



RAIDERS RAMBLE

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AZTEC OVAL

Home game block

Once again we find ourselves at AZTEC Oval for another round of HFL football. This time we face up in the round 4 clash against Blackwood. This marks our third straight game at home with one more to come before we finally give our hard working volunteers a break from home ground duties. I know this block of home games is really testing the volunteer base because it does fall upon a few to do a great deal of heavy lifting. Well done to that hard working group lead by President Simon Bryars and the hard working committee.

This week's game should be another tight contest with the Raiders striving for their first win of the 2022 season. Blackwood currently sit on two wins however the games have all been up for grabs and the tight confines of AZTEC Oval should see another high scoring match for both teams. The Raiders defence will need to find another level without leading full back Rune Gilfoy who has suffered a dreaded ACL injury. (We all wish Rune a quick recovery.) It will be up to the team to respond and to find that winning formula. I'm sure as the season progresses the team will become more settled with the addition of a number of new faces this year.

The oval is standing up well so far and we have been really fortunate with the weather for this group of home matches. I'm sure over the coming weeks the new drainage will get fully tested. As I pen this I see the long range forecast is predicting some wet weather. Of course we expect that here during the HFL footy season. It wouldn't be the same without it.

Once again thanks to Andrew Frazer from Frazer Gardens and Landscapes for taking the lead in getting the oval work done over the off season. They are great addition to our Major Sponsors list.

Good luck to all the teams lining up today.

Next game Round 5 at Aztec Oval V Nairne Bremer

Go the Raiders!

SPONSOR, LIFE MEMBER, VIKING CLUB DAY

Don't forget Round 5 on May 7 will be the clubs Sponsor, Life member and Viking Club Day. Looking to see a big crowd at the oval which is always a great catch up for many of the clubs greatest supporters.



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GAME DAY APP



For those that cannot get to the games and are interested in keeping in touch with the competition scores up until last year Sportingpulse provided access to all of this. If you have been using this you would have seen it has now changed to Game Day and there is an associated App. Those accessing the information on here may be finding it difficult to get full details. Well you certainly aren't alone and it doesn't appear to be user error. A quick look across varied leagues indicates the scores, best players, goal scorers and stats that were easily accessible previously are just not visible. I have made contact with them through the web and if I do get any answers will provide an update.

CLASH JUMPER



In 2022 the Raiders have unveiled a new 'Clash Jumper' for the A and B grade teams as a result of a return to Division 1. Season 2021 highlighted there are a number of teams in the Division with dark jumpers so the addition brings some welcome features to distinguish our players from those on the opposition. These small changes are always welcomed by supporters and do help to make a better spectator experience for those watching, no matter who you are supporting. Just another example of the many issues that go on behind the scene that keep the off field side of any club busy throughout the year.

2022 SOCIAL PROGRAM

7th May – Sponsor, Life Member, Viking Club day
4th June – Premiership Reunion Day @ BSSC
2nd July – Cutting Cup @ Heathfield Oval after match @ BSSC
TBA July – Quiz Night @ BSSC
23rd July – Round Function @ Raiders Ball @ BSSC
20th Aug – End of Minor BSSC
October – Presentation Dinner at The Bridgewater Mill