

Hi from the Front Desk

Welcome to another edition of the Basketball New Zealand Newsletter.

With only three months left in the year, we have a busy October which began with the Secondary School Nationals in Nelson, where the Westlake Boys and Hamilton Girls took out the "AA" Championships.

Congratulations to Te Aroha College for winning both the Boys and

Girls "A" Championships.

Secondary School Nationals is the biggest basketball tournament in the calendar year with 65 teams competing in the four competitions.

Thank you to all who took their time off to help with such a wonderful tournament,

Many thanks go out to all who were involved

with the FIBA Oceania U19 Championships that were held in Porirua last September.

In particular we would like to thank Porirua Basketball Association and Te Rau-paraha Arena.

Unfortunately our Junior Tall Blacks and Ferns were unable to qualify for World Champs but it was a great opportunity for them to face the best the Australians had to offer.

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Westlake and Hamilton Win "AA" Nationals



Tall Black Tai Webster led Westlake BHS to the NZ Secondary Schools Championships boys "AA" title, thwarting Rosmini College's attempt to defend the crown it won last year.

The North Shore rivals were evenly poised after the opening quarter, with Rosmini ahead by three points early in the second. But an eight-point run gave Westlake momentum to a 43-35 halftime lead and the advantage reached 18 early

in the final period.

Webster, who made his national senior debut this year, led all scorers with 24 points. Jake Seymour had 21 points and Josh Howe 10 point/13 rebounds, as Westlake dominated their rivals on the boards, grabbing 20 offensive rebounds.

Forward Jack Salt also had 14 rebounds.

For Rosmini, Derone Raukawa scored 22 points, while fellow guard Matt Lacy had 20 points/eight

rebounds/six assists.

Earlier, Hamilton GHS overwhelmed Mt Albert Grammar 26-8 in the third quarter to seize the girls "AA" title with a 74-56 victory.

MAGS led 32-30 at halftime, but lost control of the contest after the break, when Hamilton rattled off 16 straight points. Shemaiah Parai led all scorers with 17 points and Jaylen Hawea had 15.

Idaho Purcell also scored 15 for Mt Albert.

Hawea was later named Most Valuable Player, joining teammates Parai and Junior Tall Fern Chelseah Savage in the tournament team.



Upcoming Events

- ♦ Under 13 and 15 Nationals (October 8-12)
- ♦ Opens National Championships (October 20-22)
- ♦ Under 18/20 Selection Camp (October 26-28)
- ♦ New Zealand Koru Camp (November 3-4)

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JTBs and JTF's Push Aussies Hard

The Junior Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns dreams of making next year's World Championships have been dashed after the Australian Emus and Gems have both swept the three game series of the Fiba Oceania Championship at Te Rau-paraha Arena, Porirua.

The Emus will attend next year's championships in Czech Republic while the Gems will go to Lithuania.

It was going to be an uphill battle for the JTB's, but it was a fantastic experience for the side, who played some good basketball throughout the three game series.

In game one the JTB's kept up with the Aussies at 36 all at the end of the first half. But, the Aussie men wore down their opponents, outscoring them 30-13 in the third quarter, finally achieving dominance in most facets of play.

A 17 point deficit at the end of the third would be too much for the JTB's going down 85-64.

"We competed for two quarters – that shows we can compete against a superstar team – but we made some mental lapses," assessed NZ coach Deslea

Wrathall.

Matt Lacey of Rosmini High School was the top scorer for the JTB's with 18 points.

The second game of the series was virtually a complete reverse of Game One, but with the same result, as the green-and-golds piled on early points to lead by 24 at halftime, then holding on grimly as the Kiwis restored some dignity with a spirited second half, final score 95-70.

NZ captain Reuben Te Rangi led all scorers with 26 points, including 10/12 from the free-throw line.

Despite not qualifying for the World Championships, the JTB's fought hard in Game Three, and took a one point lead at half time thanks to Wellington's Tom Vodianovich who banked a three-pointer.

But again the Aussies would prove to be too tough as they outscored the home side by 34 points to win 93-60.

The Junior Tall Ferns were rated as massive underdogs heading into the series, but nearly produced a huge upset just losing 72-65.

The Ferns had the lead at

various points of the game and were up 60-59 with only six minutes to go.

But the Gems fought back closing the game with nine unanswered points.

"We contested the whole game," reflected NZ coach Sean Fuller.

"But those final three minutes, we lost our composure and it cost us."

It would unfortunately be the Ferns best game of the series, as the Gems stepped up their game to win both the second and third games by comfortable margins.

Penina Davidson was a stand-out for the Ferns though, top scoring with 24 points in Game Two.

In game three Davidson was the only player in double figures with 11 points, along with seven rebounds and five steals.

Overall both series were a fantastic spectacle of basketball and a great advertisement of the talent that is coming out of both New Zealand and Australia.

For more information on the series go to

www.basketball.org.nz



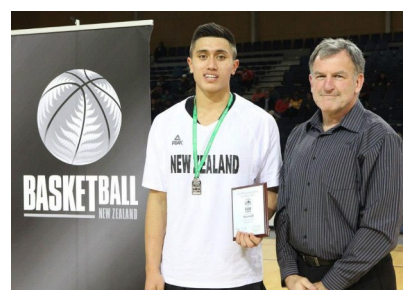
The Boys lead off with the Haka



2012 Junior Tall Ferns



2012 Junior Tall Blacks



Junior Tall Blacks Reuben Te Rangi with Basketball New Zealand CEO Iain Potter

Koru Referees

We are seeking referees to accompany our Koru teams to the Albury Cup in Australia, 14-20 January.

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NZ 3x3 make Top Eight in World Champs

New Zealand haven't managed to defend their FIBA 3x3 World Youth Championship title, but it took eventual winners Serbia to eliminate the plucky Kiwis in the quarterfinals at Alcobendas, Spain.

Faced with a repechage route into the knockout stages, the titleholders upset hosts Spain 17-11 to make the quarterfinals, but had to front up less than an hour later to take on the Serbs, whom they had beaten at the same stage 12 months earlier.

Under the Spanish sun – the event was staged outdoors – and on the third day of competition, the Kiwis could not raise the energy to overcome their European rivals, falling 11-17.

"This was simply a bridge too far," said coach Anthony Corban. "Serbia were pumped and we hung in there gallantly. "I can't fault the commitment of our squad this day, but playing two games within an hour was physically impossible."

Serbia went on to defeat France (17-15) in the semi-finals and then toppled the United States 21-20 in overtime.

"The trip has been worthwhile," assessed Corban. "A stack of college scouts were here and gave some positive feedback in terms of helping our school leavers in 2012 achieve their life dream of an academic/sporting scholarship in the USA.

The team arrives back in New Zealand on Wednesday, in time for Raukawa,

Talma and Jay Gerrard to join their teams at the NZ Secondary School Championships in Nelson.

FIBA 3x3 World Youth Championships Results

Pool A

Beat Belize 20-9
Beat Slovakia 13-7
Lost to Poland 15-17
Beat Netherlands 21-7
Lost to France 15-20
Lost to Canada 15-16
Beat China 22-8

Repechage

Beat Spain 17-13

Quarterfinal

Lost to Serbia 11-17

New CEO tackles basketball challenges

After just one week in the job, new Basketball New Zealand chief executive Iain Potter already has his shopping list of priorities sorted for the coming months.

Even before Potter's appointment last month, BBNZ and Sport NZ had been working on a planning document that sets out a pathway for the sport over the next decade. It's an acknowledgement that some things can be done better – in some cases, a lot better – and the "All of Basketball Pathway Plan" sets that blueprint.

Some of the changes set out in the document will affect high-profile programmes like New Zealand's international teams. Others will be less sexy, but cut even deeper into how basketball operates in this country.

Potter's job is to drive that change.

"In my first week, I saw a well-run international event at Porirua, where New Zealand teams competed hard against some of the best players in the world in that age group,"

he reflects. "As an organisation, we must try harder to give those teams a better chance of beating Australia in the future.

"The recent Sport NZ Young People's Survey suggests we have 357,000 people between the ages of 5-18 playing basketball, so that's a great starting point for us to grow interest in the sport. The 'All of Basketball Pathway Plan' is designed to enhance their experience, and make it easier for more people to get involved and stay involved longer at all levels."

So the All of Basketball Pathway Plan seeks to build a support structure from the bottom up, beginning with the appointment of two key positions within BBNZ's fulltime staff – a coach development manager to improve the standard of coaching education and a community participation manager, who would strengthen the running of the game at a grassroots level.

"These two roles will improve our long-term sustainability and provide the impetus for

achieving other aspects of the plan," says Potter. "And because they are funded roles, they provide a focus for the next year."

A few other early priorities include ...

- Launching a new national competitions and tournaments structure, along with new age groups and new zones
- Review of National Basketball League and women's basketball
- Development of a commercial sponsorship plan to reduce reliance on Sport NZ and community trusts for funding

"In my dealings with the basketball community so far, I've found everyone to be passionate about seeing their sport progress, which in turn will require some significant change," says Potter.

"But this isn't just about Basketball New Zealand – it's about basketball in New Zealand. It's not about how we deliver basketball – it's

how we help associations perform their roles.

"This won't come without adjustment in some people's individual roles, but I hope they'll recognise Basketball New Zealand is taking positive steps towards achieving the game's potential in this country and they have an important part to play in that."

The All of Basketball Pathway Plan can be viewed on the BBNZ website (www.basketball.org.nz/about/all-of-basketball-pathway-plan/).

NZ Secondary Schools Championships

Boys "AA" Championships

Final

Westlake Boys 88 (Tai Webster 24, Jake Seymour 21, Jaylen Gerrand 10)

Rosmini 74 (Derone Raukawa 24, Matthew Lacey 20, Tohi Smith-Milner 15)

Officials

Matt Bathurst (referee), Marty Davison (umpire)

Tournament Team

Tohi Smith-Milner (Rosmini), Ashton McQueen (Tauranga), Tai Webster (Westlake), Nico Buckrell (Hutt Valley), Logan Poloai (Westlake), Lachlan Campion (Nayland), Jackson Stubbins (Hutt Valley), Steven Robertson (Rosmini), Jordan Harries (New Plymouth), Jack Salt (Westlake)

MVP

Tai Webster (Westlake)



Most Valuable Player—Tai Webster (Photosport)

Girls "AA" Championships

Final

Mt Albert Grammar High School 56 (Kezeiah Lewis 18, Idaho-Maree Purcell 15, Kerryn Poto 9)

Hamilton Girls High School 74 (Jaylen Hawea 23, Shemaiah Parai 20, Ves Wilkinson 12)

Officials

Gareth Teahan (referee), Sam Pan (umpire)

Tournament Team

Camece Salmon (Wellington), Breana Jones (Fraser), Wuanyei Ah-Hing (Auckland), Brooke Blair (Rangitoto), Pennina Davidson (Rangitoto), Kezeiah Lewis (Mt Albert), Deena Franklin (Westlake), Chelseah Savage (Hamilton), Jaylen-Rose Hawea (Hamilton), Shemaiah Parai (Hamilton)

MVP

Jaylen-Rose Hawea (Hamilton)

For more results please follow the link below

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-5010-0-0-0



Hamilton Girls (Photosport)



Most Valuable Player Jaylen-Rose Hawea (Photosport)

Te Aroha Win Both "A" Championships

Te Aroha College proved unstoppable in capturing both boys' and girls' titles at the NZ Secondary School Championships "A" grade finals in Nelson.

Led by Most Valuable Player Amy Bottcher, the Te Aroha girls had to overcome Melville HS, who had beaten

them in the final round of pool play on Wednesday. Bottcher's 20 points led all scorers in her team's 53-46 victory.

The boy's final was an even tighter affair, with Te Aroha holding a five-point advantage over Dunstan HS after three quarters and barely holding on to win

68-64, led by Toby Skilton's 20 points. Te Aroha's Josh Turner was named Most Valuable Player as his team emerged unbeaten for the tournament.

Meet Your Local Official: Alan Gordon from Whangarei



"I started playing basketball at school in the mid-seventies and have played off and on since then. I first took an interest in refereeing while living in Hawera in the mid 80's but that collapsed when I moved to a new job in another town.

I've coached a couple of school teams and enjoyed the experience but generally find that work (wife, three kids, and mortgage) often gets in the way of the stuff you'd rather be doing. In 2005 I moved to

Whangarei for work and re-joined the Taxes Club I played for briefly in the mid 80's. Peter Marshall encouraged me to take up the whistle again and since then I've reffed at most of the regional tournaments that we've had in Whangarei and occasionally get out of town to National level tournaments.

Like most players my game sometimes suffers for lack of experience but the highs have certainly exceeded the lows.

Best complement from a player "have you reffed us yet?" asked about six hours after the game at Opens last year. I might be able to squeeze one more season of playing out the old body (a year older a yard slower), but the whistle is good for a few more years yet and I'm looking forward to camaraderie of the 'grey team' as we meet at various tournaments around the country."

Officials Corner

September-October will be extremely busy for referees with the Secondary School Nationals, U13, U15, Wheelchair and Opens Nationals.

Rules Interpretations

We still have a number of referees around the country unnecessarily calling violations. The key to considering the need to call a violation is the principle of advantage/disadvantage.

Art 47.3 (extract)

"When deciding on a personal contact or violation officials shall have regard and weigh the following fundamental principles:

- Consistency in application of the concept of 'advantage/disadvantage'. The officials should not seek to interrupt the flow of the game unnecessarily in order to penalize incidental contact which does not give the player responsible an advantage or place his opponent at a disadvantage.

This same principle applies to the calling of violations. Whilst all referees have their own philosophies in how the game should be called, these often need to be pushed aside for what is right for the game overall. It is also important that we

collectively try to remain consistent throughout the country as to how we call the game (which is the basic aim of having this segment in the Newsletter)

Two key calls which we do not often apply this principle correctly to are "3 second violations" and "carried balls".

3 seconds

Being in the key for more than 3 seconds does not constitute an automatic call.

Art 26.1.2(extract)

Allowances must be made for a player who:

- Makes an attempt to leave the restricted area
- Is in the restricted area when he or his teammate is in the act of shooting and the ball is leaving or just left the player's hand(s) on the shot for a field goal
- Dribbles in the restricted area to shoot for a field goal after having been there for less than 3 consecutive seconds.

These are allowances that we are not often considering. We must also apply advantage/disadvantage to this i.e. has

the player clearly gained the advantage of being in the area for more than 3 seconds. The call should be visible to everyone – not simply a player with their foot caught in the edge of the restricted area. Have the mentality of "do I need to call this" as opposed to trying to "catch the player out" and call it.

Generally this call should be made once the player has been in the area for more than 3 seconds, then receives the ball or sets an effective screen for a teammate. Once you allow the player to receive the ball, the player has the right to then make a play. Philosophically many coaches believe players present in the restricted area obtain the advantage of being in a better rebounding position. We can only judge the advantage gained at the time – once the shot has left the shooter's hand then 3 seconds no longer applies. In saying that, I would suggest if a player is frequently in the keyhole for more than 3 seconds but inactive in play, then obtains several rebounds, you do consider calling the player for

the violation – before the shot is released.

3 seconds is one area that we should use preventative officiating –vocally encourage players to leave the area to avoid potentially making a call. Most players respond well to this

Carried Ball

When searching for the rule to support this interpretation the only limited reference was:

24.1.2 A dribble ends when the player...permits the ball to come to rest in one or both hands.

(The FIBA signals do however have a carried ball signal).

In practice a carried ball should only be called when the player "rests the ball in one hand" to gain the advantage of beating a player. High, irregular dribbles or dribbling styles that "palm" the ball, that do not enable a player to go around the defense should never be called.

Timoti Stars as Auckland Win



Auckland's Rewiti Timoti was named Most Valuable Player after leading his team to the NZ Wheelchair Basketball title in Wellington.

In the final, Timoti had 29 points, including a stunning three-pointer in the final seconds of the first quarter, as Auckland Wheelbreakers overcame Waikato Black

63-43.

Although defending champions Canterbury did not defend their title, the competition was fierce between the top teams. Auckland and Waikato faced each other during the first round and quickly appealed as likely contenders for the championship game.

The grand final was

tight for most of the game with Auckland taking an eight-point lead in the first quarter and extended it throughout the encounter.

Parafed Wellington and Wheelchair Basketball NZ co-hosted the National Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Wellington on September 22-23, 2012.

Seven teams and individuals from around the country converged on the ASB Sports Centre to compete, with individual players from Northland, Taranaki and Otago playing as a combined team.

NZ Wheel Chair Championships

Playoffs

Grand Final

Auckland Wheelbreakers 63 Waikato Black 43

Third v Fourth

Nelson Bay Rebels 41 Horowhenua Kapiti Comets 30

Fifth v Sixth

Auckland Development 26 Waikato Yellow 20

Seventh v Eighth

Makeup Team 34 Hutt Valley Hawks 12

Most Valuable Player

Rewiti Timoti (Auckland)

Tournament Team

Orion Daley-Cores (Nelson Bays), James Rollo (Waikato), Mark Sullivan (Auckland), Marcus Thompson (Horowhenua Kapiti), Rewiti Timoti (Auckland)

Baldwin to coach Bay Hawks



Tab Baldwin—Photosport

Faced with the daunting task of replacing local legend Paul Henare, the Bay Hawks have pulled a rabbit out of the hat, signing former Tall Blacks coach Tab Baldwin for the 2013 National Basketball League season.

Baldwin (54) hasn't coached in the competition since 2001, but has won more titles than any other coach in league history, guiding the Auckland Stars to five in eight seasons at the helm. His return gives him a chance to regain the lead for career wins - he current-

ly has 203, second only to current Tall Blacks coach Nenad Vucinic (237).

"We're really excited to have him here," Hawks general manager Paul Trass said. "Tab will add something special to the basketball community in Hawke's Bay, which is already pretty strong."

"He has a very professional manner and he's a great motivator, not only within basketball, but also in the wider community. Tab just commands respect."

"We couldn't believe how excited he was about coming to Hawke's Bay. When you get that feeling, you start to believe it could be great."

Baldwin was a key figure in the development of predecessor Henare as a player, luring him from Napier to Auckland in 1998 to be part of his championship dynasty. After hanging up his sneakers, Henare guided the Hawks to the 2011 NBL final

and the semis again last season, but has signed with the Southland Sharks next year.

After leaving the NBL, Baldwin steered the national men's team to their first Oceania series victory over Australia in 2001, taking them to two world championships, the 2004 Athens Olympics and silver medals at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

He surrendered the Tall Blacks' reins in 2007 to pursue a professional career in Europe, coaching in Turkey, Romania and Greece, before taking the Lebanon men to the 2010 world championship and Jordan within a basket of qualifying for the 2012 London Olympics.

He is currently coaching the Fujian Sturgeons in the Chinese national league. Baldwin will arrive in Napier in the new year to supervise the pre-season programme for the Hawks.

"Returning to NZ is such an exciting move for me and my family," Baldwin said. "I've missed the people, the lifestyle and the basketball community that have given me so much throughout my career."

"My goal is to take what is already a great organisation to the very top of NZ basketball. The players that we will bring in or keep in the programme will be totally dedicated to this goal or their flight time with the Hawks will be short-lived."

"Commitment to the Hawks organisation, community and team goals will be beyond compromise. We owe this to the community and will pledge this to our fans."

Trass said the player recruitment process begins now.

"We told everyone the new coach wouldn't be a disappointment and we believe we'll have most of last year's players back, plus a couple of other significant signings."

Strong support for WABC Clinic



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES

More than 70 Coaches from the bottom of New Zealand's North Island were present today at the Te Rau-paraha Arena in Porirua to listen to presentations from the national team coaches of the Junior Tall Ferns, Junior Tall Blacks, Australian Gems and Australian Emus.

The two hour clinic by the national coaches was presented prior to the commencement of the final games in the 3 match Oceania Championships.

The Clinic was the brainchild of Patrick Hunt, President of the World Association of Basketball Coaches (WABC), who was present to open

the clinic and introduce the presenting coaches.

This is the first WABC clinic in New Zealand and follows the staging of the first such clinics in 2011 in Australia at the time of the Olympic Qualifiers in Melbourne and the U-17 Championships in Canberra.

The national team coaches Sean Fuller and Deslea Wrathall (NZL) and Cheryl Chambers and Damian Cotter (AUS) presented on court, using a squad of players supplied by the Porirua Basketball Association, each of the coaches presenting aspects of their offensive or defensive strategies and/or training routines.

The presence of more than 70 coaches representing just a small fraction of the national basketball coaching fraternity in New Zealand, was heartening news for the organisers and for Basketball New Zealand who are shortly to unveil a major initiative in the coaching area as part of their 'All of Basketball' strategy.

Certainly it is proof that coaching clinics in New Zealand will be well supported, with coaches eager to increase their knowledge.

For its part, FIBA Oceania and the WABC have been encouraged by the support for its first clinic and will ensure that in future Oceania Championships, an opportunity is created for the participating coaches to conduct a clinic where they share their knowledge, drills and strategies.

With the assistance of Basketball New Zealand, the WABC has video'd the presentations and will subsequently prepare a souvenir DVD from the clinic which will be made available to the coaches present at the clinic. It is planned to also make the DVD available to all basketball federations in the Oceania Zone as an education resource for those not able to attend the clinic.

In time the clips from the clinic will form part of the library of WABC coaching resources available online through the FIBA website www.fiba.com.

FIBA Oceania and the World Association of Basketball Coaches is indeed grateful to the national team coaches of New Zealand and Australia, who took time out of their program of qualification for the 2013 FIBA World Championships to share their knowledge, strategies, skills and drills with the coaches of New Zealand.

Former Tall Blacks Step into Coaching Roles

Some of the best and smartest Tall Blacks from the past decade have been promoted to guide national age-group teams next year.

And in doing so, BBNZ hopes to groom these recent international for higher honours in future years, while providing the junior programmes with an "elite" mentality.

While NZ Breakers assistant Dean Vickerman retains his NZ Universities role from last year and Anthony Corban the 3x3 reins, the other men's head coaching positions are all filled by recent Tall Blacks – Pero Cameron (U20), Judd Flavell (U18), Paul Henare (U17) and Mike Fitchett (U16).

"It's great to be able to introduce former players who know what it takes to achieve at all levels of the game, but particularly on the international stage," says Basketball New Zealand

chief executive Iain Potter.

"The Tall Blacks' success over the past 10 years has been built on innovative coaching and intelligent players, and now those players are bringing that experience into coaching careers.

"We expect they will be contenders for the Tall Blacks coaching position over the next decade, and provide a real link between that team and its feeder programme. They can really help our junior teams reach the next level at a pivotal time."

Indications are, for the first time, that New Zealand will face qualification for the FIBA U17 World Championships through Asia, greatly enhancing the Kiwis' chances of progressing after decades of frustration against the powerful Australians.

"If this happens, we will never have a better opportunity to qualify for the world junior championships in our own right,"

says Potter.

Men

Universities – Dean Vickerman

U20 – Pero Cameron

U18 – Judd Flavell

U17 – Paul Henare

U16 – Mike Fitchett

Women

Universities – Tania Hunter

U20 – Sean Fuller

U18 – Brent Matehaere

U17 – Aik Ho

U16 – James McGilvary