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## DAILY WRAP

Day 3 is 'Hump' day in so many ways it's the mid way point of the tournament and the cream will start to rise to the top of from here on end, and it showed with a number of upsets, a number of buzzer beaters, another OT, the first 40 point game of the tournament and possibly one of the greatest game of basketball from a team that finished 11th at the QLD State Champs, with a big heart and a whole lot of hard work to almost take down the QLD State Champs.

Geelong got the ball rolling with the upsets, someone forgot to tell Sturt that just because they topped their pool in the first round they still needed to win in the next to make the top 4. A level of composure and riding the wave of emotion and for the first time this week, Sturt couldn't shoot themselves out of trouble. The other one of the day was the Canberra Gunners pulling out all the tricks to come from 15 down to win in OT!

Knox Raiders became one of the favourites with a clinic on how the game should be played, executing for an entire game and wearing down a Spartans team that we haven't seen the last of.

The Hills Hornets keep on rolling, and just continue to show everyone why they are the most athletic group here. The best individual performance of the day goes to the Jeremy Pulesea with a 41 point effort to get his team the Logan Thunder over the line against the Southern Tigers.

The NT South Suns provided some of the most exciting and amazing displays of basketball moves I have seen with some shots going down, leaving yourself asking did that just happen? Check these boys out, their level of enthusiasm for the game is something we wish all players aspire to have.

The Melbourne Tigers are getting closer people and everyone might have not thought much at the start of the week, but don't count out the reigning champs.

### **BIGGEST SHOUT OUT—Brisbane Capitals**

V dog and his troops did an amazing job, and there were a number of people Townsville included who thought they had them beat. A great team effort and keep it up boys, Filberth "get it out of here" Abonga too

## GAME REVIEWS

### North West Tasmania Thunder vs. Melbourne Tigers

With the last game of Day 3 on Court 1, and North West Tasmania already suffering a defeat at the hands of the Willetton Tigers, the Thunder were desperate to get a W. With both teams possessing a solid back court and some inside post targets, these two teams matched up quite well and that was evident by the fact that the biggest lead of the game was single digits until the dying minutes. Melbourne's back court was a little too deep for the Thunder who struggled containing the speed of the Tigers, and the more athletic bigs of Melbourne were just too much on the glass for the Thunder.



Melbourne Tigers 58 (Levin 14, Panayioutou 12) def. North West Tasmania Thunder 44 (O'Neill & Smith 10)

### Southern Districts Spartans vs. Knox Raiders

In one of the match ups of the day, too very different styles of basketball went head to head, with Knox's discipline and structured facing Spartans free throwing read and react style offense. This was a close one for the first three quarters with both teams trading baskets, and no team really grabbing a strangle hold of the lead.

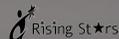
It wasn't until the fourth quarter when the pressure started to build and a number of stops in a row, made the Spartan bubble burst and allow the Knox offense to flow, getting some easy fast break lay-ups as well as some nice open jump shots from good ball movement and a lack of rotations from the Spartans D.



In the end Raiders starting to peak at the right time of the week and are now really getting through their stuff without having to over extend or rely on any one individual.

Knox Raiders 56 (Hannon 14, Elms 10) def. Southern Districts Spartans 47 (McDowell-White 24, Kinnaird 12)

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## GAME REVIEWS



### Southern Tigers vs. Canberra Gunners

This started as a very fast paced game, but to little effect on the scoreboard. O'Brien for the Tigers was strong on the boards and provided an inside presence at both ends. Brown came up with a couple of plays at crucial times to keep it close at the end of the first quarter. Tigers continued to dominate the boards against the smaller Canberra side, and they started to make everything, scoring with ease. The Gunners couldn't match them on the glass, and were hurting themselves by converting the easy ones.

In the second half with Canberra down 15 at one stage earlier in the game, they decided to go Kirkpatrick who took it upon himself to be the inside post presence they had been lacking, Brown backed him up with some defensive efforts and before you knew the Gunners were back in it going on 11-5 run. Tigers only just holding on to the lead tooth and nail. Kirk-

patrick continued to dominate inside but when he picked up fifth foul in the fourth quarter would Canberra be able to stay in the game. A big three from Colton did exactly that and a last minute finish inside sent the game into OT. The Gunners were pumped and had all the momentum, they persisted with throwing the ball into the post and it worked getting easy shots around the rim and going to the foul line to win the game.

Canberra Gunners 55 (Kirkpatrick & Brown 13) def. Southern Tigers 50 (Mills 14)

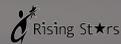
### Knox Raiders vs. Bankstown Bruins

Raiders took the early lead with a great shooting display, and some equally good defence. They took the lead into the first break up 7. In the second it was as if Bankstown were the more experienced team, getting proactive on D and making the Raiders look as if they were struggling. At the end of the first half Knox up 27-21.

As things started to get close, shots started to go off target and it came down to who could rebound the ball better, with Knox boasting some big boys, the number of second chance opportunities they had kept them in the game. Both teams went after in the fourth and unfortunately for Bankstown they couldn't get back the lead.

Knox Raiders 57 (Hannon 23) def. Bankstown Bruins 44 (Tanevski & Rutherford 17)

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**Video areas are clearly marked on each court and even though court seating is limited we do ask that those taking video of games sit in this area.**

**Ice and First Aid are located next to the Front Games Reception, anyone looking to buy ice please ask your team managers who have been given promotional material for discounted ice at BP Milton.**

## GAME OF THE DAY

### Brisbane Capitals vs. Townsville Heat

The Caps didn't wake up this morning when they face the Hawks, in this game they matched up with the highly favoured QLD State Champions Townsville Heat. Two early fouls from Hornery saw the Caps centre forced to take an early seat, Tierney called upon early and opened the scoring for the game. The Heat's James Dale, took it upon himself to keep Townsville going. At the end of the first quarter, Townsville up 12-11. Aisnworth for the Heat hit a 3 over three Caps players and Tom Hains injected himself into the game displaying his own shooting abilities with 4 nice jumpers. The Townsville Heat looked anything but Hot, excluding obviously the look on Coach Froling's face! Caps lead 29-27 at half time.



The Capitals ability to beat the Heat trap caused issues as every time they looked like they were going to get a steal, the Caps players made the extra pass for an open lay-up. Going into the final break it was all Brisbane, with Abonga, Tierney, Breshears making some great finishing moves for scores to extend the lead to 42-35 at the last break for the Caps.

In the final quarter Brisbane's back court got a little shaky and Townsville capitalised reducing the margin to 4 from Edward Warrington's hustle. A time out had the last 4 minutes of the game poised to exciting. Caps' player Abonga, said "not in my house" with a monster block on the Heat's Dale to remind him that this was Caps court. A minute later Abonga fouled out and Townsville saw a small window of opportunity to trap after Abonga had been the release man against the press. Townsville went on a 6-0 run and with 1:55 left they were up 5. Brisbane settled and managed to find a way past the press to tie the ball game all up with only 7 seconds left. Froling had a time out and went to big fella inside, but was unable to finish if it wasn't for Dale's athleticism to keep the ball in bounds and then hit a turn around jumper on the buzzer, this thing would have gone to over time and who knows who would have won from there.

Townsville Heat 58 (Froling 15, Dale 14) def. Brisbane Capitals 56 (Hains 12, Tierney 10)

### Willetton Tigers vs. North West Tasmania Thunder

In a very physical affair, with both teams looking to progress further in the Championship, Willetton came out on a mission to get going from start, some good team work saw the Tigers lead 13-4 at the quarter. North West got going in the 2nd and went basket for basket in a less than spectacular fashion with both teams slugging it out, 23-12 to Tigers at half. The second half was more about survival than any of these teams really dominating the other in any particular area, and in a scrappy finish, Willetton had done enough to secure a win.

Willetton Tigers 46 (Shervill 10) def. North West Tasmania Thunder 31 (Clements 10)

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## GAME REVIEWS



### Perry Lakes Hawks vs. Altona Gators

Altona asserted their dominance in the first quarter looking to show why they were named Victorian State Champs and make up for not qualifying for the top 12. They were only to gain a 6 point margin with a buzzer beater to end the quarter, Cooper Hamilton kept the Hawks in the game cleaning the glass better than windex.

The second quarter saw both teams increase the speed and tempo of the game and it suited Altona more so than the Hawks who struggled with their D. Opetai for the Gators, split the Hawks D too many times creating driving lanes and hitting his team mates for easy open looks. Altona's aggressiveness was evident in the third as they pulled away to an 18 point three quarter

time advantage, Joshua Tand leading the way. The final quarter was one way traffic, with the Gators able to involve everyone on the court with some nice assists and great teamwork being displayed. The Hawks didn't give up, but were outclassed in this one, a half way shot from Tang didn't count according to the refs but the crowd loved it.

Altona Gators 70 (Tang 17, Opetai 13) def. Perry Lakes Hawks 35 (Hamilton 14)

### NT South Suns vs. Wanneroo Wolves

Wanneroo tried to take the game into their control early but were met with some resistance from the Suns who put up one of their best quarters of the tournament with 14 points. King lead the way for the Wolves in the 2nd quarter, looking to extend their lead. Suns players Martin and Crowe who have been standouts for the boys from NT South this week so far suffered ankle injuries and the Wolves saw this as an opportunity pushing it out further. The Suns tried to build some momentum in the fourth and got some nice buckets from good looks through positive ball movement and having active cutters.

Wanneroo Wolves 106 (Pryer 20, Pijls 17) def. NT South Suns 36 (Martin 11, Crowe 10)

## OPENING OF NAB STADIUM

### **A SLAM DUNK FOR BASKETBALL'S REFURBISHED NAB STADIUM**

A national under-14 basketball competition is about to get underway at Brisbane's recently refurbished basketball stadium at Auchenflower.

Sport Minister Phil Reeves said the official opening of the refurbishments on the eve of the competition showed how far the complex had come since it was flooded in January.

"Brisbane Basketball's dedicated staff and volunteers are a great example of Queensland's fight back after the floods," Mr Reeves said.

"In January the stadium's ground floor was completely inundated, ruining two basketball courts, the canteen, reception, foyer, first aid room, wiring, bathrooms and car park.

"Thanks to Brisbane Basketball, Brisbane City Council, the State Government, the National Australia Bank, and the RACQ Foundation, the centre was open again for business in May, with a total rebuild cost of over \$1 million."

State Member for Mount Coottha Andrew Fraser said the re-named NAB Stadium is the hub of basketball in Brisbane and its repair is a credit to everyone involved.



"With the centre up and running, Brisbane Basketball was able to attract 24 teams from all across Australia to play in the national under-14 championships," Mr Fraser said.

"The competition is bringing 300 players, their families and supporters to the local area, boosting the economy and the profile of junior basketball."

Mr Reeves said the Queensland Government remained committed to developing infrastructure to meet the sport and recreation needs of local communities.

"We've spent over \$13 million to help all types of sporting and recreation clubs to get back on their feet after last summer's devastation," Mr Reeves said.

"We are committed to providing sport and recreation opportunities for all Queenslanders, that's why we're seen as the Champions State and the Events State.

"It is all part of the government's *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* priority to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people."



## GAME REVIEWS

### Newcastle Hunters vs. NT North Geckos

After a set play by Newcastle, Myles Cherry was able to open the scoring, Geckos hit back with a fast break lay-up and backed that up by getting to the foul line. Allan Shean had a spectacular 3 point play and was spurred on by the crowd for his efforts. Each team easing their way into game at quarter time, Hunters' held a 11 point lead.

Nice ball movement saw Newcastle able to get low post scores from Wade Lambert, but not to be out done Joel Rauch took a huge charge. NT scored consecutive baskets through Peter Morris, with the half time score 31-13 to the Hunters. Just when Newcastle were starting to assert themselves, the Geckos shot some massive buzzer beating shots and kept the score table working. Gecko's Corey Kurnoth monstered down some big boards, which allowed NT to pick up the tempo by getting early outlet passes. At three quarter time Newcastle was in control up 54-18. The final quarter saw Newcastle dominate, the Geckos were gallant in defeat putting up some resistance and the score line didn't quite reflect the amount of effort put in by both teams.



Newcastle Hunters 63 (Lambert 15, Cherry 13) def. NT North Geckos 26 (Morris 6)

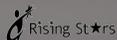
### Logan Thunder vs. Southern Tigers

With a minute elapsed in the first quarter, the first score went to Logan's Jeremy Pulesea, Tigers finding it hard to settle and run some sort of offense. It was Oscar Bloomfield's defense that kept in it with the guard taking a superb charge, he was ably assisted with Charlie O'Brien cleaning the glass. The Tigers were forced to take a time out half way through the first trailing the Thunder 7-0. Southern Tigers finally hit the scoreboard through Cameron Wall, at quarter time Logan lead 11-5.

The Tigers came out with a small line up to start the 2nd quarter, Logan looked to drive to the rim to draw fouls and it worked extending their lead. The game started to flow the other way with the Tigers making their comeback with some inspirational plays from Rathjen, and the Tigers press rattling the Thunder. Rathjen had a massive swat, which got everybody on their feet, at half time the scores were locked at 22 all. In the third both teams traded baskets, Thunder managing to get the upper hand, the game was poised for an exciting finish. A huge shout out to the first 40 point game of the tournament to Jeremy Pulesea almost single handedly winning it.

Logan Thunder 64 (Pulesea 41) def. Southern Tigers 46 (Rathjen 18, Flintham 16)

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## GAME REVIEWS

### NT North Geckos vs. Northern Tasmania Foresters

Northern Tasmania took the lead early scoring back to back with good drives at the rim and knocking down their free throws, that built some confidence and before you know it they were hitting almost everything in and outside the arc. At the first break Foresters leading 26-6. The Geckos defense adjusted in the second quarter after Coach Ivinson made some changes and it worked, as it slowed down the Foresters offense.



Unfortunately the experience of the Foresters meant the Geckos were expending too much energy to keep them at bay, Northern Tasmania taking full advantage of some tired legs, getting out for some transition offense and putting some fresher legs on the floor. The second half saw the Foresters control the tempo and the rebounding war as a result the size was just too much for the Geckos to contain.

Northern Tasmania Foresters 61 (Dennis 15, Matson-Jones 12) def. NT North Geckos 20 (Hamiriding, Love & Ehmer 5)

### Hills Hornets vs. Geelong Cats

Hills looked to dominate from the get go and show everyone why they were NSW State Champs, forcing the Cats into situations where they were constantly forced to have the help D come off the split line to get cutters paid off for the Hornets. The man with the ball being able to get to the ring without having to beat a second defender. The length of the Hornets poses a match up nightmare for any team at these Championships and it showed in their ability to beat the Cats on the glass, leading at the first break 18-2.

Geelong looked to shoot themselves out of this one and a massive 3, built some momentum and injected some life into the Cats. The Cats adjusted to the Hills offense and it paid off as the Hornets found it more difficult to get it to the paint. At the half Hills 30-16.

Hills came out shooting the lights out from mid range and way deep, like car park deep, this plus chasing after the loose ball caused a headache for the Geelong Coach, with Hills not looking to take their foot off the gas at any stage.

Hills Hornets 79 (Boateng 19, Ogilvie 15) def. Geelong Cats 38 (O'Leary 14)

## LADDERS

### Pool FF

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Wanneroo Wolves	1	0	0	2
2	Keilor Thunder	1	0	0	2
3	NT South Suns	0	2	0	2

### Pool GG

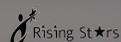
Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Altona Gators	1	0	0	2
2	West Adelaide Bearcats	1	0	0	2
3	Perry Lakes Hawks	0	2	0	2

### Pool HH

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Northern Tasmania Foresters	1	0	0	2
2	Newcastle Hunters	1	0	0	2
3	NT North Geckos	0	2	0	2



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## GAME REVIEWS

### Illawarra Hawks vs. Brisbane Capitals

With Brisbane sneaking into 2nd place in Pool D & Illawarra topping their pool this clash was set up for an entertaining game. However someone forgot to tell Brisbane what the Hawks were capable of. Wilson Farrar opening the scoring just beating the shot clock and then the big man inside in Matt Scott, who has been possibly one of the best inside guys of the tournament, also converted to get the Hawks rolling early. Numerous fast break opportunities were gifted to the Hawks after some silly errors by the Caps back court trying to avoid the trap. Hawks kept the Caps scoreless leading 15-0 at the end of the first. The Caps finally hit the scoreboard with an impressive post move from Filberth Abonga, but persistent full court pressure saw the Hawks extend their lead over a panicky Brisbane team. Hawks up 34-6 at half time.

Scott continued to show his array of fancy foot work and could possibly be nicknamed "footloose" for his ability to move so well and quick for a guy of his strength and size. This was short lived as ankle injury saw him forced to leave the court and he wouldn't return. Some spectacular outside shooting from Hawk Angus Glover saw Illawarra secure a comfortable win in their first cross over match.

Illawarra Hawks 66 (Scott 18, Glover 14) def. Brisbane Capitals 24 (Abonga 10)

### Keilor Thunder vs. NT South Suns

Keilor started this game with guns blazing, scoring almost 30 in the first quarter, with Shaw and Camp doing most of the damage. The Suns have been pulling out some of the more unbelievable plays of the tournament and they didn't disappoint with 9 points. The Thunder's discipline in the half court was just too much stifling the Suns ability to score, leading at the half.

In the second half, the Suns settled and look to get everyone involved with a lot of ball movement and cutting action and it worked, getting some nice 1 on 1 situations and a couple floaters in the lane.

Keilor Thunder 95 (Go 24, Shaw 20) def. NT South Suns 26 (Armstrong 6, Foster 5)



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## LADDERS

### Pool AA

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Willetton Tigers	1	0	0	2
2	Melbourne Tigers	1	0	0	2
3	North West Tasmania Thunder	0	2	0	2

### Pool BB

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Knox Raiders	2	0	0	4
2	Southern Districts Spartans	0	1	0	1
3	Bankstown Bruins	0	1	0	1

### Pool CC

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Illawarra Hawks	1	0	0	2
2	Townsville Heat	1	0	0	2
3	Brisbane Capitals	0	2	0	2

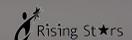
### Pool DD

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Geelong Cats	1	1	0	3
2	Hills Hornets	1	0	0	2
3	Sturt Sabres	0	1	0	1

### Pool EE

Position	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Logan Thunder	1	0	0	2
2	Canberra Gunners	1	0	0	2
3	Southern Tigers	0	2	0	2

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## DRAW



Pool	Time	Court	Team 1	Team 2
Pool HH	9.00am	1	Northern Tasmania Foresters	Newcastle Hunters
Pool GG	9.00am	3	Altona Gators	West Adelaide Bearcats
Pool FF	9.00am	4	Wanneroo Wolves	Keilor Thunder
Pool DD	10.30am	1	Hills Hornets	Sturt Sabres
Pool EE	10.30am	3	Canberra Gunners	Logan Thunder
Pool CC	10.30am	4	Townsville Heat	Illawarra Hawks
Pool BB	12.00pm	1	Bankstown Bruins	Southern Districts Spartans
Pool AA	12.00pm	3	Melbourne Tigers	Willetton Tigers
QF Shield	3.00pm	1	1st Pool FF	2nd Pool GG
QF Shield	3.00pm	3	2nd Pool FF	1st Pool GG
QF Shield	4.30pm	1	1st Pool EE	2nd Pool HH
QF Shield	4.30pm	3	2nd Pool EE	1st Pool HH
QF Champ	6.00pm	1	Knox Raiders	2nd Pool CC
QF Champ	6.00pm	3	2nd Pool BB	1st Pool CC
QF Champ	7.30pm	1	1st Pool AA	2nd Pool DD
QF Champ	7.30pm	3	2nd Pool AA	1st Pool DD



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## GAME REVIEWS

### Sturt Sabres vs. Geelong Cats

Both teams had a rocky start, with each team struggling to find the bottom of the net, in a very tough first quarter, the score line ended at 6 a piece at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Geelong take an early lead with three quick buckets from O'Leary, but Sturt managed to fight back in the final minutes with only a 2 point deficit at half time.

In the 3rd quarter, the teams traded baskets with Geelong holding a 4 point lead up 37-33. In what was a see-sawing 4th quarter, the crowd was put on the edge of their seats as Sturt continued to make runs at Geelong. The atmosphere inside the stadium was palpable as every time Sturt came up trumps on offense, the Cats managed to claw themselves out. In the final minutes with the Cats holding the lead, Sturt had a chance to tie it all up, but failed to convert. A stop and then 3 ball made it a 3 point game with the Sabres needing another stop to ensure they could have a chance to send the game into overtime. With Sturt taking a time out giving the Cats a chance to draw something up, they failed to execute, thus leaving the Sturt still trailing by 3. Sturt used their last time out and drew up what looked to be a very good look at the 3 ball for the tie. The pass went to hands and then through them to have the ball go out of bounds for Geelong to hold on and win.

Geelong Cats 57 (O'Leary 22, Blythe 11) def. Sturt Sabres 54 (Rigoni 22, White 21)

### West Adelaide Bearcats vs. Perry Lakes Hawks

The Bearcats started with some cool heads managing to score whilst the shot clock wound down. They managed to make the Perry Lakes' defense look like it had more holes than swiss cheese as they scored at ease in the half court to finish their lay-ups. The Bearcats bench got involved early and this kept the rotations fresh, giving them a lead 14-9 into the first break. The Hawks fought back to take the lead after cleaning the glass, and almost doubling the number of shots taken with put backs. At the same time they were stopping the Bearcats from having second chance opportunities, but the Bearcats managed to get the lead back just before the half with a couple of 3's.

The Bearcats started to hit their jumpers in the 3rd and fourth, the method of keeping players fresh by only giving them short spells was working and was tiring out the Hawks who weren't able to match the tempo, De Santis & Rennie doing the damage.

West Adelaide Bearcats 61 (De Santis 23, Rennie 16) def. Perry Lakes Hawks 47 (Durbridge 16, Hamilton 15)

## ILLAWARRA HAWKS - ANGUS GLOVER



Angus Glover of the Illawarra Hawks took 5 minutes to talk about how the NSW Country Champs got here, how his team is going and what he wants for the future. This young man has a bright future and is keeping very grounded whilst doing a lot of hard work.

Q: How have you found Brisbane?

A: Very good, it's sort of like home, we are just happy to be playing here.

Q: You just missed out on winning the NSW State Championship to the Hills Hornets, what was your preparation like for the Nationals?

A: We worked very hard to get to this point. We have been talking about intensity since State Champs til now and its paid off so far.

Q: Darren O'Brien has coached some of you for a while now, what's his philosophy for the rest of the tournament do you guys think big picture or is one game at a time?

A: We are just going to take it one at a time, otherwise we get too far ahead of ourselves and that's what happened going into State Champs.

Q: How do you think you have played this tournament?

A: I don't really rate myself, I just go out and play hard and do what my team needs me to do to help us win.

Q: Anything you think you can improve on?

A: All of my game, there are heaps of areas, I have a lot to learn still and I think I can still play a lot better than how I have already so far.

Q: Tomorrow you guys play the QLD State Champs in Townsville, how do you think you guys will go?

A: Our coach is here at the moment scouting them, and so hopefully we turn up on the day and play our hardest.

Q: You are a NSW Country team and that idea of work hard and you'll reap the rewards idea runs strong through your team, do you guys get nervous at all in the big games?

A: The team does get nervous, but we convert that energy into a level of intensity and if we continue with that who knows where we finish.

Q: You have been playing for a while, you've improved obviously since the last time I saw you in double bottom age under 12s. What are your aspirations for yourself?

A: I just want to continue to play really hard, and hopefully continue to make State teams, and keep going to the stadium and shooting and working, because that's what I love to do.

Q: The Illawarra Hawks Waratah League Men's Team just won the State Championship, and you obviously aspire to play for them one day, what it would be like to be there playing possibly one day?

A: I would just be stoked to train with those guys and sit on the bench and watch sometimes, because at least I'd be there and if my team needed me I'll step in do what is required of me and play my role.

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