## Saturday 20th September Grand Final

**Association: North Eastern Netball Association** 

Round: Grand Final Date: 20th September

Grade: A1

Match between: BSR 59 def Blyth Snowtown 35

BSR produced a dominant four-quarter performance to claim a convincing win over Blyth Snowtown. From the opening whistle, BSR's relentless full-court defence set the tone, hunting down every loose ball and disrupting the Cats' rhythm. Emily Ashby and Taryn Kelly were composed in the goal circle, shooting accurately to establish an eight-goal lead at the first break.

The second quarter followed a similar pattern, with BSR maintaining control across the court. Their defensive trio of Anna-Grace, Ashleigh and Emma continued to create turnovers, while the smooth transition and patient ball movement of Marlee George and Bec Kitschke ensured the scoreboard pressure kept building. By half time, BSR had stretched the margin to 16 goals.

Blyth Snowtown responded after the main break, making changes to spark a revival. Kaile Cook-Shackles switched into defence and read the play well, cutting off passes and generating valuable turnovers. In attack, Poppy Gilfen-Silk provided a strong target, finishing off with accuracy and giving the Cats more fluency in the circle.

Despite the Cats' improved effort, BSR regrouped quickly, adjusting to the changes and reasserting their dominance. Their full-court pressure never wavered, and with disciplined movement and efficient conversion, they closed out the game strongly. In the end, BSR's consistency, intensity, and depth across the court proved too much, securing a well-deserved victory.

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Grade: A2

Match between: Blyth Snowtown 60 def South Clare 59

Blyth Snowtown and South produced a thriller, with the Cats edging out a one-goal win. The opening quarter was tight before Blyth Snowtown took a narrow lead, only for South to surge ahead in the second. Strong mid-court drive from Jade Chapman and Issy Quinton, plus turnovers from Katie Woodrow, Sophie Michael and Loren Liebelt, gave South an 11-goal buffer at half time. The Cats responded fiercely in the third, shooting 13 of the first 14 goals with Tayler Nelson rebounding strongly and Sophie Angel driving play. Olivia Carlake and Kartia Altmann were reliable targets in the circle, while Sophia Liebelt-Semon kept South in touch with her long-range accuracy. In a tense final term, South rallied, but Blyth Snowtown held their nerve to claim victory by the smallest of margins.

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Round: Grand Final Date: 20th September

Grade: B1

Match between: Blyth Snowtown 46 def BSR 39

Blyth Snowtown claimed premiership honours with a hard-fought win over BSR in a gripping Grand Final. The Cats settled quickly, applying full-court pressure and capitalising on turnovers to lead at quarter time. Accurate shooting from Donna Stewart extended the margin to eight by half time.

BSR weren't done, lifting their defensive intensity and dominating the third quarter to cut the deficit to just two, setting up a tense finish. With the crowd on edge, Blyth Snowtown steadied in the final term, their midcourt drive and strong defensive effort shutting down BSR's momentum.

In the end, the Cats' composure and consistency across four quarters proved decisive as they finished stronger to secure the premiership.

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Grade: B2

Match between: Blyth Snowtown 32 def by Min Man 37

The Grand Final was a tight, defensive contest from the outset, with both Blyth Snowtown and Min-Man slow to settle in the high-pressure environment. Min-Man took the early lead with accurate shooting from Lydia Schwartz, despite close-checking defence from Georgia Daniel and Kayla Harrison. Blyth Snowtown responded with strong defensive efforts across the court, led by Nadine Wilkinson in wing defence, and edged ahead by a goal at the final change.

The last quarter was fiercely contested, with Charlotte Muller presenting strongly in attack for Min-Man and Lydia Schwartz working tirelessly through the midcourt. The battle between Kerrie Weckert and Danielle Wells on the wing epitomised the intensity of the game. In the end, Min-Man steadied under pressure, finishing the stronger side to claim the premiership.

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Grade: C1

Match between: Eudunda/Robertstown 35 def by BSR 41

Eudunda/Robertstown and BSR went goal for goal in an exciting opening quarter, with Saints shooters Jodie Mosey, Lucy Pfitzner and Amy Mepstead converting strongly. Defenders Louise Schutz and Renae Sauer applied tight pressure and picked off key rebounds to keep Saints in touch. But BSR's Jasmin Ross and Asha Longbottom remained composed under pressure, while crucial turnovers from Abbey Dare and Abbey Hampel shifted momentum. With fierce determination and full-court pressure, BSR pulled away in the second half to claim a 41–35 victory.

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Grade: C2

Match between Eudunda/Robertstown 43 def by Min Man 47

Min Man and Eudunda/Robertstown produced a tight contest, with scores level at quarter time before Min Man edged ahead by four at the half. Saints' defence worked hard to keep pressure on the Min Man goalies, but Min Man's speed and determination through the court saw them build momentum and lead at three-quarter time. Despite a strong final surge from the Saints to close within three, Min Man held their composure to secure a 47–43 win in a hard-fought match showcasing grit from both sides.

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**Grade: Inter 1** 

Match between: BSR 39 def South Clare 37

BSR and South Clare delivered a high-intensity contest that went down to the wire. BSR settled quickly, taking a three-goal lead at quarter time before extending it to six by half time with strong intercepts and composed conversions. South responded with key changes, including Lily Schupelius making an impact in defence, while Elise Wilson drove strongly through the midcourt to support shooters Jordy McCarthy and Isla Manhood. The third quarter was evenly matched, and South surged early in the final term to close within two goals. Despite the pressure, BSR's consistency and composure proved the difference as they held on for a hard-fought two-goal victory.

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**Grade: Inter 2** 

Match between: BBH 40 def Min Man 37

It was a fantastic game to watch, full of turnovers, intercepts and tight contests across the court. Both teams came out strong and were locked even after the first two quarters, with defensive pressure and midcourt battles making it difficult for either side to capitalise on mistakes.

Min Man looked unsettled at times, allowing BBH to pounce on their errors and keep themselves in the contest. Heading into the third quarter, BBH trailed by two goals but, with a couple of key changes and renewed determination, they steadied to stay within reach.

The final term came down to composure and discipline, with BBH winning the vital one-percenters and making fewer errors in the pressure moments. In the end, BBH held their nerve to claim the win in what was a fantastic, hard-fought game from both sides.

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**Grade: Junior 1** 

Match between: BSR 26 def by Blyth Snowtown 45

BSR started well, with Sophie Adams applying strong defensive pressure and Paige Jones and Isabelle Thomas combining effectively in attack to take a three-goal lead at quarter time. Blyth/Snowtown responded with changes, bringing Georgia Schramm into GA, where she combined with Matilda Manhood to shoot accurately and shift momentum. Taylee Clifford was influential through the centre, while defenders Harper McCormack and Elsie Angus created multiple turnovers with their tight pressure. Despite BSR's determination, Blyth Snowtown finished stronger to secure the victory.

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Round: Grand Final Date: 20th September Grade: Junior 2

Match between: Min Man 20 def BSR 17

Min-Man and BSR went goal for goal in a tightly contested clash, level at half time and again 16-all at the final change. Min-Man's GA Brooklyn Williams was accurate early, while BSR's Ana McPherson kept her side in touch with consistent shooting. Hannah Burford was outstanding through the centre for BSR, driving play and taking key interceptions. In the final quarter, Min-Man's defence lifted, with Sophia Duncan's intercepts proving decisive as they rebounded strongly to secure the win.