

# THE INSIDE SWOOP

## SEMI FINAL EDITION

### SIDELINE SWOOP

It is once again finals time, and the magpie army is donning the club with pride as we head to the Woodside courts and put this year's training to the test. This year, we had a massive eight teams finish in the top four across all grades, and they showed a lot of magpie pride this past weekend.

### ELIMINATION FINALS

#### U11 DIV 2

We finished 4th this season, going down 17-3 in the elimination final. We got the first centre pass and got the first goal. The girls matched them well until the first quarter break. A few errors and turnovers crept into the game, and we only scored 1 goal that quarter. Lobethal Lutheran were on their goals today and didn't miss. The girls couldn't keep up with their lead, and their fatigue started to show. The final score was 17-3. The girls are proud of their efforts in making the finals. We even beat the top team a few weeks ago and had that belief that anything is possible. At the start of the season, I was working on positions and finding out where the girls play best and what combinations work. We had 8 losses, 2 draws and 3 wins. Well done, girls and thanks to my team manager, Lauren Fry.

#### U13 DIV 2

Our U13s put in a fantastic effort this week, going down by just 5 goals in a hard-fought contest. The team trailed by only 1 goal at both quarter time and halftime, showing determination and





grit throughout the match. Our defenders worked tirelessly to maintain the pressure, while the mid-court pushed strongly through to the circle with great determination, providing excellent feeds to our shooters. In the circle, the shooters demonstrated great movement and teamwork, creating opportunities and putting up some strong attempts at goal. Despite a tough few weeks with illness, every player gave their best and never gave up. A true team effort to be proud of!



### INTERS DIV 3

Even though the Inters faced a tough loss against Littlehampton in the semi-finals, they showed incredible resilience and sportsmanship. The players kept their heads up high, demonstrating teamwork and determination throughout the match. This experience will only make them stronger as they continue to grow. The team should be proud of their efforts and the spirit they displayed on the court!



### A2 WHITE

The well-matched contest between Lobethal and Hahndorf White proved to be a thrilling tussle, filled with momentum shifts and the intensity of an elimination final. Lobethal hit the court with confidence, moving the ball smoothly into their shooters, who combined sharp passing with accurate finishing from the very first whistle. Their defensive pressure in Hahndorf's attacking end was equally strong, disrupting Hahndorf's usual rhythm and making every scoring opportunity hard-earned. With their dominance showing early, Lobethal held a 4-goal lead at the first break. The second quarter began much the same, with Hahndorf making changes through the midcourt and goal circle as they worked hard to match the quality play Lobethal continued to deliver. Midway through the term, Lobethal extended their lead to six goals, but Hahndorf refused to back down, dodging, weaving, and pushing the ball with persistence into their shooters. Lobethal remained composed and competitive, moving the ball with ease and making the most of their opportunities. However, Hahndorf's determination paid off, narrowing the gap to just three goals by half-time. Both teams made significant positional changes during the half-time break, but it was Hahndorf who benefited most. Their ball movement suddenly clicked as they began to play with cohesion and confidence.

The midcourt drove the play with pace, feeding their shooters who found space, timed their leads, and converted with accuracy. At the other end, Hahndorf's defence tightened, forcing deflections, intercepts, and rebounds to shift the momentum firmly in their favour. By the final break, Hahndorf had turned the tables and held a 3-goal lead heading into the last quarter. In the final quarter, Hahndorf continued to play as a tight, united outfit. Despite Lobethal reintroducing their star shooters, Hahndorf maintained their pace and composure, pushing the lead out to six goals midway through the term. Lobethal, however, refused to give in, fighting courageously and forcing errors that swung momentum back their way in the closing minutes. With just five minutes to go, the margin had narrowed to three, but Hahndorf held their nerve, controlling possession at crucial moments to secure a hard-fought and well-deserved victory, 35-32.

### **A GRADE**

We went in with high expectations of reaching the Preliminary final, and when you get there, who knows where that could lead us. We started strong with the centre pass resulting in a goal, which was one of our goals for the game. With a turnover, we were up by 2, and by the end of the 1st, the gap was narrowed to 1. The 2nd started stronger than the first, and with a 3 goal run, we're out to a 4 goal lead and looked in control. As the quarter closed, Lobethal were able to peel the deficit down to 1 at the long break. In the 3rd, it was goal for goal with long breaks in between, with both teams' defence repelling each advance. Loby took charge, and with 2 minutes to go, had a lead of 4 with only one quarter to go. As the start of the third scoring was limited, and again long periods of no scoring. With maintaining a 4-goal lead with 2 mins to go, Lobethal looked comfortable, but as we have so throughout the course of the year, we never gave up and with 2 solid turnovers, we were 1 down with centre pass, and a goal would put us into extra time!!!! The ball was brought down swiftly, and we had a penalty under the ring, but with a miss, all looked lost. A fumble by the keeper put us in possession with seconds ticking. She threw the ball away. Time was held( should have been advanced) ball was placed perfectly, and with a shot that bounced the wrong side of the ring, the final whistle went with and agonising loss to end the season.

## **QUALIFYING FINALS**

### **A2 BLACK**

The A2 Black team took on a strong Echunga this Saturday, with a team riddled with injuries, and players unavailable, they left everything they could out on the court. The score on the day did not reflect the effort and dedication this team has to the sport, and the resilience each player holds. Finishing second on the ladder, and although a loss in finals is never fun, they have a second chance in the preliminary final, where they will face off with the A2 White team.

### **B1**

A battle of 1v2 for our B grade on the sunny Saturday showed the importance of utilising the tactical change. With 11 girls suiting up, all players showed their pride and competitiveness and left it all on the court. As usual, this match up proved

close, with an even first quarter. With Belle, Georgia and Tahlia doing what they do best, goals started to flow for the team. Complimenting the shooters was our strong midcourt with Jade, Lucy, Sarah and Georgia supplying strong leads and in front passes to the ring. There were a few bumps along the way, with array passes; however, the strong defence in Erin, Kat and Georgia allowed for multiple opportunities for the attackers to convert. This team showed their talent and grit throughout the game and came out on top, beating Birdwood 37-32. With this win, the girls head straight through to the Grand Final, a position which they have proven to show there strength.



## B4

Our wonderful mums team, unfortunately, got defeated this week by Mount Barker United. A strong and hard-fought game was on the cards for this top-of-the-table clash, and that is what was delivered. Unfortunately, our mums were not victorious; however, by finishing top of the ladder, they were granted a second chance and will be competing for a Grand Final position this Saturday.

## WATCH LIST

With one team straight through to the big dance, the whole club wants to throw their support behind our three remaining teams competing for a spot in the final game of the season.

### A2 WHITE VS A2 BLACK

Our two A2 sides unfortunately, are battling it out for a taste of glory. Both teams are stacked with talent and are deserving of being in this position. The two teams have come up against each other twice this season, the first game resulting in a draw, and the second time resulting in a 14-point win for the black team. The two teams will be battling it out at 1:50 pm on court 8 and would love for your support.

## B4

Our B4 mums teams are also playing in the preliminary final, facing off against Mount Barker Lutheran. Also at the 1:50 pm time slot, and playing on court 2. Hahndorf has faced Mount Barker Lutheran twice this season, winning one and losing one.

Both teams are set to put on quite a performance, with both oozing talent. Make sure to spread the maggies love and support this Saturday in what is a do-or-die day for all teams.



# BEYOND THE COURT

## UMPIRE APPRECIATION

The game wouldn't be able to be played without the work of our fantastic umpires coming out every week and ensuring the safety and integrity of the game. This year, we have three special Umpires donning the white for the finals. Hannah Waller, Georgia Bannister and Taylor Hogan have umpired all year, refining their craft and further learning the umpiring way. Due to their dedication throughout the year, they were allocated a semi-final game to umpire. We are extremely grateful for the effort they continue to put in and their support for our club.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

As well as our superstar umpires, our wonderful game can not be played without the amazing volunteers. During finals members of each club volunteer to score and time. We thank each individual that has and will be helping out during the final series.

# FLIGHT PLAN

## CANTEEN DUTY

We have been allocated canteen duty at Mid Hills for August 30, which falls on preliminary final week. We are bringing this information forward early to ensure we are able to fill all positions. We once again want to remind everyone that volunteers are the heart and sole of our local clubs and we thank everyone in advance for putting their hands up and offering a moment out of their busy schedule to offer their support.

## GRAND FINAL CELEBRATIONS

September 6 is Grand Final day for Mid Hills, and whether your team is competing in the grand final or not from 5pm onwards all teams and families are welcome to celebrate the season that was at the German Arms.

## PRESENTATIONS

Senior presentations will be held Friday September 12, 6:30pm, at the Haus. Tickets to come soon.

Junior presentations, Mini Magpies - Inters will be held September 14, 4:30pm - 6:30pm, at the Haus. Tickets to come soon.

**RESULTS****ROUND 14****Juniors**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| U9 White v Mt Barker United |       |
| U9 Black v Lobethal         |       |
| U11 Div 1 v Onkas           | 6-13  |
| U11 Div 2 v Onkas           | 12-24 |
| U13 Div 2 v Woodside Red    | 43-19 |
| U13 Div 3 v Nairne          | 7-34  |
| Inters Div 3 v Bye          |       |

**Seniors**

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|--------------------------|-------|
| A Grade v Lobethal Black | 40-39 |
| A2 White v Echunga       | 28-40 |
| A2 Black v Lobethal      | 41-59 |
| B1 v Woodside            | 51-38 |
| B2 v Onkas Gold          | 30-43 |
| B4 v Bldwood             | 63-23 |

**RESULTS****SEMI FINAL****Elimination**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| U11 Div 2 v Lobethal Luth   | 17-3  |
| U13 Div 2 v Mt Barker Luth  | 23-28 |
| Inters v Littlehampton Blue | 26-35 |
| A Grade v Lobethal Gold     | 31-32 |
| A2 White v Lobethal         | 35-32 |

**Qualifying**

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|-----------------------|-------|
| A2 Black v Echunga    | 26-66 |
| B1 v Birdwood         | 37-32 |
| B4 v Mt Barker United | 30-45 |

**FINAL COMMENTS**

Here at Hahndorf, we pride ourselves in our inclusive environment, wanting to promote all members of our club to the highest ability. If you or anyone you know involved in the club has hit a major milestone or has had a major achievement in either their netball or personal life feel free to reach out so we are able to highlight the best that our club has to offer.

Until next time and GO PIES!!!!