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Moonta A graders Ella Gunning and Tyler Andrews are hoping to lead the Demons into finals once again.



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Game time for 2023

Welcome to season 2023!
The team at the Yorke Peninsula Country Times is proud to again bring you the Yorke Peninsula Football League and Yorke Peninsula Netball Association preseason guide. Let's Play features all you need to know about how the season is shaping up across the peninsula, some great history and stories you need to know. Importantly, this booklet features the official fixture so you can keep it in your car all season!

Attention scribes of local football and netball clubs

Please start thinking about your scribes for season 2023.
The Yorke Peninsula Country Times kindly requests clubs provide reports for your YPFL A grade home game.
YPCT will continue to follow the YPNA netball roster this season, with all away sides to submit an A grade write up each week.
All reports should be sent to editorial@ypct.com.au by 10am Mondays at the latest.

How to write your report

Do...

- ✓ Include interesting passages of play – great goals, amazing defensive efforts, et cetera
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Haylock hopes for a big 2023

Report by: *Fin Hansen*

A second straight season in charge is set to bring Brad Haylock's tally to 18 seasons as Yorke Peninsula Football League president.

Haylock will lead a committee of familiar faces, who last year ensured the YPFL avoided any Covid-19-related interruptions for the first time in three seasons.

"I was really happy with how everything went last season – it was a good year financially and the finals (series) was a big success," Haylock said.

"Even though some teams suffered with players out at different stages, it was good to get through the whole year without many Covid interruptions."

In a league-first, Haylock was pleased to announce every host venue would offer EFTPOS as a way of gate entry in 2023.

"We've realised how often people asked to use it

(EFTPOS) so we had to go this way eventually," he said.

"In the next three years, I'd expect all home grounds to be using EFTPOS and no cash."

Haylock said he looked forward to hosting the 2023 U17 and A grade Nutrien Ag Solutions Cups at Kadina on Saturday, June 10.

"There's always great football played in the Nutrien Cup – I'm looking forward to seeing the best players (from the Central Zone) all at Kadina," he said.

"Our A grade won it two years in a row before last year so we're hoping to bring it home again."

As a competition, Haylock was hopeful YPFL's struggling sides from 2022 would close the gap between themselves and the top this season.

"I'd like to see the bottom sides improve across all grades," he said.

"It's not all about winning, but it's important everyone enjoys their footy."



Yellow card adjusted ahead of new season

Report by: *Fin Hansen*

A tweak to the yellow card system will stand as the only rule change for the 2023 Yorke Peninsula Football League season.

A and B grade players can no longer be replaced on the field during their 10-minute stints on the bench.

The adjustment brings the entire system in line with last year's junior and senior colt competitions, in which players were also unable to be replaced.

In making the system universal across the

league, YPFL president Brad Haylock said it would ensure an easier job for umpires.

"We hope it (the change) makes for a cleaner competition," Haylock said.

"I hope coaches will be telling their players how their actions may seriously affect results this season."

"We're basically showing rough conduct won't be tolerated in our league."

"No doubt some will disagree, but if an umpire believes there's a reason for a player to be sent off, they are able to do so."

New umpiring coordinator Rob Rankine

said he hoped to improve the rotation of umpires across different teams.

"We've had similar umpires doing similar teams often in previous years," Rankine said.

"Players want to see different umpires rather than the same guys every week."

"Nathan Bruce will act as an umpires' coach, focusing on the technical side of officiating, and I'll act as the director."

"Hopefully this can offer new pathways for our young umpires and continue to improve everyone's skills."



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Decades on and southern

Report by: Patrick Goldsmith

This season marks 30 years since the last season of the SYP Football League in 1993.

It had been a strong league, but the writing was on the wall for many within Curramulka, Edithburgh, Minlaton, Stansbury, Western United (Warooka) and Yorketown Football Clubs.

Stansbury was reduced to a B grade team in the final season and all clubs relied heavily on men travelling from Adelaide to play.

On-field, Yorketown and Edithburgh had contested the two previous A grade grand finals and put on a spectacular grand final in the last season, Edithburgh winning by seven points.

Cousins Peter and Tom Barlow played for Yorketown and Edithburgh respectively and agreed the two sides always played passionate encounters.

"We were neck and neck throughout 1992 and 1993; we beat them by eight points (in the grand final) in 1992 and they beat us by seven points in 1993," Peter said.

"Because we all went to Yorketown Area School, and then you played against each other on the weekend, they (matches) were usually a big deal.

"So, by the end of the competition, we

were certainly the two strongest teams... and it was a good league, but sides were beginning to fall away, (in particular) Warooka and Stansbury."

Tom said he doesn't remember much from grand final day but agreed the league was on its last legs.

"I remember Mark Wharton, who was one of our imports from Adelaide, didn't stand out at all during the year, but was untouchable on grand final day at centre-half back," he said.

"But that was the thing, we had about 10 players coming from Adelaide.

"Yorketown and Minlaton were the same, so I think it was the right time to call it quits unfortunately."

Last SYPFL president Jay Tape said rumours of club and league amalgamation were present for the 20 years prior to the final season.

"Any amalgamation of clubs or leagues is never easy, and all aspects have to be carefully considered," he said at the time.

"Unfortunately, it is often the easy way out, but the reality is that once a club or league disbands it is lost forever."

Delegates from the six clubs met on November 9, deciding to cease existence of the league, and on November 10, were

admitted into the Yorke Valley Football League as the CMS Crows and Southern Eagles.

Despite early hiccups in bringing six fierce rivals into two new clubs, it brought with it new horizons, such as the chance for netballers to play on Saturdays.

Minlaton Football Club's last president and inaugural CMS Crows president David Newbold said it was the best thing for the league at the time.

"There was a lot of beer drunk and a lot of late nights in those early days," he said.

"It was a mixed reaction from the clubs, some recognised it needed to happen.

"I think Stansbury were clapping their

hands, but I remember there was pushback at Warooka.

"The mere fact we were accepted by the YVFL was important because otherwise we would've been swimming to Kangaroo Island for a kick.

"But it brought back the enthusiasm and there were plenty of people around to help with jobs; we had I think about 80 players for the first Crows training, and we've never looked back."

Since being admitted, the Eagles and Crows have claimed four and six A grade football premierships, as well as one and six A grade netball premierships, respectively.



Cousins Peter and Tom Barlow played in the last Southern Yorke Peninsula Football League grand final for Yorketown and Edithburgh respectively. Inset: The article announcing the new of amalgamation in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times on November 16, 1993.



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Tale of the SYPFL tape 1908 — 1993

Curramulka — 1938-1993; Magpies; 17 A grade premierships
Edithburgh — 1908-1993; Peckers; 16 A grade premierships
Minlaton — 1908-1993; Bulldogs; 12 A grade premierships
Stansbury — 1908-1910, 1922-1962, 1968-1993; Kangaroos; eight A grade premierships
Western United — 1926-1993; Roosters; seven A grade premierships
Yorketown — 1908-1993; Redlegs; 11 A grade premierships
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The last ever SYPFL premiership team, Edithburgh, in 1993.

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Previewing YPFL's 2023 season

Report by: "McDonald-Tipstawuti"

1 Moonta

It only makes sense to back the reigning premier to finish top after somehow strengthening its list yet again. It continues to amaze me how the Demons continue to pull off such huge off season acquisitions. This year's new faces include Miller Carter, a versatile tall from Port Adelaide's SANFL side, returning Demon Dylan Aldridge and ever-reliable Broughton-Mundoora defender Nick Hewett. Carter is short favourite to be the league's recruit of the year, and I don't doubt he'll make an immediate impact either up front, in defence, or wherever coach Luke Pridham most needs him. He'll suit up alongside former Port Magpies teammate Aldridge, who enjoyed a stellar best and fairest campaign with Proprietary/Risdon in 2022, booting 56 goals from the middle and earning SA Country Championship selection. Aldridge spent much of his earlier Moonta career across half-back, but Pridham will have the option to mix him in with a stacked midfield featuring Malcolm Karpny, Matt Appleton and Aidan Turner. This engine room has been near impossible to stop at the peak of its powers, and the headaches will only grow for oppositions in 2023.

2 Kadina

The Bloods cruised through the majority of the 2022 minor round fixture with little concerns. It turns out timing your run heading into finals is vital, even in country football. Bombing out in straight sets was nothing but a failure for Kadina, which managed to recoup some key local talent from the SANFL last year. Now, in the experienced hands of returning coach Gregg Clarke, I expect the Bloods to learn from their mistakes and patch up the areas which let them down. Potent new onballer Henry Bruce will add a string to Kadina's midfield bow and form a dangerous combination alongside Angus Poole and Jayson Manners. Returning after a brief stint with Morphettville Park, rebounding defender Lochie Glazbrook will add depth to a familiar backline group. However, a shoulder injury to stalwart Alex East could prove a headscratcher for coach Clarke early in the season. A large pair of shoes will also be vacant up forward following the retirement of dual premiership hero Willy Serle, although his departure could create some much-needed space in the front half. When its forwards learn to play in a system rather than regularly relying on spearhead Jake von Bertouch, this side will be a handful.

3 CY Cougars

A heartbreaking finish in a thrilling preliminary final put a dampener on the Cougars' fairy tale run in 2022. Led by Henry Crauford, one of the most dominant ruckman in recent YPFL memory, the dark horse of the competition scraped and clawed but narrowly fell short in extra time of its clash against the Crows. With Crauford departing this season, it would be easy to write the Cougars off. But having retained its core group of standout performers, including Ash Williams, Zac Bates and Charlie Hay in the middle, with the penetrating Jackson Bruce setting up his mates from defence, don't expect too much to change. The rise of Kane Elliott-Karpny was a sight to behold last year and will continue providing a spark to his side's forward line when available. Luke Trenorden's sticky mitts, combined with reliable targets Alex Greenslade and Jay Williams, will make for plenty more matchup nightmares. The Cougars will be right around the mark if their unselfish, team-first play resumes this year.

4 CMS Crows

Another stellar run by the Crows took them straight back to the big dance last year, before being knocked off by simply a better team in Moonta. Outgoing coach Brett Baillie drilled his players with a precision kicking game plan over the last couple seasons, a style Mat Creeper won't need to worry about tweaking to win games. Creeper, a former Crow himself, comes to the helm following coaching roles with both Collingwood and Norwood's female sides. But with reigning back-to-back Mail Medallist Murphy Short signing with Port Adelaide as a top-up player, and the league's 2022 leading goal-kicker Ben Edwards departing for Victoria, CMS could be forced to fill holes across the ground. Nevertheless, the Crows have been teeming with speed and young talent between its half-back and full forward lines across the past five years. It's quite clear these guys love playing with each other every week. Watch for Jacob Hickman and last year's senior colt Mail Medallist Ethan Dortmund-Sansbury to take big steps in their young careers and continue providing depth to this ever-consistent juggernaut.

5 Southern Eagles

The Southern Eagles turn to one of their favourite sons, former Port Adelaide AFL player Jared Poulton who's set to take the reins following the departure of long-term coach Mark Tilbrook. Poulton brings ample experience and, importantly, a fresh set of eyes to the Eagles set-up. I don't expect too much to change on the field, as the Southerners always find a way to maintain an unwavering determination and will to play for each other, led by fearless midfielder Nathan Allen. If he's still accompanied by the likes of Brad Robertson and the Barlow brothers consistently, Eagles will find a way to chalk up wins in 2023. Losing young versatile forwards James Reuther and Jack Tape, as well as reliable defender Joel Tilbrook, will surely leave some holes and possibly mean for some growing pains for the Eagles.



6 Paskeville

The retirement of Tyson Wait, one of the best footballers to ever grace a Yorke Peninsula oval, will be a big blow for Paskeville. Coupled with the loss of experienced defender Alby Price, the Magpies will need to find reliable replacements for their defence if they are to remain competitive. But playing coach Patrick Keane runs a steady ship and will have this relatively youthful outfit in good touch by round one. Watch for continued improvement from the likes of Luke James, Ben Davies and Dylan Branford, who will need to cement their spots if their side is to push up the ladder. Gun onballers Brodie Paige and Tyler Nield will also need to find extra gears if Pasky is to be in with a sniff of finals. However, I can't see how it all comes together on a week-to-week basis. Give this side a couple of years and it will be back up where it belongs.



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7 Wallaroo

A new era looms for Wallaroo following a huge turnover of players and new coach Corey Smelt, who appears to possess a defined and organised coaching style. Almost all the conversations at the kennel in the past few years have surrounded the abundance of emerging youth. With several of these highly touted youngsters, such as Zak Cuthill, Lochi Nolan and Dylan Niotis, likely to see more senior action in 2023, this year should be a good indicator of how far away this next crop of Bulldog talent is from making a mark in the competition. But having lost captain Nathan Murphy, speedy midfielders Tyrell Hocking and Matt Hallandal and several other regular A graders, Wallaroo is expected to struggle for at least another season. If the club hangs tight and these young Doggies stick around, it won't be far away from causing a serious stir.

8 Ardrossan

Losing 200 games of AFL experience in ruckman Sam Jacobs is obviously irreplaceable. A deeper group of players around him undoubtedly would've helped the big man make a bigger impact since returning to his beloved Roos a couple seasons ago. Unfortunately, blue and white supporters will have to wait until they see their favourite son lace up again, as he heads to another community club much closer to his work and home in Flagstaff Hill for 2023. Ardrossan's midfielders, without lightning onballer Terrel Rigney, will be forced to work much harder for their clearances this season and could struggle to get clean forward-50 entries. Captain Sam Pfeiffer must shoulder a significant load for his Roos and I wouldn't be surprised if he was asked to play a variety of different roles this year. The departure of Michael Hobbs will leave an additional hole in Ardrossan's defensive stocks. Overall, a glaring lack of young talent could be the reason for another mediocre season.

9 Bute

Similar to fellow bottom three tipped clubs, player departures could force Bute to struggle for at least another season. Crafty midfielder Luke McCauley often kept his team in games with his immaculate skills and decision making. He and 2022 co-captain Ben Price will be sorely missed, as the Roosters turn to their next wave of A graders. Ultra-fit ball carrier Ethan Brownlie will be a terrific acquisition either on a wing or straight into the middle. I'm very much looking forward to seeing how club legend and new coach Sam Trengove transitions to the helm of his beloved Roosters. The Mail Medallist will have ample knowledge to shower on his young players, all of whom will need to step up if they hope to be competitive in 2023. Hanging onto strong ruckman Jack Trenorden and versatile forward Sam Taylor has been crucial, but I doubt this will be enough for Bute, for which list depth is the major question mark heading into the new season.



Following last year's grand final victory, the Demons have again recruited well and look the team to beat.



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New dresses for new era



Big changes coming to netball on YP

Report by: Rhiannon Koch

Yorke Peninsula Netball Association is adding a new senior grade to its competition this year.

Interest was growing from within several clubs to add another opportunity for women and girls to take the court in the newly formed D2 grade.

Association president Sue Brown said she was excited by the changes.

"We've had to work through some things with timings and courts, and more teams mean more coaches and umpires for clubs, but I think it's going to be a good thing," she said.

"These clubs have had a lot of players register and instead of cutting them, we're

going to give more players the chance to play.

"Some clubs might have players who are a little older and still want to play, but don't want to take the place of younger players, or it might be a great opportunity for junior players to get senior game time."

Brown said rules which tie players to a grade after reaching a certain number of matches will apply to D2 as well.

"I think it's going to be a really even this year, even more so than last year," she said.

"I think we're at a point where we know Covid is now part of our lives, and we're working around that, but still being aware of it and taking precautions.

"Last year, there were moments when teams had a few players out, but there weren't many disruptions at all."

Summer Koch, Sophie Burrows, Lily Davies, Jayme Koch and Penny Kohlhausen in the new Yorke Peninsula Netball Association dresses, sponsored by Yorke Peninsula Country Times.

Report by: Rhiannon Koch

Yorke Peninsula Netball Association's junior players will be wearing new dresses at this year's Country Championships, Saturday and on Sunday, June 11 and 12.

The dresses were sponsored by the Yorke Peninsula Country Times and will be used by players in the association's 11 and under side, which are officially part of the competition for the first time.

Summer Koch, Sophie Burrows, Lily Davies, Jayme Koch and Penny Kohlhausen all played for the 11 and under side for the past two years.

"It was previously a one-day competition on the Saturday," Janine Burrows said.

The girls agreed getting

selected was an exciting experience, and encouraged other players to try out for the coming season.

"It was really fun but it was hard because they were all tall," Sophie said.

"It was also really fun to play with people you normally play against, which was then hard to come back and play against them.

"But it was really fun from a social perspective."

The Netball SA Country Championships has been the pinnacle netball event for the regional community since 1936, with more than 1000 players attending each year.

"People should definitely put their names in," Lily said.



Looking into the crystal



Bronwyn Farrow, CMS Crows, grabs a pass in the goal circle as Joanne Davey (CY Cougars), teammate Sasha McSkimming and Emma Daniel (CY Cougars) watch during last year's grand final. Below: Emily Cook, Moonta, defends a pass from Wallaroo's Katherine Peter last year; this year the sides could be evenly matched.



Report by: "First Aid Kit"

What an exciting season of netball 2023 should turn out to be! I'm back this year to share my (somewhat misguided) thoughts on the state of play across the Yorke Peninsula Netball Association.

CMS Crows were virtually unstoppable last year, dropping just a match on the way to their second grand final win in a row.

CY Cougars proved to be tough opposition but, in the end, couldn't match it with the well-oiled machine that is CMS Crows.

Moving on, I can't get over how excited I am at the announcement of another senior grade.

While it might not be a full competition yet, trialling it this year gives so many opportunities to more players.

It always breaks my heart when we have to cut players, but now, more people can play – and, importantly for clubs, the volunteer pool grows too.

Without any further ado, best of luck to all teams – and umpires – this year, in all the grades.

1 CMS Crows

A three-peat has to be the target for the Crows girls this year. They always look sharp and in control. Their speed and accuracy through the middle have to make them a threat for other sides, as does the consistency every player brings to the table. It just looks like a wonderful club and team to be part of (not that any of the others are abjectly bad).

2 CY Cougars

There have been a few changes to personnel at Cougars, but the passion to go one better will be a big driver. As always, a new school year brings new teachers and Cougars always seem to pick up some handy players. There will be an injection of youth this year too, which can only be good for the competition and club.

3 Paskeville

Paskeville made it to the preliminary final last year, going down to the Cougars and just missing the last game of the year. I'm always impressed by the club's ability to develop its young players, and the longevity of some of its stalwarts. When they leave, it's going to be a very different place. But I think the premiership window is still only slightly ajar, but they need everything to go right.

4 Ardrossan

Ardrossan is going to benefit from the extra senior grade, no questions about it. And, by all reports, the club has done some really good recruiting this year as well. With a strong preseason behind them, and a growing culture, I am expecting some promising results.

5 Kadina

Kadina had some strong moments last season, being the only team to beat CMS Crows. With some good young players, and returning players to glue the team together, I think we'll see Kadina challenge sides for a win.



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6 Bute

Good people of Bute, don't be upset. I genuinely think it'll be incredibly tight in this middle part of the ladder. Bute is also taking advantage of another senior grade, and the talk out of the club is the strong A/B sides should pose some competition for opposing teams. Getting senior games into top age E graders is also a plan, and will be beneficial.

7 Southern Eagles

There have been some changes at the Eagles during the past couple of years, but they're growing a strong club culture. The importance of a winning, supportive atmosphere is vital to future success. I expect the Eagles to sneak some solid wins like they did last season, and they could even take a few scalps, with a couple of good

8 Wallaroo

Wallaroo showed a lot last season, I think they're genuinely on the up. With new faces and strong up-and-coming players, I wouldn't be surprised if this is the tip I get the most wrong this year. Now the D grade has claimed a flag, the winning culture is building and, if the A grade can get some belief, they could be a real dark horse.

9 Moonta

It's going to be a tough year when you lose all your shooters in one go. Moonta will come up with the answers — it may take a little while for everything to stick, but they're never down and out of the fight for long. Plus, you're never too old to pick up a new position. Moonta's ins essentially balance their outs, but a change in key positions could be the only thing I see stopping them.



Kadina's Cerys Kirkwood holds the uniform of teammate Nikkita Aldridge as she defends a shot at goal by Taneesha Fleming, Southern Eagles, last year.

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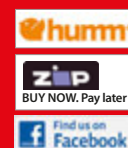
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Depth the key at Ardrossan

According to coach Marc Cooney, midfield depth is the key for Ardrossan to take the next steps up the ladder in season 2023.

The Kangaroos finished last year in eighth position and, although they showed glimpses of real quality at times, they failed to make inroads against the cream of the crop.

Cooney said the players they've lost, including Brandon and Tyrell Rigney, Sam Roads and Michael Hobbs, have been outweighed by who they've picked up.

"I suppose last year it was probably our midfield depth which cost us against the better sides; we were probably two good on-ballers short of being able to hang in there and be a good contested side," he said.

"I think that was reflected in games against the good sides; we'd be in games up until halftime or three-quarter time and then we'd get runover.

"Because we expected our midfielders to do a lot of work over the course of the season, they were probably quite worn down by the end of it."

To help with bolstering the

depth, Cooney said he went on a mission to recruit appropriately.

"We've got the two Dickeson lads (Jack and Tom) ... and they've shown really good work ethic and skills on the track in the preseason," he said.

"There's a good crop of lads who were here last year or who have come up from the colts as well.

"Mitch Stone is one of them, he may or may not play a lot of A grade, but we'll give him a proper crack."

The club hasn't participated in finals since 2018, but Cooney said taking the club back into the top five was the goal for this year.

"We sat in the top five for a portion of the second half of last season, so that's probably a natural next step for us," he said.

"I think there'll be a little bit of movement around who the more competitive sides are, just from what I'm hearing, but it's always hard to know until you see who is on the deck in round one.

"It's up to the rest of us to displace them and get better to compete."



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — eighth

Home and away — 4 wins, 12 losses

Biggest win — round 13, 10.9 (69) d Bute 6.8 (44)

Best and fairest — Sam Pfeiffer

2023 coaches

A grade — Marc Cooney

B grade — Ben Braund

Senior colts — Greg Wheare

Junior colts — Scott Teakle

Player movement

Welcome — Jack Dickeson, Broughton-Mundoora; Tom Dickeson, Port Pirie/St Peters Old Collegians; Jaden Grosser, Westminster Old Scholars; Sam Dukalski, St Peters Old Collegians/North Adelaide; Tyler Lloyd-Harris, Kybybolite.

Farewell — Brandon Rigney, Terrel Rigney, Sam Roads, Michael Hobbs.

Player to watch

Harrison Cooney



Harrison Cooney is expected to take his game up a notch for the Kangaroos in 2023.

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Seniors grow in Ardrossan

Hannah Kenney, Ardrossan, will be looking to pass to senior grades.

For the first time in a long time, Ardrossan Netball Club has had plenty of senior interest.

"It's very exciting for Ardrossan, as such we are excited to be able to put in a D2 team for its trial year of 2023," president Chloe Brown said.

"We are lucky to have a committed formal committee and coaches; however, we always welcome onboard extra volunteers to put their names forward to help with umpiring, scoring, et cetera."

Kate Pfeiffer will coach the A grade side, while Hannah Gaisford will lead the B grade, Joanne Hewitson the C grade and Loren Mills D grade.

"We really hope to have four competitive senior teams this year, and pave a pathway for our junior teams to come through," Brown said.

"Madeline Raymond is an out this year as she is expecting baby number two while Belinda Wouters has left for her next doctoring/life-saving appointment.

"We welcome to the club this year Annie Wheare (Garville Premier League Reserves/AMND), Kim Langley (Naracoorte), Cameron Kennedy (West Adelaide Football Club), Jade Cooney (Adelaide) and returning

Team to beat

CMS Crows

Dark horse

Undecided

player Lizzie Cane.

"We started our preseason early in the year with running, gym and some ball skills.

"We are now on the court throughout March, getting prepared for the season ahead.

"We are expecting good numbers out at training as there are some spots up for grabs.

"Those who are putting their time and effort into training will be noticed."

Brown hopes success can be found on the court, with the club hosting the 2023 grand final.

"It will be an amazing opportunity and hopefully we can have some teams in there with a hometown advantage," she said.

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Bute buys in on its youth



A wooden spoon finish meant a disappointing season for the red and whites last year.

However, there's only one direction Bute can travel in 2023, and that's up the ladder.

The Rooster faithful will be desperately hoping a significant turnover of players and leadership will make for greener pastures, as does everyone who wishes to see a healthier and more even competition.

Long-time on-field leader Sam Trengove has officially taken the reins as playing coach and many would expect a zero-fuss approach from the Mail Medallist.

Trengove said he looked forward to the challenge of juggling an extra role whilst playing.

"The Bute Footy Club and community is full of great people with a strong sense of community pride," he said.

"It (the club) has been integral in my life so far, so there's a great sense of responsibility and excitement in taking on the coaching job.

"I want our club to enjoy on-field success again and will do what I can to help us achieve that."

With two-thirds of his side's list under 23 years old, Trengove said he looked forward to the upcoming journey.

"We've got a great group that's been working hard and eager to have a crack," he said.

"We're looking to take the game on more, improve our running patterns and how we move the footy so our forwards have more opportunity to impact the scoreboard, and have fun doing it.

"Improving our fitness has been an aim, so we are more competitive for longer.

"A good number of our younger players have 30 to 80 senior games to their name now and are ready to take the next step in driving our club forward."

Despite some significant departures, Trengove said his side was well balanced.

"Our new players complement our group," he said.

"A goal for this year is to earn respect from all our supporters and opponents for being a competitive, hardworking, committed, team-first club.

"Results will look after themselves if we achieve that."



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — ninth

Home and away — 2 wins, 14 losses

Biggest win — round 12

8.7 (55) d Paskeville 6.10 (46)

Best and fairest — Sam Davis

2023 coaches

A grade — Sam Trengove
(playing coach)

B grade — Stewart Johns

Senior colts — Murray Gardner

Junior colts — TBA

Player movement

Welcome — Cameron Forbes, Edwardstown; Isaak Kudinoff, Edwardstown; Ryan Phillips, Edwardstown; Ethan Brownlie, Balaklava; Dylan Evans, Lincoln South; Ben Nash, SMOSH West Lakes; Joel Groom, Gaza; Luka Morzer-Bruyns, Murrayville; Dylan Boundy, Solomontown.

Farewell — Sam Davis, Blackwood; Aiden Holland, Mannum; Isaac Hampel, Mannum; Luke McCauley, Prince Alfred College; Ben Price, Broughton-Mundoora; Henry Davidson, Gibson (Western Australia); Brad Daniel, Gibson.

Player to watch

Trent McCauley



Ruckman Jack Trenorden will need to rally the next wave of Roosters around him if Bute is to make a push up the ladder this season.

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Bute set to take risks

Bute Netball Club has its calendars marked for some special occasions this year.

The club has new bibs for the Anzac and Indigenous Rounds which have been designed by club members.

"We've had a positive start to 2023," secretary Renee Hewett said.

"All grades have good numbers and the committee has worked hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth start to the season.

"Bute always has a fantastic group of volunteers who work tirelessly to support the successful running of our club."

Extra numbers on the court mean Bute will be taking the opportunity of filling a D2 side.

"The number of players who have come out to trial for Bute has been exciting and we have a strong A/B squad and C/D squad," Hewett said.

"We are excited for the extra D2 team.

"We look forward to the development of all players and having success as a club.

"Bute has a great pool of younger up-and-coming players, and it's a great opportunity for our top age E graders to play a senior game."

Preseason training has included some beach sessions and ball skills, with players shifting to skill-based trainings to focus on fitness levels, endurance and strength training.

"We want our players to focus on commitment, intensity, dedication, determination, accountability and team

Teams to beat

CY Cougars, CMS Crows

Dark horses

Paskeville, Kadina

connection," Hewett said.

"For them to be competitive, take risks, work hard, have courage and play with pride, determination, passion and commitment is what we want to see.

"Our players are going to value their role and position on the court and do what they love and love what they do."

Jane McCauley will lead the A grade side, with Nadene Wehr coaching the B grade, Mikayla Fennell the C grade and Breanna Taylor D grade.

"We lost a couple of players in Maddy Simpson and Dani Richardson from our 2022 A grade side, with Maddy heading overseas for work and Dani playing basketball in Adelaide," Hewett said.

"But we have been fortunate to have some new players come out and a few returning players.

"We look forward to watching them develop throughout the season."



Olivia Dunn, Bute, focuses on the ball against Nicole Burgan, Paskeville.


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ROUND 1 1st April

Kadina v Central Yorke (Night)
Southern Eagles (W) v Paskeville
Moonta v CMS Crows
Wallaroo v Ardrossan

Bute bye

EASTER SATURDAY 8th April

ROUND 2 15th April

Paskeville v Moonta
CMS Crows (C) v Wallaroo
Ardrossan v Kadina
Central Yorke v Bute

Southern Eagles bye

ROUND 3 22nd April

Bute v Kadina
Paskeville v Wallaroo
Southern Eagles (W) v Central Yorke
Ardrossan v CMS Crows

Moonta bye

ANZAC ROUND 4 29th April

Kadina v Wallaroo ANZAC Game
Ardrossan v Moonta
CMS Crows (C) v Southern Eagles
Paskeville v Bute

Central Yorke bye

PINK ROUND 5 6th May

CMS Crows (C) v Paskeville
Moonta v Bute
Wallaroo v Central Yorke
Kadina v Southern Eagles

Ardrossan bye

ROUND 6 13th May

Bute v Wallaroo
Central Yorke v Ardrossan
Paskeville v Kadina
Southern Eagles (Y) v Moonta

CMS Crows bye

ROUND 7 20th May

Kadina v Moonta
Wallaroo v Southern Eagles
Ardrossan v Bute
CMS Crows (S) v Central Yorke

Paskeville bye

ROUND 8 27th May

Central Yorke v Paskeville
Bute v CMS Crows
Southern Eagles (Y) v Ardrossan
Moonta v Wallaroo

Kadina bye

ROUND 9 3rd June

Bute v Southern Eagles
Paskeville v Ardrossan
Central Yorke v Moonta
CMS Crows (S) v Wallaroo

Wallaroo bye

NUTRIENT CUP 10th June

ROUND 10 17th June

Central Yorke v Kadina
Paskeville v Southern Eagles
CMS Crows (M) v Wallaroo
Ardrossan v Bute

Bute bye

ROUND 11 24th June

Moonta v Paskeville
Wallaroo v CMS Crows
Kadina v Ardrossan
Bute v Central Yorke

Southern Eagles bye

ROUND 12 1st July

Kadina v Bute
Wallaroo v Paskeville
Central Yorke v Southern Eagles
CMS Crows (M) v Moonta

Moonta bye

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COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS @ BAROSSA VALLEY 8th-9th July

ROUND 13 15th July

Walloo v Kadina
Moonta v Ardrossan
Southern Eagles (Y) v CMS Crows
Bute v Paskeville
Central Yorke bye

ROUND 14 22nd July

Paskeville v CMS Crows
Bute v Moonta
Central Yorke v Wallaroo
Southern Eagles (E) v Kadina
Ardrossan bye

ROUND 15 29th July

Walloo v Bute
Ardrossan v Central Yorke
Kadina v Paskeville
Moonta v Southern Eagles
CMS Crows bye

ROUND 16 5th August

Moonta v Kadina
Southern Eagles (E) v Wallaroo
Bute v Ardrossan
Central Yorke v CMS Crows
Paskeville bye

ROUND 17 12th August

Paskeville v Central Yorke
CMS Crows (M) v Bute
Ardrossan v Southern Eagles
Walloo v Moonta
Kadina bye

ROUND 18 19th August

Southern Eagles (E) v Bute
Ardrossan v Paskeville
Moonta v Central Yorke
Kadina v CMS Crows (Night)
Walloo bye

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26th Aug **Qualifying Final** Wallaroo
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2nd Sept **2nd Semifinal** Maitland
3rd Sept **1st Semifinal** Kadina
9th Sept **Preliminary Final** Moonta
16th Sept **Grand Final** Ardrossan

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Kadina: Red and Black (Black Shorts); **Moonta:**
Blue and Red (Navy Blue Shorts); **Paskeville:**
Black and White (Black Shorts with White Stripe);
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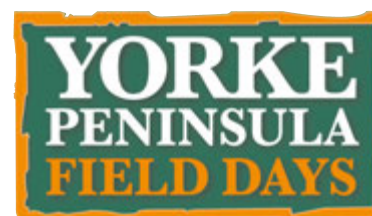
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Young guns creeping up for CMS Crows

Having sat around the top of the YPFL mountain for much of the past decade, 2023 will be the year the CMS Crows endeavour to trust their youth.

There's no expectation this year's showing will be any worse than previous years for new coach Mat Creeper, but with an exodus of talent which has taken them to back-to-back grand finals, the hopes are realistic.

Creeper has spent time as Norwood's SANFLW senior coach and as an assistant in Collingwood's AFLW program, but grew up in Minlaton.

"The opportunity to go back to where it all started and give sometime back to club I began at when I was 5 was pretty enticing," he said.

"Obviously I've been in the women's space for a little while now so the time felt right for a change of scenery.

"I think it will be a really rewarding experience trying to push the club along as we look to develop our younger brigade."

The club finished last season with a grand final appearance in the A grade, preliminary final in the B grade and first semifinal in the senior colts.

Creeper said he expected the club to have a different feeling in season 2023.

"We're going to have a younger side this year, which will feel different, but I think this is a positive thing," he said.

"We know country and community footy can be a bit cyclical in that respect and the club is just at that point at the moment.

"Both the squad based on the peninsula and the one in Adelaide have been working hard for the season ahead."

Creeper said he was looking forward to seeing how players coming through from the junior ranks, such as Ethan Dortmundt, Jacob Hickman and Maverick Harper-Zerna, apply themselves to senior footy.



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — runner-up
Home and away — 13 wins, 3 losses
Biggest win — round 13
22.9 (141) d Paskeville 5.7 (37)
Best and fairest — Murphy Short

2023 coaches

A grade — Mat Creeper
B grade — Blake Macgowan
Senior colts — Michael Cook
Junior colts — Michael Coote and Leigh Rothe

Player movement

Welcome — Harrison Gangell, Lindisfarne; Ryan Brundell, returning; Callum Agnew, returning.
Farewell — Ben Edwards, Birchip Watchem; Jos Builder, Birchip Watchem; Henry Olsson, Mallee Storm; Callum Sanders, PHOS Camden; Shaun McNeilly, North Clare.

Player to watch

Ethan Dortmundt



Ethan Dortmundt, pictured playing senior colts in 2022, will look to make an imprint playing in the senior grades in 2023.

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Success to shine through youth

Having taken home back-to-back A grade premierships, as well as the B and C grade titles last year, 2023 is about continuing the gold rush amid a loss of players for the Crows.

The club has lost the services of two A grade, three B grade and one C grade premiership players from last season.

"Bronwyn Farrow, Sasha McSkimming, Kari Jones, Taitlyn Tilbrook and Nikki Hoyle have vacated the club to pursue other endeavours and Josie Rudduck and Matilda Wheare are both expecting their first baby," a club spokesperson said.

"(However,) Tasmyn Biddell, Melissa McSkimming and Tyla Cook have returned to our club after playing in Adelaide for a few seasons.

"Rebecca Harris and Hannah Short return after having babies and Amy Lenneth returns from injury."

The spokesperson said the club had enjoyed a productive preseason.

"Our club started preseason in January, and we had great numbers, including many of our junior players," they said.

"Preseason was all about getting some run in the legs and pushing each other but also having fun.

"We've now commenced court sessions which is about ball skills and getting ready for

Team to beat

Undecided

Dark horses

Ardrossan, Bute

the first game of the season."

The club will look to blood a number of young players throughout senior sides this season.

"As with every year, it's about having fun and building great connections throughout our teams," the spokesperson said.

"We've got some new people coming into our club and it's exciting to have many up-and-coming juniors.

"We're excited to see what they can do in our senior ranks with the mentoring and experience of our senior players.

"We just hope to produce good, quality netball whilst still having fun and enjoying ourselves."



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Zac Bates and his Central Yorke Cougars will be desperate to avenge their 2022 preliminary final devastation this season.



Cougars to pounce on premiership window

A preliminary final for the ages ended in extra time, and nothing but heartbreak, for a promising Central Yorke outfit last season.

Searching for just two additional wins in 2023, playing coach Luke Trenorden said he believed his Cougars have the talent to take the extra step.

"Finishing equal top, yet in fourth place, was not an ideal position (last season) as we didn't have the double chance," Trenorden said.

"But to then take the opposition on in the big games and win two finals (while facing elimination) will give our group the belief we are more than capable.

"Losing in an overtime prelim definitely leaves a sour taste in the mouth, but I think our group will use that feeling to drive them and become better players to ensure we are back in the finals."

The departure of star 204 centimetre ruckman Henry Crauford is set to leave a significant hole in the middle of the Maitland oval.

"Potentially, (I could have) a bit more ruck time, but we do have some tall options," Trenorden said.

"We have been working hard with strength and conditioning programs this preseason.

"Jackson Bruce is aiming to run 160 kilometres from cape to cape on Kangaroo Island with his brother Angus just before round 1, so I think he'll be fitter than he has ever been.

"We have a great group of fellas with plenty of talent to bring.

"I believe if we play the game on our terms, we can beat any team we face and hopefully go all the way this year."



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — third

Home and away — 13 wins, 3 losses

Biggest win — round 1,

21.9 (135) d Paskeville 5.3 (33)

Best and fairest — Zac Bates

2023 coaches

A grade — Luke Trenorden
(playing coach)

B grade — Chris Briggs

Senior colts — Andy McIntyre,
Henry McKay

Junior colts — Henry McKay

Player movement

Welcome — Joel Ambjerg-Pedersen,
Southern Flinders; Riley Hennessy,
Kapunda; Toby Lynch, Cummins;
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Development key at Cougars



Young players like Sadie Polkinghorne will be pushing for senior selection again this year at CY Cougars.

CY Cougars were kept busy on grand final day, with the E, G, A and B grade sides all making the big dance.

"We'd like to have a few teams again playing finals, with a few hopefully getting over the line," club secretary Brooke Davies said.

"But really, the club just wants to have an enjoyable competitive season.

"The club has a had a few new members onto the committee, with some long-term stalwarts of the club having a hiatus.

"We have also got a large number of players keen to get out on the court this year with a jump in registered players during the preseason.

"Preseason started in February with the enthusiastic girls already out and running under the guidance of Georgie Southwood.

"As far as expectations from players, we simply want the girls to want to be involved and give it their best on the court during practice and on Saturdays.

"Initially our focus will be getting used to the new players in the team and working on connections at both ends of the court."

There are also some changes to on-court personnel this season, Davies said.

"There are a number of players who will no longer be available for the season with pregnancy and newborn children

Teams to beat

Paskeville, CMS Crows

Dark horses

Ardrossan, Kadina

being the main reason," she said.

"But there are a few girls coming back to play after being away in Adelaide for a few years.

"Several teachers have also moved into the area which has introduced some new faces which is very exciting for the club."

There is also the inclusion of some more senior players returning to playing after having children.

"It's great to see a mix of new and old faces at the club," Davies said.

"We also have a number of E grade girls who will likely have an opportunity during the season in the seniors.


"This is great for the club in general as we have been very fortunate to have strong juniors, and this helps with building their development.

"Sheree Tzacker is coaching the B grade, Charlotte Nixon the C grade and Taylah Elliot the D grade."

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Familiar face back for the Bloods

Kadina will be desperate to go two weeks deeper than its 2022 campaign, where it bombed out of the finals in straight sets.

Now in the hands of familiar face Gregg Clarke, a dual A grade (2010-11) and senior colt (2019-20) premierships coach for the Bloods, Kadina is expecting to play finals again in 2023.

"I'm very happy and excited to be back (with the senior group)," Clarke said.

"I definitely missed the team aspect and banter at trainings."

Clarke said his players had returned to training in good condition and strong numbers.

"(One of my highlights since returning has been) having a group of blokes around me who are always driven and just happy to be there," he said.

"Other than about three guys, I've had something to do with every one of our players in a coaching capacity, so a lot of good relationships are already there."

"After having so much to do with the (current) group previously, one of my challenges is working out how I keep the players engaged and continue getting my message across while keeping it fresh."

When it comes to game day, Clarke said he planned to refine his players' decision making whilst making some organisational tweaks to the Bloods' ball movement.

"You've always got your fingers crossed for natural growth to come through, whether that be from our senior colts or blokes who've been playing senior footy for three to four years," he said.

"I'd love to see even improvement across the board."



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — fourth

Home and away — 13 wins, 3 losses

Biggest win — round 14

28-14 (184) d Ardrossan 9.3 (57)

Best and fairest — Jake von Bertouch

2023 coaches

A grade — Gregg Clarke

B grade — Matt Bodie

Senior colts — Cameron Faulkner,
Jayson Manners

Junior colts — Damien Ziersch

Player movement

Welcome — Henry Bruce, Mount Barker; Lochie Glazbrook, Morphettville Park; Matt Borlace, Central District; Connor Vervuurt, North Adelaide; Will Morris, Golden Grove.

Farewell — Willy Serle, retired; Jordan Serle, Proprietary/Risdon.

Player to watch

Jordan Cunningham



Will Schultz and the Kadina Bloods are hopeful of picking up where they left off before their disappointing 2022 finals campaign.

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Kadina's Monique Smith and her Bloods are eyeing a top-four finish after narrowly missing the finals last season.

Young Bloods on the cusp

Investing in its youth will be a key focus for Kadina in the 2023 netball season.

The Bloods have welcomed 11 new senior players, excluding juniors transitioning to the senior program, but won't have any trouble squeezing them in thanks to Yorke Peninsula Netball Association introducing a D2 grade.

A grade coach Amanda Schultz said the Bloods wouldn't be forced to turn any players away.

"Everyone will be getting a game and, when players are unavailable, we can backfill where we need," Schultz said.

"We're trying to give juniors the option to play at as high a level as they can.

"In doing some succession planning, we're developing the next generation to hopefully play some more A and B grade.

"We've had the same players in our A/B teams for the past few years and, if we don't start filtering new players through, we'll be left with some big holes."

Coach Schultz said she was pleased to be maintaining a similar core group to previous seasons.

"We welcome Jacoba Clough from Garville (Netball SA Premier League), who'll juggle her Garville commitments while playing a few games for us.

"Kayla Russell and Skylah Smith have also joined us from Wallaroo... and Shari

Teams to beat

CMS Crows, CY Cougars

Dark horse

Wallaroo

Roennfeldt will miss this season as she's expecting a baby."

Schultz said Ebony Lamshed and Alice Schultz would also join the A/B squad from Kadina's junior ranks.

"Ebony is definitely a player to watch this season — Karm Kleinig has done an awesome job developing her to the point where she can basically play all seven positions," she said.

"The culture of our club in being able to make all our new players feel welcome has been exciting to see.

"We've had some great communication where we talk as one big group so everyone's on the same page.

"Overall, we're looking to make the top four (in the A grade) after disappointingly just missing out last year."

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Pedal to the metal for Demons



Ryley Maitland is set to go around again for Moonta in 2023.

They conquered the demons of a one-point grand final loss in 2021, last year, but this season is all about keeping on for Moonta.

A 34-point grand final win over the CMS Crows has steered the Demons as the benchmark team for the upcoming season.

A grade coach Luke Pridham said, although all eight other clubs would be out to chase them down, they wouldn't change too much.

"It was a better way to finish last year than the year before, there were no complaints here; it was an extremely satisfying way to end the season," he said.

"Everyone from last year's grand final team has recommitted and we've added three new players who we think will really add to our squad.

"We'll play similar footy to last year, back ourselves in and take the game on; it's worked for us the past couple of years so we won't change too much I wouldn't think."

Pridham said the club was buoyed by the calibre of players coming through its junior ranks, and the possibility of their involvement soon.

"It'll probably be the young guys who'll step up again; Braden Aldridge, Tom Hancocks, Alex Elsworthy, Ollie Mullins, Patrick Fry, that core group which has played in an A grade flag now," he said.

"There are a few lads who missed out playing in a grand final who will have a point to prove as well.

"Our young brigade probably has 15 lads in it who are pushing for A grade footy, which is a really good place to be."

Pridham said he was expecting it to be tight at the top yet again.

"It's hard to say how everyone else will go, and I

haven't seen too many new recruits either so everyone is either keeping their cards close to their chest or it'll be completely different," he said.

"In all honesty, I don't think we'll see the five changing all that much, I think that'll be it; in what order, I'm not sure."



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — premiers

Home and away — 13 wins, 3 losses

Biggest win — round 18

17.22 (124) d Bute 0.0 (0)

Best and fairest — Ryley Maitland

2023 coaches

A grade — Luke Pridham

B grade — Danny Champion

Senior colts — Daryl Fry

Junior colts — Daryl Fry

Player movement

Welcome — Miller Carter, Port District; Dylan Aldridge, Proprietary/Risdon Lions; Nick Hewett Broughton-Mundoora.

Farewell — N/A.

Player to watch

Tom Hancocks



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Time to regroup at Moonta

Moonta has been a solid fixture in September action but the club is focusing on regrouping its A grade this season.

"Our aim will be to support each other into transitioning into completely new positions," A grade coach Kara Rendell said.

"Unfortunately losing all three goalies from last season, we are forced to try something new.

"I'm really excited so far seeing the girls take on the new challenge.

"The other grades have many new players and will take time to learn how to play together.

"Overall, we have huge numbers this season and a great mix of young, old and a little in between.

"We are very excited with the addition of the D2 which will strengthen our club even more this season.

"Our senior higher-level players will be asked to step up and take the whistle this year as the club has lost a few valuable umpires."

Out of Moonta's A grade side are Alicia Cross, Kate Muir and Amber Aldridge; Libby Adams, Emily Cook and Kate Langdon are also omissions.

"We have gained Simone Hewett (Broughton-Mundoora), Tamara Lodge is back again, physiotherapist Niamh Henry has joined the club, Tamika Mackereth is back from Cougars and Courtney Adams and Nikki Bock are back post babies," Rendell said.

"This year we'll see more of Ella

Teams to beat

Bute, CMS Crows

Dark horses

Ardrossan, Wallaroo

Aldridge who is a very talented goalie — she is a sharp mover and a great shot — as well as Michaela Woodward, Carlin Macro and Bridget Cockburn who are all super fit agile netballers.

"A big focus of our year will be to enjoy trainings and games and remember why we all love netball."

The club will hold a special event later in the season to acknowledge past and present players who have reached milestones.

Joining Rendell in the coaching ranks this year will be Adele Keleher (B grade), Narelle Williams (C grade), Donna Champion/Daniela Fawkes (D grade) and Natasha Cockshell (D2 grade).

"I'm excited by how pumped everyone is to play! Everyone is talking and the anticipation is creating all sorts of buzz about the town," Rendell said.



Carlin Macro, Moonta, is set to play a big role in Moonta Netball Club's 2023 season.

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Pies set sights on top five

Jumping up one spot would be all Paskeville requires to secure a berth in the 2023 finals.

However, any improvement would need to come from new recruits and emerging talent, with the Magpies set to be without club legend Tyson Wait (retired) and a couple other key pieces from last season.

Returning playing coach Patrick Keane said he aimed to follow in Wait's footsteps as a leader.

"Tyson will obviously leave a huge hole with his leadership on and off the field, let alone being one of the best players in the competition," Keane said.

"His willingness to guide others has put the club in a great position to build on his legacy.

"I have attempted to follow his lead in keeping a consistent message in game style whilst also learning from the way he develops relationships with anyone he meets.

"The club has always been a warm and welcoming place, so maintaining that vibe as well as developing every individual will be my main aim."

Keane said strong numbers at training had been a tick for his side's preseason.

"We have some experienced players; however, the majority are young quality players who we are aiming to develop and peak in the not-too-distant future," he said.

"(It's been) pleasing to see the young group's attitude in bringing consistent attendance and an appetite for the contest."

When it came to setting goals for the new year, Keane said he was hopeful of closing in on the league's best outfits.

"Keeping a relatively similar squad with some handy additions will help with stability and give the club an opportunity to build for those top few spots on the ladder once again," he said.

"We fell short in last quarters against the top four (teams) last year — with a young side, we are hoping to shorten that gap.

"We believe there are a couple of spots in the top five up for grabs and taking one of those will be our goal."

Reigning Paskeville best and fairest Tyler Nield will be looking to set up his teammates and hit the scoreboard with his damaging left boot once again this season.



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — sixth

Home and away — 4 wins, 12 losses

Biggest win — round 18

11.10 (76) d Ardrossan 3.6 (24)

Best and fairest — Tyler Nield

2023 coaches

A grade — Patrick Keane
(playing coach)

B grade — Daniel Hutton

Senior colts — Grant Pontifex

Junior colts — Jake Watson

Player movement

Welcome — Nat Lloyd, Mintaro Manoorra; Connor Linhart, Dylan Ward, Border Downs Tintinara; Elliot Wegner, Karoonda Districts; Kynen Adams, Karoonda Districts.

Farewell — Alistair Price, Broughton-Mundoora; Alex Brown; Tyson Wait, retired.

Player to watch

Luke James



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Magpies focus on improvement across the board

Improving last year's showing across all grades is the goal at Paskeville this season, with strong participation numbers headlining the push for success.

Having not won an A grade premiership since it went back-to-back in 2016-17, the club will be hoping the 2023 season breaks the five-year hiatus.

"(We've had) good, solid numbers across the club, with a good mix of returning and new families and players," a club spokesperson said.

"The strong numbers across our club and the association will bring a new level of netball to the association."

The club's A grade side will be coached by Fiona Bussenschutt and Sally-Ann Heinrich, while Amanda Plane and Barb Price will take charge of the B grade.

Leonie Ey will coach the C grade and Jasmine Ritter the D grade.

Having lost key players Georgia Cadzow, Katie Koster and Lauren Maxwell, handy replacements Taitlyn Tilbrook, Courtney Stone and Chloe Cook have slotted into the club well.

The club spokesperson said key focus areas

Team to beat

Undecided

Dark horses

Ardrossan, Wallaroo

for the playing groups throughout preseason had been commitment, respect and unity.

"The weather at this time of the year always plays a part, but once we move through trials, we have the opportunity to mix up our preseason with some on-court and off-court fitness and fun," they said.

"We will have some new combinations throughout the grades this year, so we will all need to be patient while these develop."

Young guns Lucy Bussenschutt and Jorja Rogers are also expected to step up into the senior grades this year.



Katie Koster looks for a teammate in 2022.



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Eagles aim to soar higher in 2023

After a few years as an assistant coach, former Port Adelaide player Jared Poulton is ready to have his first crack as senior coach for the Southern Eagles.

The club won the 2019 premiership under the stewardship of Mark Tilbrook but finished last year in fifth, resulting in a change of coach.

Poulton has managed to lure former club junior, AFL and three-time SANFL premiership player Jarrad Redden back to the club, bringing with him his brother Dan.

Poulton said the way the club had recruited over the summer should hold it in good stead as the season progressed.

"Jarrad's going to be handy; it's always good to have someone of that size and quality come back into the team," he said.

"With that comes his brother (Dan) as well as young, tall ruckman Max Sanderson, who has been away for a few years, so to get three talls coming into the side is very handy."

Poulton said the team goal was to better last year's result of being knocked out in the elimination final.

"I think the teams which finished in the top three will be around the mark again; I don't think too many of them have lost many players, but they've still gained some as well so they'll be tough.

"We'd like to make the jump up the ladder to finish better than we did last season; we've recruited pretty well, we've got a couple of locals back who were gone for the past two to three years in Adelaide, which is nice.

"We had quite a strong B grade side last year with a lot of young guys, with probably four or five who could make the jump up.

"The way we play will look a little different I'd say, we'll probably look to play a little more attacking and we've got a lot of different personnel compared with last year which means we can try different things; we're lucky in that sense."

Jarrad Redden, pictured playing for the Eagles in 2017, has returned to the club for this season after adding two more SANFL premierships to his locker at Woodville-West Torrens.



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — fifth

Home and away — 6 wins, 10 losses

Biggest win — round 18

22.21 (153) d Wallaroo 5.6 (36)

Best and fairest — Nathan Allen

2023 coaches

A grade — Jared Poulton

B grade — Scott March

Senior colts — Mark Davison

Junior colts — Todd Warren

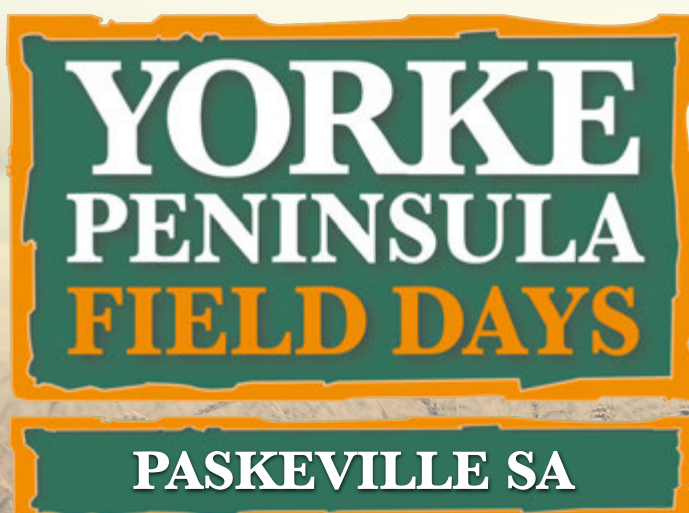
Player movement

Welcome — Jackson Hooper, Bridgewater Callington; Liam Healey, Bridgewater Callington; Jamie Wegener, Gawler Central; Jarrad Redden, Woodville-West Torrens; Daniel Redden, returning; Patrick Neal-Bullen, Sacred Heart Old Collegians; Max Sanderson, returning.

Farewell — Matt Taylor, Scott Mumford, Joel Tilbrook, James Reuther, Jack Tape.

Player to watch

Max Sanderson



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Amy Murdoch, in action against CMS Crows' Tegan Young, is taking the reins of the A grade coaching at Southern Eagles this year.

New direction for Southern Eagles

Southern Eagles are focusing on building a strong and supportive culture this season.

"We hope to become a club where anyone can come and enjoy playing a sport they love with people they enjoy spending time with," a club spokesperson said.

"We also hope we can walk away with a win or two!"

Amy Murdoch is taking on the head coaching role after being a key player in the A grade side for many years.

"We also have a number of returning players from previous years and so we are excited to have their experience and consistency back," the spokesperson said.

"Stacey Evans is returning from Crystal Brook and Chelsea Giles is playing a full season after being a fill-in previously.

"We've lost Alice Hickman and Sarah Ramsey to Adelaide this year while Laura Daniell is taking a break, but we hope she fills in for a game or two and Rinna Stockings is travelling Australia with her family.

"This year, Southern Eagles is looking

Team to beat

CMS Crows

Dark horse

Paskeville

strong as a club where everyone is there to help and ensure all club members and visitors are well looked after and having a fabulous time.

"In terms of players, we are hopeful to fill all four senior teams happily.

"We are also excited to be working with Dani Johnson, a Premier League coach, to come and mentor both players and coaches this year!"

Abbie Bray is joining the coaching ranks, taking on the B grade side.

"We want to build on our netball skills and consistency as teams," the spokesperson said.

"Charlee Thompson and Brianna Hayes are players people should keep an eye on this season."

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Chase Martin should be a standout for Wallaroo in 2023.



Snapshot

2022 record

Finished — seventh
Home and away — 4 wins, 12 losses
Biggest win — round 5
12.12 (84) d Paskeville 6.4 (40)
Best and fairest — Ben Russell

2023 coaches

A grade — Corey Smelt
B grade — Donny Duncan
Senior colts — Paul Northeast
Junior colts — Daniel Shiel

Player movement

Welcome - Josef Rack, Taillem Bend;
Connor Smelt, Taillem Bend; Riley Smelt,
Taillem Bend.
Farewell - Nathan Murphy, Ben Russell,
Matthew Hallendal, Adrian Marks, Steve
Evans, Justin Bonney, Tyrell Hocking.

Player to watch

Dylan Niotis

Despite finishing with four wins in 2022 and losing captain Nathan Murphy and young gun Tyrell Hocking, new Wallaroo A grade coach Corey Smelt is optimistic about the upcoming season.

He's coached at Taillem Bend in the River Murray Football League for the past eight years and was enticed to join the Bulldogs after receiving a call from current senior colts coach Paul Northeast.

Smelt said familiarising himself with the league has been his top priority, and he'd gained optimism from the club's strong junior program.

"I've done my homework and every time I go out to training, I meet new people and get more information," he said.

"I think it's on par with where I was, but the good thing is I don't know anything about the league or the players, it's all new to me which is exciting and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

"As far as Wallaroo goes, I've done my background research on where they ended up last year and I think what got me across the line was the quality of the kids who've just rolled out of the senior colts.

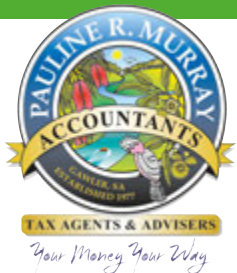
"A lot of them will play A grade this year which is exciting... there would've been eight or nine who played last year and they'll fit in nicely."

Smelt said numbers at preseason training had been solid and the group was focused on delivering good results during the season.

"When I started the job... the footy department made it very clear we weren't setting our sights on playing in a grand final this year, but instead, a bit like a pyramid, build it up year by year," he said.

"They wanted a coach willing to go through that process; we'd love to make finals this year."

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Wallaroo shooting for finals berth

There's a finals focus at Wallaroo Netball Club.

The club's D grade side, coached by Bel Geidel, is aiming for back-to-back premierships, while Mel Halliday (A grade), Rebecca Sinton (B grade) and Dianne Marner (C grade) are preparing for a strong season.

"Our preseason focus is always to improve our fitness and ball skills, as well as our positivity," Halliday said.

"Positive reinforcement and a finals berth are key focuses for us this year.

"The club looks like it's in a good position, we had really positive player numbers and an awesome bunch of volunteers."

Teams to beat

CMS Crows, CY Cougars

Dark horse

Bute

Halliday marked Macayla Marner and Rachel Valenti as players to keep a look out for this season.

"This season we've also attracted Alex Walker, Demi Jenner and Chelsea Hart to the club while retaining Adele Biancardi," she said.

"We're excited about the upcoming season."

Tahnee Crossman, Wallaroo, stretches for the ball against Bute's Matilda Cox in the D grade grand final last year.



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