

TODAY'S MATCHES

GRAND FINAL

MEN

3.30pm - Technique v Deakin University

WOMEN

1.30pm - Submariners v Mariners

JUNIOR MIXED

1.30pm - Combine v Mariners

PREVIEW: OPEN MEN

GRAND FINAL - Technique v Deakin University.

GROUND - TBA

UMPIRES: TBA

HEAD TO HEAD THIS SEASON: 0-0, 11-0, 2-3.

LAST TIME: R15 - Deakin University 3 d Technique 2.

Technique will undoubtedly go into today's game heavily favoured to finally win their first Premiership. Following in the footsteps of last season's Premiers, the Veterans, Deakin have done it the hard way and have fought their way from fourth, through two finals, and now to the Grand one.

Today, Technique will be pumped up. Up forward they will be relying on a team effort, but will need Mark Gladman to inspire. Erol Chakir and Stewart McLean will be Technique's stabling influence in the midfield, and Paul Grayson and Jason Holland will have a lot of responsibility at fullback. Deakin have not got this far for nothing. Garrath Cann has been Deakin's motivation upforward, while Greg Carne and Paul Dillon will try and shut down Technique's midfield that runs so well. Paul McKenzie is the form goalkeeper, and Damien Clark, who proved the difference last Saturday, will be relied upon.

The verdict: Both teams have their supporters. Technique have more to lose - Deakin to win in a boilover 3-2. However, the Nick Smart's Grand Final supplement predicts otherwise.

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GRAND FINAL

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EDITORIAL

Well, the big day is upon us, and it is about time. The season has taken it's toll on many, and today will see three teams, one in each grade, crowned Premier for 1993. This will not be the final edition of the card. Number eighteen, the final edition for the year, will come out next week, and although they don't know it yet, you may be able to pick up your copy of *the card* from Bali Bagus, next to Coles in LavaStreet, Warrnambool.

One downfall of *the card* this season, and we genuinely regret it, is our poor coverage of the junior competition. The juniors are the future of Warrnambool hockey, and if we ever get a synthetic surface, it'll be the juniors who will be playing on it, and representing Warrnambool in future. So the junior competition commands our respect and attention. However, we at *the card* are not able to watch the juniors as well as both senior grades. Boys and girls, accept our apology. But do something about it in the future, like contribute to your publication.

Good luck to Technique and Deakin University men, Submariners and Mariners women, and Combine and Mariners juniors who have all done supremely well to get this far and show their wares to today's appreciative crowd. Hope you've enjoyed *the card* for '93. See you next week.

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PREVIEW: OPEN WOMEN

PRELIMINARY FINAL: Submariners v Mariners

GROUND: TBA

UMPIRES: TBA

HEAD TO HEAD THIS SEASON: 8-4, 2-3, 9-0

LAST TIME: R11; Submariners 9 d Mariners 0.

Mariners are the only obstacle in Submariners quest for back-to-back flags. Submariners have been in ominous form all season, yet have not had it all their way against Mariners, who beat them in round six. Word was about yesterday that Mariners will be short today, and may only have nine players for the big one. If this is the case, it will be an injustice to their fine finals campaign. However, rumours aside, today's game should be a great spectacle if it will be anything like the Grand Final these two teams staged last September.

Submariners have a great team. Nikki Maher leads her forward line, and is well supported by Carolyn Smart, Natalie Wood and Kellie Smith. Between these four, Submariners have a winning formula. Mariners strength will be their pace. Carolyn Wordsworth showed blistering speed last Saturday as she had Technique's defenders dancing a merry jig in her pursuit. Jane Weir and Elaine Grey are also important contributors for the Mariners, as is Rowena Lindop who played sublime hockey at full back last Saturday, as did her sister Agnes, who kept the mercurial Kyme O'Flaherty out of the game that day.

Mariners had many fine contributors in their win last Saturday, and will need them again today if they are to have a good showing against the ominous Submariners.

The verdict: I'm afraid Submariners have the proven winning formula and will win today. However, I tipped against Mariners last Saturday, so who knows?

GOOD LUCK TO ALL



. . . after 15 round home-and-away season.

MEN

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	%	Pts
Combine	12	8	2	2	62	34	182	36
Technique	12	8	1	3	65	21	310	34
Deakin	12	5	2	5	30	52	58	24
Veterans	12	3	4	5	22	34	65	20
Mariners	12	-	1	11	21	59	36	2

WOMEN

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	%	Pts
Submariners	12	10	-	2	53	10	530	40
Technique	12	7	1	4	26	20	130	30
Mariners	12	5	-	7	17	28	61	20
Combine	12	3	2	7	11	26	42	16
Deakin Uni	12	2	1	9	12	35	34	10

JUNIOR MIXED

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	%	Pts
Combine	12	8	-	4	53	25	212	32
Marauders	12	4	3	5	19	23	83	22
Mariners	12	4	2	6	25	46	54	20
Technique	12	4	1	7	23	27	85	18

MEN

A. Marr	(Comb)	29
M. Gladman	(Tech)	18
A. Miles	(Tech)	12
M. Shirrefs	(Tech)	11
T. Spencer	(Comb)	10
C. Beveridge	(Mar)	9
G. Cann	(Deakin)	8
E. Chakir	(Tech)	8
T. Bowser	(Vets)	8
N. Smart	(Vets)	7
C. Lowen	(Deakin)	7
R. Zaunbrecher	(Comb)	7
D. White	(Tech)	6

WOMEN

N. Maher	(Sub)	24
K. O'Flaherty	(Tech)	18
N. Wood	(Sub)	11
M. Van der Wilke	(Deakin)	8
K. Smith	(Sub)	8
C. Smart	(Sub)	8
V. Thornton	(Mar)	7
C. Wordsworth	(Mar)	6
J. Weir	(Mar)	4

JUNIOR MIXED

R. Zaunbrecher	(Comb)	35
S. Hand	(Marin)	13
I. Bridge	(Tech)	9
S. Lucas	(Tech)	7
D. Weston	(Comb)	6
J. Coulson	(Comb)	5
A. Edgar	(Marin)	5
J. McLean	(Tech)	5
N. Crooks	(Marau)	5
N. Wood	(Marin)	4
P. Arthur	(Marin)	4
M. Lawlor	(Comb)	4
T. Gratten-Wilson	(Marin)	4

Last round's scores

Deakin University 4 d Combine 2
Technique had the rest.

**THE BIG PICTURE
SCORES, LADDERS, GOALS**

Mariners 2 d Technique 1
Submariners had the rest.

Last round's scores

Mariners d Marauders (scores unavail.)
Combine had the rest.

REVIEW: OPEN MEN

PRELIMINARY FINAL:

Deakin University 4 d Combine 2.

Well Combine's fairytale run was brought to an abrupt halt on last Saturday. The perennial 'cellar dwellers' took the minor premiership, and were confident of taking the major one. All I want to say is that someone had to put them back in their place. The 'All Blacks' recorded convincing 11-1, 10-2 and 5-1 victories over Deakin during the home-and-away season, and there wouldn't have been much money changing hands at the 'Republic of Zaunbrecher' backing Deakin in the preliminary final. Let's just say that Deakin weren't the only very satisfied people on Saturday night after they turned around a 26-4 goal difference from the season against Combine in last Saturday's match.

The match started in a frenzy, and after thirty-five exhaustive minutes, Combine went into the half-time break with a 2-1 lead that had Deakin's spirits as watered down as beer in a pub. Somehow, Deakin came out in half number two and, through an early goal, clawed their way back into the match. The move of explosive half-back Damien Clarke to left wing after half time gave Deakin more venom up forward, and from that moment on, Deakin's dream was alive. Adrian Marr tried hard for Combine, but squandered many chances.

**HOCKEY
HEADLINES**

The Grand Finals

Here at the offices of *The Red Card* we conducted a midweek poll of the 47 staff who work tirelessly around the clock to put together the most fantastic (and modest) weekly publication Warrnambool hockey has ever seen. Our reporters keep their ears to the ground twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to get the dirt on the superstars of South-West hockey. Here's one from our rumourfile; a certain demi-goddess in women's hockey over the past decade with the initials Maria Corbitt may be persuaded to return to the Technique women next season. Watch out Submariners! Tech may be back in town in '94.

Anyhow, the survey results predict; Technique to win the open mens' grand final over Deakin, Submariners to win the open womens' grand final over Mariners, and Combine to defeat Mariners in the junior mixed grade. But whether that feeling is shared by the editorial staff is a different matter!

REVIEW: OPEN WOMEN

PRELIMINARY FINAL:

Mariners 2 d Technique 1.

You just never know with Mariners, do you? Technique went into the match heavily favoured, and went into the half time break with a 1-0 lead. Technique had their tails up and were already planning training next week for the grand final. However, somebody forgot to tell Mariners to read the script, and they came out after the break and played inspired hockey. Two goals in two minutes transformed the Mariners into a supremely confident outfit, and Technique were looking very shaky. Those goals, one from Jane Weir and one from Carolyn Wordsworth lifted the Mariners, and from that moment on Technique were pushing it uphill with a rake. The match developed into a dogfight, with Technique pooling all of its resources and urging itself on to score, but Kyme O'Flaherty was not up to the task. O'Flaherty has carried Technique upon her broad shoulders to victory on many an occasion, but today was not her day, and she struggled to produce goals. Impressive for Mariners were Carolyn Wordsworth (for so long just a name to the card, but now we've put a face to it), Rowena and Agnes Lindop, Elaine Grey and Jane Weir, while Technique were well serviced by Leanne Dalton, O'Flaherty and Terri Burke.