

A2 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

BOSTON VS TASMAN IMPERIALS

Warm and windy conditions greeted both teams for the A2 Reserves grand final in PLNA netball between Boston & Tasman Imperials.

Tasman Imperials took the first centre pass and play was even for the first 5 minutes as both teams traded goals. A turnover by Boston's Holly Mitchelson in centre was converted by Mahala Skinn at GS to give them an early lead.

Defense for both teams was tight with lots of rebounds being taken; Boston made the most of their opportunities when they presented themselves with a 3 goal lead at the first break 9-6.

Boston came out firing in the second quarter shooting 2 quick goals through experienced goalie Kylie Fowler at GA. Tasman Imperials soon settled through their C and WA Matilda Barns and Emily Cook patiently feeding into their goalies who rewarded their hard work by shooting accurately.

Karli Anderson was subbed into the game for Boston at centre to add experience around the circle, feeding in with precision to her goalies. Tasman Imperials caused Boston to make some unforced errors which they were able to convert, narrowing the margin to 2 goals at the long break 17-15.

Positional changes were made by both teams after half time, having immediate impact for Tasman Imperials who got the opening 2 goals to draw level. Boston lifted their work rate, but Tasman Imperials were relentless with their pressure and passing.

The experience of Tarn Harvey at GK provided a cool head in defense for Boston, getting multiple turnovers that were converted to goals by Skinn and Fowler. After a frenetic quarter the experience of Boston stood tall and helped them re-establish a 3 goal lead at the final break 26-23.

Again, fresh legs were introduced to the court by both teams for the final quarter as they both fought to find an edge. After going goal for goal in the initial minutes, Boston caused Tasman Imperials to make some unforced errors which they capitalized on to extend their lead to 5 goals mid-way through the quarter.

But the young Tasman Imperials side weren't done, again digging deep all over the court to reduce the margin with accurate shooting by Amy Langmead at GA. Eboni Stimson at GK for Boston was intercepting and rebounding strongly to try and stem the flow of goals by Tasman Imperials.

It was then that the experience and class of Fowler at GA for Boston really stood out. Her patience, talk and movement around the court was as valuable to her team as her accurate shooting.

In the end the experience of Boston was too much for the young Tasman Imperials side with Boston running out winners by 8 goals 38-30 and crowned the 2025 Premiers.

Kylie Fowler for Boston was Best on Court.