



Hi from the Front Desk

Welcome to the August edition of the **Basketball New Zealand Community Newsletter**.

In this edition we give you the latest on the second tournament of the **Women's Basketball Championships** which was held in Hutt Valley.

Our **Under 16s** have returned from the Australian State Champions that were held in Tamworth.

The Boys finished the tournament 5th with a 6-2 record, while the Girls ended up 9th with four wins and four losses.

Next month the **Junior**

Tall Blacks and **Tall Ferns** will be playing Australia in a three game series for the Fiba Oceania Championships.

The Championship will be played at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua from September 20-22.

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New CEO Announced

Iain Potter wasn't attracted to his new job as **Basketball New Zealand** chief executive by the international standing of the Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns, or the NZ Breakers' championship feats.

It wasn't even a highly competitive National Basketball League, although he's excited by the prospect of working with all these high-profile programmes.

But the real issues facing basketball are far deeper rooted and it's that sense of community that brought Potter to this role.

"Basketball is a very inclusive sport," says Potter, who has spent the past 20 years as chief executive of the Health Sponsorship Council.

"I like that it can be played socially and competitively, at local or elite

level, by male and female, young and old. It's a game for all people.

"It's very contemporary, it's on the rise and it's a worldwide sport that New Zealand is surprisingly good at – what's not to be positive about?"

During his stint with the HSC, Potter oversaw a variety of campaigns that promoted health initiatives, including Smoke-free/Auahi Kore, Sunsmart, Feeding Our Futures and Breakfast Eaters.

"I worked with many sporting organisations in a sponsorship capacity, harnessing the power that sport has to carry messages and influence New Zealanders to promote healthy lifestyles," he says. "I also worked alongside many community organisations – cultural, Maori, Pacific, church, charitable – to help achieve health out-

comes."

A long-time resident of Wellington, Potter's sporting background is mainly in rugby, where he played at club level until the age of 36 and then coached the Wellington's Marist St Pat's senior side. He was Wellington B forward coach for two years and currently serves on the Wellington Rugby Union board.

"The recruitment process has been thorough," says board chair **Karen Poutasi**. "Appointing the chief executive is a board's most important task, and we undertook a thorough search to find the right blend of commercial, leadership, personal skills and experience to meet the challenges facing basketball in New Zealand.

"Having just completed work on the 'All of Basketball Pathway Plan', the board agreed that Iain was ideally equipped to

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Open Premierships (August 10-12)
- ♦ BNZ Board Meeting (August 12)
- ♦ Regional Under 18 & 20 Tournaments (August 14-15)
- ♦ Fiba Under 17 Women's World Championships (August 17-26)
- ♦ WBC Dunedin Tournament (August 23-25)
- ♦ London Paralympics (August 29)
- ♦ Secondary Schools Premierships (September 5-8)

manage the implementation of this framework as we continue to grow the sport at all levels."

Potter reports for duty at Basketball New Zealand's Wellington office on September 17 and will work alongside interim CEO **Murray Strong** during a transition period.

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WBC - Hutt Valley

WBC Standings

Hutt Valley Flyers 9-1
 Waitakere West Auckland 8-2
 Nelson Sparks 7-3
 Harbour Breeze 6-4
 Otago Oceana Goldrush 6-4
 Taranaki Trojans 6-4
 Waikato Wizards 5-5
 Canterbury Wildcats 4-6
 Rotorua Lady Vols 2-8
 Palmerston North Storm 2-8
 Southland Pearls 0-10



The **Oceana Goldrush** have kept their title defence alive on the final day of round-robin play in the Women's Basketball Championship tournament at Lower Hutt.

The champions needed to beat the **Nelson Sparks** in

a re-match of last year's final to sneak into the top six placings and secure a playoff spot at next month's finals weekend – and win, they did.

Te Paea Selby-Rickett led the way with 16 points as Otago prevailed 54-47, edging past **Waikato Wizards** and **Taranaki Trojans** into fifth place with a 6-4 record.

When the dust settled, **Hutt Valley Flyers** had used their home court to clinch the top seeding for the playoffs, running over **Palmerston North** 77-43 this morning to finish with a 9-1 record, clear of nearest rivals **Waitakere West**

Auckland (8-2) and **Nelson Sparks** (7-3). Harbour Breeze (6-4) and Taranaki (6-4) round out the championship field.

Former Tall Fern **Aroha Jennings** (Rotorua Lady Vols) was easily the top individual scorer over the first two tournaments, averaging 25.1 points a game.

The WBC finals are scheduled for August 23-25 in **Dunedin**.

[Click here](#) to view the online results.

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"I'VE MISSED MORE THAN
 9000 SHOTS IN MY
 CAREER. I'VE LOST ALMOST
 300 GAMES. 26 TIMES,
 I'VE BEEN TRUSTED TO
 TAKE THE GAME WINNING
 SHOT AND MISSED. I'VE
 FAILED OVER AND OVER
 AND OVER AGAIN IN MY
 LIFE. AND THAT IS WHY I
 SUCCEED."

MICHAEL JORDAN

NZ Under 16s

Tauranga City's **Kelcy Ballantyne** has led the **New Zealand** girls to a victory in their final appearance at the **Australian U16 Championships** at Tamworth, defeating Queensland North 53-40.

But after trailing into the final quarter, the Kiwis kept their opponents scoreless for the final 8m 56s, rattling on the last 16 points of the game to secure the win. Key to their performance as their edge on the boards, where New Plymouth's **Connie Poletti** continued to impress.

Already one of the top rebounders for the tournament, she helped her case

with 12 in this encounter, including six at the offensive end.

Ballantyne led all scorers with 14 points (5/7 FG, 4/6 FT), while New Plymouth's **Kayla Manuirirangi** had 10 points.

New Zealand finished 4-4 for the tournament and finished in ninth place.

Meanwhile, Waitakere West Auckland's **Rueben Porter** had 28 points to guide the NZ boys to a 76-68 win over West Australia Metro and fifth placing.

The two sides were locked together 61-61 with 6m 09s remaining, but the Kiwis scored the next six points to

regain momentum over the final stages.

The West Aussies actually created more scoring opportunities from the field, but attempted 26 shots from beyond the arc and converted only 39% overall. By contrast, New Zealand kept it close, taking just five long-range bombs – making one – but utterly dominated the paint, where they enjoyed a 58-24 advantage.

Porter also snatched eight rebounds, while Auckland's **Kane Keil** had 14 points/eight boards and Waitakere West Auckland's **Geronimo Doyle** chipped in 10 points/seven assists as their team finished 6-2 for the week.



New Zealand's specialist land-based university

Lincoln University's Sports Scholarship

Since 1st May 2012 Lincoln University has been offering scholarships specifically for basketball players, as part of the University's highly competitive sports scholarship

programme. The scholarships offer financial support for high grade players as well as intensive, sport-specific training through the University's high perform-

ance team and Canterbury Basketball. Applications for the 2013 scholarships are now live online at the Lincoln University Website – www.lincoln.ac.nz

Kirk Penney signs to play in Turkish capital

Tall Blacks star **Kirk Penney** will move from Spain to Turkey to continue his professional basketball odyssey.

The former **NZ Breakers** shooting guard confirmed he had signed to play for **TED Ankara Kolejliler** in the Turkish Basketball League (TBL) after severing ties with Spanish club Fuenlabrada.

Penney has expressed an interest in returning to the Breakers, possibly to wind down his career, but for now he remains committed to playing at the highest level possible in

Turkey.

Penney joins a team on a high in the Turkish capital. Ankara Kolejliler earned promotion to the top league in Turkey, winning the TBL-2 last season after a 20-2 regular season.

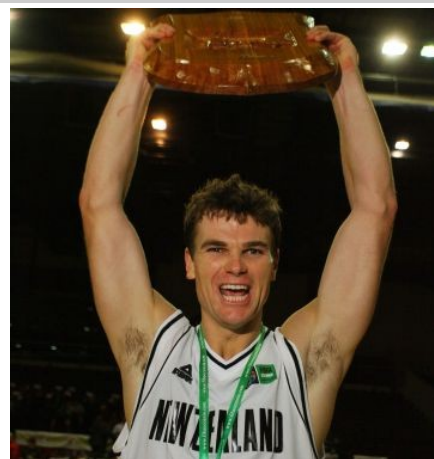
Penney had a successful season Fuenlabrada, finishing as the fifth highest scorer in the highly regarded Spanish league, averaging 14.4 points a game in 28 games, while averaging 12.4 points in 14 EuroChallenge games.

The previous season he averaged 20 points per

game, helping his home-town NZ Breakers to their first Australian NBL championship. Penney was the ANBL leading scorer in 2009 and 2010, and MVP in 2009.

Penney was a notable defection from the Tall Blacks' ill-fated Olympic qualifying campaign earlier this month, opting to recover from a calf injury picked up late in the Spanish season.

Marc Hinton—Stuff.co.nz



Tall Blacks Star Kirk Penney

Officials Corner

Thank you to everyone for your efforts at the recent U13 and U15 Premiership Tournaments. We had a full panel of referees at each tournament, and it was fantastic to see a large number of new referees.

Our next round of tournaments includes the Opens,

Junior Secondary Schools and Secondary Schools Premierships. If you are interested in attending these, please endeavor to align yourself to a team, or contact Melony at referees@basketball.org.nz.

Congratulations to **Tim Brown**, who recently attend

the Olympic Women's Qualifying Tournament. Tim was appointed to a semi-final at the tournament, which was a great accomplishment. The Basketball New Zealand website contains an article on Tim's trip.



Basketball Rule of the Month: No Charge Zone

The no-charge semi-circle designates a specific area for the interpretation of charge/block situation.

On any penetration play situation into the no-charge semi-circle contact caused by the offensive player with a defensive player inside the no-charge semi-circle, should not be called as an offensive foul, unless the offensive player is illegally using his hands, arms, legs or body when

- The offensive player is in control of the ball whilst **airborne**, and
- He attempts a **shot** or **passes off**, and
- The defensive player has **both feet inside** the no-charge semi-circle area.

The rule is designed to not penalize an airborne player, when the defensive player has "parked themselves" under the basket. Players wanting to draw an offensive foul must therefore be established outside the semi-circle.

(Please note that a defensive player positioned in the semi-circle with a foot on the semi-circle line is deemed to be outside the "no-charge" zone).

The defensive player must start his penetration outside the semi-circle. The principle of the rule does not therefore apply, if a player backs in to the defensive player in the semi-circle, from behind the backboard.

The semi-circle does not give the offensive player the right to deliberately line



up and charge in to the defensive player.

Note: A copy of the latest rule-book (2010) can be found at www.basketball.org.nz

Secondary School Nationals

Junior Secondary Schools Premierships

- Zone 1 and 2 (Rotorua), September 1-4
- Zone 3 (Napier), September 1-3
- Zone 4 (Nelson), September 2-4

Note: Draw to be completed by August 15

Senior Secondary Schools Premierships

- AA/A-Zone 1 (Waitakere), September 5-8
- AA-Zone 2 (Taupo), September 5-8
- A-Zone 2 (Rotorua), September 5-8
- AA/A -Zone 3 (New Plymouth), September 5-8
- Mens AA-Zone 4, (Dunedin), September 5-8
- Women's AA-Zone 4 (Dunedin), September 6-8
- A-Zone 4 (Westport), September 5-7

Note: Draw to be completed by August 22

Molten

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<http://www.basketball.org.nz/local-associations/resources/>

Merchandise

Check out the BBNZ merchandise available for purchase online <http://www.basketball.org.nz/fans/merchandise/>:

- Coaching Clip Boards
- Replica Singlets
- Tall Black T-Shirts
- Referee Gear
- FIBA Referee and Rule Handbooks

Meet your Local Official



Every month we will be featuring an official who heavily contributes to basketball in this country. This month we would like to introduce

Tyson Taikato from Lake Taupo Basketball Association

Tyson is twenty years old and is from a small place called Waitahanui (the home town of Ngati Tutemohuta). He has been refereeing for his Association from the age of twelve, and loves the fact that from it he gets to meet a lot of new people. Tyson also enjoys swimming, biking and Te Reo Maori.



Under 19 Championships

Basketball New Zealand in conjunction with **Porirua Basketball Association** has been allocated the **2012 FIBA Oceania U19 Championship** for Men and Women.

The Championship will be played at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua from September 20-22.

Be courtside when the **Junior Tall Blacks** and **Junior Tall Ferns** battle against **Australia** in a 3 game series for the right to compete in the **2013 FIBA U19 World Championship**.

Help support the teams by purchasing a corporate table. The tables will be colour coded to show the country you are supporting (Black or Gold):

- Seating for 8 people
- All courtside
- Beverages – including non-alcoholic
- Food
- Cost: \$1,1500 incl. GST
- Covers 3 nights each featuring two games

General admission tickets can be purchased through Ticket Direct on

www.ticketdirect.co.nz or at Te Rauparaha Arena:

Ticket Prices

Day Ticket

Child	\$6
Adult	\$11
Family**	\$11

3 Day Pass

Child	\$11
Adult	\$21
Family**	\$21



New Zealand v Australia
3 Game Series
20-22 September
Te Rauparaha Arena,
Porirua





FIBA Oceania WABC Global Coaches Clinic

Featuring



DESLEA WRATHALL – New Zealand Junior Tall Blacks Head Coach

SEAN FULLER – New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns Head Coach

CHERYL CHAMBERS – Australian Gems Head Coach

DAMIAN COTTER – Australian Emus Head Coach

Saturday 22nd September 2012
1.00pm – 3.00pm

Te Rauparaha Arena

17 Parumoana Street, Porirua
NZCT Stadium (small stadium)

Entry is \$30 per attendee

Cost includes clinic, coaching whiteboard, notepad, pen and DVD

To register please [click here](#) (Team Code: 2781947)

Due to size constraints registrations must be completed online prior to the clinic

For further information please contact Peter Kadar at BBNZ on
(04) 4985960 or peter@basketball.org.nz

Under 15 Premiership Results

Open/Wheelchair National Championships

This year Wheelchair Nationals dates and administration has changed to suit the game of Wheelchair Basketball. Due to this change the Open National Championships will now be a 3 day tournament.

Team Entry information can be found at the following BBNZ web link: <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/rep-tournaments/wheelchair/>

National Championships

Wheelchair Nationals

- September 22-23 (Wellington)
- Draw to be completed by August 29
- Online Entry, Roster and Payment due by August 15

Open Nationals

- October 20-22 (Rotorua)
- Draw to be completed by October 3
- Online Entry, Roster and Payment due by September 12

"A team will always appreciate a great individual if he's willing to sacrifice for the group"

Kareem Abdul Jabbar

U13/U15 National Championships

Under 13 Nationals

- October 8-12 (Tauranga)
- Draw to be Completed by September 19
- Online Entry, Roster and Payment due by August 29

Under 15 Nationals

- October 8-12 (Tauranga)
- Draw to be Completed by September 19
- Online Entry, Roster and Payment due by August 29

Boys

Zone 1

1. Waitakere West Premiers
2. Harbour A
3. Auckland A
4. Waitakere West A
5. Harbour B
6. Hibiscus Coast A
7. Auckland B
8. Waitakere West Development
9. Hibiscus Coast B

Zone 2

1. Rotorua
2. Waikato Gold
3. Counties Manukau A
4. Waikato Black
5. Tauranga City A
6. Counties Manukau B
7. Tauranga City B
8. Thames Valley
9. Tauranga City Dev

Zone 3

1. Wellington Black
2. Hawkes Bay
3. New Plymouth
4. Porirua
5. Taranaki Country
6. Wanganui
7. Wellington Yellow
8. Palmerston North Green
9. Hutt Valley

Zone 4

1. Canterbury Red
2. North Canterbury
3. Otago A
4. Nelson Blue
5. Canterbury Black
6. Canterbury White
7. Mid Canterbury
8. South Canterbury
9. Marlborough
10. Southland
11. Otago B
12. West Coast
13. Nelson White

Girls

Zone 1

1. Harbour A
2. Waitakere West
3. Harbour B
4. Auckland
5. Te Tai Tokerau

Zone 2

1. Thames Valley
2. Waikato A
3. Rotorua
4. Waikato B
5. Tauranga City

Zone 3

1. New Plymouth
2. Hawkes Bay
3. Wellington
4. Porirua
5. Hutt Valley
6. Taranaki Country
7. Palmerston North Green
8. New Plymouth Dev
9. Palmerston North White

Zone 4

1. Canterbury Red
2. Otago A
3. Nelson Blue
4. North Canterbury
5. Mid Canterbury
6. Canterbury Black
7. South Canterbury
8. West Coast
9. North Otago
10. Southland
11. Otago B
12. Marlborough
13. Nelson White
14. Buller