

2024

# GIG WANL

SEASON GUIDE





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# CEO WELCOME

*Simone Hansen - Netball WA*



Welcome to the 2024 Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League season. And a special welcome to the Rangers Men's team who will compete for the first time in the GIG WANL Men's Division, taking the competition to five sides.

Netball WA is committed to the growth and development of Men's and Boy's Netball and the addition of Rangers to the Men's Competition is a great step forward for our game and I know the benefits the Rangers Netball Club has experienced since their inclusion have been tangible.

Looking back, the 2023 season was full of remarkable results, particularly the Hamersley Comets two maiden premierships, winning both the Open and 20/U division. The Men's competition's reigning premiers Western Roar once again showed their skill, with a fantastic close win in the Grand Final.

The success and support of the finals last year was wonderful to see. We had a large crowd in attendance for all three matches and moving the games to Court 1 ensured a better match day experience for fans at the Gold Netball Centre as well as on the live stream.

A key change for 2024 will be the increasing the age limit for the 20/U competition to 21/U which will further strengthen our League.

Netball WA continues to stream GIG WANL matches live and free to ensure broad coverage of the League, allowing

supporters the opportunity to watch games they are unable to attend or re-watch the most exciting moments. Each year our total viewership increases, which resulted in an impressive 64,737 viewers in 2023, a number we aim to build on in 2024.

This coverage will also continue across the new GIG WANL Instagram and Facebook social media channels, which will assist in raising the profile of the State's premier Netball competition. Make sure you are following @wanetballleague for content and updates throughout the season.

There will be three themed rounds again this season: Gold Round, which will celebrate our ongoing partnership with Netball WA's Elite Partner, the Gold Industry Group.

First Nations Round, a highlight each year of the GIG WANL calendar which celebrates the traditional owners of the land on which all Netball is played.

Our Belt Up Round, promoting the Belt Up message of the importance of seat belts throughout WA will also be back for 2024. We are also pleased this partnership will continue for another three years as part of a deal between Netball WA and the Insurance Commission of Western Australia.

Finally, I would like to thank the hard work of all teams, players, coaches, support staff, officials and volunteers and wish you all the best for the season ahead.

# CEO WELCOME

*Kristy Reilly - Gold Industry Group*



The Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League (GIG WANL) is a prime example of how strategic investment can positively impact a sport.

Over the past year, we've seen a significant rise in the profile of the competition and its three divisions, and viewership via live streaming has spiked, jumping from 42,084 to 64,737, which is a testament to the League's growing popularity.

Our partnership with GIG WANL has been a huge success story, significantly enhancing the experience for both players and officials.

We are proud to support the League in fostering talent development and building a stronger sense of community within the sport.

As we look ahead to the 2024 season, we're excited by the inclusion of a new men's team, reflecting our shared commitment to diversity and ambition.

Together with Netball WA, we're creating more opportunities for West Australians to play netball and aspire to the sport's elite level.



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## ROUND 1

**08|03|2024**

Rangers vs Roar	18:30	GNC
Demons vs Sharks	20:00	GNC
Comets vs Lightning	20:00	GNC
Jets vs Warriors	12:30	Eaton [ 10 03 2024 ]

## ROUND 2

**15|03|2024**

Roar vs Warriors	18:30	GNC
Sharks vs Lightning	20:00	GNC
Comets vs Jets	20:00	GNC
Rangers vs Demons	14:00	Mundaring [17 03 2024]

## ROUND 3

**22|03|2024**

Warriors vs Sharks	18:30	GNC
Demons vs Comets	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Rangers	20:15	Mandurah
Jets vs Roar	14:00	Eaton [ 23 03 2024 ]

## ROUND 4

**26|03|2024**

## GOLD ROUND

Comets vs Warriors	19:30	GNC
Sharks vs Rangers	19:30	GNC
Lightning vs Roar	19:30	GNC
Demons vs Jets	19:30	GNC

## ROUND 5

**05|04|2024**

Warriors vs Lightning	18:30	GNC
Rangers vs Jets	20:00	GNC
Sharks vs Comets	20:00	GNC
Roar vs Demons	20:00	GNC



# FIXTURES

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## ROUND 6

**19|04|2024**

Comets vs Roar	19:30	GNC
Lightning vs Demons	19:30	GNC
Jets vs Sharks	19:30	GNC
Rangers vs Warriors	21:00	GNC

## ROUND 7

**26|04|2024**

Comets vs Rangers	18:30	GNC
Sharks vs Roar	20:00	GNC
Demons vs Warriors	20:00	GNC
Jets vs Lightning	12:30	Waroona [ 28 04 2024 ]

## ROUND 8

**03|05|2024**

Demons vs Rangers	20:00	GNC
Warriors vs Roar	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Sharks	18:30	Mandurah
Jets vs Comets	14:00	Waroona [ 05 05 2024 ]

## ROUND 9

**09|05|2024**

Roar vs Rangers	18:30	GNC
Warriors vs Jets	20:00	GNC
Sharks vs Demons	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Comets	19:00	Baldivis

## ROUND 10

**14|05|2024**

## BELT UP ROUND

Rangers vs Lightning	18:00	GNC
Roar vs Jets	19:30	GNC
Sharks vs Warriors	19:30	GNC
Comets vs Demons	21:00	GNC



# FIXTURES

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## ROUND 11

**17|05|2024**

Roar vs Lightning	20:00	GNC
Warriors vs Comets	20:00	GNC
Rangers vs Sharks	14:00	Mundaring [ 19 05 2024 ]
Jets vs Demons	12:30	Waroona [ 19 05 2024 ]

## ROUND 12

**24|05|2024**

Demons vs Roar	18:30	GNC
Comets vs Sharks	18:30	GNC
Jets vs Rangers	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Warriors	18:30	Mandurah

## ROUND 13

**31|05|2024 FIRST NATIONS ROUND**

Warriors vs Demons	19:30	GNC
Rangers vs Comets	19:30	GNC
Lightning vs Jets	19:30	GNC
Roar vs Sharks	21:00	GNC

## ROUND 14

**07|06|2024**

Sharks vs Jets	18:30	GNC
Demons vs Lightning	20:00	GNC
Roar vs Comets	20:00	GNC
Warriors vs Rangers	19:00	GNC

\* FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*

**FINALS DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**





# PREVIEW

## Open

### THE RACE FOR THE 2024 TITLE IS ABOUT THE START

The Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season is just around the corner and the big question leading into 2024 is can the Comets shoot for the stars and claim another premiership? Or will one of last year's finalists take the trophy for themselves? Or could there be a bolter from outside the top four?

We look at all eight teams to see what the key to the season will be.

#### FREMANTLE SHARKS

Last season's preliminary finalists want to be more versatile in 2024 in a hope that will allow them to challenge for the title.

The return of West Coast Fever training partner Ruth Aryang from a knee injury, combined with the recruitment of Georgie Cleaver and Ella Eastaugh has added speed, athleticism and experience to the Sharks unit. Add into the mix the experience of Jess Penny in defence and the Sharks are shaping as a formidable opponent in 2024.

#### HAMERSLEY COMETS

The reigning champions have lost key movers Sloan Burton and Jordan Cransberg however that has been offset with the recruit of Fever premiership player Emma Cosh and former Queensland Firebird Ash Unie.

The development of emerging talents such as Madeleine Ash, Jasmah Haywood and Clara Wigley could be the secret ingredient which see Michelle Cox's team challenge for a second premiership.

#### PEEL LIGHTNING

The Lightning have focused on fitness in the off-season in their quest to rise up the GIG WANL Open ladder.

While they have turned over half their squad from 2023, the additions of Rebecca Lill from Demons and former basketballer Kasey Meigel, combined

with the familiarity of Belinda Lowe, Cherie Miller and Bec Nitschke, a rise up the ladder could be on the cards for the team from Mandurah.

#### RANGERS

The Rangers finished in fifth place in 2023 and if they continue to build on their connection which has been developing, finals in 2024 is a definite possibility.

Jill McIntosh Medallist Georgia Pitt will again be an important part in Rangers' campaign and lead a squad which has a good mix of experience and youth. Abbey Hicks will be important up front with Pitt while upgraded training partner and defender Heidi Wilson will be looking to build on her appearances in 2023.

#### SOUTHSIDE DEMONS

A familiar looking team is what the Demons will hope delivers success in 2024.

Like other teams, the Demons have been focusing on strength and conditioning in the off-season to provide that extra edge which could see them improve on their one-goal elimination final defeat to Sharks last season.

They welcome back Emily Hathaway, while the loss of leading goal scorer Kelsey McPhee (pregnant) will be a crucial spot the Demons need to fill in 2024.

## SOUWEST JETS

The Souwest Jets have spent the off-season working on their communication and accountability as they look to improve on season 2023. If they can make their home venues in Eaton and Waroona their fortresses, improvement is a massive chance in 2024.

Finding cover for the loss of leading scorers Giselle Taylor and Marene Peyper will be important as the Jets look to climb up the ladder.

## WEST COAST WARRIORS

The Warriors have also undergone a significant change to their list as they prepare for the 2024 season.

Coach Lorraine Ward has focused on bringing in young talent from across GIG WANL, headlined by last season's 20/U Grand Final MVP Jamaica Jauncey (Comets). The youngsters will be looking to the experienced players such as Kellie Baker, who has been at the pointy end of the past two Jill McIntosh medal counts, to lead the way in 2024.

## WESTERN ROAR

The 2023 runners-up will look slightly different this season, however Coach Dylan McPherson has them focused on bringing their best netball to each and every game.

The retirements of Zoe Spencer and Bella McLernon and the loss of Georgie Cleaver to Sharks will provide opportunities for some of Roar's youngsters. While West Coast Fever Training Partners Zoe Cransberg and Emma Putt will bringing important skill and experience into the Roar environment.



*Ash Unie is joining the Comets from SSN level*



# FREMANTLE SHARKS

## SHARKS HUNTING FOR CONSISTENCY

The Fremantle Sharks Open team are heading into the 2024 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season looking for consistency and wins in the tough games.

Coach Melanie Rainey is building a quality team full of strong and versatile players.

“Our focus is quality, achieving a level of performance which does not vary over the season. We know we have the ability within the team, what we need is consistency,” Rainey said.

“This combination of players offers us a strong and versatile team that can compete at the highest level. We have the skill, experience, and depth to excel in different areas of the game, 2024 is going to be exciting on the court.”

Rainey hopes to use this focus and versatility to win the tough games this season.

“It is imperative that we strive to win the tough games. These are the matches that will truly test our abilities and character as a team. We should embrace these challenges and push ourselves to rise above the competition,” Rainey said.

The Sharks have also turned their focus toward their community this season.

“We believe that winning is not the sole measure of success, but rather a by-product of all the other important aspects of our club,” Rainey said.

“From our players to our coaches, we emphasise the importance of community engagement and connection.”

The team’s values of individuality and unique player qualities are being highlighted this season with exciting new additions to the squad. Lily Anderson has moved over from the Demons, and current West Coast Fever Training Partner Ruth Aryang joins the Sharks again this year after missing the entire 2023 season with injury.

Ella Eastaugh and Teagan Phillips make the Sharks mid court more formidable, with both athletes bringing speed, athleticism, and a wealth of experience.

Rainey aims to create a team who share responsibility and adapt on the court to get wins on the board.

“We want to instil within our team a sense of great self-worth, that each athlete, at any given time, you can be the most important on court.”



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Jessica Repacholi



Jess Repacholi has been really dedicated and focused on improving her strength. It's clear that she has been training hard during the off-season, and it'll be exciting to see how all that hard work translates on the court.

With her increased strength and athleticism, she's bound to bring a new level of intensity to her game this season.



**LILY  
ANDERSON**



**RUTH  
ARYANG**



**GEORGIE  
CLEAVER**



**ELLA  
EASTAUGH**



**SOPHIE  
EASTAUGH**



**LARRISSA  
HARRISON**



**JESSICA  
PENNY**



**TEAGAN  
PHILLIPS**



**JESSICA  
REPACHOLI**



**INDIANA  
SQUIERS**

**INS:** Lily Anderson (Demons), Georgie Cleaver (Roar), Ella Eastaugh (Jets), Teagan Phillips.

**OUTS:** Shannon Eagland (TP Sunshine Coast Lightning Training Partner), Asha Parsons (Roar), Numi Tupaea (Western Force Womens Team), Ella Sigley and Rose Aryang

**Coach:** Melanie Rainey

**Support Staff:** Bernie du Plessis (Assistant Coach), Karen Grant (Team Manager), Niki Della Torre (Statistician)

## 21/U TEAM

Emma Beros, Annelise Clark, Liliana Cottino, Kianah Davey, Kahli Davis, Jolie du Plessis, Hayley Jones, Jacinta Nicholls, Ava Robson, Isabel Spry, Indi Strom and Maryanne Vunikura.



## CHANGING COMETS LOOK TO TITLE DEFENCE

A new-look Hamersley Comets will hit the court for season 2024 of the Gold Industry Group WA Netball League looking to defend their maiden Open Premiership.

The reigning premiers have farewelled a number of players including UK bound Sloan Burton and Jordan Cransberg who has signed with West Coast Fever.

These losses have been offset with the recruitment of Emma Cosh (West Coast Fever) and Ashlee Unie (Queensland Firebirds). The Comets have also upgraded rising stars Madeleine Ash and Clara Wigley from their championship winning 20/U side.

Coach Michelle Cox said the Comets would be looking to continue the journey in 2024.

"We have been defining new structures and what success looks like to us on court as we have had new players enter the team. We can't rely on the achievements from 2023," Cox said.

"We need to make sure we capitalise during the moments that matter and reducing our unforced errors.

"We would love to go back-to-back, so the challenge there is how we continue with what worked well but also don't rest on our laurels. We need to keep reinventing and finetuning and be a challenge to break."

Cox said in 2023 the Comets had a lot of depth and variety across a large squad.

"Then in 2024, the squads have been reduced and somehow we have managed to create more depth and variety from less players.

"Coshy joining our team has brought a wealth of knowledge and the ability to swing across multiple positions, each one impactful. Ash, like Coshy, has a magnitude of experience that brings a new element to our defensive end. She has a wonderful ability to read the play to pick off seemingly impossible intercepts.

"So even though we lost key players from 2023, the squad for 2024 looks to be exciting and diverse."





# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Emma Cosh



Arguably one of the biggest GIG WANL recruits, the 2022 West Coast Fever premiership player will have an immediate impact for the reigning premiers and help offset the loss of key playmakers Sloan Burton and Jordan Cransberg.



**MADELEINE  
ASH**



**EMMA  
COSH**



**LIZ  
DRONFIELD**



**AITAU  
ENARI**



**JASMAH  
HAYWOOD**



**SCARLET  
JAUNCEY**



**GEORGIA  
MORGAN**



**LINDAL  
ROHDE**



**ASHLEE  
UNIE**



**CLARA  
WIGLEY**

**INS:** Madeleine Ash (20/U Comets), Emma Cosh (West Coast Fever), Chloe Harrison (Demons), Ashlee Unie (Queensland Firebirds) and Clara Wigley (20/U Comets)

**OUTS:** Sloan Burton (Team Bath UK), Jordan Cransberg (West Coast Fever), Ceri Dunn (Mens Open invitee), Mia Henderson (Retired), Claire McIntyre (Relocated), Toni Marie Smith (Jets), Ella Taylor and Brittany Turnbull (Roar).

**Training Partners:** Chloe Harrison

**Coach:** Michelle Cox

**Coaching Staff:** Sarah East and Gavin Domjahn

## 21/U TEAM

Libby Broughton, Tayla Deering, Lauren Greene, Honey Harrington, Serian Lockwood-Jones, Sophie Main, Chloe Ramsay, Halle Richards, Alexis Strange, Stephanie Towie, Emma Whitehurst, Robyn Windeatt.



## LIGHTNING AIMS FOR A STRIKING SEASON

Peel Lightning Netball Club Open team are heading into the 2024 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season on a mission for success, including more wins on the board in a competitive season.

Ending the 2023 season in seventh place was not how the Lightning side wanted their season to go, but they're willing to put in the work this year for a more successful season.

Coach Tracey Boreham has specific improvements she wants to see the team implement over the year.

"To get off the bottom of the ladder, we need to be more fit than the opposition, more skilled and believe in ourselves and our teammates," Boreham said.

Boreham also has a focus on creating an engaging and competitive training environment to ensure strong ethics and morale she said.

Pre-season training has seen these improvements being implemented, with Boreham describing the team as competitive, high morale and engaging.

"We must have belief in ourselves and each other," she said.

"The athletes have set high standards for commitment to the fitness program and encourage each other to be bigger, better, faster and stronger each session."

Lightning will have great additions to their 2024 squad, including Emily Smith, bringing a high level of skill and experience to the side. Rebecca Lill joins the team from the Demons and Kasey Miegel has transitioned from her basketball background to effortlessly slot into the team.

The squad loses Mignyon De Pleusis and Jess Killick who are focusing on club netball, Alex MacKinnon has become a mum, Georgia Ellis (travelling) and Sophie Clancy (work) have also departed.

Despite the changes, Boreham said the team have many goals going into the new season.

"To be competitive and win games as a team, and to remain cohesive and keep each other committed to be the best we can be.

"To ensure each player achieves their goals for the season and at the end of the season know they performed to their best every week."



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Kasey Miegel



Kasey has been amazing with pre-season fitness. Speedy, agile, super quick with a great change of speed and direction and is an intimidating defender. Long arms ready to tip the ball and speed to follow up and gain possession.



HANNAH  
FOLEY



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HOOPER



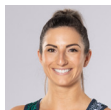
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MIEGEL



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RIDOUT



EMILY  
SMITH



MYRA  
UGLE

**INS:** Kasey Miegel (PFNL), Rebecca Lill (Demons), Emily Smith (Returning)

**OUTS:** Mignyon De Pleusis (Club Netball), Jess Killick (Work And Club Netball), Alex MacKinnon (New Mum), Georgia Ellis (Travelling), Sophie Clancy (Work).

**Training Partners:** Tamarii Zimmerman

**Coach:** Tracey Boreham

**Support Staff:** Samantha McPherson (assistant coach), Taylor Bowey (apprentice coach), and Reechelle Guadagnino (manager)

## 21/U TEAM

Alexandra Broniecki, Tori Ranson, Asha Ranson, Lola Collard, Ebony Stewart, Eva Medenis, Lara Anstiss, Alleayah Watts, Annabel Dryland, Elivia Bragg, Kaylah Williamson, and Teegan Butler.



## RANGERS WILL EXECUTE UNDER PRESSURE

After missing out on finals in the 2023 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season, the Rangers Open squad are back with something to prove.

Coach Taryn Barley said the club is focusing on the execution of their game plan under pressure and getting back into the finals this season.

"We are building on connections and foundations built in 2023 to implement a more consistent performance," Barley said.

"This focus is being demonstrated by the team's strong start to their pre-season, full of high energy and hard work.

"The team are feeling really motivated to get the season underway, with a great mix of experience, youth, and talented players, especially coupled with the return of our current Jill McIntosh medallist Georgia Pitt."

The squad have also seen changes to their list going into the 2024 season.

Barley said Heidi Wilson has been elevated from Training Partner to a contracted player, hitting the ground running in her defence.

Ellie Smart has also made the permanent move from shooting to defence this season, which will provide a new dynamic on the court.

Barley said while working hard, the team's new challenge will be to focus on believing in themselves throughout the season.

"We will be applying our self-belief from round one to support our physical performance and competitiveness."

Rangers are heading into the 2024 season determined to use their game plan to make improvements on last year's season, with consistent performances and hard work.

"After just missing out last season, our focus is well and truly on being in finals contention and locking ourselves a place in the top four," Barley said.



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## *Abbey Hicks & Heidi Wilson*



Abbey Hicks has been strong in the work she's been doing in the circle with great presence.



Heidi Wilson has also hit the ground running in defence, her agility and athleticism really lifting the intensity of training and challenging our attackers.



**REBEKAH  
AYNSLEY**



**KATHRYN  
BYRNE**



**ABBEY  
HICKS**



**CHELSEA  
MEADE**



**GEORGIA  
PITT**



**ELLIE  
SMART**



**MORGAN  
STYLES**



**TAYLA  
STYLES**



**HEIDI  
WILSON**

**INS:** Kim Burton (Returning), Simone Gates (Returning), Tayla Styles (Elevated).

**OUTS:** Ashleigh Howat, Grace Sinclair (Travel), Daniella Titoko, Kate Bunten.

**Training Partners:** Kimberley Burton and Simone Gates

**Coach:** Taryn Barley

**Support Staff:** Craig Harry (Assistant Coach), Hayley Mews (Apprentice Coach/ Game Day Manager), Daniel Stead (Physio).

## 21/U TEAM

Sienna Birkett, Emily Cramond, Jade Dimer, Lauren Dunne, Gemma Evans, Isabella Harding, Grace Hepworth, Sophie Hunt, Grace Jooste, Sydney Richards, Jessica Wheeler, Aynslee Williamson.



## DEMONS ARE STICKING TO WHAT THEY KNOW

The Southside Demons have a very similar team this season, hoping to build on the foundations they have created in previous years for success.

The Demons have focused on retaining as many players as possible from the 2023 season. The squad does welcome back Emily Hathaway. 2023 Goal Shooter Kelsey McPhee will take leave due to her pregnancy.

Coach Josie Janz-Dawson said the team have taken a new approach to pre-season training this year.

"We outsourced a program to work on some strength and conditioning with our players, so hopefully that pays off in the power side of the game this season," Janz-Dawson said.

"The really big thing is transitioning the 21/U players and having the opportunity to develop the club as a whole."

The team's familiarity means they will be working on their efficiency together this season.

"Over the last four to five years we've focused on the skill, but we really need to be able to have an efficient play structure. For example, efficient plays

on centre passes to shot, really making sure the 60 minutes is using more of our brain rather than our bodies," Janz-Dawson said.

"We're also spending more time mastering our plays, so we are all on the same page and utilizing the experience of our playing group."

Janz-Dawson hopes this focus will result in the continued success that the squad has displayed in previous years.

"Success for us is maintaining competitiveness and making the top four. We have made that top four the last couple of seasons and just not that last step, so the players have experienced being exposed to the finals," she said.

"Finals are more intense, the plays are more intense, the skills are highly rated, and the players are competitive."

Janz-Dawson has faith that her team will achieve their goals and go that step further this season.

"A lot of players have come back fitter and stronger. We want that chance to play in the Grand Final."





# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Montana Turnbull



Someone to watch this season will be Montana Turnbull, particularly being able to play her main position and really focus on the Wing Attack role throughout the season.

Great on the centre pass, really athletic, great takes on the ball. Someone who I think over the seasons has really been able to build that connection with our other players and should be able to show how amazing she is on court.



**MEG  
GALLAGER**



**CHANEL  
GOMES**



**ABBEY  
HANLEY**



**EMILY  
HATHAWAY**



**ALLY  
HOLDCROFT**



**KYRA  
JONES**



**TAHLIA  
MCSWEENEY**



**ASHLEIGH  
NEAL**



**MONTANA  
TURNBULL**

**INS:** Emily Hathaway (Returning)

**OUTS:** Chloe Harrison (Comets), Kelsey McPhee (Pregnant), Rebecca Lill (Lightning) and Sydney Rafferty (Jets).

**Coach:** Josie Janz-Dawson

**Coaching Staff:** Helen Riolo (Assistant Coach) and Dane Patrucco (Manager)

## 21/U TEAM

Madison Austen, Chelsea Cook, Jacinta Cooper, Holly Denholm, Georgia Ettridge, Hayley Evans, Carly Harris, Brianna Hetherington, Amelie Miller, Ashley Mobilia, Amber Passera, Sienna Timmermans.





## SOUTHWEST JETS ARE STICKING TOGETHER

For the Souwest Jets, success this season will be achieved by sticking together and holding each other accountable.

Coach Cherie Farnan said while pre-season has been busy, the team have come together and supported each other through it all.

“Our focus this season is around communication and about being in this together, a united family who holds each other accountable, which has been really driving us,” Farnan said.

The Jets will face the 2024 season without some of their previous attackers, losing Ella Eastaugh, Marene Peyper and Giselle Taylor.

They are, however, excited to gain Rylee Hall, Bianca Grickage, Toni-Marie Smith and Sydney Rafferty, rounding out their squad heading into the season.

Farnan said their focus would push the team towards success.

“When we are being that united group and holding each other accountable we should be successful, and we’d like to think we will be pushing for finals this year,” she said.

“With our new players combining with our core group we should see some very exciting things this season.”

It’s not just the contracted players putting in the work for the Jets this season, Training Partner Kate Kimberley is also demonstrating the focus of the group.

“Kate has really impressed us, she is one of our tall shooters from last year and the commitment she has shown to all the background stuff has really made her excel,” Farnan said.

The Jets will continue to train hard and focus on and off the court as the season approaches, sticking together as they face the challenges and successes of 2024.



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Rylee Hall



Rylee Hall has come into the group and has been a fantastic communicator, she quietly goes about her business but really sticks to her guns too.

She's a young, up and coming player who's taken the leap to move up to the Opens team. She was potentially of age for the change in the 21/U Competition, but she really wanted the challenge. It will be great to see what she can do, she really wanted to grab it by both hands and get out there.



**DENI  
AGNEW**



**JENNIFER  
BROWN**



**BROOKE  
GIBSON**



**RYLEE  
HALL**



**BROOKE  
O'CONNOR**



**CLAIRE  
PICKERILL**



**SYDNEY  
RAFFERTY**



**BROOKE  
REPACHOLI**



**TONI-MARIE  
SMITH**



**ELYCEE  
WEBB**



**BIANCA  
GRICKAGE**



**KATE  
KIMBERLEY**

**INS:** Rylee Hall, Bianca Grickage, Toni-Marie Smith, and Sydney Rafferty

**OUTS:** Ella Eastaugh (Sharks), Marene Peyper, Giselle Taylor

**Coach:** Cherie Farnan

## 21/U TEAM

Giaan Evans, Grace Millichamp, Lilah Edmonds, Chloe Rogers, Molly Miller, Annie Chomley, Lily Knight, Ava Latter, Olivia Crothers, Isabel Legros, Daisy de Morton, Isabel Reed.



# WEST COAST WARRIORS



## WARRIORS WORK FOR IMPROVEMENT

The West Coast Warriors Open squad are starting the 2024 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season with a fresh mindset, excited to improve as a team this year.

Coach Lorraine Ward said the team has had a terrific pre-season and the new additions to the team are bringing positive mindsets and excitement for the season.

"We had a new look at what we wanted to recruit this year and we targeted the young kids in 20/U, so we picked up four really good players in that system," Ward said.

"There's a really different vibe around compared to last year, those new kids have brought in a fresh energy and excitement for us, so it's been really good, and everyone has worked hard."

The Warriors have farewelled the retiring Gemma Etheridge and Kassidy Withers who has returned to Victoria.

Despite the losses, Ward is positive the new players will rise to the occasion and fill those crucial positions.

Ward said this year the Warriors are focusing on their improvement each week over the scoreboard, which will hopefully result in a higher ladder position than last year.

"For us it's about uniting, we're not going to be results driven. We are going to focus on improving each week, which will allow us to play with some freedom and get better each time we get out there.

"It's about improving our ladder position from last year, everyone improving their skills and feeling good about themselves at the end of the season, learning something new each time we take the court."



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## *Jamaica Jauncey*



Jamaica has done well making that adaption from 20s to the open team. She will of course come up against her sister Scarlett when we play the Comets who's a very good defender.

We are really enjoying bringing out the best in Jamaica at the moment and she's really hungry for it, so I think she will have a good season.



**GARDENIA  
ASIATA**



**KELLIE  
BAKER**



**STEPHANIE  
COOPER**



**ELENA  
DAMIANOPOULOS**



**EMILY  
DWYER**



**JESSICA  
EALES**



**BOUDENE  
HUCKLE**



**AMBER  
JAMIESON**



**JAMAICA  
JAUNCEY**



**HANA  
STOKES**

**INS:** Gardenia Asiata (Rangers), Emily Dwyer (Roar), Boudene Huckle (Roar), Jamaica Jauncey (Comets) and Amber Jamieson (Elevated).

**OUTS:** Simone Dalkin, Gemma Etheridge (Retired), Eli Johnston, Charley Rafferty, Ella Tudor Roberts (Work), Kassidy Withers (Victoria)

**Training Partners:** Taylor Finch and Alex Morgan

**Coach:** Lorraine Ward

**Support Staff:** Tibbie Galbraith

## 21/U TEAM

Ava Buselich, Rachel Cant, Arwen Deans, Eva Ferguson, Sinead Harvey, Aaliyah Koteka, Alix McWha, Charlotte Moreschini, Finn Mulligan, Jasmine Prentice, Jordan Stone, Erika Yokwe.







## CONSISTENCY IS KEY FOR THE WESTERN ROAR OPEN'S

The 2023 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League season ended in disappointment for the Western Roar, losing by four-goals in the Grand Final to the Comets.

Disappointment however, has now turned into motivation for the side as they look for a more consistent and successful 2024 season.

Coach Dylan McPherson said the team is focusing on finding their best netball and maintaining that standard.

"Making that top four and giving ourselves the best chance in finals is the ultimate goal for the first 14 Rounds, but we are aware that focussing on results is a bit of a curse sometimes – so we are just taking it one centre pass at a time," McPherson said.

"Roar have played in five of the last six Grand Finals, so we know what we are capable of.

"The girls want redemption from 2023, but our biggest challenge is to keep the

blinkers on and worry about executing skilled, clinical and disciplined netball for the 14 Rounds and then start to think about what's next when we are there."

McPherson said the biggest point of improvement for the team will be to consistently perform at their best, regardless of the opposition.

"Falling at the final hurdle is a big motivator, we felt like we were unable to show our very best in the final's series, so we want to be there again and hopefully redeem ourselves."

One of the biggest changes the team will face this season will be the retirement of Bella McLernon and Zoe Spencer from their line up.

Brittany Turnbull is moving over from the Comets, providing a wealth of experience to the team. The side also gains Asha Parsons from the Sharks and Maya Kenny from the Roar 20/U Squad.



# PLAYER TO WATCH

## Maddie Hunter



Maddie has come back super fit and has a real intensity about what she is doing.

She is looking to roll into that WD role for us as well as GD, and she is taking on lots of knowledge and adapting it quickly. Last year was her first proper year in Open and now she has that under her belt, I think she has really hit her straps.



CHELSEA  
BARTLETT



CAITLYN  
BROWN



ZOE  
CRANSBERG



MADDIE  
HUNTER



CLEO  
KENNY



MAYA  
KENNY



SOPHIA  
LAMERS



ASHA  
PARSONS



EMMA  
PUTT



BRITTANY  
TURNBULL

**INS:** Brittany Turnbull (Comets), Asha Parsons (Sharks), and Maya Kenny (Elevated).

**OUTS:** Georgie Cleaver (Sharks), Zoe Spencer (Retired), and Bella McLernon (Retired).

**Coaching:** Dylan McPherson

**Coaching Staff:** Jo Cunningham (Assistant Coach), Jessamyn Lumb (Apprentice Coach) and Marita Somerford (Manager).

## 21/U TEAM

Teddi Lowe, Kate Cunningham, Emily Rivers, Caitlin Loader, Charisse Rond, Christe-Lee Griesel, Aisha Morcombe, Teagan Begovic, Devin Cunningham, Harmony Johnstone, Tess Taylor.





# FIXTURES

## 21/U

### ROUND 1

08|03|2024

Demons vs Sharks	18:30	GNC
Comets vs Lightning	18:30	GNC
Rangers vs Roar	20:00	GNC
Jets vs Warriors	14:30	Eaton [ 10 03 2024 ]

### ROUND 2

15|03|2024

Comets vs Jets	18:30	GNC
Sharks vs Lightning	18:30	GNC
Roar vs Warriors	20:00	GNC
Rangers vs Demons	10:00	Mundaring [ 17 03 2024 ]

### ROUND 3

22|03|2024

Demons vs Comets	18:30	GNC
Warriors vs Sharks	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Rangers	18:30	Mandurah
Jets vs Roar	12:30	Eaton [ 23 03 2024 ]

### ROUND 4

26|03|2024

### GOLD ROUND

Sharks vs Rangers	18:00	GNC
Comets vs Warriors	18:00	GNC
Lightning vs Roar	18:00	GNC
Demons vs Jets	18:00	GNC

### ROUND 5

05|04|2024

Rangers vs Jets	18:30	GNC
Sharks vs Comets	18:30	GNC
Roar vs Demons	18:30	GNC
Warriors vs Lightning	20:00	GNC



# FIXTURES

21/U

## ROUND 6

19|04|2024

Lightning vs Demons	18:00	GNC
Comets vs Roar	18:00	GNC
Rangers vs Warriors	18:00	GNC
Jets vs Sharks	18:00	GNC

## ROUND 7

26|04|2024

Sharks vs Roar	18:30	GNC
Demons vs Warriors	18:30	GNC
Comets vs Rangers	20:00	GNC
Jets vs Lightning	14:00	Waroona [ 28 04 2024 ]

## ROUND 8

03|05|2024

Demons vs Rangers	18:30	GNC
Warriors vs Roar	18:30	GNC
Lightning vs Sharks	20:15	Mandurah
Jets vs Comets	12:30	Waroona [ 05 05 2024 ]

## ROUND 9

09|05|2024

Warriors vs Jets	18:30	GNC
Sharks vs Demons	18:30	GNC
Roar vs Rangers	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Comets	19:00	Baldivis

## ROUND 10

14|05|2024

Roar vs Jets	18:00	GNC
Comets vs Demons	18:00	GNC
Sharks vs Warriors	18:00	GNC
Rangers vs Lightning	19:30	GNC

## BELT UP ROUND



# FIXTURES

21/U

## ROUND 11

17|05|2024

Warriors vs Comets	18:30	GNC
Roar vs Lightning	18:30	GNC
Rangers vs Sharks	10:00	Mundaring [ 19 05 2024 ]
Jets vs Demons	14:00	Warroona [ 19 05 2024 ]

## ROUND 12

24|05|2024

Comets vs Sharks	18:30	GNC
Jets vs Rangers	18:30	GNC
Demons vs Roar	20:00	GNC
Lightning vs Warriors	20:15	Mandurah

## ROUND 13

31|05|2024 FIRST NATIONS ROUND

Roar vs Sharks	18:00	GNC
Warriors vs Demons	18:00	GNC
Rangers vs Comets	18:00	GNC
Lightning vs Jets	18:00	GNC

## ROUND 14

07|06|2024

Demons vs Lightning	18:00	GNC
Sharks vs Jets	18:00	GNC
Roar vs Comets	18:00	GNC
Warriors vs Rangers	18:00	GNC

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**FINALS DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**



# PREVIEW

21/U

## THE YOUNG TALENT CONTINUES TO GET STRONGER

The future of West Australian netball is in safe hands as the 21/U division faces an exciting year ahead. The new division age, which has changed from 20/U to 21/U, will allow some of the older athletes an opportunity to play another year in the division, strengthening the competition.

### FREMANTLE SHARKS

The Sharks are aiming to improve on their fourth position in 2023 and are looking to their captain and last year's 20/U Fairest & Best player Ava Robson to have another strong season.

### HAMERSLEY COMETS

Everyone watching the Comets this season has the same question on their minds, can they go back-to-back under Premiership Coach Janine Friday?

The 2023 Premiership side have lost some key players from their squad with Clara Wigley and Madeleine Ash promoted to the Open side. While Grand Final MVP Jamaica Jauncey has taken a position with the West Coast Warriors Open Team.

### PEEL LIGHTNING

Under new coach Leanne Brown, Lightning will be looking for a few more wins to their name this season.

A player to watch will be up and coming defender Ebony Stewart, who made her first state team in 2024 and will represent WA in the 17/U team.

### RANGERS

Former Perth Orioles player Rebecca Roberts (nee Elborough) has taken on the Rangers 21/U team, in what could be described as the coaching pickup of the off-season! A terrific addition to the Rangers Netball Club.

West Coast Fever futures athletes Emily Cramond and Grace Jooste will be exciting players to watch this season.

### SOUTHSIDE DEMONS

The Demons have had minimal change to their squad in the off season, looking to keep improving in 2024 and go that one step further.

The coaching team has adjusted, with Mandy Love and Julie Cleverley taking over the reins from long serving GIG WANL coach Nicole Prothero.

### SOUWEST JETS

The newly Advanced Accredited coach Aroha Tamatea will continue in her Team Coach role for this young and emerging Souwest Jets side.

Keep an eye out for young gun shooter Grace Millichamp in season 2024, an asset to the Jets.

### WEST COAST WARRIORS

Having retained the core of their group heading into 2024, the Warriors will be looking to continue to build on their improvement from last season.

Young defender Ava Buselich is one to watch after she was recently named in the 2024 17/U State Team.

### WESTERN ROAR

Western Roar were no doubt disappointed about not making the Grand Final last year and will be heading into the new season looking to amend that.

The squad is mostly unchanged from 2023, a young team but not one to be underestimated.



# FIXTURES

## Mens

### ROUND 1

07|03|2024

Roar vs Warriors	18:30	GNC
Rangers vs Demons	20:00	GNC
Comets	BYE	

### ROUND 2

15|03|2024

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Rangers	BYE	

### ROUND 4

26|03|2024

GOLD ROUND

Warriors vs Demons	21:00	GNC
Rangers vs Comets	21:00	GNC
Roar	BYE	

### ROUND 5

12|04|2024

Warriors vs Rangers	18:30	GNC
Comets vs Roar	20:00	GNC
Demons	BYE	

### ROUND 6

19|04|2024

Warriors vs Roar	19:30	GNC
Rangers vs Demons	21:00	GNC
Comets	BYE	



# FIXTURES

## Mens

### ROUND 7

26|04|2024

Comets vs Demons

18:30

GNC

Roar vs Rangers

20:30

GNC

Warriors *BYE*

### ROUND 8

03|05|2024

Comets vs Rangers

18:30

GNC

Demons vs Warriors

20:00

GNC

Roar *BYE*

### ROUND 9

09|05|2024

Demons vs Roar

18:30

GNC

Warriors vs Comets

20:00

GNC

Rangers *BYE*

### ROUND 10

14|05|2024

### BELT UP ROUND

Demons vs Rangers

19:30

GNC

Roar vs Warriors

21:00

GNC

Comets *BYE*

### ROUND 11

17|05|2024

Roar vs Comets

20:00

GNC

Rangers vs Warriors

12:00

GNC [ 19|05|2024 ]

Demons *BYE*

### ROUND 12

24|05|2024

Rangers vs Roar

18:30

GNC

Demons vs Comets

20:00

GNC

Warriors *BYE*





# FIXTURES

*Mens*

## ROUND 13

**31|05|2024**

## FIRST NATIONS ROUND

Warriors vs Demons

19:30

GNC

Rangers vs Comets

21:00

GNC

*Roar* *BYE*

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## ROUND 14

**07|06|2024**

Comets vs Warriors

21:00

GNC

Roar vs Demons

21:00

GNC

*Rangers* *BYE*

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## ROUND 15

**09|06|2024**

Comets vs Roar

10:00

GNC

Warriors vs Rangers

11:30

GNC

*Demons* *BYE*

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# PREVIEW

## Mens

### WELCOME TO THE RANGERS!

The Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League Men's Competition continues to get better and better every year. Netball WA are thrilled that the competition will have a fifth side in 2024 and are looking forward to seeing the Rangers Men make their debut in Round One.

A new team means there are quite a few fresh faces in the Men's Competition across the board this year, and everyone is excited to see what they bring to the ground.

#### COMETS

The Comets are aiming to improve on their preliminary final appearance, hoping for an opportunity to claim the main prize. After representing the Australian 23/U Men's team in Singapore in the off-season, Wade Moore will be leading the Comets from the front this year.

#### RANGERS

Rounding out the five-team competition, the inaugural Rangers Men's squad will be debuting under the guidance of former Rangers Open Assistant Coach Sharon Dawson. The Rangers have recruited well with Australian Kelpie Jerome Gillbard teaming up with Australian 23/U Men's Player Mark McCoach, as they look to shake up and challenge the established clubs in the competition.

#### DEMONS

New coach Jason Clarke will lead the Demons Men this season. With a new looking squad in 2024, the Demons are charging toward a better result than last year's performance, hoping for a final four spot. Young gun Trent Huppatz will be one to keep an eye on, he will be looking to cement a good connection with Demon stalwart Dylan Gunn in goals.

#### WARRIORS

After losing the grand final by three goals last season, the Warriors are back with something to prove. Their attacking side will be spearheaded by Matt Brown, ably supported by Jason Heard in the middle and James King in defence, as they aim for redemption this season.

#### WESTERN ROAR

The reigning premiers Western Roar have had several retirements in the off season but have combatted those losses with their new recruits. Roar have secured the services of Dravyn Lee-Tauroa after his season off in 2023, potentially to line up in goals. While Australian 23/U Men's player Max Denholm will lead the Roar's attack. This squad has a good mix of experience and youth, which they hope to use to their advantage to raise the premiership trophy again in 2024.



# HAMERSLEY COMETS

*Mens*



## FLEXIBLE COMETS LOOKING TO PREMIERSHIP GLORY

More flexibility across the court will be the key to the Hamersley Comets Men's side as they seek premiership glory in the 2024 season of the Gold Industry Group WA Netball League Men's Competition.

Leading into season 2024, they have regained Joel Anderson who returns to GIG WANL after having last season off. While Marcus Cronan, who is an exciting talent who has the ability to have impact at both ends of the court, will play his first season.

Coach Nicole Mann said the key focus for the Comets was to build connections and combinations with their new additions for the 2024 season.

"We will be looking to lock into our strengths and how we can utilise these to challenge any team in the competition," Mann said.

"We will be looking to improve at locking into our game plan in challenging moments and being comfortable to work the ball consistently when under pressure.

"Our challenge will be building on new and old connections and combinations whilst managing those players within our team that are required to fly in/out with work commitments at times."

Mann said Corey Goss and Guy Ramsay have been the most impressive players throughout the Comets pre-season campaign.

"Corey has hit the ground running this preseason heading into his second season and he is ready and raring to go, determined to improve on an impressive year last season.

"It has been great having Guy back in full time this pre-season after he missed half of the 2023 season for medical reasons."

Mann said the Comets have been working hard over the pre-season to build on fitness, skill execution and connections and are ready to give it their all in season 2024.

"We have added increased flexibility across the court with our new additions to the team. We now have increased versatility within the team, with all players being able to have impact across several positions," she said.

### MENS SQUAD

Joel Anderson, Liam Bailye, Marcus Cronan, Jack Davis, Corey Goss, Declan Mensing, Wade Moore, Guy Ramsay, Griff Thomas and Mitch Walker.

**INS:** Joel Anderson (Returning) and Marcus Cronan (New to GIG WANL).

**OUTS:** Keenan Halden (Demons), Rob King (Overseas), Mark McCoach (Rangers), Michael Humphryson (Rangers) and Charles Reddin.

**Training Partners:** Jack Pickering and Te Kaea Whiu (\*subject to fitness)

**Coach:** Nicole Mann

**Coaching Staff:** Ellie Sanzone (Assistant Coach) Tercia Deverneuil (Apprentice Coach) Charo Moore (Manager)



# RANGERS

## Mens



### A NEW TEAM WITH HIGH HOPES

The inaugural Rangers Men's team is ready to make an impact in their first season in the Gold Industry Group WA Netball League Men's Competition.

Coach Sharon Dawson said the team's focus is on improving in small steps every week to ensure a consistent performance during the season.

"Ranger's focus will be to create the connections, trust and communication required to perform at an elite level," Dawson said.

"Our more experienced players have shown leadership, assisting to develop and refine both our overall netball skills and game strategies."

Dawson said as a new team producing consistent and cohesive units on court that connect as a squad will be the challenge this season.

"The biggest change since starting our pre-season has been the increased understanding of each other and our work, netball, life and needs," she said.

"We are enjoying the new friendships growing, and some fun team banter, which I am a huge fan of and work to maintain behind the scenes."

The Rangers squad brings a list of talented and experienced players to the game.

"Scott Austen and Jonah Ness bring obvious established connections and understandings of each other's game. We are grateful to have a wealth of knowledge and experience in our first season and hope to use it to our advantage," Dawson said.

"Mark McCoach brings an agility, attacking flare and confidence, hot off his leadership and experience playing in

the 2023 Men's Netball Nations series in the Australian 23/U side.

"Toby Millar and Jason Winter bring a hunger for success and are looking to elevate their circle defence presence in the competition for 2024."

### MENS SQUAD

Scott Austen, Luke Birnie, Jerome Gillbard, Mark McCoach, Tobiaz Millar, Jonah Ness, Samuel Newman, Andrew Popovic, Jason Winter, Micky Woodley.

**Training Partners:** Robin Anderson and Michael Humphryson.

**Non-Play:** Daniel O'Loughlin and Bailey Scott.

**Coach:** Sharon Dawson

**Support Staff:** Cheney Armstrong (Assistant coach), Nick Alexeeff (Team Manager), and Anthony Mazza (Team Physio).

**INS:** \*Inaugural team. Scott Austen (Warriors), Jerome Gillbard (Warriors / Australian Men's), Mark McCoach (Comets / 23/U Australian Men's), Tobiaz Millar (Demons), Jonah Ness (Warriors), Jason Winter (Demons).

**OUTS:** \*Inaugural team



# SOUTHSIDE DEMONS

*Mens*



## HIGH SCORING A KEY FOCUS FOR DEMONS IN '24

The Southside Demons have secured the services of two specialist and experienced GIG WANL shooters with Mat Delaporte (Warriors) and Trent Huppatz (Western Roar) bring depth and support for Dylan Gunn in the front end as they seek to make the finals in 2024.

Coach Jason Clarke said a focus of the Demons in the off-season was the recruitment for several key positions that the team was missing in season 2023.

"With teams reducing from 12 players to 10, versatility within teams is crucial. Being able to bring players like Keenan Halden, who shot 83 goals for Comets last year, into our defense circle lineup may prove pivotable for success in 2024," Clarke said.

"The exciting inclusions of Mat Delaporte and Trent Huppatz brings a combination of height, strength, experience and youth to the line up."

Clarke said the Demons would be looking to secure a finals berth in the new five-team competition.

"This year is a season of change for Southside Demons. With six new players, new coaching staff, new structures and a renewed focus, 2024 is an exciting year for Southside Demons," he said.

"With a largely new squad, the focus on a united and cohesive team on and off the court has been important. The integration of vast experience and introduction of new playing structures will allow us to challenge teams like never before."

He said the Demons would be looking to increase their scoring in season 2024.

"We scored an average of 34 goals per game during the 2023 season. For Southside Demons to be competitive this season we will look to increase this by at least 10 goals through conversion of centre passes and capitalising on turnovers," he said.

"Our biggest challenge is that our defensive lineup played across three different clubs in 2023. With such varied defensive playing styles, the ability to create a united defensive force will be important to the success of the team."

Clarke said Chase Taua and Dylan Gunn have had excellent pre-seasons and are looking faster, fitter and stronger than ever.

### MENS SQUAD

Reece Cera, Mat Delaporte, Dylan Gunn, Keenan Halden, Trent Huppatz, Alex Jurkiewicz, Noah Rodericks-Smith, Daniel Ross (Co-Captain), Chase Taua, Ben Williamson (Co-Captain).

**INS:** Keenan Halden (Comets), Mat Delaporte (Warriors), Trent Huppatz (Roar) and Alex Jurkiewicz (Warriors).

**OUTS:** Jason Winter (Rangers), Tobiasz Millar (Rangers), Charlie King, Callan Fredericks and Josh Wladyka.

**Training Partners:** Nathan McPherson and Joel Scott.

**Coach:** Jason Clarke

**Coaching Staff:** Jem Williamson (Assistant Coach) and Louise Coffee (Assistant Coach)







### YOUNG SQUAD READY TO MAKE IMPACT

After a shakeup to the team which resulted in the average age of their players dropping, the West Coast Warriors are focusing on re-building their squad and showcasing their new talent this season.

Coach Hannah Irving said despite the team looking very different this year, they are working hard and aim to build their experience in the Gold Industry Group WA Netball League this season.

“Losing some very big names, key players from our squad has meant that our typical starting lineup will look very different this season,” Irving said.

“We are quite confident in our 2024 recruits to fill the gaps those boys left.

“It’s always great to see the elevation of Training Partners (Mitch and Luke) into the playing squad and being heavy on shooters last year has worked out well for us in the 2024 season, now balancing out a very versatile team.”

The Warriors also welcome Freddy Taylor from South Australia, who Irving said has already been impressive within the team environment.

“Pre-season has felt like it has flown by this year. Everyone has built the fitness and strength we need to start off the season with a bang.”

The loss of some critical players to the team is not stopping the young side from aiming for big things this season.

“Losing players like Jonah, Jerome, Scott and Ian was never going to be easy,” Irving said.

“Although our side is young, we have them under the amazing leadership of Matt and Jason, and other experienced players like Jake and Jimmy, who all

have a wealth of netball experience at all different competitive levels.”

After missing out on the 2023 premiership in a tight finish, the Warriors have one goal in mind this season.

“Our overall goal has to be the same as everyone, a 2024 Premiership,” Irving said.

### MENS SQUAD

Mitchell Bayliss, Matthew Brown (C), Levi Drazevich, Jake Hawthorne, Jason Heard (VC), Jayden Kahotea, James King, Will Linter, Luke Spadano, Freddy Taylor.

**Training Partners:** Ethan Creek, and Patrick Daniels.

**Coach:** Hannah Irving

**Support Staff:** Deb Van Der Meer (Asst Coach), Brooke Tkachenko (Apprentice Coach), Novak Drazevich (Manager).

**INS:** Mitchell Bayliss (Elevated), Luke Spadano (Elevated), Freddy Taylor (South Australia).

**OUTS:** Scott Austen (Rangers), Ian Brady (Roar), Jerome Gillbard (Rangers), Alex Jurkiewicz, Jonah Ness (Rangers).

# WESTERN ROAR

## Mens



### WESTERN ROAR MEN ARE HUNGRY TO MAKE HISTORY

The Western Roar Men's side are heading into the 2024 Gold Industry Group WA Netball League Men's Competition with big goals, hoping to do what's never been done in the Men's competition, winning three premierships in a row.

After finishing the 2023 season on top, the team hopes to remain injury free this year, with a focus on maintaining strong connections through the court and keeping up their dominant pressure in defence.

Roar Men's will look very different this season, as new faces include Ian Brady from the Warriors, West Coast Fever Training Partner Dravyn Lee-Tauroa as well as newcomer Tom Harper.

The team, however, is suffering the loss of some big names, including Captain Dan Cools (retired), Australian representative Dylan McPherson, Kyle Hosking and Jordan Stothard with knee injuries, and Ben Cole with university commitments.

Coach Lynn Gay said their biggest challenge so far has been the loss of some of those big names, resulting in a shake up to their defensive side.

"Our biggest changes to the playing squad this season is our defensive end, basically losing our entire defence line to retirement and injuries, replacing them with a complete new line up," Gay said.

"In saying that it is going to be a very exciting new unit to watch grow and develop as a formidable team taking on new challenges each week.

"We will be looking at improving our

transition from defence to attack, being more patient in transition and maintaining possession by changing up the tempo of the game."

Gay said pre-season has had its ups and downs with injury concerns, but the players are working hard.

"Our defensive end has been working particularly hard in creating those new connections, which is very hard to make with all new players."

#### MENS SQUAD

Ian Brady, Stewart Burton, Max Denholm, Stuart Dent, Tom Gorman, Tom Harper, Dravyn Lee-Tauroa, Logan MacGregor, Daniel Perrella, Connor Rawlings.

**INS:** Ian Brady (Warriors), Tom Harper, Dravyn Lee-Tauroa (WCMMNA/Fever Training partner) Logan MacGregor (Canada).

**OUTS:** Stewart Burton (Work and family), Ben Cole (University), Dan Cools (retired), Kyle Hosking (knee injury), Trent Huppertz (Demons), Dylan McPherson (Retired) and Jordan Stothard (Knee injury).

**Training Partners:** Brendon Armstrong and Josh Wladyka.

**Coaching:** Lynn Gay

**Coaching staff:** Lisa Mackenzie (Assistant), Kim Garay (Apprentice), Cathy McCafferty (Manager).



# NETBALL WA'S CENTENARY

## CELEBRATING NETBALL WA'S CENTENARY STATE LEAGUE TO GIG WANL

The West Australian Netball League, then known as the State Netball League, officially launched in 1989, ushering in a new era for netball in WA.

The League was established with six metropolitan and two country regions, consisting of a home and away series where all players and officials were required to play or compete in the region of their place of residence.

Fast forward to 2015, and following community consultation, the State Netball League was renamed the West Australian Netball League. The League now consisted of eight regions, including three from the country and five representing metropolitan areas. Residential boundaries were no longer a requirement and twenty-two teams played across three divisions: League, Reserves and 18 Under.

For a multitude of reasons, 2018 was an historic year for the League.

The Men's division was re-introduced with four teams, including the Perth Lions, Southeast Demons, Wheatbelt Flames and the West Coast Warriors, who later went on to win the premiership.

2018 also marked the WA Netball League's 30th anniversary, coinciding with a revamp to the competitions

format. Up to eight new clubs were sought out by Netball WA, with seven clubs awarded a license to compete in the 20 Under and Open divisions, four of those opting to submit a team into the newly invigorated Men's division.

In 2019, the league was re-branded to its current name, the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League (GIG WANL), following a \$5 million partnership with the Gold Industry Group and Netball WA.

The League as we know it today is very different than in the 1980s and 1990s, consisting of three divisions: Opens, Men's and 21 Under. The Men's division has grown to five teams in 2024, inspiring the next generation of boys to take a step onto the netball pathway and showcasing that netball is for everyone.

The growth and development of the League since its inception is a testament to Western Australia's commitment to netball and ensuring a pre-eminent competition for future elite athletes to hone their craft. Young players have continued to be fostered and trained within the League to be fantastic representatives of the state, many going on to play professionally and give back to the competition which gave them such a solid grounding.



# JILL MCINTOSH MEDALLISTS

*1989	Jodie McGowan	Saints
*1990	Peta Simeon	Sparks
*1991	Jenny Jones	Flames
*1992	Sharon Jarrott	Bullets
*1993	Chelsey Mardon	Pumas
1994	Peta Simeon	Sparks
1995	Waveney Seinor	Pumas
1996	Leith Fradd	Bullets
1997	Angela Lloyd-Woods	Jets
1998	Nardine Clarke	Flames
1999	Paula Ferguson	Warriors
2000	Michelle Atwell	Warriors
2001	Amanda Santaromita	Bullets
2002	Fiona Mitchell	WAIS-Coastals
2003	Susan Fuhrmann	Jets
2004	Cath Devitt	Coastals
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2006	Kyra Neal	Demons
2007	Kym Hunter	Bullets
2008	Emma Beckett	Sharks
2009	Mia Washbourne	WAIS
2010	Kodie Blay	Demons
2011	Sally Joynes	Sharks
2012	Ama Agbeze	Falcons
2013	Rochelle McKee	Lions
2014	Ashleigh Neal	Demons
2015	Andrea Gilmore	Falcons
2016	Lindal Rohde	Demons
2017	Andrea Gilmore	Warriors
2018	Olivia Lewis	Sharks
2019	Donnell Wallam	Warriors
2020	Donnell Wallam	Warriors
2021	Ruth Aryang	Jets
2022	Caitlyn Brown	Warriors
2023	Georgia Pitt	Rangers



# PREMIERS

YEAR	MEN'S	18U	RESERVES	LEAGUE	20U	OPENS
1989	N/A	N/A	N/A	Raiders	N/A	N/A
1990	N/A	N/A	Sparks	Saints	N/A	N/A
1991	N/A	N/A	Raiders	Bullets	N/A	N/A
1992	N/A	N/A	Sparks	Bullets	N/A	N/A
1993	N/A	N/A	Bullets	Bullets	N/A	N/A
1994	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bullets	N/A	N/A
1995	N/A	N/A	South West	Pumas	N/A	N/A
1996	N/A	N/A	Coastal	Bullets	N/A	N/A
1997	N/A	N/A	Warriors	Sparks	N/A	N/A
1998	N/A	N/A	Sparks	Warriors	N/A	N/A
1999	N/A	N/A	Bullets	WAIS	N/A	N/A
2000	N/A	Bullets	Sparks	Sharks	N/A	N/A
2001	Bullets	Sparks	Sparks	Flames	N/A	N/A
2002	Coastals	Sparks	Sparks	Flames	N/A	N/A
2003	Coastals	Warriors	Bullets	Rangers	N/A	N/A
2004	Coastals	Sparks	Sparks	Sparks	N/A	N/A
2005	N/A	Tigers	Sparks	Rangers	N/A	N/A
2006	N/A	Sharks	Sharks	Rangers	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	Demons	Rnagers	Demons	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	Jets	Flames	Demons	N/A	N/A
2009	N/A	Falcon	Jets	Demons	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	Sharks	Jets	Demons	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	Tigers	Falcons	Sharks	N/A	N/A
2012	N/A	Rangers	Sharks	Falcons	N/A	N/A
2013	N/A	Sharks	Sharks	Demons	N/A	N/A
2014	N/A	Sharks	Sharks	Demons	N/A	N/A
2015	N/A	Rangers	Sharks	Lions	N/A	N/A
2016	N/A	Jets	Sharks	Warriors	N/A	N/A
2017	N/A	Lions	Sharks	Warriors	N/A	N/A
2018	Warriors	Lions	Sharks	Sharks	N/A	N/A
2019	Warriors	N/A	N/A	N/A	Roar	Warriors
2020	Roar	N/A	N/A	N/A	Roar	Warriors
2021	Warriors	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rangers	Warriors
2022	Roar	N/A	N/A	N/A	Roar	Roar
2023	Roar	N/A	N/A	N/A	Comets	Comets







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