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Hi from the front desk!

It is the international season this month and New Zealand basketball has been showing its talent all over the world. Our U18 men played FIBA33 basketball at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, our Tall Ferns toured Japan, and our Tall Blacks have toured Turkey and Europe in their build for the FIBA World Championship for Men. The Tall Blacks had a tough schedule playing Turkey, Iran, Serbia, Russia, Slovenia, Jordan and Croatia. They had some tough losses, close calls and some wins.

There has been much excitement over the 2010 Women's Basketball Championship finals and the Tall Ferns selection camp, both in Dunedin.

Rotorua, New Plymouth and Nelson hosted the Junior Secondary School Premierships, while A and AA Secondary School Premierships have commenced this week in Waitakere, Manukau, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Nelson, Christchurch and Alexandra.

Wishing you all the best,
 Roslyn

Tall Blacks and the FIBA World Championship

The FIBA World Championship for Men has started and Turkey is now the centre of the basketball universe. Our Tall Blacks lost their first two games to Lithuania (92-79) and Spain (101-84), but have had three superb wins over Lebanon (108-76), Canada (71-61) and France (82-70). The top four teams in each pool will advance to the next round. With three out of five wins, the Tall Blacks finished third in their pool progressing them into the eight finals. Lithuania finished top of the pool with Spain second, New Zealand third and France fourth. Reigning world champions Spain were the favorites of their pool, but lost to France in their first game and Lithuania in their third game, showing how unpredictable this tournament is. Lithuania won all five of their games while Spain, New Zealand and France won three out of five games each. The Tall Blacks next game will be against Russia, 6:00am Tuesday September 7.

So far at the world championship, Kirk Penney is the second top scorer for the whole tournament, averaging 25.5 points per game. Tom Abercrombie had the most rebounds in the NZ v Lithuania game and his alley oop

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against Lebanon has been one of the highlights of the tournament! It has certainly been exciting watching the team perform on TV and excelling themselves.

We hope you are watching the team on Sky TV, FIBA online or Prime replays. Our Tall Blacks need your support so make sure you get on facebook and join the 2010 Tall Blacks group. Send them a message of support and let them know you are backing them!

To follow the excitement of the world champs, visit the official website turkey2010.fiba.com and watch game highlights on FIBA TV www.fibatv.com. You can also find updates on YouTube youtube.com/fibaworld and Twitter twitter.com/fibaworld.

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Facebook singlets



Show your love and support of the Tall Blacks on Facebook by setting a Tall Black singlet as your profile picture. Go to www.facebook.com/FIBAWorld and click on the "My FIBA Jersey" application.

Youth Olympic Games



New Zealand has finished 14th in the inaugural Youth Olympic Games basketball competition after falling 29-26 to Egypt in their final classification outing in Singapore.

Despite the loss, their performance in the final game was one of their best of the FIBA33 tournament, but it suffered from bad decisions at key times.

"We failed to close out on the ball handler off two on-ball screens in the last 90 seconds of the game," observed coach Anthony Corban. "They bombed two big three pointers on us ... from a kid that had poor pre-game shooting stats."

"Plan and simple, we were tired. Today was the first time on the bus that there was not a lot of talking ... athletes from all teams were asleep. You don't realise how draining this tournament format is, combined with the heat and humidity".

"Egypt were not a flash team; they just hustle every play. The hot humid conditions did not bother them, but it killed our boys."

After missing the quarterfinal cut, the young Kiwis had lost to Iran and defeated Central Africa in a bitter struggle.

But the final results reflected how tough New Zealand's pool was. Unbeaten Serbia went on to take the gold medal from Croatia, Greece (which needed overtime to beat NZ) defeated the USA for the bronze medal and an undermanned Puerto Rico wound up ninth.

"I honestly believe we have achieved a lot to cement credibility for the Basketball New Zealand junior programme, following on from the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championships," said Corban. "When you defeat Puerto Rico and push Greece to overtime, your programme must be respected."

Congratulations to James Ashby, Ben Fraser, Michael Karena and Reuben Te Rangi for their superb effort at the Youth Olympic Games.

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The 2010 Tall Ferns selection camp was held last month in Dunedin. Congratulations to newly appointed head coach Kennedy Hamilton-Kereama and to the following athletes who were selected for the Tall Ferns' tour to Japan.

- 🏀 Amanda Harris (North Harbour)
- 🏀 Georgina Richards (Taranaki)
- 🏀 Jelena Vucinic (Taranaki)
- 🏀 Jillian Harmon (Italy)
- 🏀 Jordan Hunter (Palmerston North)
- 🏀 Karlene Kingi (North Harbour)
- 🏀 Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe (Cairns, Dolphins)
- 🏀 Lisa Wallbutton (North Harbour)
- 🏀 Noni Wharemate (North Harbour)
- 🏀 Patrice McKenzie (Otago)
- 🏀 Suzie Bates (Otago)
- 🏀 Toni Edmondson (Canterbury)

Head Coach: Kennedy Kereama
Assistant Coach: Aik Ho
Manager: Helen Lacey

This mix of young and experienced players touring Japan was the first step in the preparation towards the 2012 London Olympics. This new squad included five athletes who attended the Beijing Olympics two years ago, while four others – Patrice McKenzie, Amanda Harris, Jordan Hunter, Jelena Vucinic – were making their first appearance in a national senior team.

Guards Noni Wharemate, Suzie Bates and Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe, and forwards Jillian Harmon and Lisa Wallbutton provided the veteran leadership in the team.

Within hours of the FIBA World Championships for Men starting, the Tall Ferns triumphed over Japan to kick-start the Japan tour. This was a great result as the 2009 Tall Ferns lost to Japan three times during their New Zealand tour last year.

2010 Japan tour results

Game One

Tall Ferns v Japan
Sapporo - Saturday, August 28
NZ Tall Ferns 77 (Lisa Wallbutton 21, Noni Wharemate 15, Suzie Bates 12, Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe 10) Japan 74
Q1 22-23
HT 30-43 (8-20)
Q3 53-59 (23-16)
FT 77-74 (24-15)

Game Two

Tall Ferns v Japan
Sendai - Sunday, August 29
Japan 99 NZ Tall Ferns 69 (Lisa Wallbutton 19, Toni Edmondson 11, Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe 10)
Q1 25-21
HT 43-33 (18-12)
Q3 77-50 (34-17)
FT 99-69 (22-19)

Game Three

Tall Ferns v Japan
Yamagata - Tuesday, August 31
Japan 86 NZ Tall Ferns 71 (Jillian Harmon 34, Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe 11)
Q1 23-27
HT 47-40 (24-13)
Q3 61-56 (14-16)
FT 86-71 (25-15)

Japan won series the series 2-1.

Japan is ranked one spot ahead of New Zealand (15th) on FIBA women's rankings and they are currently preparing for the FIBA World Championship for Women in October.

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2010 WBC Awards

Championship Winners: NZ Force Harbour Breeze

Plate Winners: Taranaki Trojans

NZ Force Most Valuable Player: Noni Wharemate (NZ Force Harbour Breeze)

All-Star Five: Suzie Bates (Oceana Otago Goldrush), Jody Cameron (NZ Force Harbour Breeze), Amanda Harris (NZ Force Harbour Breeze), Patrice McKenzie (Oceana Otago Goldrush), Noni Wharemate (NZ Force Harbour Breeze)

YMCA Rookie of the Year: Josie Stockill (Taranaki Trojans)

Studio 23 Coach of the Year: Angela Perrott-Hunt (NZ Force Harbour Breeze)

Manager of the Year: Carmel Cadzow (Oceania Otago Goldrush)

Services to Women's Basketball: Theresa Cargo (Waikato Wizards)

Championship Final Officials: Raelene Forde, Hayden Pipe, Melony Wealleans

Officials of the Tournament: Theresa Cargo (New Plymouth), Tim Brown (Waitakere), Hayden Pipe (Dunedin)

Sports Tribunal of New Zealand Anti-Doping Policy

Anti-doping cases involving cannabis violations have recently been revised by the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand. Longer sanctions of suspension have now been imposed by the tribunal. Newly introduced regulations are as follows:

- The starting point for a first anti-doping violation involving cannabis will be four months' suspension
- This period may be increased or decreased depending on the presence of aggravating or mitigating factors

These new sanctions simulate recently imposed jurisdictions of overseas cannabis cases.



The third and final round of the WBC was played August 19-21 in Dunedin. Congratulations to the NZ Force Harbour Breeze who took out the 2010 championship title.



WBC Round Three results

Championship Final (First/second)
 NZ Force Harbour Breeze 71 Oceana Otago Goldrush 66

Semifinals
 Oceania Goldrush 68 NZ Force Academy 52
 NZ Force Harbour Breeze 54 Waikato Wizards 47

Plate Final (Fifth/sixth)
 Taranaki Trojans 63 Palmerston North Storm 56

Seventh/eighth
 Hutt Valley Flyers 53 NZ Force Cougars

Ninth/tenth
 NZU17 73 Canterbury Wildcats 35

For more information regarding results visit
www.basketball.org.nz/news/wbc-finals-day

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Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected for the 2011 NZ Koru tour

U13 Boys

Name	Association
Aaron Roydhouse	Otago
Caleb Ruha	Counties-Manukau
Callum O'Connel	Queenstown
Cameron Aitken	Nelson
Delaney Puata-Chaney	Waitakere
Drew Elliott	Waikato
Ezra Simmons	Waikato
Isaac Letoa	Wellington
Jacob Fitzgerald	Harbour
Kaeleb Wenman	Wellington
Ken Smith	Auckland
Liam Staal	Nelson
Matthew Dukes	Otago
Matthew Mackay	Marlborough
Michael Gardner	Rotorua
Nathan Morgan	New Plymouth
Sam Armitt	West Auckland
Sunee Calder	New Plymouth
Te Arika Stevenson	Otago
Zachary McKay	North Canterbury

U15 Boys

Name	Association
Angus Riley	Nelson
Connor Young	Wellington
Denzel Puna	Counties-Manukau
Elyus Soloman	Rotorua
Isaac Davidson	Waitakere
Joseph Kang	Auckland
Justin Wehner	Nelson
Keanu Singsam	Counties-Manukau
Kristian McLeod	Wellington
Liam Mulvihill	Alexandra
Liam Stanley-Tasi	Counties-Manukau
Matthew Bird	Hawkes' Bay
Neihana Tapiki	Opunake
Raymond Penny	Counties-Manukau
Richard Rodger	Otago
Samuel Love	Palmerston North
Scott Adler	Otago
Tama Green	Waikato
Te Whati Kihī-Waikato	Rotorua
Tyrell Matatahi	Rotorua

U17 Boys

Name	Association
Adam van Heezik	Otago
Brent Cheshire	Otago
Brodie Sidwell	Nelson
Conor Crowe	N/A
Daniel Coley	Mid Canterbury
Derek Albertsen	New Plymouth
Fergus Bevin-McCrimmon	Otago
Jamal Mikaio	Wellington
Jordan Duggan	Canterbury
Jordy Jamieson	N/A
Josh Martinac	Te Tai Tokerau
Jozef Knottenbelt	Canterbury
Louie Davis	Whangarei
Nicholas Fee	Palmerston North
Peter Milani	Waitakere
Reuben Bloomfield	Palmerston North
Shaun Tempest	N/A
Tyler Lapham	Otago
Zach Hollis	Canterbury

U13 Girls

Name	Association
Akiene Tera Reed	Harbour
Amorangi Malesala	Counties-Manukau
Cairyn-Marie Rogers	Tauranga City
Caitlin Glue	Greymouth
Charlotte Delaney	Nelson
Christine Ling	Harbour
Chrystal Pal	Canterbury
Emily Hickman	Mid-Canterbury
Holly Chandler	Nelson
Kartya Walker	Counties-Manukau
Leila Blackburn	Wanganui
Lilly O'Neil	New Plymouth
Mystery McLean	Rotorua
Olivia Schrader	Mid-Canterbury
Sarah Chamberlain	New Plymouth
Shanaia Ahipene	West Auckland
Sophie Bond	Harbour
Sophie Schrader	Mid-Canterbury
Takiri Raerino	Rotorua
Tyler Courtney	North Canterbury

U15 Girls

Name	Association
Ashley Tokley	Palmerston North
Breeze Leonard	Counties-Manukau
Brook Mason	Wellington
Charlotte Elley	Westport
Chelsea Corbett	Mid-Canterbury
Georgia Buist-Young	Otago
Kararaina Te Puni	Palmerston North
Kendal Hastie	Canterbury
Kendall Hawea	Waikato
Keretina Hakaraia	Waitakere
Laken Wairau	Canterbury
Maia Watene	Counties-Manukau
Maia Wilson	Waitakere
Maria Milani	Waitakere
Moerangi Vercoe	Rotorua
Samantha Eathorne	Lower Hutt
Sarah Readie	Nelson
Sula Faanana	Auckland
Toni-Ann Cameron	Waikato
Wuanyei Ahing	Counties-Manukau

U17 Girls

Name	Association
Ashleigh Crowley	New Plymouth
Bailey McDougal	Southland
Beth Wyatt	North Canterbury
Gabrielle Kelly	N/A
Harriett Otley	Auckland
Hayley Feaver	New Plymouth
Holly Cadzow	Otago
Holly Dallinger	New Plymouth
Jenna Small	Otago
Jodie Hope	Otago
Kim Avery	New Plymouth
Lauren Kennedy	Nelson
Leiani Tautiepa	Counties-Manukau
Makayla Daysh	Tauranga
Marnie Block	North Canterbury
Natalie Baylis	Palmerston North
Roana Paterson	Counties-Manukau
Stacey Sturm	Wellington
Stacey Chandler	Marlborough
Te Kirikauri Pene	Rotorua

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New court markings

Last April, FIBA Central Board voted to change the court markings of a basketball court, taking effect October 1, 2010, reshaping the restricted area from a trapezoid to rectangle, extending the three point line and adding a no-charge zone under the hoop. Basketball New Zealand has stipulated a timeline for these new court markings:

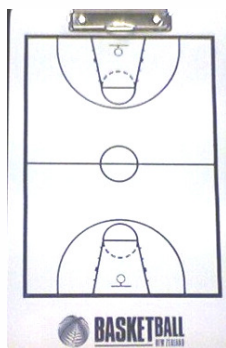
- 1 Venues hosting games at national tournament level or above (including NBL, CBL, WBC, FIBA Oceania or international games) must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2011 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture).
- 2 Venues staging zone premierships and below must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2013 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture), but must mark the new three-point arc using tape for such tournaments in 2011 and 2012.

It would be good to see the new court markings by the start of 2013 so that any schools, clubs, teams, players using the basketball courts can familiarise themselves through the transition. For more information, visit www.basketball.org.nz/local-associations/new-court-markings.

Coaching clipboards available

White BBNZ-branded coaching boards are available at \$35 each, postage included. We have a few left in stock so be in quick!

The front of the clipboard is a miniature-sized basketball court (as pictured) and the back of the clipboard is a miniature half-sized basketball court. The clipboards are 39.5cm long x 25cm wide.



This is a great coaching tool and could be the perfect gift for your favorite coach to say thank you for all their hard work. To order a clipboard phone 04 498 5950 or email bbnz@basketball.org.nz.

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Upcoming tournaments

September 16-19

- Opens & Wheelchair National Championships Wellington

September 27-October 1

- A Secondary School National Championships Palmerston North

September 27-October 2

- AA Secondary School National Championships Palmerston North

October 4-8

- U13 National Championships Christchurch
- U15 National Championships Porirua