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Hi from the front desk!

Congratulations to the Tall Blacks for finishing 12th at the 2010 FIBA World Basketball Championship for Men. Making it through pool play in to the eight finals round to finish 12th is an outstanding result and it reflects the commitment, passion, energy and skill the team showed through out the event. We could not be prouder of our team. We also congratulate management and team coaching staff for their outstanding contribution to the Tall Blacks. We also thank the fans that showed their support to the Tall Blacks during their World Championship campaign.

Competing at the World Championship has opened up opportunities for Tall Blacks Kirk Penney and Thomas Abercrombie. Tom has received interest from European clubs to land a contract in the next European season and Kirk is in the training squad for NBA team San Antonio Spurs. Kirk is currently training in the team and will find out later this month if he makes the final roster. We wish Tom and Kirk the very best.

We also are saying thank you and good bye to veteran Tall Blacks Pero Cameron and Phil Jones who played their last game of international basketball for New Zealand at the World Championship. Both being part of the team that came 4th in the 2002 Basketball World Championship they have certainly been part of the basketball generation that put New Zealand basketball on the map. We will certainly miss seeing Pero and Phil play for the Tall Blacks. However when one door closes another one opens. It will be exciting to see who the next future Tall Blacks will be.

Across the Tasman we extend our congratulations to our Oceania neighbors the Australian Opals who came 5th at the 2010 FIBA World Basketball Championship for Women.

During September the Palmerston North Basketball Association hosted the A and AA Secondary School National Championships and Wellington Basketball Association hosted the Opens and Wheelchair Basketball National Championships. Congratulations to all involved and we applaud both Palmerston North Basketball Association and Wellington Basketball Association for their top effort in running these successful tournaments.

This week the U13 National Championship is being held in Christchurch and the U15 National Championship is being held in Porirua. Good luck to all teams involved. We are sure that Porirua Basketball Association and Canterbury Basketball Association will be fantastic hosts.

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Despite the devastating earthquake and aftershocks that have affected Christchurch we are pleased that the U13 Nationals went ahead. It is a miracle that no one was killed during the quakes and we are extremely lucky that Cowles Stadium and QEII Stadium have remained unaffected and structurally sound. Thank you to all that have supported Canterbury basketball through this difficult time.

Another tragedy hit the South Island last month with the collapse of the Stadium Southland, home to the Zerofees Southland Sharks and the Southland Basketball Association. The courts, offices and memorabilia have been destroyed. Southland Basketball has relocated to the Valodrome and now in the rebuilding phase. The good news is that the Zerofees Southland Sharks will still be running and participating in the 2011 National Basketball League.

When natural disasters hit it is a truly awful experience for all involved and the after effects can bring much hardship. However, disasters can bring people together and the resilience of the human spirit is often seen in times such as these. I trust this trait can be shown across our basketball community.

Wishing you all the best,
Roslyn

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2010 NZ AA Secondary Schools Championships

Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, October 2

Men

Final Placing

- 1 Hamilton's Fraser High School
- 2 Mana College
- 3 Auckland Grammar School
- 4 Nayland College
- 5 St John's Hastings
- 6 St John's Hamilton
- 7 Westlake Boys' High School
- 8 Rangitoto College
- 9 Shirley Boys' High School
- 10 New Plymouth Boys' High School
- 11 Melville High School
- 12 Hamilton Boys' High School
- 13 Palmerston North Boys' High School
- 14 Whangarei Boys' High School
- 15 Christchurch Boys' High School
- 16 Otago Boys' High School
- 17 Hutt Valley High School
- 18 St Patrick's College
- 19 Tauranga Boys' College
- 20 Cashmere High School
- 21 Dilworth School
- 22 Onehunga High School
- 23 Hillcrest High School
- 24 St Bede's College

Final: Hamilton's Fraser High School 85 (Duane Bailey 22, Dyson King-Hawea 18) Mana College 61 (Jordan Ngatai 20). Finals referees: Matthew Bathurst and Gareth Teahan

Tournament Team

Aaron Dempster (Nayland College)
 Alonzo Burton (St John's Hastings)
 Daniel Green (Hamilton's Fraser High School)
 Duane Bailey (Hamilton's Fraser High School)
 Dyson King-Hawea (Hamilton's Fraser High School)
 James Ashby (Auckland Grammar)
 Jordon Ngatai (Mana College)
 Ngarotata Bristowe (St John's Hamilton)
 Reuben Te Rangi (Auckland Grammar)
 Russleigh Parai (Mana College)

MVP

Dyson King-Hawea (Hamilton's Fraser High School)

2010 NZ AA Secondary Schools Championships

Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, October 2

Women

Final Placing

- 1 Hutt Valley High School
- 2 Hamilton Girls' High School
- 3 Auckland Girls' Grammar
- 4 New Plymouth Girls' High School
- 5 Hamilton's Fraser High School
- 6 Waikato Diocesan
- 7 Rangitoto College
- 8 Waimea College
- 9 Mana College
- 10 Cambridge High School
- 11 Marlborough Girls' College
- 12 Napier Girls' High School
- 13 Mt Albert Grammar School
- 14 Freyburg High School
- 15 Rangi Ruru Girls' School
- 16 Christchurch Girls' High School
- 17 Rotorua Girls High School
- 18 Hauraki Plains College
- 19 Rangiora High School
- 20 Cashmere High School
- 21 Avondale College
- 22 Wellington East Girls' College
- 23 Kristin School

Final: Hutt Valley High School 68 (Milomilo Nani 26, Kimberley Goodearl 16) Hamilton Girls' High School 61 (Shamaiah Parai 18, Veshae Wilkinson 13). Finals referees: Raewyn Willocks and Raelene Forde

Tournament Team

Bailey Ross-Waitai (Hamilton's Fraser High School)
 Georgia Agnew (Waikato Diocesan)
 Hana Wilkinson (Waimea College)
 Josie Stockill (Napier Girls' High School)
 Milomilo Nanai (Hutt Valley High School)
 Moengaroa Subritzky (Auckland Girls' Grammar)
 Shemiah Parai (Hamilton Girls' High School)
 Stella Beck (Hutt Valley High School)
 Te Ao Watene (Hamilton Girls' High School)
 Terai Sadler (New Plymouth Girls' High School)

MVP

Milomilo Nanai (Hutt Valley High School)

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2010 NZ A Secondary Schools Championships

Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, October 1

Men

Final Placing

- 1 Logan Park High School
- 2 Nga Taiatea Wharekura
- 3 Stratford High School
- 4 Taumarunui High School
- 5 Opunake High School

Final: Logan Park High School 65 Nga Taiatea Wharekura
 56. Finals referees: Regan Jones and Sam Pan

Tournament Team

Damon Cleaverly (Logan Park High School)
 Jan Verberne (Logan Park High School)
 Sam Hinton (Stratford High School)
 Sam Mako (Stratford High School)
 Shea Bentley (Opunake High School)
 Tamoko Ormsby (Nga Taiatea Wharekura)
 Tawhiri Gilbert (Nga Taiatea Wharekura)
 Te Ahuru O'Brien-Pari (Nga Taiatea Wharekura)
 Vaughan Hodgson (Taumarunui High School)
 William Marsden (Taumarunui High School)

MVP

Damon Cleaverly (Logan Park High School)

Women

Final Placing

- 1 Buller High School
- 2 Opunake High School
- 3 Te Aroha College
- 4 Paeroa College

Finals: Buller High School 68 Opunake High School 45
 Finals referees: Matt Williams and Aimee Jo Clark

Tournament Team

Amy Bottcher (Te Aroha College)
 Chayne Ranginui (Te Aroha College)
 Ellie Ngatai (Buller High School)
 Kate Young (Opunake High School)
 Melissa Leahy (Te Aroha College)
 Molli Daily (Buller High School)
 Rata Ngatai (Buller High School)

Roxanne Te Moananui (Paeroa College)
 Sinead Horo (Opunake High School)
 Tori Dehar Hingston (Paeroa College)

MVP

Ellie Ngatai (Buller High School)

2010 NZ Open & Wheelchair National Championships

Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua, September 19

Men

Final Placing

- 1 Wellington East Morehu
- 2 Porirua
- 3 Tauranga City
- 4 Gisborne Turanga Health Rising Suns
- 5 NZ Defence Force
- 6 Waitakere City

Final: Wellington East Morehu 64 Porirua 55

All-Star Five

Junior Hunter (Porirua)
 Kemara Fuimaono (Morehu-Easts)
 Matt Fullerton (Tauranga City)
 Matthew Doggett (Morehu-Easts)
 Pekahau Parata (Porirua)

Most Valuable Player

Kemara Fuimaono (Morehu-Easts)

Women

Final Placing

- 1 Nelson Sparks
- 2 Hutt Valley
- 3 Southland
- 4 Porirua
- 5 Rotorua
- 6 Waitakere City
- 7 Porirua Boomtown Flyers
- 8 Waitakere City Green

Final: Nelson Sparks 57 Hutt Valley WMC 36

All-Star Five

Chanee Amato (Hutt Valley WMC)
 Mariana Cowan (Hutt Valley WMC)

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Nicky Rampton (Nelson Sparks)
 Patrice McKenzie (Southland Pearls)
 Tania Tupu (Nelson Sparks)

Most Valuable Player
 Tania Tupu (Nelson Sparks)

Wheelchairs

Final Placing

- 1 Canterbury
- 2 Auckland A
- 3 Nelson Bays
- 4 Otago
- 5 Horowhenua-Kapiti
- 6 Northland
- 7 Auckland B
- 8 Wellington Tigers

Final: Canterbury 74 Auckland A 32

All-Star Five

John Osbourne (Otago)
 John Weiser (Canterbury)
 Mark Sullivan (Canterbury)
 Paul Fallon (Horowhenua-Kapiti)
 Sheldon Larsen (Canterbury)

Most Valuable Player
 Sheldon Larsen (Canterbury)

U18 FIBA Oceania Series

The 2010 FIBA Oceania U18 Championship for men and women was held in Palmerston North September 17-19. The Australian Emus played our Junior Tall Blacks and the Australian Gems played our Junior Tall Ferns.

Unfortunately the Australians proved too strong against our New Zealand teams with the Emus and Gems each winning all three of their games. We saw some promising efforts however from our Junior Tall Ferns and Junior Tall Blacks.

A big thank you goes out to Sport Manawatu, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North City Council, New Zealand Community Trust, Pub Charity, Peak, Drug Free Sport New Zealand, SPARC and Molten who have supported this event.



Pictured above accepting appreciation awards from FIBA Oceania Secretary General Steve Smith (centre) is Basketball New Zealand Life Member Cedric Cudby on behalf of Basketball New Zealand (left) and Mike Daisley Chief Executive Officer of Sport Manawatu accepting on behalf of the Local Organisation Committee (right).



Date: February 5-7, 2011

Venue: Springvale Stadium, Wanganui

Age Groups: 35+, 40+, 50+

Sports Fees: \$25 per person

Team entries close Saturday January 1, 2011. Team numbers: Min 7, Max 10. Every team is expected to supply at least 1 referee. Team referees will be paid. Depending on entries, Round Robin with Finals or Sections and Finals

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**New Zealander
of the Year
Awards 2011**
Pure Kiwi Spirit**Call for nominations:**

The aim of these Awards is to seek out and honour the incredible achievements of individuals, organisations and community groups who inspire us through their commitment, hard work and achievements and create a sense of national pride, unity and inspiration through their example as mentors and role models to the wider community.

To nominate a deserving candidate visit www.nzawards.org.nz. Applications close October 22, 2010.



BP is launching its annual donation programme in which BP petrol vouchers are given to a number of community organisations throughout New Zealand to provide assistance towards the transport costs incurred by their volunteers.

This is a tangible form of assistance to assist volunteers and the organisations they volunteer for. Every day, thousands of volunteers give up their spare time to the communities they live in and help others who are less fortunate. These volunteers are an essential part of New Zealand society. BP New Zealand recognises that the cost of running vehicles has a big impact on these community organisations.

To find out if you are eligible please visit www.bp.co.nz.

Applications close October 25, 2010.



Expressions of interest closed last week with most of this year's contestants lining up for more and three newcomers – Nelson, Rotorua and Hawke's Bay – putting their hands up to be part of the action. The full list of candidates is Taranaki Trojans, Harbour Breeze, NZ Force Academy, Oceana Goldrush, Nelson Sparks, Wellington Academy, Waikato Wizards, Palmerston North Storm, Rotorua Lady Vols, Sun Hawks, Hutt Valley Flyers and Canterbury Wildcats.

WBC manager Brett Goebel is "excited" by the response and will now undertake a selection process to narrow the field down to 10. The criteria will prioritise teams that have played in the WBC over both the past two years (five teams), that played in all three tournaments this year (seven teams), and can provide draft rosters and prove their ability to attend all three tournaments next year. "We will aim to confirm the 10 teams by November 1, along with the three cities will be playing in," says Goebel. "We have come a long way in two years and want to take our league to the next level in 2011. I look forward to working with you to keep our women's game heading in the right direction and to provide the best competition for our players to compete in."

2010 FIBA Rulebook available online

The new 2010 FIBA Official Rulebook is available online. To download the latest copy visit the FIBA website www.fiba.com and scroll down to the 'Useful downloads' under the 'Quick Access' section.



New FIBA President to visit New Caledonia

In one of his first trips abroad, newly elected President of FIBA (World), Mr Yvan Mainini, will attend the FIBA Oceania U19 Youth Tournament in Noumea, New Caledonia. Joining Mainini will be retiring FIBA President Bob Elphinston, who now takes the reins again as the President of FIBA Oceania.

Mainini was elected as the 11th FIBA President on September 6 2010 during the FIBA World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. Mainini has been the President of the French Basketball Federation (FFBB) since 1992, and so has had a long involvement with the New Caledonia Federation who is part of the French Basketball Federation.

As well as a long time coach, Mainini was an international referee who began his refereeing career as a 17 year old in his home town in France. He went on to officiate in international competitions from 1973 to 1988, including three Olympic Games and three FIBA World Championships. He refereed over 1,000 top-level games including 300 internationals. "The opportunity to be President of FIBA was truly a remarkable one. Basketball is the second most popular sport in the world and FIBA is one of the best administered federations in the world. Being President is a real privilege."

This will be Mainini's first visit to New Caledonia and to an Oceania event. He will be keen to observe how we do things in this end of the world. I know he will be particularly interested in the cultural night, which will provide him with some insight of the cultures of our diverse Oceania region.
 ~FIBA Oceania



Right to Left: Yvan Mainini (FIBA President 2010-2014), Patrick Baumann (FIBA Secretary General), Bob Elphinston (FIBA President 2006-2010)

2010 Breakers Schedule

The 2010-2011 Australian NBL starts soon with the NZ Breakers first game starting October 16. For more information visit www.nbl.com.au/breakers-home/.

Round	Day	Date	Home Team	Visiting Team	Tipoff
1	Sat	16-Oct-10			8:00pm
2	Wed	20-Oct-10			7:30pm
3	Thurs	28-Oct-10			7:30pm
4	Sat	6-Nov-10			7:30pm
5	Fri	12-Nov-10			7:30pm
5	Sun	14-Nov-10			4:00pm
6	Fri	19-Nov-10			7:30pm
7	Thurs	25-Nov-10			7:30pm
8	Sun	5-Dec-10			6:00pm
9	Thurs	9-Dec-10			7:30pm
10	Fri	17-Dec-10			7:30pm
10	Sat	18-Dec-10			7:30pm
12	Fri	31-Dec-10			7:30pm