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GSV Netballers Replay Grand Finals at the Phoenix-Kestrels Derby

Spectators at the Phoenix-Kestrels Derby last Friday night (15 July, 2005) were treated to some pre-match Netball excitement with GSV replaying its 'A' grade Grand Finals at the State Netball and Hockey Centre.

The exhibition matches mirrored the results of last term's Grand Finals with Star of the Sea College defeating Strathcona in the Seniors; Genazzano conquering Star in the Intermediates and Star beating MLC in the Junior's.

In the Senior match, Star stepped up their performance from their Grand Final (Star 29 d Strathcona 27) to win the exhibition match 32 to Strathcona's 25.

Genazzano also used the exhibition match to consolidate on their Grand Final win (Genazzano 25 d Star 24) to defeat Star 31 to Star's 21.

However, the Junior match was much closer than their Grand Final match (Star 34 d MLC 19) with MLC narrowing the gap to lose by 5 goals (Star 31 d MLC 24).

After the matches each team was presented with autographed netballs from members of the Phoenix and Kestrels teams. The GSV girls then watched the talented Phoenix and Kestrels girls battle it out in the local derby. Phoenix were far too strong for the Kestrels, downing them 63 to 48.

Star of the Sea College's Head of Sport Dean Rossato said the girls were excited to play at the same venue as the Phoenix and Kestrels with the Senior girls especially enjoying the thrill of playing on the show court to the cheers of a building crowd.

"These A grade girls are already playing at a very high standard of Netball, and for some, the dream of playing at a higher level is not unrealistic.

"It was fantastic for the girls to get a taste of playing in that environment and hopefully it will inspire them to keep improving."

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