



# 2025 YPFL-YPNA GRAND FINAL LIFTOUT



**CMS reigns supreme  
on 2025 grand final day**



## GROWS IN FULL FLIGHT

**Austinn Lane**  
JOURNALIST

It was a dominant day for the CMS Crows in Maitland on Saturday, as they claimed five of the 12 premierships on offer — taking out A grade football, along with A, B, C and D2 grade netball titles.

Moonta secured netball premierships in the D, E and F grades, while Wallaroo triumphed in both the junior and senior colts football.

Paskeville claimed the B grade football flag, and Southern Eagles were victorious in G grade netball.

In front of a record YPFL grand final crowd of 2296, the CMS Crows' A grade footballers turned the tables on Moonta after halftime — despite the Demons holding a handy 27-point lead at the main break.

Just a year on from their 101-point loss to Moonta in the 2024 season decider, the Crows stormed to a 39-point victory.

After dropping their first clash with Moonta in 2025, the Crows bounced back to beat the Demons in their next three encounters — including two in finals.

For players, coaches and supporters, it was a sweet sense of redemption, bringing another finals campaign to a strong close and delivering the club its second premiership in five years.

There was even more to celebrate, with the A grade netball team also lifting the trophy.

Their two-point win over Bute secured a remarkable fifth consecutive flag in a gripping contest where momentum swung end to end.

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YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL... CMS Crows captain Finn Betterman and coach Jamie Kemp hold the premiership cup aloft after their side's win against Moonta.

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CMS Crows  
v Moonta

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**SENIOR COLTS**  
Wallaroo v  
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Wallaroo v  
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**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** Jack Matchett (middle) leads the celebrations for the CMS Crows after their win against Moonta, supported by Ayden Hickman, Bodie Warwick, Jacob Tidswell, coach Jamie Kemp, Henry Facy and Callum Saunders.



**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** Harry Litster, CMS Crows, celebrates kicking a goal in the last quarter.

RIGHT: **YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** CMS Crows players Otis Carthy and Matthew Goldsworthy are congratulated on their win by Moonta's Michael Virgin.



**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** CMS Crows players Jake Cook, Angus Glazbrook and Harry Litster with the premiership cup and shield.



**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** CMS Crows players Jack Matchett and George Litster pose for a photo with the premiership shield.



**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** 2025 YPFL Team of the Year coach Jamie Kemp, CMS Crows.



**YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL...** CMS Crows coach Jamie Kemp with wife Felicity whose team won the YPNA A grade premiership.

## THE WINNERS:

## Redemption win gives second flag in five years

It was a day of redemption for CMS Crows, who overcame the heartbreak of 2024 to deliver a prolific performance and claim the 2025 trophy.

For coach Jamie Kemp, the result marked the fulfilment of a three-year dream.

The three-time premierships coach recruited heavily in the 2024 off-season, targeting players he believed could take the side to the next level — and on grand final day, those decisions proved to be some of the best he has made.

“We have worked hard for two years to get here and win this, and it feels amazing to do it with this group,” Kemp said.

“After last year (grand final loss to Moonta) we went out and got players who we thought could help us in a grand final, and they were all excellent today, everybody played well.

“It was tough losing our captain Tom Babidge before the season, he retired due to concussion, but this flag is as much his as anyone else.”

The squad boasts talent with extensive football pedigree. Matthew Goldsworthy, an SANFL premierships player, and former Glenelg league footballer and state under 18 captain Finn Betterman bring top-level experience, while others have competed in strong leagues across the country.

Kemp said he was proud of his side's ability to shift the game in the second half, which secured Crows' second title in five years.

“I thought we were a little soft in the first half to be honest, and Moonta brought some great pressure early and had great structure in their matchups,” he said.

“The message at halftime wasn't negative, but I had some stern words with the group and told them we are still in it, and credit to them for the way they played the second half.

“Our pressure was amazing, and the players we brought in really stepped up, especially our captain Finn Betterman.

“I take it personally what happened last year and this year, we have all worked incredibly hard for the two years I have been here — it is the best feeling ever.”

As mentor of the premierships team, Kemp was also awarded Team of the Year coaching honours.

## THE LOSERS:

## Zwar: 'It hurts not winning, but we achieved plenty'

After a strong first half, Moonta managed only one goal in the entire second half as the Crows overran them to claim victory.

Moonta's season has been defined by injuries, yet the side still fought its way onto the field for the biggest match of the year.

In his first season as coach, Aidan Zwar admitted the year had not gone to plan.

“We have had plenty of injuries throughout this season and a lot of things not quite bounce our way,” Zwar said.

“We played near on 40 players in our A grade side this year, which is a huge number.

“I still think it is a massive achievement for us to be here today and be right in the game. It hurts not winning, of course.”

Zwar said his message to the team was to play with passion and pressure — and he felt they delivered that in the opening half.

“I wanted them to do it for their families outside the club, but also for the people within the club who work hard all year and helped us get to the grand final,” he said.

“For me, I think it was a successful first season as coach.

“I am proud of the boys for how they handled everything this season.

“We have found a lot of depth in our side, which is a positive, and we have developed a lot of players who will be handy in years to come.”

Zwar said the Crows' second-half adjustments proved decisive.

“They moved some players around and it flipped the game for them.

“They found it easier to move the ball and we couldn't halt it.”

# A tale of two halves

**Eric “Tippy” Tipwood**

REPORT BY

## A grade

The A grade decider proved a tale of two halves, with the CMS Crows storming home to secure a convincing victory over Moonta.

The weather was cool and breezy with early rain clearing for the main event.

Both sides were missing key personnel, Moonta without Ryley Maitland but regaining Michael Virgin and Aidan Turner, while the Crows welcomed back Thomas Schott and Matthew Goldsworthy, though vice-captain Josh Hoyle was sidelined.

Moonta looked sharp in the first half. Dylan Aldridge was the dominant forward on the ground, taking advantage of his matchup and kicking multiple goals.

Around stoppages, Matthew Appleton and Tyler Andrews were lively, while Clay Elsworth did his best to restrict Otis Carthy.

The Demons' back six stood tall and they entered halftime with a commanding 27-point lead.

Questions lingered — were the Crows reliving the scars of last year? Confidence was running high for the Demons, who are notoriously hard to stop once they gain momentum.

The Crows had already conceded a couple of costly 25-metre penalties, and with a few umpiring calls going against them, the contest looked to be slipping away.

But the game flipped after the break — the Crows stuck to their task and lifted. The Demons couldn't go with them.

The Crows' midfield and wings, led by Finn Betterman, Mavrik Harper-Zerna and Jake Cook, seized control. Goldsworthy lifted with a spectacular mark and goal, while Henry Facy shut down D Aldridge's influence as Moonta's supply dried up.

Defenders such as Lachlan Pointon continually intercepted and repelled, locking the ball in the Crows' half.

Up forward, Jack Matchett turned the contest, clunking crucial marks and kicking goals to break Moonta's resistance.

The Demons' structure collapsed under relentless pressure, and discipline slipped when Michael Virgin was shown a yellow card.

The second half told the story: 11 goals to one in favour of the Crows. With contributors across every line, they proved the stronger and deeper side. Betterman was awarded best-on-ground for his consistency and drive, while Carthy, Zerna and the Crows' defensive unit were also standouts.

## B grade

The game began at lightning pace, with Moonta having a shot from the top of the goal square in the opening minutes. This was the undefeated Moonta side up against a sore but resilient Pasky outfit that had battled hard in the preliminary final the previous week. The shot missed, and in a sliding doors moment, the Magpies went down the other end and kicked the opener.

Jono Price, who looked in real trouble the week before, managed to take the field and made a telling difference as a target inside 50. Outside of his impact, much of the game was fought between the arcs in a tough, low-scoring contest.

Moonta's lack of discipline proved costly. Pasky were at their antagonistic best, ensuring umpires noticed every retaliation. The Demons gave away around ten 25-metre penalties — effectively three free trips the length of Maitland Oval.

For Pasky, Ayden Smith was the ‘janitor’ down back, mopping everything up with support from Hamish Price, Brett Loveridge and Brock Thomson. Glen Mulders provided a vital contest at half-forward, using his experience to steady the side, while Brodie Paige was everywhere and a deserving best-on-ground medallist.

Moonta had honest contributors in Lachlan Smith and Seth Gregory, while Corey Angie and Jamayden Webb looked threatening with their run but couldn't break through to convert.

With their A grade also in a grand final, the challenge for Moonta's B grade was depth, up against a Pasky side whose seniors had bowed out early.

## Senior colts

Walleroo secured their fourth consecutive Senior colts premierships with a commanding performance.

The opening quarter was an even contest, with both sides kicking three goals. But after the first break, the Dogs took control and never looked back. Moonta managed just one goal for the remainder of the game as Wallaroo's defensive structure held firm.

Hunter Wellgreen was a standout, earning the best-on-ground medal for his dominant display.

Riley Miller, who had missed much of the season through injury, stood tall on the biggest stage and made a significant impact.

## Junior colts

Up against CMS Crows, Wallaroo also claimed the Junior colts premiership, capping off an undefeated season — a dominant performance to round out a stellar year for the club.







# Senior colts dynasty: Wallaroo seals four-peat

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

Wallaroo's senior colts claimed their fourth premiership in a row, defeating Moonta by 23 points in a wet-weather clash at Maitland Oval.

Fresh off a week's break after the second semifinal, Wallaroo started strongly, with Cohen Mummery kicking his first goal within five minutes.

James Richardson responded for Moonta with a skilful snap from the boundary in front of Wallaroo's supporters, engaging with them after the goal to lift his side. Midway through

the quarter, Mummery slotted his second, before Alfie Gunning booted two in quick succession to put the Demons in front.

Moonta's first-quarter pressure was elite, restricting Wallaroo's forward movement and signalling their intent. But C Mummery had the last say, kicking his third in the dying moments of the term. Moonta led by a point at the first break.

As rain began to fall, the ball remained in dispute early in the second term, with neither side able to score for several minutes. Six minutes in, Shann Hanson broke the deadlock with a goal for Wallaroo, soon

followed by another from Anthony Paxton.

Moonta fought back by applying intense pressure, but both sides struggled to capitalise in the wet.

Wallaroo's Jayden Mwoyounotsva was outstanding in defence, cutting off attacks and forcing turnovers.

Now in command of the game, Wallaroo had a 19-point buffer at halftime.

Hunter Wellgreen opened the third quarter with a clever snap over his shoulder, adding another for the Dogs.

A slippery ball meant much of the action was grounded, with soccer kicks dominating play as teams

battled for territory.

Although Wallaroo only managed one major for the quarter, Moonta couldn't convert their pressure into scoreboard impact.

The Dogs maintained control, with a fourth straight flag looming.

In the final term, Brodie Steer kicked truly for Moonta, but Farren Finn answered for Wallaroo to maintain the buffer.

The scoreboard remained tight throughout the match, but Wallaroo's 3.2 to 0.0 in the second quarter proved decisive. Hunter Wellgreen was awarded best on ground in Wallaroo's 23-point victory.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Best on ground Hunter Wellgreen, Wallaroo.

**WALLAROO**  
V **MOONTA**  
Played at Maitland Oval

<b>WALLAROO</b>	3.1	6.3	7.5	8.5	(53)
<b>MOONTA</b>	3.2	3.2	3.5	4.6	(30)

**BEST - Wallaroo:** R Miller, C Mummery, T Gray, R Zimmermann, M Miller, H Wellgreen; **Moonta:** T Madigan, A Bennett, H White, B Steer, J Christian, A Gunning.

**GOALS - Wallaroo:** C Mummery 3, F Finn, T Gray, S Hanson, A Paxton, H Wellgreen; **Moonta:** A Gunning 2, J Richardson, B Steer.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Jackson Galley, Moonta, tries to handpass away from Wallaroo players Brodie Hines and Mitchell Miller.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Wallaroo co-captain Tyson Gray addresses his teammates before the game.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Moonta's Gus Hall, tackles Wallaroo's Hunter Wellgreen as he looks to handpass.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Riley Miller, Wallaroo, gets tackled by Moonta's Archie Bennett.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Premiers, Wallaroo (not in order): coach Ben Waller, team manager Shaun Miller, runner Brent Hines, Brodie Hines, Francesco Bagnato, Ethan Trott, Baylan Mummery, Riley Phelan, Liam Wright, Isaac Freeman, Kolbi Weight, Mitchell Miller, Hunter Mumford, Curtis Boundy, Bryce Dekort, Anthony Paxton, Shann Hanson, Jayden Mwoyounotsva, Farren Finn, Damien Harris, Riley Miller, Cohen Mummery, Tyson Gray, Ryan Zimmermann, Malaki Turner, Hunter Wellgreen, Curtis Kuhndt, Cohen Thompson, Albert Jhenz-Claveria..



# Wallaroo dispatches Crows to win grand final day opener

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

In the first football grand final to kick off, the undefeated Wallaroo Bulldogs faced a determined CMS Crows side, the latter eager for redemption after narrowly falling short in the second semifinal two weeks earlier.

Wallaroo opened strongly, locking the ball inside their forward 50 early, but couldn't convert possession into scoreboard pressure.

Crows found space on the rebound and transitioned the ball coast to coast, slotting the opening goal just as the rain began to fall.

Lucas Finn responded with a brilliant tackle and a classy finish from 40 metres out, giving Wallaroo their first of the day and firing up his teammates.

Hunter Mumford was dominant in the ruck. He consistently won the hit-outs and followed up with strong midfield work, giving Wallaroo first use of the ball.

Chayce Dekort looked lively up forward but missed a snap from the square, landing his second behind for the quarter; Wallaroo had a three-point lead at the quarter-time break.

The Crows' defence held firm early in the second term, setting up a wall around the centre circle to deny Wallaroo forward entries.

The quarter was a scrappy, rain-affected arm wrestle, with

**WALLAROO**  
v **CMS CROWS**  
Played at Maitland Oval

<b>WALLAROO</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>(43)</b>
<b>CMS CROWS</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>(19)</b>

**BEST - Wallaroo:** A Miller, C Phillips, H Mumford, L Finn, R Davey, C Dekort; **CMS Crows:** L Coe, J Hender, C Stubberfield, M Hamilton, L Ormsby.

**GOALS - Wallaroo:** C Dekort 4, M Depledge, L Finn; **CMS Crows:** L Coe, J Hender, J Hoyle.

just three behinds scored — two to Wallaroo and one to the Crows — as the ball remained in the centre corridor. Wallaroo extended its lead to four points by halftime.

As the weather eased, Wallaroo gained momentum. Dekort finally broke through with a superb snap over his shoulder to push the Bulldogs ahead.

Crows responded through Lowan Coe, whose crucial goal midway through the term lifted both his teammates and the crowd.

Just before the final break, young Bulldog Mitchell Depledge found himself behind a pack and soccered the ball through from the goal square — celebrating with confidence as Wallaroo took control with a handy 10-point lead heading into the final term.

The last quarter started as the

third had ended — a Mumford clearance to full forward, where Dekort snapped his second over his shoulder.

Minutes later, Dekort was alone 15 metres out. He steadied and calmly slotted his third to stretch the margin to 22 points within five minutes.

Late in the term, Dekort found space once more and kicked his fourth of the match to seal a dominant forward display and a deserved premiership for Wallaroo.

Jude Hender added a late consolation goal for the Crows, trimming the margin to 24 points, where it stayed.

Wallaroo were crowned junior colts premiers for 2025, with Mumford awarded best on ground — before lining up again in the senior colts grand final.



YPFL JUNIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Lowan Coe, CMS Crows, about to kick as Chase Phillips, Wallaroo, launches himself to tackle.



ABOVE: YPFL JUNIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Austin Miller, Wallaroo, gets a kick on the wing.

ABOVE LEFT: YPFL JUNIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Wallaroo players burst through their banner before the game.



YPFL SENIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Premiers, Wallaroo (not in order): coach Andrew Dekort, team manager Claire Dekort, runner Donny Duncan, Griffin Miers, Kaidan Richards, Chayce Dekort, Lucas Finn, Hunter Mumford, Jayden Malone-Hosking, Austin Miller, Braxton Sutton, Riley Davey, Jaxon Marner, Austyn Paxton, Harley Lauder, Jack Rowan, Kye Smith, Brody Malone-Hosking, Lachlan Donnell, Trae Wellgreen, Jordan Duncan, Zayden Davis, Taite Williams, Dylan Sutton, Mitchell Depledge, Taya Linke, Chase Phillips, Connor Davey, Charlie Franke and Xavier Rowe.



YPFL JUNIOR COLTS GRAND FINAL... Best on ground Hunter Mumford, Wallaroo.



# Crowds flock as Cougars host record-breaking finals day



**Austinn Lane**  
JOURNALIST

Central Yorke football and netball clubs hosted a memorable day of grand finals at Maitland on Saturday, with just shy of 2300 people passing through the gates for Yorke Peninsula's biggest sporting event.

Despite early rain, fans packed in around the footy oval and netball courts, with the surrounds buzzing from start to finish.

Yorke Peninsula Football League president Brad Haylock praised the CY Cougars for delivering a well-organised day.

"They ran it magnificently — they had plenty of food outlets with a range of options, lots of beverage stations, and everything was planned very well," Haylock said.

He also commended the contribution of the SA Regional Footy team, who live-streamed the grand final.

"They've been with us for four or five years now, and it's fantastic for people who can't make it or are interstate to still watch the games.

"We hope to have them back in 2026 — they love coming to our league every year."

Haylock said the standard of football was outstanding.

"The A grade was a great spectacle — it really was a game of two halves.

"It was also great to see Wallaroo perform so well in the colts; if they can keep those players together, they'll be a real force in the coming years."

YP Netball Association president Meagan Daniel said the netball action

was equally impressive, with the new courts a standout feature.

"The new courts were fantastic. There's always a worry when they get wet, but they held up really well," Daniel said.

She praised the Cougars' organisation and attention to detail.

"They had it all covered — great crowd control to give players and umpires space, and multiple canteens, which is always a bonus."

Daniel also highlighted the quality of play across the day.

"The crowd was really engaged — you could hear the cheers and the sighs with every goal and miss.

"All the games were high quality and close, most within 10 goals, which is great for the association."



**YPFL GRAND FINALS...** Wallaroo supporters made a sign for their junior and senior colts players photos.



**YPFL GRAND FINALS...** Ricky Depledge and Herb Williams were among the large crowd at Maitland.



**YPNA GRAND FINALS...** Young CMS Crows supporters Penelope Kokar, Kira Weir and Rosie Cock.



**YPNA GRAND FINALS...** Bute supporters Hayley Drewett, Brooke Cockburn, Brittney Galbraith, Chelsea Maywald and Alycia Lang cheer on their A grade team.



**YPNA GRAND FINALS...** Showing their support for Moonta's Maeve Cockshell are Lily Wildash, Charlotte Burke, Keely Wildash, Holly Bryan and Fraser Heinrich.



**YPFL GRAND FINALS...** Paskeville supporters happy with the B grade grand final win.



**YPNA GRAND FINALS...** Daughter and mother Stella and Marissa Hewett played together in the A grade grand final and were supported by dad/husband Nathan.



The Yorke Peninsula Football League thanks all clubs, committee members, delegates, coaches, trainers, volunteers, players, supporters and most importantly the umpires – you make our local competition one of which we can all be proud!

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# CMS CROWS



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## CMS Crows

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◆ YPFL A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Premiers, CMS Crows (not in order): coach Jamie Kemp, team manager Tyson McSkimming, runner Damien Bennett, Jack Matchett, Otis Carthy, Jake Cook, Thomas Schott, Angus Glazbrook, Harry Litster, Jacob Hickman, Henry Facy, Finn Betterman, Bodi Warwick, George Litster, Todd Hoyle, Harry Aldenhoven, Mavrik Harper-Zerna, Matthew Goldsworthy, Jacob Tidswell, Lachlan Pointon, Ryley Newbold, Ethan Dortmund Sansbury, Callum Saunders, Kai Newbold, Josh Hoyle, Tom Babidge, Ayden Hickman, Ron Cook.





# Crows hold off fast-finishing Bute

Bute opened with the centre pass, but a quick turnover from CMS Crows' defence resulted in the first goal of the game.

Crows showed their finals experience, dominating the first quarter with multiple turnovers.

Bute struggled to settle and get the ball into the goal circle, trailing 5-14 at quarter time.

The Roosters returned with more fire in the second, their nerves well and truly settled.

Bute changed up its midcourt, with Emma Taylor off, Lahni Smith into wing attack, Aimee Butler taking a run in centre, and Olivia Dunn onto the court at wing defence.

The changes unsettled Crows, who made several midcourt errors that Bute capitalised on. By halftime, the Crows' lead had narrowed to 21-16.

The reigning champions came out firing in the third, scoring quickly through Bronwyn Farrow, who

barely missed a shot all quarter.

Bute's defensive duo Marissa Hewett and Demi O'Brien combined strongly, forcing the Crows to work hard for every goal.

Heading into the final break, Crows held a 36-25 advantage.

Bute started the fourth determined to fight back from 11 goals down.

Tight defensive pressure across the court forced Crows into more considered passing.

A few rare misses from the Crows' shooters, coupled with strong Bute rebounds, gave the Roosters momentum.

Montana Briggs' lightning speed and accuracy in goals brought Bute within striking distance, but the comeback fell just short.

Crows held on to win 40-38 in a gripping finish.

As coach of the A grade premiership team, Farrow was also awarded Team of the Year coaching honours.



YPNA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Breeana McNeilly, CMS Crows, fires a pass to teammate Felicity Kemp as Bute's Lahni Smith defends.



YPNA GRAND FINALS... YPNA 2025 Team of the Year coach Bronwyn Farrow, CMS Crows.



YPNA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Felicity Kemp, CMS Crows, best on court.



YPNA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Marissa Hewett, Bute, and Alanna Barrand, CMS Crows, watch the ball fly away from them.



YPNA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Elle Moss, CMS Crows, defends a pass by Aimee Butler, Bute.

## CROWS SOAR ABOVE THE REST

**"The Benchwarmer"**  
REPORT BY

CMS Crows have confirmed their dominance in the Yorke Peninsula Netball Association, claiming four premierships in Saturday's grand final matches.

Despite having teams in every grade except A grade, Moonta managed to secure three premierships. The future looks bright for the Demons, with two of those wins in junior grades — there's clearly talent rising through the ranks.

Credit to the Southern Eagles, the

only other club to snag a premiership, taking out the G grade title.

The pinnacle A grade match was a rollercoaster. Bute looked out of the contest early but managed to catch the Crows napping with several impressive purple patches, particularly in the final quarter.

Down by nine goals at three-quarter time, the Roosters almost pulled off a stunning upset. Montana "Tanna" Briggs powered into action, scoring 10 goals in the final quarter. Stella Hewett added another three, while the Crows managed just four

in return — nearly resulting in the comeback of the century.

Shout out to Crows goal shooter Alanna Barrand, who kept her composure under pressure to finish as the highest scorer of the match with 30 goals.

But it was the extraordinary Felicity Kemp who earned best-on-court honours, as decided by the umpires. Like a fine wine, she continues to improve with age — her speed, athleticism and pinpoint feeds remain hard to beat. Will she go around again next season?

Most other matches were reason-

ably close, with only the D grade blowing out — something I had not anticipated.

There was happiness and there were tears, but that's sport isn't it — there can only be one winner.

Thank you to everyone who has made this season possible, the YPNA executive, club representatives, umpires, timers, scorers, players and the list goes on.

Thank you also to the YP Country Times for allowing me to submit this column; until next time, I'll continue to warm the bench for the summer!

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YPNA B GRADE... Premiers, CMS Crows, back: coach Felicity Kemp, Bonnie Sanderson, Erin Hoare, Amy Lennerth, Alanna Barrand; front: Renee Fitzgerald, captain Erin Cock, Melissa McSkimming, Tani Farrow, Lana Bennett, Vicki Lukeman.



YPNA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Amy Lennerth, CMS Crows, best on court.

B GRADE
<b>SCOREBOARD</b>
CMS Crows 39 d Moonta 36
Best on court: Amy Lennerth, CMS Crows

# Defensive grit guides Crows past Moonta



YPNA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Bonnie Sanderson, CMS Crows, looks for a passing option at a centre pass.

CMS Crows and Moonta battled through heavy rain and slippery conditions in a tight and physical contest, with the Crows pulling away late to record a 39-36 win.

Crows made the stronger start after winning the toss, with GA Erin Cock and GS Tani Farrow combining for the first three goals.

Moonta's Hallie Koch worked hard in GA, pulling in an intercept on the third line to lift her side.

Strong defensive efforts from GK Bella Congdon and GD Adele Keleher helped Moonta settle, with the scores locked at 11-all at quarter time.

Moonta took control in the second term, with Narelle Koch and H Koch linking well in attack to open up a four-goal lead.

Crows GK Amy Lennerth continued to apply pressure, and her efforts helped Crows fight back to trail by just one at halftime, 19-20. The third quarter was goal-for-goal as the weather cleared.

Moonta centre Beth Sly worked tirelessly through the middle, while young GS Summer Koch was introduced into Moonta's shooting circle.

Both sides showed grit, and the scoreboard reflected it — 30-all at the final break.

The last quarter proved decisive. Lennerth dominated in defence, rebounding strongly to deny Moonta's shooters. Despite determined efforts from N Koch and H Koch, Crows' steady finishing through replacement GS Nellie Bittner sealed the result.

Crows ran out 39-36 winners in a thrilling finish.



YPNA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Moonta's Bella Congdon tries to block a shot at goal by Erin Cock, CMS Crows.

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# Turnovers and composure carry Crows to victory

Neither team showed nerves in the opening quarter, playing with confidence and going goal-for-goal for much of the term.

Moonta centre Tamika Mackereth worked strongly through the middle, feeding her goalers effectively.

Accurate shooting was a highlight at both ends, with Moonta holding a narrow 14-13 lead at the first break.

Crows responded in the second quarter, forcing turnovers in the mid-court through centre Ebony Wheare, who underlined her association best and fairest credentials. Capitalising on those opportunities, Crows edged ahead to lead 25-22 at halftime.

Moonta tightened its defensive zone through the centre third after the break, slowing the Crows' attack and forcing them to use more passes than usual to reach the circle.

At goal shooter for Crows, Nelly Bittner proved a tall, reliable target and converted strongly, while at the other end captain Emma Lukong led by example with deflections that teammates eagerly gathered.

Crows entered the final term with a five-goal advantage.

Moonta goal attack Isabella Hann continued to work hard and shoot accurately, but Crows maintained composure and finished confidently, running out seven-goal winners.

C GRADE

SCOREBOARD

CMS Crows 45 d Moonta 38

Best on court: Ebony Wheare, CMS Crows



YPNA C GRADE GRAND FINAL... Ebony Wheare, CMS Crows, best on court.



YPNA C GRADE GRAND FINAL... Amelia Bugg, Moonta, stretches to try and block a shot at goal by Samantha Blyth, CMS Crows.



YPNA C GRADE GRAND FINAL... Ebony Wheare, CMS Crows, leaps to grab the ball in front of Emily Cook, Moonta.

# Moonta dominant from start to finish



YPNA D GRADE GRAND FINAL... Elly Brand, Paskeville, takes control of the ball in front of Moonta's Bree Williams.

As soon as the rain arrived, it became a question of which D grade side could adapt quickest.

Moonta did just that, settling early and jumping ahead of a strong Paskeville outfit. Their first quarter was smart and composed, making the most of opportunities to lead 12-8 at the break.

Moonta carried that momentum into the second term, quickly extending the margin to eight goals. Rebecca Butler and Laura Purvis combined effectively through the midcourt and finished with accuracy.

Despite Paskeville making changes across the court, Moonta had all the answers and surged to a 29-13 lead at halftime.



The third quarter was much tighter, with both teams trading goals, but Paskeville could not close the gap and still trailed by 17 at the final break.

Moonta's strengths were on full display in the last

quarter — accurate shooting, precise feeding and relentless defensive pressure.

They sealed a 22-goal victory at the final whistle.

Butler was named best on court, producing a true captain's performance.

D GRADE

SCOREBOARD

Moonta 54 d Paskeville 32

Best on court: Rebecca Butler, Moonta



YPNA D GRADE GRAND FINAL... Getting hands to the ball at the same time are Terressa Hann, Moonta, Emerson Stark, Paskeville, and Kloe Appleton, Moonta. Left: Rebecca Butler, Moonta, best on court in the grand final.



# Crows round out undefeated season with grand final win



YPNA D2 GRADE GRAND FINAL... Emily Sternicki, Moonta, grabs a pass in front of Opal Hammond, CMS Crows.

D2 GRADE
<b>SCOREBOARD</b>
CMS Crows 41 d Moonta 33
Best on court: Zoe Weir, CMS Crows

In a gripping D2 grand final, CMS Crows overcame a shaky start to defeat a persistent Moonta, delivering a thrilling contest from start to finish. The Crows looked nervous early, with several turnovers gifting Moonta opportunities to stay in touch. Despite the pressure, goal attack Shannon Smith worked tirelessly down the court and goal shooter Sophie Glazbrook converted as the Crows began to settle. Moonta responded with determination, levelling the scores in a goal-for-goal opening term. Goal defence Hannah Griffin was key in defence, using her long reach to cut off the lob and contest every ball into the circle. But, as the quarter wore on, Crows broke the deadlock and pulled ahead, forcing Moonta into tactical changes. Moonta lifted in the second quarter, playing at a frenetic pace. Wing defence Gabriella Fawkes worked hard through the midcourt to disrupt the Crows' transitions. Turnovers affected both teams, re-

flecting the intensity of the occasion. Scores were locked at halftime, setting up an exciting second half. After the break, Ruby Champion shot accurately for Moonta, but a flurry of goals from Smith kept the Crows in front. Goal defence Zoe Weir produced a vital intercept that led to a hard-fought goal. Sarah Tutthill made an immediate impact for Moonta in goals, reading the play with confidence. The final quarter brought nerves on both sides, but Crows settled first. Goal shooter Makayla Fawkes continued to shoot reliably for Moonta, yet goal keeper Chante Cook applied relentless pressure, unsettling the Demons' shooters and forcing rotations in the circle. With defensive dominance on their side, Crows surged away to secure a commanding lead. In the midcourt, Lauren Kokar and Hayley Cranwell were standouts, providing drive and composure across all four quarters. The final whistle confirmed the Crows' triumph — a victory built on teamwork, resilience and composure under pressure. They finished the season undefeated, though Moonta ensured they had to earn it. Best on court honours went to Weir, whose tireless defensive work proved decisive.



YPNA D2 GRADE GRAND FINAL... Elyse McKechnie, Moonta, takes a high catch in front of Hayley Cranwell, CMS Crows.  
  
Left: YPNA D2 GRADE GRAND FINAL... Zoe Weir, CMS Crows, best on court.

# Strong start sets up Moonta's seven-goal win

Central Yorke GS Lily Davies opened the scoring before Moonta responded quickly. In attack, Moonta GA Summer Koch created plenty of opportunities, while Cougars GK Jemima Polkinghorne was strong on the rebounds. Cougars WD Elsie Meaney provided drive through the midcourt, but Moonta GK Bonnie Linke pulled off a crucial intercept to give her side a slight edge at quarter-time, Moonta 13 to Cougars 7. The second term began with S Koch slotting the first two goals, supported by her sister Jayme

Koch in centre, who worked tirelessly to create turnovers. Moonta WA Mikalah Zwar and Cougars WD Elsie Meaney had a fierce battle in the midcourt. Cougars GK Ryleigh Graham lifted with an intercept out of the circle, while Poppy Dyett was subbed into centre to try and curb J Koch's influence. At the other end, Moonta GD Violet Cooper and Cougars GA Matilda Southwood were locked in an even contest. Halftime: Moonta 24 to Cougars 14. Cougars started the third with intensity, as Polkinghorne

intercepted and helped convert to goal. Southwood found her rhythm, shooting accurately to spark a fightback. However, the Koch-to-Koch combination for Moonta remained difficult to contain. The atmosphere lifted as Moonta's coaches rallied support from the sidelines. Three-quarter time: Moonta 32 to Cougars 26. Moonta steadied in the last, scoring the opening goal. Play seesawed as both teams applied strong defensive pressure. Moonta GS Chloe Formsa delivered a settler, while Cougars'

E GRADE
<b>SCOREBOARD</b>
Moonta 40 d Central Yorke Cougars 33
Best on court: Jayme Koch, Moonta

Amara Pedler and Dyett each produced key midcourt intercepts in a bid to keep their side in the contest. Despite Cougars' efforts, Moonta proved too strong, running out seven-goal winners in a great display of netball.



YPNA E GRADE GRAND FINAL... Jayme Koch, Moonta, best on court.



YPNA E GRADE GRAND FINAL... Mikalah Zwar, Moonta, takes a running catch in front of Elsie Meaney, CY Cougars.



# Moonta masters wet weather to defeat Crows

The first grand final of the day began under ominous clouds and a stiff south-westerly breeze — typical conditions for winter netball.

Moonta opened with the first centre pass but found it difficult to penetrate the attacking third. Both teams took time to settle, with frequent turnovers before Moonta GK Sophia Marchetto made a strong intercept, allowing her side to transition quickly. GS Chelsea Gum converted the first goal of the match.

The Crows responded immediately through GS Tida Hoskin, but Moonta's mid-court pressure made scoring opportunities rare.

Accurate finishing from the Moonta shooters left little room for defensive rebounds by Crows GK Marlie Jeffrey and GD Sophia Hickman.

At the opposite end, Moonta WD Olivia Hann, GK Marchetto and GD Na'delle Matz restricted clean entries into the Crows' circle.

An injury to GA Amani Summerton in the final minute forced a quick substitution, but Moonta held a three-goal lead at quarter time, 10-7.

Crows brought on Bella Weir at GS. Defensive intensity lifted, with frequent turnovers and tight pressure across the court.

Moonta's shooters worked well together, but Jeffrey and Hickman matched them with strong footwork and commitment. As the weather worsened, scoring slowed and Moonta led 17-12 at halftime.

Changes continued into the third quarter. For Moonta, Isabell Kennedy moved to WD, while the Crows re-instated Hoskin at GS, with Weir moving to WA.

A fine drizzle soon turned to steady rain, sending spectators for cover.

Moonta struck first with two goals from Summerton, but Crows replied through Hoskin and GA Tilli Macgowan.

Crows tightened their defence, with Hickman and Jeffrey picking off intercepts and rebounds. At the other end, Macgowan found her range, converting strongly from feeds by Weir and C Lucyanna Miller.

Midway through the quarter the

margin closed to one, before Moonta steadied to hold a 27-23 buffer at the final change.

The final quarter was played in bitterly cold, wet conditions. Moonta maintained composure, applying full-court pressure that forced the Crows into errors.

Gum dominated in the circle, scoring six of Moonta's nine final-quarter goals as they secured an eight-goal victory.



YPNA F GRADE GRAND FINAL... Tida Holkin, CMS Crows, has the ball knocked away by Sophia Marchetto, Moonta.



F GRADE

SCOREBOARD

Moonta 36 d CMS Crows 28

Best on court: Na'delle Matz, Moonta

YPNA F GRADE GRAND FINAL... Tilli Macgowan, CMS Crows, and Na'delle Matz, Moonta, reach for a high pass. Inset: Na'delle Matz, Moonta, best on court in the grand final.

# Southern Eagles hold nerve in rain-soaked clash



YPNA G GRADE GRAND FINAL... Ella Detmar, Southern Eagles, keeps her eyes on the ball.

The G grade grand final delivered drama from the outset, with wet and windy weather adding an extra challenge to the season's biggest game.

This was the fourth meeting between Moonta and Southern Eagles this season, with Moonta leading the head-to-head tally 2-1 going into the clash.

Both teams showed early nerves, Eagles won the toss and took the opening centre pass, but it was Moonta who hit the scoreboard first. Both sides were forced into early held balls as the wind made clean passing difficult.

Eagles settled, scoring six unanswered goals through the accurate shooting of Alexandra Rowe and Madelyn Coombe, taking a 6-2 lead at quarter time.

Rowe intercepted Moonta's centre pass, immediately swinging momentum the Eagles' way.

Defensive trio Georgia Liddiard, Piper Williams and Molly Stockings applied relentless pressure, forcing several turnovers.

Delilah Tutthill and Scarlett Russell kept Moonta in touch, scoring three straight goals with support from Isla Prosser and Lianna Johnstone. Harriet Crosby also worked tirelessly in the mid-court to drive the ball forward. Both sides added six goals in the quarter, Eagles maintaining a 12-8 advantage at halftime.

The third quarter was virtually goal-for-goal. Jade Gray rebounded strongly off missed Eagles shots, while turnovers from both sides saw the play swing rapidly. Ella Detmar produced timely interceptions for the Eagles, while

Blair Redman delivered steady feeds into the circle. Tutthill impressed with her composure under pressure, while Russell and Crosby combined well in attack. Moonta led the term but still trailed 18-20 heading into the final quarter.

The last quarter was played at fever pitch. Moonta struck first with two quick goals to level the scores. Eagles responded, their strong defensive pressure and controlled midcourt play giving them six unanswered goals. Moonta fought hard, with Gray and Crosby capitalising on loose balls and Tutthill battling under the post, but Eagles' surge proved decisive.

The Southern Eagles sealed a thrilling four-goal victory.

Coombe's standout performance at goal shooter saw her awarded best on court.



YPNA G GRADE GRAND FINAL... Madelyn Coombe, Southern Eagles, best on court.



YPNA G GRADE GRAND FINAL... Alexandra Rowe, Southern Eagles, leaps to catch the ball.

G GRADE

SCOREBOARD

Southern Eagles 27 d Moonta 23

Best on court: Madelyn Coombe, Southern Eagles





**YPNA C GRADE PREMIERS**

CMS Crows, back: Amelie Hickman, captain Emma Lukong, coach Nelly Bittner, Hazel Bittner, best on court Ebony Wheare, Layla Walsh; front: Jorja Bennett, Harriet Parsons, Samantha Blyth, Tayah Dunstone, team manager Sarah Browne.



**YPNA D GRADE PREMIERS**

Moonta, back: Skye Watson, Olivia Jones, Bree Williams, Adele Lynch, Laura Purvis, Charlotte Campion, coach Daniella Fawkes; front: Kloe Appleton, Terressa Hann, captain/best on court Rebecca Butler, Christina Kargas.



**YPNA D2 GRADE PREMIERS**

CMS Crows, back: Shannon Smith, Annabelle Cook, best on court Zoe Weir, Opal Hammond, Kaitlin Houston, Sophie Glazbrook; front: Lauren Kokar, captain Hayley Cranwell, Chante Cook, Mia Warrior, Brianna Warrior, coach Barb Agnew.



**YPNA E GRADE PREMIERS**

Moonta, back: coach Narelle Koch, best on court Jayme Koch, Eva Richardson, Summer Koch, Charlotte Lagoudakis, Sienna Madigan, Bonnie Linke; front: Sadie Tutthill, Violet Cooper, captain Chloe Formosa, Mikalah Zwar.



**YPNA F GRADE PREMIERS**

Moonta, back: Ava Penna, Chelsea Gum, Sophia Marchetto, Olivia Hann, Isabelle Crawford; front: best on court Na'delle Matz, Savannah Gurr, captain Amarni Summerton, Eloise Crosby, Mackenzie Carter, Isabell Kennedy.



**YPNA G GRADE PREMIERS**

Southern Eagles, back: Molly Stockings, Blair Redman, best on court Madelyn Coombe, Georgia Liddiard, BA, Anika Kasuba, Frankie Murdoch; front: Ayla Goodes, Mia Piller, captain Ella Detmar, Piper Williams, Alexandra Rowe, Tahlia Webb, Chloe French.








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YPNA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Premiers, CMS Crows, back: Lauren McSkimming, Georgina Farrow, Bronwyn Farrow, Elle Moss, Felicity Kemp; front: Breeana McNeilly, Alanna Barrand.



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