



Vital Stats – Netball User Guide

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Thanks for choosing Vital Stats for your club.

We hope that Vital Stats will make your club more professional in the way of stats taking.

We all know that coaches love stats, but the old pen, paper, 6 guys & spread sheet can be a bit hard to organize or do.

With this system it should only take 2 people maximum or 1 person when you get confident with the X-key Keyboard.

At the end of every game you will have 4 different game reports;

Game Day Stats (5 pages), **Individual Report** (1 page per player), **Player Ranking** (1 page) & **Top 5 Player Possessions** (1 page).

- **You can email, print, save all reports.**

It will take about 30 minutes to set up VS the first time, with player details, opposition & club info. We

have made Vital Stats as simple as possible but please take the time to read this quick help guide as it

will help in the smooth running of Vital Stats We hope you enjoy using this programme.



This is how your X- Keys Netball keyboard will look.

OPP is for opposition.

It will record the Opposition as a whole not as individual players.

The OPP stats will print in its own column on the player report

- **Important** - When taking stats, call the position not the player's name.
So if Sally Smith who GK gets an effective pass. Say – GK Effective Pass...not – Sally Smith Effective Pass
We have found this is the easiest way to save confusion.
 - Always do the player position first, then the stat
 - If you do the stat first it will confuse the programme, just click with your mouse on the player box on the bottom tool bar or hit the stat key twice to put the cursor back in the player stat bar – see diagram below of [page 4](#)

How to Install & Set up Vital Stats

1. **Purchase Vital Stats** from - www.vitalstats.com.au
 2. **Download** from Net
 3. **Request Rego Key**
After 3 days the programme will stop working without the rego key
 4. **Fill in Club Details**
This allows all club details to be displayed on all reports
 5. **Fill in email server details**
This is so you can email player reports out. Enter in your ISP's outgoing (SMTP) server; for example of your ISP is BigPond then the outgoing server will be mail.bigpond.com (please contact your ISP for your correct settings). You will also need your active email address and password if you tick the box for Does your Email server require a password to send EMail? Please note that it is recommended that you fill in this information. If you cannot remember your password you may need to contact your provider.
 - If you do not intending to email reports out then you will not need this.
 6. **Add Players**
Add players with player's name, and email address
(email is so you can email them their individual player reports straight from the programme)

Add all players from the club list that will be allegeable to make the side – From the top tool bar click add & fill in fields for each player, each time you put a player in click on add, to delete a player, high light player & click delete, if a player has a stat recorded for them you cannot delete them.
 7. **Add Opposing Teams**
All teams that you will play through the year should be added in this section. From top tool bar, click add then fill in Opposing Team Name, then click save
 8. **X Keys Keypad & Hot Keys**
The Keys key pad will come to you already programmed.
Just plug in the USB port & it will work.
Vital Stats will come with recommended/standard Stats.
If you wish to change a stat re-mark the key you want to change & then go into **HOT KEYS** and change the name of that stat & give it a player ranking point value.

Do not change any of the scoring stats - Goal, Goal Attempt, Point, Score Assist, Full or Rushed Behind & do not change any stat with a % value (like Effective Pass or Ineffective Pass)

Sort By - is in what order the stat will print out on the report, you cannot change this

Points - this is for the Player Ranking Report, it will give you a very good idea who played well
 - You can change the points to suit your requirements.
- Add Points for Player Ranking**
To set points for stats, go to Hot Keys & in the points column just add the point you think Appropriate for the stat, e.g., Effective Pass = 2 point, Turnover or any Penalty = - 2
From the Game Day page you can view the rankings at any time or save a pdf so you can email from your default folder (my Documents)

You are now set up & ready to take stats

Start or Add a Game

1. Click on Matches from side tool bar
2. Click on Add from top tool bar
3. Fill in all fields from drop down boxes

- If first game it should say Rd 1 – if you are using for the first time & it is round 5 just change it
- Fill in Opposition from drop down box
- Fill in Court Condition from drop down box
- Home game or away game, tick box for home game
- Select players in their starting positions – the previous games player positions will still be there so change accordingly for new game – click on players name then select new player from drop down box

All done - click save

Substitute a player – see page 6

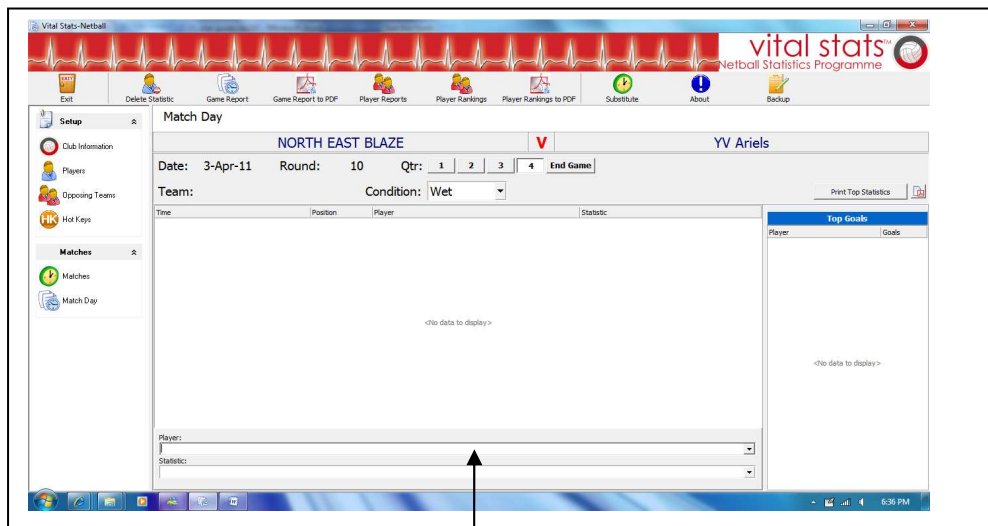
Now go to Match Day from side tool bar

On the bottom of the page there will be 2 long field bars - Player & Statistic, see below diagram

The player one should have the curser flashing in it, if the GK Gets an Effective Pass stat then hit the GK key then the Effective Pass key.

Remember

- Always record the player position first then the stat.
- If the GA or GS records a goal the programme will record a **goal** & the **goal attempt**, same with goal from Long Shot.
- If a player misses the goal you will have to record a **goal attempt**, Missed goal from long shot is a **goal attempt**
- At the end of quarter 1 click Quarter 2 & so on, at the end of the game click on **End Game**, this Will delete the bottom stat bars so no more stats can be entered.



Bottom Stat Bars from Game Day Page

Note - If the stats are not recording, make sure you have a curser in the player stat box flashing, if not, use the mouse and click in the player box then try the stat taking. If you click off the match day page half way through a quarter you may have to click the curser in the player box to start taking stats again. If there is no bottom tool bar when you have started a New Game, close Vital Stats & re-open, this will reset the programme.

Remember - If you click end game you will not be able to take anymore stats

Reports - There are 4 different game reports

1. Game Reports – 5 pages

Match Day Game Report

From Match Day Screen

Click on Game Report from top tool bar, then print

To Email or Save - from Match Day Screen click on Game Report to PDF from top tool bar
Rename if you wish & click save, that will go to your default folder (my documents), from there you can view, print or email.

2. Player Ranking Reports

This report gives you a clear view on who played well.

From Match Day screen click on Player rankings & then print from that screen

To Email or save click on Player Rankings to PDF (then follow steps same as Game Report)

3. Individual Player Reports

You may not want the whole team to see the stats, so you can give each player their individual stats only.

To Print go to player reports from top tool bar, select players with a tick in the box or if you want The whole team select all. Click on preview then you will have page 1 of 10 (or how many players selected for that game) then press print

To Email - Select with a tick in the box or select all then click the email button
(That's why we put in the email next to players in the players set up section)

You can also put game related comments in the report - see below

4. Top 5 Stats Report

This is located on the right hand side of the Match Day Screen

Click on Print Top Statistics to view report

It is so the coach can have a quick view on who is and who is not playing well

Print - click on - Print Top Statistics then you can print it out

Save - click on the PDF icon & it will save in my documents or another folder you have picked.

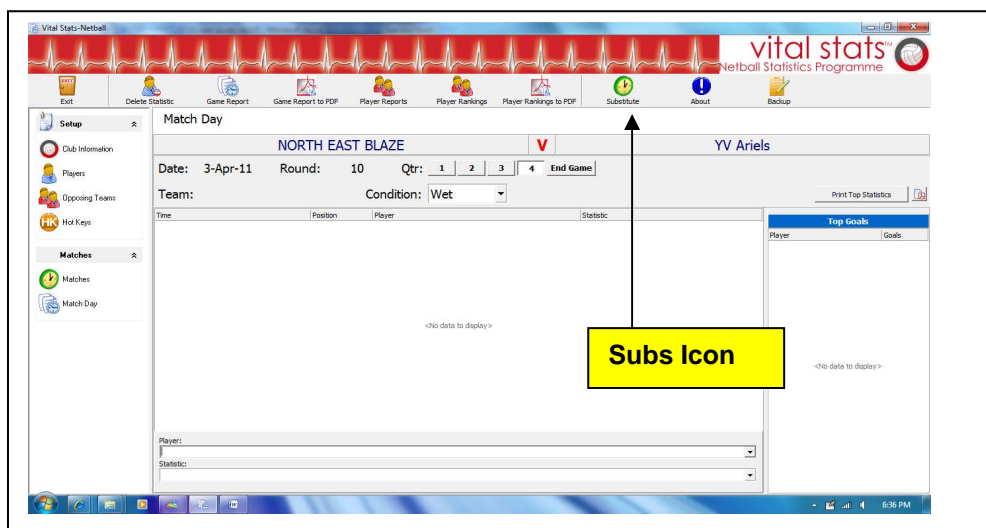
Adding Comments to Player Reports

Go to Matches from side tool bar, click on show all games then highlight most recent game or the game you wish to comment on.

When you have highlighted the desired game click on the + to the left in the season field column then click on the comments Colum next to the player's name

- **Printing out Game Reports**

On a home game it will be easy to have Power supply for a printer On an away game power supply sometimes will not be accessible You can buy a printer that runs on a battery pack just as your laptop does. See above on how to print out all reports



Other Functions

Substitute a player

At any time through a game you can Sub a player, click on the substitute icon from top tool bar **as diagram above** & from the dropdown box pick a new player in that position.

To View a Previous Game

If you are in round 10 & you want to view all data from a game in round 4

Click on matches from side tool bar

Click on show all games

Highlight a game then click on match day from side tool bar.

You now can view all reports from that game

New Season

From the Club Information Page click on New Season, this will delete all games you have recorded

Why have this?

It is so once a season or a pre-season is finished you can start again with fresh data from round 1

You can also use it in a pre-season comp then select new season for round 1 All data will not be lost it will be backed up.

Helpful Hints

- **Remember** to download this programme to the computer you intend to use it on.
- **Save Games** in separate folders so you can research a recent game. Save a game by round or date & save it again by weather or court conditions.
Why? - You may like to see who played well in a wet court game for selection purpose
- **Printers** - You can purchase a battery operated printer, it makes it easy to print out at grounds that have no power.
- **Headphones**, you can purchase head to head headphones so you can hear the caller in a noisy area - it might be a large crowd or a noisy stadium situation.
- **Power Supply** - A car power adaptor that you can plug in to your laptop from the car cigarette lighter will be very handy

Lap Top Battery Life

Are you having trouble with your laptop going flat during a game? This is not a Vital Stats Problem, it's a laptop problem.

Here are some quick tips to help:

- + Make sure the laptop is fully charged before the game
- + Put your laptop on charge during half time
- + Change your power settings on your laptop to power saving mode
- + Buy a second battery for the laptop
- + Make sure your battery is in good condition
- + Get a car power adaptor and plug your laptop into the car cigarette lighter

Important Notes

- Vital Stats is designed to give your Coach a clear view on who played well. Talk to your Coaches on what stats they want & their terminology on that stat. This document is only a guide.
- If you don't know what player got the stat then do not give it. If you give the wrong player a stat, you can go back & delete it. Highlight the stat then press delete from Top Tool Bar.

Battery Operated Printer

Makes printing at games very easy



Car Supply Converter

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