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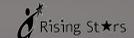
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DAILY WRAP

With semi finals on the cards this day had finally come and for a number of teams it was about restoring some pride in the form of making up for losing at the wrong time of the week. That is nationals its not about whether you win or lose sometimes but when you do it.

In the semi finals we had some very classy match ups the first between the highly favoured Hills Hornets and Knox Raiders in a game, that was sparked wide open by a young kid with an ability to get hot from behind the arc when his coach called upon mid way through the 3rd quarter, that being Campbell Ripoll.

The Tigers are back and they are roaring as they flew under the radar in the earlier rounds, they beat up on the Hawks a little last night, and Coach Bines will leave his master class for the final, as this highly regarded Coach will need all the tricks up his sleeve to get the Hornets in the final.

The VJBL Champs Altona Gators haven't been stopped since not qualifying for the top 12 and will look to take on their bogey team in the Keilor Thunder who beat them in getting here. In a battle for the Phil Smyth Shield this afternoon.

The Brisbane Capitals get a chance at payback against a Sturt team who are looking to end the week with a win, in the play off for 9th. Brisbane wouldn't have been considered for a top 12 team finish at the start of the week and have done well to go so far.

The two NT teams face off in a battle for bragging rights and with both teams playing with so much enthusiasm it will be a hotly contested one this morning.

I would like to also thank all the parents, friends and family who have turned up this week to show their support for the game of basketball, Brisbane Basketball Inc. extends you our well wishes and hopes we will see you all in the near future.

Should you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask and we hope you all have a safe trip home.

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Score Bench Officials

Gaby Smareglia & Helen Burger—Organisers of the entire score bench roster

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& all other people I may have forgotten sorry, but your help is greatly appreciated and this Championship couldn't have been a success without your help.

The Floor Wipers & Game Reporters, everyone has loved your efforts and I have enjoyed as has everyone I'm sure your in depth analysis of the games played this week. You have helped make this Championship something that all participants will cherish forever.

All the other helpers who took part in the day to day operations, without you and your continual assistance from the big things to the little things every day and your ability to just do it without even being asked has been something everyone has commented on.

To the referees who are all volunteers, the level of professionalism with which you all conducted yourselves this week meant the organising and running of this Championship very easy for myself and the rest of the Organising Committee. We wish you all the best in the future and like the players and Coaches involved hope that you will go onto bigger and brighter futures within our sport.

Please join me in thanking the above mentioned people and hopefully you all enjoyed your time here in Brisbane as we hope to have a National Championship held here again very soon.

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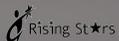
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Parking is very limited and we apologise for the inconvenience, but only team cars, which means usually a bus and car per team will be allowed to park in the front area of the car park. If you are unable to find a park, there is parking available at the Wesley Hospital and it will only cost you \$5 when you exchange your ticket at the front door.

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 REVIEWS

Melbourne Tigers vs. Illawarra Hawks

Melbourne went straight inside to Levin for the first 3 points of the game as Melbourne used their obvious height advantage whilst the big man Scott for the Hawks waited on the bench after suffering an ankle injury earlier in the week. Lancaster iced 2 free throws for the Hawks to hit back.

The Hawks were forced to call a timeout with 3:29 left in the first as Tigers persisted inside leading 10-2. Scott checked into the game and the Illawarra guards let the big man go to work, a Maloney charge had the big man thinking about trying to put the ball on the floor however.

Half way through the 2nd quarter 17-10 Melbourne lead, both teams look to be aggressive on the rim, creating good looks and finding open shooters, though no team was able to capitalise. Farrar put his body on the line against Patrick Bines to get the charge call.

As the inability to score started to build some pressure, both teams started to let some silly handling issues sneak into the game. Panayiotou looked to create off the dribble to get himself going in the offense. The Hawks crawled their way back though trailing 20-17 at the half.

Melbourne had a 24 second violation, the Hawks tried to get a score but with Melbourne's 3 bigs on the floor, they struggled to find a driving lane. Melbourne got some of the swing back, but some quick hands to Angus Glover getting a steal and getting to the rim for a quick fire 2.

Lancaster broke his man down at the top of the key and got to the paint finding himself wide open for another bucket. Levin for the Tigers started to dominate the glass and it helped the Tigers get a 7 point lead going into the 4th quarter.

Panayiotou helped the Tigers to an 11 point lead and then 13 point lead, Illawarra were rattled settling for too many outside shots and they were forced to call a timeout to resettle, trailing 41-26. Melbourne remained disciplined in the final few minutes to win 51-32 whilst the Hawks went down guns blazing displaying that fighting spirit that made them NSW Country Champs.

Melbourne Tigers 51 (Panayiotou 18, Levin 11) def. Illawarra Hawks 32 (Scott 10, Glover 9)

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GAME REVIEWS

Knox Raiders vs. Hills Hornets

This game started off quite close with everyone feeling the tension in the air as this was about who wanted it more, both teams started nervously and not playing their more suited games, with the first quarter being less than spectacular Knox lead 9-7 at the quarter.

In the second both teams settled and they looked more crisp on both ends of the floor as they challenged each other to go outside their comfort zones and find different ways to score. The Hornets were a little more comfortable with the free throwing brand of basketball and managed to reduce the Knox lead to just a single point at the main break.

The Hornets came out of the change rooms exuding confidence and Ripoll, possibly one of the smaller players at this tournament showed how big he can play, with a couple of massive 3 balls that would leave Marc Jackson from the NBA saying, "hand down, man down" the kid was ecstatic and so were the Hills crowd. This pushed their lead to 10 mid way through the quarter, a lay up from Prakash and all of a sudden were well and truly on the back foot trailing by 15 to start the 4th.

A Knox timeout was called with 5:57 left in the 4th quarter, as the Knox big men who had been so consistent inside and so dominant all week had come up short, struggling with the length and athleticism of the Hornets. A quick hit straight out of the timeout to Ben Knowles, then a 3 ball from Hannon and it was back to 10 point differential.

Hills called a timeout and out of it was Knox who went out to push the game to the next level, coming out in a press, which Hills quickly beat to get another easy lay-up to Prakash. Knox went inside again Knowles but the Hills defenders this time stayed on the ground and sent the help defender at him, he somehow managed to draw contact and go to the foul line for the chance to reduce it to 9 but missed the free throw.

Hills looked to get out and run and their athleticism all over the floor made them hard to guard for the Knox big men, Knox changed it up to a half court trap with the clock running down. They managed to get a stop and came back down the other end where they had a wide open look at a 3 but it was too long. Hills running out the clock to win.

Hills Hornets 46 (Fitzgerald 12, Prakash 11, Ripoll 10) def, Knox Raiders 36 (Jones & Elms 9)

GAME REVIEWS

Townsville Heat vs. Willetton Tigers

Townsville sprung out of the blocks with the first points of the game, Willetton got themselves into foul trouble early and the Heat looked to make them pay. Willetton trailing 14-8 at the first break, in a game that neither team wanted to finish second. Townsville started off a bit rusty in the second quarter failing to execute properly and finish off what they have become well known for in QLD and that's the ability to get it done and not complete on the offensive end. Willetton did little to make a dent in the Townsville lead. Heat up 35-25 at the half.

Willetton came out with a fighting spirit after the main change and look to make an immediate change to the score line, but youngster Jacob rose put an end to that with 4 straight points. Townsville with a commanding lead 51-40 with a quarter to play. In the Fourth with it all on the line and Willetton showing some true grit to try and reel in the Heat, they were unable to do so as the Heat answered every question they posed.

Townsville Heat 62 (Warrington 21) def. Willetton Tigers (Davis 18, Evans 12)

West Adelaide Bearcats vs. North Tasmania Foresters

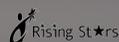
The Foresters scored first playing tight defense, whilst they were on their toes looking to guard their man so closely they could feel them breathing on him. The Bearcats were stuck and had to call a time out just to be able to complete a play. North Tasmania's pressure everyone style of D, forced a number of turnovers and a number of poor shots from the Bearcats. Two Foresters players suffering injuries the Bearcats managed to tie things all up at 11 all at the quarter.

Both teams lifted defensively to try and get that one steal that could break open the flood gates. The Foresters took it right at the defense and managed to get baskets from it, Lade for the Foresters with a nice pass fake to convert on the lay-up. Foresters took the lead into the 3rd 30-23.

The Bearcats attempted to burst through the Foresters D to score but it was without enough strength and the big men of the Foresters were not backing away from a little contact. That led to a couple of turnovers steals from the Bearcats. The West Adelaide Coach went to his bench but it was to no avail, the height and strength of the Foresters proving too much on the glass where they had dominated all game.

Northern Tasmania Foresters 59 (Lade 18, Schaeche 12) def. West Adelaide Bearcats 43 (De Santis 12, Wren 10)

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GAME REVIEWS

North West Tasmania Thunder vs. Sturt Sabres

Sabres came out in their typical D, collapsing on anything in the paint and getting pressure on the ball, it forced North West Tasmania into settling for outside shots. Thunder managed to hit a 3 ball that got the Thunder bench off their feet, Sturt looked to go inside to their 'biggs' and with their agility it also creating better rotations on the help line D.

Sturt stuck with their big guys in the second quarter and it started to hurt them as the Thunder extended and looked to force them to handle the ball, and as a result making them turn it over. Thunder's ability to shoot the ball well just outside the paint was tested and they passed with flying colours. Thunder up 21-13 at the half.

Thunder extended their lead after the main break, with an emphasis placed on crashing the boards and taking open looks even it is from distance. Going into the 4th quarter, it came down to who was going to be able to convert under pressure, with both teams playing some superb D, Sturt managed to grab a slim lead and hold on for a victory.

Sturt Sabres 55 (Rigoni 13, White & Young 11) def. North West Tasmania Thunder 51 (Hadley 17)

Bankstown Bruins vs. Brisbane Capitals

An even first quarter from both team, late free throws from Tierney for the Caps put them up 10-9 at the first break. The Bruins lifted its defense in the second with Morris' explosiveness having an impact on the game. Brisbane went it to its big men in Abonga and Hornery to be the force that drives that Caps engine and has done all week. Gamenen hit two 3s to keep the Caps going too, giving the Caps a 6 point advantage, 24-18.

Anticevich also let a long bomb go down and kept the Bruins in the game, with momentum in favour of the home side it started to get physical. Bodies began flying everywhere as players became more desperate to get into position to draw enough contact for a charge. Caps up 35-27 at 3 quarter time.

Brisbane's relentless pressure pushed the core out to 15 points as the Bruins tried gallantly, the Caps still having a spring in their step to further it to 19 points by the final whistle.

Brisbane Capitals 63 (Abonga 21, Hornery 14) def. Bankstown Bruins 44 (Tanevski 26)

GAMES REVIEW

Geelong Cats vs. Southern Districts Spartans

Geelong took their country attitude into the game, that says hard work pays off and they applied to defensive end of the court, forcing a 24 second violation early. O'Leary hot 3 ball to get them going and Geelong had started to build a lead going into the break. Leading 14-9.

Spartans started the quarter looking to make up for the slow start, Geelong hit a mid range jumper to increase their lead 21-14, Geelong ended the quarter with a lead of 7. O'Leary got the Cats going hitting another 3 ball, through some tough D and very effective offense the Cats were able to retain an 8 point lead over the Spartans. Both teams playing tight defensively and looking to strike first on the scoreboard, Potter hit a 3 for the Cats to increase the lead to 40-27 in favour of the Cats, Hogan backed it up with a 3 ball of his own. An and one play by Blythe sealed the deal for the Cats with 20 seconds to go and the Cats were home and hosed.

Geelong Cats 47 (O'Leary 11, Baulch 9) def. Southern Districts Spartans 33 (White 11, Gray 10)

Keilor Thunder vs. Logan Thunder

Keilor came out hitting mid range jump shots, and Logan went back to what they are known for up here in the sunshine state, with a pressing full court trap. Pulesea created a big target for the Logan boys and they went to him early. A block from Keogh got the boys from Keilor excited and pumped up. Pulesea showcased his skills sending a ball into the stands himself on a driving lay-up from Keilor. The quarter we had tied ball game on our hands at 10 a piece.

Keilor started to struggle keeping control of the ball, Smitka for Logan went hard to the rack and managed to draw the foul, Logan continued to apply pressure in their trap, and they had built an 8 point lead before Keilor could blink. Logan up 24-17 at the half.

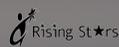
Baker for Logan, went to the rim early and drew the contact for 2 bonus, Logan's size was intimidating and they managed to go on a rebounding rampage, extending their lead to 10. Another massive block from Pulesea put a halt to a 5-0 run from Keilor. Keilor up 32-31 at the 3 quarters.

Logan started to allow unforced errors into the game as the pressure of the game built up, Keilor's ability to stay patient on D and then get out and run saw them get up by 5. Keilor continued to push and by the time Logan had responded it was all over.

Keilor Thunder 53 (Shaw 12, Go 10) def. Logan Thunder 42 (Pulesea 15, Luo 12)



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GAME REVIEWS

Southern Tigers vs. NT North Geckos

The Geckos started the scoring after some good defensive efforts, keeping the much bigger tigers out of the paint and to settle for perimeter shots. The Tigers could only manage to convert from the foul line and a three ball from Flintham really pushing the lead out, whilst the Geckos struggled to get the ball over half court. 22-4 to the Tigers.

Geckos came out immediately doubling their score, with an urgency on the glass and working as a unit on D. Grabbing a number of rebounds they cut the Tigers off from second chance opportunities to score. Trailing 31-16 at the half.

The Tigers turned the tide in the second half, getting a multitude of steals and deflections, to go the length of the floor to finish on the rim, and diving on the loose ball to finish with uncontested lay-ups. The tigers had developed a nice little cushion going into the 4th quarter. The Geckos wanted to make this one a rocky road for the Tigers and they came out very much changing the script for the last quarter the Tigers had in mind, hitting the first couple of baskets to start the quarter. Unfortunately for the Geckos it was a case of too little too late.

Southern Tigers 63 (Flintham 23, O'Brien 10) def. NT North Geckos 32 (Ehmer 10)

Altona Gators vs. Canberra Gunners

Altona came out hard and it caught the Gunners by surprise big time looking to set the standard from the get go. The Gators put on 15 to the Gunners 6 first quarter points. In the second Altona switched to their 1-2-1-1 press and it worked a treat going on an 8-2 run. Altona forced Canberra to make too many mistakes that proved costly as the Gators went up 27-16 at the half.

Altona went to a whole new level with their defensive pressure, doubling the Gunners score in the process and Hindle made a nice move with the ball and then found the open man for the assist. Both teams started to have a lapse in concentration as they struggled to keep their feet planted on the ground as there were several travelling violations called both way. Canberra went on a small run, getting 6 unanswered points were looking to ride the momentum. A buzzer beater from Phillips helped the Gunners get a little closer to the Gators.

Altona went to their trademark run and gun off missed opportunities and put it the Gunners at bay holding them off for a solid W.

Altona Gators 68 (Opetai 23) def. Canberra Gunners 41 (Cubit 9, Tonks 7)

GAME REVIEWS

NT South Suns vs. Perry Lakes Hawks

Perry Lakes started well with an early timeout called by the Suns with finding the lose man the focal point. After Kirkman was injected into the game for the Suns, they managed some late quarter scores. The Hawks quick ball movement was too fast for the Suns at quarter time it was 24-8 to the Hawks.

Zane Foster for the Suns was creating opportunities for his teammates by rebounding and drawing a double team by getting into the lane to find the open shooters, he also scored a 3 himself along the way. The Hawks had an even spread of players contributing and at half time it was 42-19.

Jacob Crowe got involved in the 3rd for the basket of the half, Cooper Hamilton had active hands and got a nice steal followed up by some nice team work saw the Hawks increase the margin at the quarter buzzer.

The Suns have done a tremendous job all week and they continue to play hard every game, but unfortunately it had taken a toll and they just couldn't run with the Hawks. Cooper Hamilton hit a half court buzzer beater to finish the game.

Perry Lakes Hawks 85 (Hamilton 19, Durbridge 15) def. NT South Suns 39 (Foster 20, Crowe 9)

Wanneroo Wolves vs. Newcastle Hunters

A 3 point play from Mckenna hit back after the Hunters scored off their first set of the game. There was some great action at both ends of the floor for both teams as the Hunters held the upper hand going into the first break 20-12.

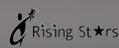
Some nice finishes kept the Wolves alive in the contest, a big quarter from the Wolves saw them drop 20 and lift the offensive tempo, to be only down by 5 at the major break and gaining some confidence at the right time. Half time score 37-32 in favour of the Newcastle Hunters.

Newcastle obviously took the Wolves confidence coming out of the change rooms, they got hot quickly as they went on a 7-0 run in less than a minute. Finishing with a strong 10 point lead going into the last quarter. 52-42 their way.

The Hunters battled it out to hold on by just 4 in the end proving too strong at the same time as proving the old adage true of its harder to win when your behind than it is to when you're in front.

Newcastle Hunters 64 (Honeyands 14, Maua 11) def. Wanneroo Wolves 60 (Mckenna 23, Pijls 9)

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DRAW



Pool	Time	Ct	Team 1	Team 2
Play Off 11th Champs	9.00am	1	North West Tasmania Thunder	Bankstown Bruins
Play Off 11th Shield	9.00am	3	NT South Suns	NT North Geckos
Play Off 9th Shield	9.00am	4	Perry Lakes Hawks	Southern Tigers
Play Off 9th Champ	10.30am	1	Sturt Sabres	Brisbane Capitals
Play Off 5th Shield	10.30am	3	Newcastle Hunters	Northern Tasmania Foresters
Play Off 7th Shield	10.30am	4	Canberra Gunners	Altona Gators
Bronze Medal Shield	12.00pm	1	Canberra Gunners	Logan Thunder
Play Off 7th Champ	12.00pm	3	Willetton Tigers	Southern Districts Spartans
Gold Medal Shield	1.30pm	1	Altona Gators	Keilor Thunder
Play Off 5th Champ	1.30pm	3	Townsville Heat	Geelong Cats
Bronze Medal Champ	3.00pm	1	Knox Raiders	Illawarra Hawks
Gold Medal Champ	4.30pm	1	Hills Hornets	Melbourne Tigers



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NEWCASTLE HUNTERS GRANDMA & GRANDSON COMBO

Q:

Jacob, how has the managing of your team been this week, has it been up to scratch? Jacob: It has been, yeah its been really good we haven't been able to get up to too much trouble, because she's been on our case all week.

Q: Agnes, this week must be pretty special for you? You have been to like 20 Nationals at least before this with numerous NSW State sides and you went to one where you managed your daughter and now your managing your grandson's team?

Agnes: I have been to all the different age groups, I have really enjoyed it. They are a great bunch of kids and this is actually better than Under 18s and Under 16s and 20's. Its an enjoyable experience and something I love doing.

Q: Jacob do the other boys give you a hard time or do you get to suck up or do they suck up?

Jacob: Not really if they give me a hard time I'll just tell her and she'll get stuck into them, its pretty good.

Q: Agnes, you have dealt with a numerous and a wide variety of coaching staffs, what do you think of this group to manage?

Agnes: I don't know if I really want to answer that question. They are fine, I reckon we have the best looking Coach here in Chris. I have been to nationals with my daughter when she was 11 and now I'm here with my grandson, I think that's an honour and very special.

Q: Jacob, its your first nationals, how have you felt about this week?

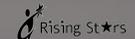
Jacob: Its been good and sometimes we have played really well and others we haven't been as good as we would have liked to, so we have got better and that's all we can do.

Q: Are you going to be back next year Agnes?

Agnes: I hope so the Coach is going again and he said he'd be happy to have me come.



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FANTASY FIVES

In the 2nd last issue of the game day program, I thought it'd be interesting to get the thoughts of a number of the coaches and basketball brains to put together a few different teams and keep the banter around the stadium going. These are totally just the opinion of one with some feedback from the coaches and in no way reflect any sort of official team.

Scorer's Team (Offensive 5)

Player	Position	Team	Justification
Carlo Camp	G	Keilor Thunder	Cool head under pressure and can get in the paint
Will McDowell-White	G	SD Spartans	Can Play the 1-4, get him in transition
Kodi Opetai	F	Altona Gators	2nd highest scorer here with ease
Jeremy Pulesea	F	Logan Thunder	41pts, enough said.
Harrison Froling	C	Townsville Heat	Back to the Basket moves & ability to step it out

Defensive Unit

Player	Position	Team	Justification
Angus Glover	G	Illawarra Hawks	Quickest hands & feet here, will make you work for 94ft
Wilson Farrar	G	Illawarra Hawks	The kids 170 and guarded guys 185-190 all week
Zachary Elms	G	Knox Raiders	Willingness to work and wants to mark the go to guy always
Filbert Abonga	F	Brisbane Capitals	2-3 blocks per game, the guy will make you change your shot
Elijah Boateng	F	Hills Hornets	Athlete who plays big and makes the post a nightmare spot, being able to get around guys

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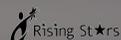
Hot Hands Team (Guards 5)

Player	Pos	Team	Justification
Zach Benson	G	Melbourne Tigers	Runs the offense, finds his bigs and wants the ball in his hands when they cant create
Bailey O'Brien	G	Illawarra Hawks	He has the ball on a string, can pass both hands & shoot
Jordan O'Leary	G	Geelong Cats	If you haven't got a hand up on this kid the second he crosses his half way watch out, ask Spartans & Sturt
Isaac White	G	Sturt Sabres	Watch this kid put the ball on the floor in traffic, he can go quick or slow
Jayden Prakash	G	Hills Hornets	Wait until he starts knocking down 3's and he can go

Tall Timber Team (Bigs 5)

Player	Pos	Team	Justification
Mitchell Mckenna	F	Wanneroo Wolves	A cool 20-10 guy
Andrew Panayioutou	F	Melbourne Tigers	He owns the elbow, and he hasn't been stopped yet
Joahua Hannon	F	Knox Raiders	Can step out and shoot the 3, where did that come from?
Nick Dane	F	Melbourne Tigers	Done damage to teams all week and he looks to pass
Matthew Scott	C	Illawarra Hawks	Best footwork here for a man of his size, soft hands too

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