

2026 13/u Division 2

Wayback 36 def Tasman Imperial 30

A warm day provided the perfect setting for the U13 Division 2 Grand Final, with minor premiers Imperials taking on a determined Waybacks side. Both teams had enjoyed strong seasons and were eager to finish the year by claiming the premiership.

Waybacks settled into the match quickly, moving the ball well through the court and making the most of their opportunities in attack. Their strong start saw them take a narrow lead at quarter time, 7-9.

The second quarter saw Imperials lift their intensity and apply pressure across the court. Their defenders created valuable turnovers and their attacking end capitalised, however the Waybacks girls held steady under pressure and maintained their two-goal lead into the main break, 15-17.

After half time, Waybacks came out with renewed determination. Their midcourt worked tirelessly to drive the ball into attack, while the goalies converted consistently under pressure. Waybacks dominated the third quarter, opening up an eight-goal lead at the final break, 20-28.

Imperials refused to give up and fought hard throughout the last quarter, narrowing the margin at times with strong defensive pressure and accurate shooting. However, Waybacks remained composed, maintaining control of the game and converting their opportunities when it mattered most.

In an exciting and competitive Grand Final, Waybacks held firm to secure a well-deserved 36-30 victory and claim the U13 Division 2 premiership.

Waybacks' Winnie Portis was outstanding throughout the match, earning the well-deserved Best on Court award for her influential performance and tireless effort in defence!