carthy and Finn Betterman were both on the Mail Medal podium, and Jacob Tidswell made the Team of the Year on a wing.

Can they bring pressure to get the ball moving their way?

Backs: Moonta boasts a strong back six — composed under pressure, excellent at ground ball recovery and dangerous on

the counter.

Virgin's return adds another weapon.

The Crows rely on Jake Cook to spark attacks but may struggle to match up against Moonta's faster forwards.

If Moonta wins this, it'll rank among their greatest premierships given the adversity they've faced.

The Crows enter unfamiliar territory as favourites. This will be a cracker.

At the final siren... CMS Crows by three points.

B GRADE

Moonta v Paskeville

Two teams, two very different paths.

Moonta is undefeated, but A grade injuries may force some key players to shuffle up. Reigning premiers Paskeville fought valiantly through the prelim, but it was a tough grind.

A few Magpies will be nursing sore bodies, with some barely hanging on.

Moonta has quality across the board. Lachlan Smith, with SANFL Reserves experience, finds himself in B grade due to player points. Ben Pearse played A grade last weekend but may be squeezed out due to the same rule.

Paskeville has stacked its side with A grade experience — Brodie Paige, Pat Keane and Will Nickolai bring class to complement the regulars.

Watching Malcolm Karpany run water while injuries are stacking up had Tippy wondering, are his feet getting itchy? Will he pull on the boots for grand final day?

At the final siren... Moonta by four goals.

SENIOR COLTS

Walleroo v Moonta

Walleroo is chasing a fourth straight premiership. Moonta comes in as underdog.

The Bulldogs won the Wallaroo v



YPFL... Tom Hancocks, Moonta, gets gang-tackled by CMS Crows players Ayden Hickman and Otis Carthy. CMS Crows defeated minor premiers Moonta by 14 points in the second semi to advance to the grand final.

Moonta qualifying final by five goals, though the Dees defeated them earlier in the season.

Maybe Tippy overthinks it, but finishing top, having a week off, then winning easily to get another week off... it's not always the best prep for teenagers.

A bit of drizzle is forecast too, and this could be a leveller.

Walleroo boasts Hunter Wellgreen, who played Under 18s for Woodville-West Torrens, and league medallist Mitchell Miller.

Moonta counters with Archie Bennett, who played for North Adelaide U16s and polled eight Mail Medal votes in his three minor round games. Tahj Madigan will be pivotal in the ruck, and Blake Wallace

can pop up and hit the scoreboard.

At the final siren... Wallaroo by one goal.

JUNIOR COLTS

Walleroo v CMS Crows

Walleroo features in the junior colts grand final after an undefeated season.

The Dogs will face CMS Crows, who pushed them in the qualifying final, with two goals the final margin.

Walleroo's Hunter Mumford played for the WWT Eagles in Adelaide before returning, and Austin Miller is a consistent contributor.

The Crows have Noah Macgowan and Lowan Coe, who've featured in the best players regularly, and seem to have tall, athletic talent across every line.

At the final siren... Wallaroo by five goals.




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Final word from the coaches...



JAMIE KEMP

CMS CROWS A GRADE COACH

For the fourth time in five years, the CMS Crows will feature on Yorke Peninsula football's biggest day of season 2025.

The Crows have had a mixed campaign this year, starting off slowly before firing at the right time to win important matches in the run home and earn a place in the qualifying final, then beating Bute and Moonta to book a ticket to the big dance.

CMS coach Jamie Kemp has led his side for the past three seasons in his second stint as A grade coach and said this year the team had worked hard to get back to the grand final.

"We went out and got what we thought we needed to stay at the top and give ourselves a chance again this year," he said.

"Plenty of our players have got that finals experience, and we have started to click in the second half of the season and we have been playing good football."

The Crows' goal at the start of the season was to bring in players who could go that extra step in their game, and they achieved that with the addition of key contributors Jake Matchett, Jacob Tidswell, Otis Carthy and Matthew Goldsworthy.

Kemp said their huge 2024 grand final loss to Moonta hurt for a long time and the side had been planning ever since to get back to the biggest day on the YP footy calendar.

He has also put a big emphasis on building club culture since he returned as coach.

"I think the club culture is great at the moment – all our junior players are involved with our program and we feel like one big team," he said.

"Anything can happen on the day, which we know too well, but I am glad to be there again with this team."



AIDAN ZWAR

MOONTA DEMONS A GRADE COACH

Moonta has the experience and personnel to know what to expect when it lines up for their fifth straight grand final on Saturday.

Coach Aidan Zwar said the side has not had the season it hoped for, with the number of injuries a factor in the 2025 campaign.

"We have had to overcome plenty of injuries this year which has been a big challenge," he said.

"We have only fielded our strongest side all season in one game, which displays our tough injury run.

"I think we have used about 40 players in our A grade side this year, including two senior colts players who made the jump.

"We lost some valuable experienced players last season in Dylan Mansell and Malcolm Karpny, so replacing them was always a tough ask, but plenty of our players have stood up and accepted the challenge this year."

Although injuries have plagued the A grade, Zwar said the whole club was excited about what had been a successful season overall.

"We have three of our football teams in the grand finals, which is a great result for the club," he said.

"The netballers have all teams but the A grade in the grand final, which is a huge result for them too. The club will no doubt be buzzing all week."

Zwar said this season had been all about developing the talent the Demons have, especially their local players who are the future of the club.

"We have a lot of talent in our side and in our junior development too – we have backed in our local talent this year and they have flourished.

"The Crows are full of talent and have proved that this season.

"It will be a great contest and it's exciting to be in another grand final with this club."

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Moonta v Paskeville

B grade 12.15pm

Moonta		Paskeville	
Jackson Zwar	2	3	Jonathon Price
Ricky Mackereth	3	9	Patrick Keane
Seth Gregory	7	11	Hamish Price
Sam Willmott (c)	10	12	Tom Loveridge
Riley Hatcher	15	14	Glen Mulders
Dale Marriott	16	16	Bailey Turner
Will Drogemuller	25	20	William Nickolai
Harry Williams	33	25	Corey Price
Harry Hamilton	35	26	Dylan March
Brock Pollard	36	27	Fraser McCracken
Benjamin Pearse	37	29	Brett Loveridge
Kaiden Warmington	41	31	Brodie Millward
Nate Freeman	42	36	Noah Rennie
Ashton Angie	43	37	Tyson Adams
Lachlan Smith	44	38	Lleyton Roberts
Nigel Tutthill	47	41	Michael Dittmar
Aaron Meates	49	42	Brodie Paige
Jett Smith	50	44	Jake Watson
Corey Angie	51	47	Rylan Richardson
Jamayden Webb	52	48	Brock Thomson
Christopher Locke	57	69	Ayden Smith

Wallaroo v Moonta

Senior Colts 10.50am

Wallaroo		Moonta	
Brodie Hines	1	2	Gus Hall
Francesco Bagnato	2	3	Benjamin Jarvis
Ethan Trott	3	4	Connor Osborn
Baylan Mummery	5	5	James Richardson SP
Riley Phelan	6	7	Ryder Dunlop
Liam Wright	7	8	Peter Formosa
Isaac Freeman	8	9	Jackson Poland
Kolbi Weight	9	10	Blake Wallace
Mitchell Miller	10	11	Samuel Freund
Hunter Mumford	12	12	Ethan Osborn
Curtis Boundy	13	13	Reef Mackereth
Bryce Dekort	14	14	Hunter Johns
Anthony Paxton (vc)	17	16	Alfie Gunning (C)
Shann Hanson	18	17	Liam Weatherley
Jayden Mwoyounotsva	21	18	Jackson Galley SP
Farren Finn	23	19	Will Gow (C)
Damien Harris	24	20	Brodie Steer
Riley Miller	25	24	Hudson White
Cohen Mummery	26	25	Tahj Madigan SP (C)
Tyson Gray	27	26	Lucas Warwick-Crowley
Ryan Zimmermann	28	27	Anthony Marchetto
Malaki Turner	33	28	Toby Braley
Hunter Wellgreen	37	30	Rylan Freeman
Curtis Kuhndt	43	31	Archie Bennett SP
		32	Curtis Jolly

Wallaroo v CMS Crows

Junior Colts 9.30am

Wallaroo		CMS Crows	
Griffin Miers	1	31	Maxwell Hamilton
Kaidan Richards	2	32	Bailey Dunstone
Chayce Dekort	3	33	Taysan Gates
Lucas Finn	4	34	Jude Hender
Hunter Mumford	5	35	Charlie Borgmeyer
Jayden Malone-Hosking	6	36	Noah Macgowan (C)
Austin Miller	7	37	Lenny Slade
Braxton Sutton	8	38	Riley Hughes
Riley Davey	9	39	Lowan Coe
Jaxon Marner	12	40	Angus Liebelt (DVC)
Austyn Paxton	13	41	Archie Cook
Harley Lauder	14	43	Logan Cleland
Kye Smith	17	45	Xavier Kokar
Brody Malone-Hosking	18	46	Darcy Walsh
Lachlan Donnell	19	47	Casey Stubberfield
Trae Wellgreen	20	48	Lachlan Lennerth
Jordan Duncan	22	49	Alfie Mahar
Zayden Davis	23	50	Brayden Shearer
Taite Williams	24	51	Baillie Bennett
Dylan Sutton	26	52	Henley Dutschke
Mitchell Depledge	29	53	Jakob Hoyle
Taya Linke	33	54	Logan Ormsby
Chase Phillips	35	57	Jett Polkinghorne
Blake Parker	49	58	Oliver Cleland
Connor Davey	62		

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Grand final re-match: Moonta v CMS Crows

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The history

Looking back on recent YPFL history, it is hard to imagine success without first thinking of Moonta and CMS Crows.

There hasn't been a more successful side than Moonta on the Yorke Peninsula in the past decade, winning four of the nine premierships.

Two of those victories have been against the CMS Crows, who have featured in plenty of grand finals in the past decade, but only had one win in 2021, a one-point victory against Moonta.

Since 2021, these two sides have played off in three grand finals, with another to come in 2025.

They have been the two in-form sides since 2021, with Kadina the only other side making a grand final in this time.

The Crows have changed significantly in the past 12 months after last year's devastating 40-141 grand final loss of at the hands of the Demons, bringing in elite ball winners and proven match winners.

The preview

These two sides have met three times this season, with the Crows taking the head-to-head battle so far with two wins.

However, when you reach the grand final, the form guide goes out the window. Both sides can win on their day, which has been proven throughout the season, so it will be a battle for all to see this week.

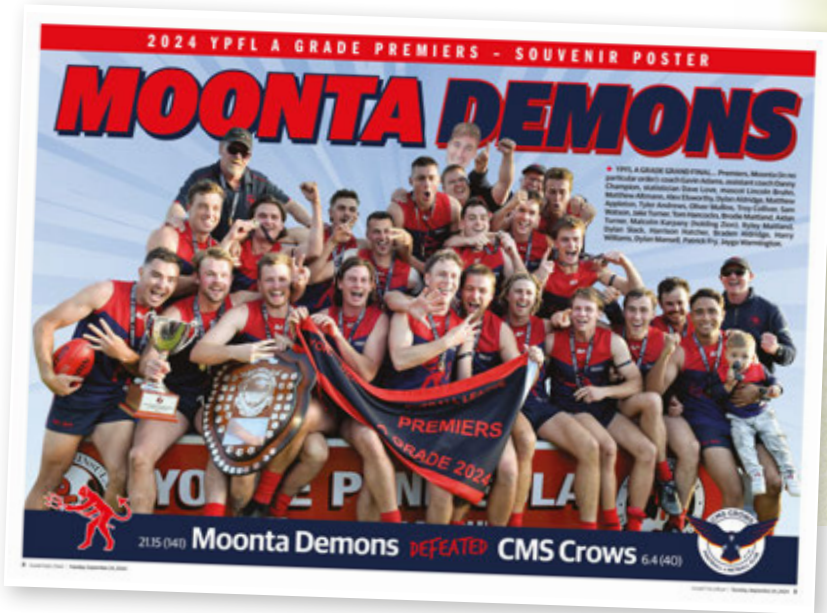
Dropping just two games in the home and away season, Moonta has been viewed as the team to beat for most of 2025, but a strong second half has helped the Crows gain the respect they deserve after a slow start.

Moonta could be without inspirational captain Ryley Maitland, who was taken to hospital by ambulance after the preliminary final against Bute. But the Demons have some great talent in the B grade worthy of stepping up, including YPFL B grade best and fairest winner Seth Gregory.

This is a matchup that looks set to impress again in the 2025 decider, and all are hoping the rain holds off come Saturday.



LOOKING BACK... Moonta is arguably the most successful team in the past decade of the YPFL. The Demons dominated the 2024 grand final against CMS Crows by 101 points.



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10 Henry FACY



12 Jake TURNER



24 Jacob TIDSWELL



38 Patrick FRY

MOONTA DEMONS



5 Dylan ALDRIDGE



14 Bodi WARWICK



28 Dylan SLACK



1 Jack MATCHETT



26 Riley MAITLAND (C)



32 Braden ALDRIDGE



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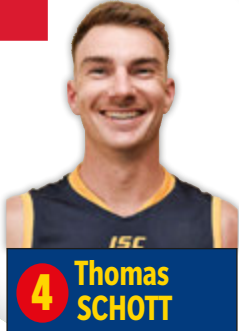
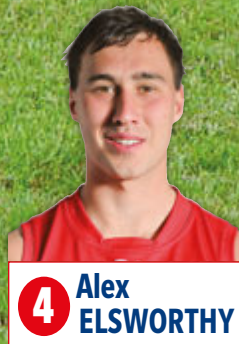
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YP netball season review

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

The 2025 Yorke Peninsula Netball Association season has been competitive to say the least and upsets throughout have made exciting viewing for spectators.

YPNA president Meagan Daniel says player talent has been on full display across each grade, with viewers often on the edges of their seats.

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Junior numbers keep growing each season which is a real positive and a great step forward for our YP netball.

– Meagan Daniel
YPNA president

“It has really hit home for me in the finals with each team playing in one place on the same day and being able to see the quality of netballers across all grades,” Daniel said.

“It is very promising as to what is to come for the association.”

“Junior numbers keep growing each season which is a real positive and a great step forward for our YP netball

and I am excited to see where it progresses next year.”

Daniel says the quality of umpiring has improved, with lots of league umpires gaining their C Badges in 2025.

A netball C Badge is the entry-level umpire accreditation in Australia, signifying a basic understanding of game management, rules and umpiring techniques.

“Next year we are hoping to look at increasing the capacity of our coaches through Netball Australia and Netball SA accreditation programs as other resources,” Daniel said.

The bottom five A grade teams managed 24 wins between them in 2025, the highest since 2017 when the bottom five had 23 combined wins.

“It is always amazing to see a range of clubs performing well and having strong seasons in a healthy competition,” Daniel said.

“We put a lot of work into providing opportunities to develop our players, in particular the Country Champs and regional development clinics, that all clubs and players have access to, to keep our association strong.

“It makes us realise how important it is as an association to put in the time and energy to make sure these opportunities continue to be available.”

The YPNA season comes to an end on Saturday, with CMS Crows and Bute Roosters facing off in a mouth-watering clash for premiership honours.



YPNA F GRADE...Amani Summerton (Moonta) and Poppy Craggs (Eagles) jump to contest a ball in their round 7 clash in 2025.



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“The Benchwarmer”

REPORT BY

Wowee, were we treated to some cracker preliminary finals indoors at Kadina on Saturday?!

I accurately predicted (some may say fluked) the eight-goal margin in favour of Bute in the A grade but it really only blew out to that difference in the last eight minutes of the game. Before that, it was pretty much goal for goal and the Moonta young guns really took it to the more experienced Bute Roosters.

So, Bute will get its second crack at the Crows and is going to have to notch it up a couple of gears to make it the contested grand final we would all like to see.

Other grades also featured goal-for-goal matches. Crows just pipped Pasky in the Bs, Ardrossan was unable to hold on against Moonta in the C grade, Moonta defeated the Bloodhounds by 10 in D grade and Pasky lost by a solitary goal in the D2s to allow yet another Moonta side to slip into the big dance.

In the juniors, Central Yorke was too good in E grade, soldiering on to the finale, Crows will get another chance in F grade and Eagles will represent in G grade after a one-goal victory.

Awards night

I hope everyone enjoyed the vote count at Moonta last night and congratulations to all trophy recipients.

Congratulations also to those selected into the first YPNA Team of the Year in a long time.

Six of the 10 players rated most difficult to oppose came from the CMS Crows, a clear sign of their dominance this season — and arguably the past decade.

The scary thing is — for other teams at least — these Crows girls still have a lot of netball left in them yet!

Well done to Monique Manners, Teesha Angus, Montana Briggs and Lahni Smith on representing some of the other clubs in the competition.

Grand finals

On to my final predictions for the year — the grand finals.

Congratulations to Moonta, which has reached the grand final in every grade except A grade — and that was agonisingly close. The club has come together to dominate across the board this season.

For the Crows, strong grand final representation is nothing new. The club continues to set the standard and expectations — and it pays off. Congratulations.

From a spectator standpoint, it is disappointing more clubs aren't represented and

I do think crowd numbers will be a little down at Maitland this Saturday as a result.

Only four clubs are represented in the football too and, you guessed it, two of those are Moonta and Crows.

Their clubrooms will be the place to be Saturday night!

A grade

CMS Crows v Bute

Bute has really brought its A game to the court this season, at times. The problem is, against an elite team such as Crows, you have to bring your A+ game and for four full quarters.

Bute seems to still be searching for its strongest seven. This can be both an advantage and a drawback — an advantage when flexibility is needed, but a drawback if constant changes leave talented players on the bench.

Crows, like usual, have a solid seven, even without Tasmyn Biddell after her devastating injury earlier in the year.

The Crows' defensive pressure will be intense. The Bute goalies must be ready to withstand it — and not let it shake their focus.

At the final whistle... Crows' class by 10.

B grade

Moonta v CMS Crows

The B grade has been an interesting competition all season with the top three teams featuring A grade players of yesteryear.

Accordingly, the standard has been high as witnessed in the preliminary final on Saturday.

Crows were rocked by absence and injury in the second semi and Moonta took full advantage but, in true Crows fashion, the ship has steadied and seems to be back on course.

At the final whistle... Crows by five.

C grade

CMS Crows v Moonta

These two teams have sat top of the ladder all season, only really challenged by each other.

Moonta won the first battle by nine, Crows the second by eight, and it was Crows again by eight in the second semi.

Moonta captain Tamika Mackereth leads with passion and will do everything she can to get her team over the line but I think the young Crows talent will be too fast and too good.

At the final whistle... Crows by six.

D grade

Paskeville v Moonta

I have no idea how Moonta snuck into this final.

Pasky and Kadina have been the teams



YPNA A GRADE... Marissa Hewett, Bute, knocks the ball away from Breeana McNeilly, CMS Crows, during their qualifying final clash on September 6.

to beat all season but Moonta really stood up in the prelim on Saturday to defeat the Bloodhounds on their home court.

Pasky won this grade last season which makes me wonder if it is the same team or is it simply well coached?

The games have been tense and close when these two teams have played this season so the result could go either way.

At the final whistle... Pasky by two.

D2 grade

CMS Crows v Moonta

Yet another Crows v Moonta match-up. These two teams have been the most dominant in this grade all season, although Moonta nearly let Pasky take its scalp on Saturday.

Both teams have a beautiful mix of youth and experience, but Crows have had the edge when they have met earlier in the season.

At the final whistle... Crows by four.

E grade

Moonta v CY Cougars

Despite a tough year in the senior grades, the future looks bright for the Cougs with a wealth of young talent who won't be far off stepping into A and B grades.

However, the Moonta E grade is a class above and has been all season.

The Koch twins have so much height and talent and have already been experiencing senior netball.

I would love an upset but I think Moonta is too strong.

At the final whistle... Moonta by eight.

F grade

Moonta v CMS Crows

Yet another Moonta v Crows match-up, it just blows my mind that these two clubs can be so strong from seniors all the way down to juniors.

In the second semi, it was just one measly goal the difference and this could be one of the most exciting matches of the day.

Amani Summerton is very reliable in goals for Moonta but so are Tida Hoskin and Bella Weir for Crows.

At the final whistle... Moonta by two.

G grade

Moonta v Southern Eagles

Like the grades above it, the Moonta G grade has been a dominant force this season and accounted for the Eagles by eight in the second semifinal.

However, the Eagles did get the win in Round 16, also by eight.

Eagles will need to use this confidence on Saturday.

Delilah Tuthill and Scarlett Russell combine well in goals for Moonta and will need to be stopped.

At the final whistle... Moonta by five.



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2025 YPNA Team of the Year

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Yorke Peninsula Netball Association has celebrated its top stars by naming a Team of the Year for 2025, sponsored by Yorke Peninsula Country Times.

The team was announced as part of the league's best and fairest night, held at Moonta Netball Club yesterday, Monday, September 14.

Voting for the team was done by YPNA's A graders, so they could choose who they considered to be the best opposition players they had faced.

YPNA president Meagan Daniel said votes were compiled twice during the year.

"Teams voted once at the half-way point of the season and once again after the final minor round," she said.

"Each team gave two votes to their number one choice in each position, and one vote to their second option, and to make it fair, teams could not vote for a player from their side.

"We think it is important that it is peer judged because it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the spirit of competition and show respect to our fellow opponents and acknowledge the strengths of fellow players.

"It's been really exciting to have the Team of the Year brought back in and we can't be more thankful to YPCT for initiating it and sponsoring it," Daniel said.

"It has created quite a buzz and gives us all a chance to showcase the quality of our highest grade."

YP Country Times managing director Michael Ellis said the paper

was proud to sponsor of the 2025 Team of the Year.

"It is an honour to sponsor the Team of the Year for the YPNA and recognise the top talent we have in our netball association," he said.

"The YPNA is a big part of our community and clubs are built on community people and input."

The 2024 A grade best and fairest winner, Monique Manners from Kadina, features in the centre position, while six of the 10 players come from grand final contenders, the CMS Crows.

Three of the Crows are in the defensive half — Breeana McNeilly (WD), Lauren McSkimming (GD) and Georgina Farrow (GK).

Felicity Kemp (WA) and Bronwyn Farrow (GS) round out the Crows on the court, while Tasmyrn Biddell is on the interchange for goals.

The other grand final hopefuls, Bute, have GA Montana Briggs, while her teammate, Lahni Smith, and Moonta's Teesha Angus feature on the interchange for the midcourt and defence respectively.

The coach of the year will be the coach of the grand final winning team and will be presented on grand final day in Maitland this Saturday, September 20.



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Moonta v CMS Crows

B GRADE - 11.30AM

Moonta Nikki Bock Chelsey Caputo Bridget Cockburn Bella Congdon Adele Keleher Hallie Koch Narelle Koch Summer Koch Bethany Sly	CMS Crows Erin Cock Tani Farrow Renee Fitzgerald Erin Hoare Amy Lenneth Melissa McSkimming Bonnie Sanderson
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CMS Crows v Moonta

C GRADE - 1PM

CMS Crows Hazel Bittner Nelly Bittner Emma Lukong Harriet Parsons Layla Walsh Ebony Wheare Samantha Blyth	Moonta Olivia Blackwell Amelia Bugg Maeve Cockshell Emily Cook Lana Elsworth Isabella Hann Olivia Jones Tamika Mackereth (C) Laura Purvis
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Paskeville v Moonta

D GRADE - 11.30AM

Paskeville Elly Brand Corinne Bussenschutt Tilly Correll Charlotte Ekberg Ruby Gardner Chelsea Homan Darcy Maney Emerson Stark Rebecca Wardle Brianna Wood	Moonta Kloe Appleton Rebecca Butler (C) Terressa Hann Olivia Jones Christina Kargas Laura Purvis Skye Watson Bree Williams
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CMS Crows v Moonta

D2 GRADE - 1PM

CMS Crows Annabelle Cook Chanté Cook Hayley Cranwell Sophie Glazbrook Opal Hammond Kaitlin Houston Lauren Kokar Shannon Smith Zoe Weir	Moonta Ruby Champion Lilly Cockshell Gabriella Fawkes Makayla Fawkes Mickyla Fry Hannah Griffin Elyse McKechnie Melissa Reid Emily Sternicki Sarah Tutthill
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Moonta v CY Cougars

E GRADE - 10AM

Moonta Violet Cooper Chloe Formosa Jayme Koch Summer Koch Charlotte Lagoudakis Bonnie Linke Eva Richardson Sadie Tutthill Mikalah Zwar	CY Cougars Alice Butler Lily Davies Poppy Dyett Ryleigh Graham Penny Kohlhagen Elsie Meaney Amara Pedler Jemima Polkinghorne Matilda Southwood
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Moonta v CMS Crows

F GRADE - 8.30AM

Moonta Mackenzie Carter Isabelle Crawford Eloise Crosby Chelsea Gum Olivia Hann Isabell Kennedy Sophia Marchetto Na'delle Matz Ava Penna Amani Summerton

Moonta v Southern Eagles

G GRADE - 10AM

Moonta Miranda Adams Harriet Crosby Jade Gray Macy Hann Arielle Jarvis Liana Johnstone Scarlett Russell Delilah Tutthill Isla Prosser	Southern Eagles Madelyn Coombe Ella Detmar (C) Ayla Goodes Georgia Liddiard Blair Redman Alexandra Rowe Molly Stockings Tahlia Webb Piper Williams
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- **B GRADE:** Moonta v CMS Crows, court 1, 11.30am
- **C GRADE:** CMS Crows v Moonta, court 1, 1pm
- **D GRADE:** Paskeville v Moonta, court 2, 11.30am
- **D2 GRADE:** CMS Crows v Moonta, court 2, 1pm
- **E GRADE:** Moonta v CY Cougars, court 1, 10am
- **F GRADE:** Moonta v CMS Crows, court 1, 8.30am
- **G GRADE:** Moonta v Southern Eagles, court 2, 10am

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Final word from the coaches

Bronwyn Farrow

CMS Crows A grade coach

The past five years have been a period of domination for the CMS Crows A grade side, and it continues in 2025 with another grand final berth.

Going for their fifth consecutive premiership, they know how to handle the pressure of Yorke Peninsula Netball Association's biggest stage on the biggest day.

First-year playing coach Bronwyn Farrow has filled a vital role up front in the goals in past premiership teams.

"Each side has improved so much over the past few years, so although we have won the last few, we have had to improve lots to stay up the top," she said.

"The team is excited for a grand final and we have some players who are new to the finals experience and are really keen to get out there and do their best.

"I think we might have a couple of players who have been part of all four previous wins, and their experience is so important to the team on the day."

The Crows have had good depth in other grades in recent years, and it has been on full display in 2025 when big injuries in the A grade have created opportunities for players in other grades.

"We have had some B grade players step up in recent weeks, and they

have slotted in well and played their roles amazingly," Farrow said.

The culture at the club is a huge reason its teams do well on the courts each year," she said.

"We are always lucky to have such great talent, but our club culture really drives us on the court.

"We are a big family club at CMS and we always mix with everyone.

"The football and netball teams have dinner after trainings and players stay at the club on Saturdays and just have a great time and create a great vibe.

"Both teams have had great seasons and both can win on the day, so it will be a great grand final to be part of."



Marissa Hewett, Brooke Russell and Olivia Dunn

Bute joint A grade coaches

During their search for a new coach in 2025, Bute made the decision to appoint three coaches who all chip in with the role.

Marissa Hewett, Brooke Russell and Olivia Dunn shared the coaching role in 2025 and repaid the club's faith in this novel approach by taking the team through to the grand final.

"We have been building over the past four or five years, just getting slightly closer each season and working away to get to this position," Hewett said.

"We have been lucky to maintain a core group over those seasons, which has been important for us to be able to push to a grand final as we have this season."

The club is excited to make the A grade grand final after years of falling just short.

"We are very excited to be in the grand final and knowing we can get there has given us lots of confidence as a team," Hewett said.

"We love making our club and community proud, and we love their support even more."

Hewett said their opponents, reigning premiers CMS Crows, had been at the top of YP netball for as long as she could remember.

"For the time I have played for Bute, the Crows have always been at the top, they have been a benchmark for a long period of time," she said.

"We had a draw against them in the past couple of seasons and we beat them in our first round match this year, but grand final day is a whole new game.

"We are sad the footy club couldn't get over the line and join us in playing on Saturday, but we are proud of them and the club has had a good feeling around it all season."

She said the Roosters fans embraced their small town and community and went to all the games to support the teams as loudly as they could.

"There is always a sea of red at our games which is amazing to see," Hewett said.

"The Bute people love getting to our games and we love hearing their support in the crowd."



Playing coach Marissa Hewett

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WINNER TAKES ALL... Bute captain Lahni Smith and CMS Crows playing coach Bronwyn Farrow hold the premiership shield before their grand final clash in Maitland on Saturday.

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