



THE WEEKLY STING #10

EHBA New & Events

21st March 2016

Welcome to our weekly wrap up of events and happenings within our Association. In a time where the population of our "sleepy country community" is rising by the day, perhaps it may be time to upgrade our small and homely Recreation Centre. The existing two courts aren't enough anymore to keep up with our rapidly growing member base of well over 1000 Junior and Senior players using the facility on a weekly basis. Court 2 was opened in 1979 (see below), and Court 1 in 1995. Believe it or not the same backboards for both courts are still standing! Over the past 5 years Mount Barker has had the largest population increase in Outer Adelaide, followed by those in the Adelaide Hills District Council Area. There is still life left in our home, it just badly needs to be updated and a lot of TLC.



The Spirit of 79! The official opening of the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre.

The Hills Hornets took on the South Adelaide Panthers in an exhibition game to celebrate this monumental date in the associations history at the AHRC.

LIFE MEMBERS

Colin Chapman
Brian Hassam
Brian Raison
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Shirley Wilson
Malcolm Williams
Julieann Kaesler
Anne Cambridge
Judy Raison
Beverley Earl
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Memories: The 1986 re flooring of our beloved Court 3, replacing the old concrete with new concrete!



EHBA Life Member and former Stadium Manager – John Hurling gets a helping hand



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Men

Magic v Zodiacs 3

This week's A League Men's fixture started with a bang, as Zodiacs 3 surprised most with an extremely hard fought and spirited effort against League leaders Mt Barker Magic. It was the Matt Johns show with Johns dropping 45 of the team's 71 points. Zodiacs 3 had no counter for the 6'5 Johns who scored at will, utilising his bag of tricks on each offensive possession. For Zodiacs 3 it was the combination of Seb Bald with 24 points and Zane Grivell with 16 points that kept the kids in the game. Zodiacs 3 connected on a team high 10 long range bombs, with Magic not converting a solitary 3pt basket. With the game going right down to the final minutes, it was the more experienced Magic getting the win 71-64.

Magic have been the title favorite all season with the triple threat of Warhurst, Mason and Johns doing the bulk of the damage. But with the possibility that Power Forward Andrew Mason could miss through injury, and a red hot German Arms starting to gear up, the title could still be anyone's!

Leading Scorers:

Magic 71 (M. Johns 45, J. Warhurst 16) defeated Zodiacs 3 64 (S. Bald 24, Z. Grivell 16)

Rimshots v Zodiacs 2

Zodiacs 2 made quick work of the depleted Rimshots, who could only field four fit players. A terrific first half by coach Darren Small's Golds put the nail in the coffin fairly early. Harry Schwarz with 15 points, and the league's most consistent player Aaron Morris (13 pts) were the top point scorers in this one. Ben Vincent continued his season long form with 16 points, while Glenn Landseer finished with 11 points.

Zodiacs 2 are bound for Finals glory, but a lot will depend on the availability of Michael Harris, and the bench depth for the golds.

Leading Scorers:

Zodiacs 2 60 (H. Schwarz 15, A. Morris 13) defeated Rimshots 35 (B. Vincent 16, G. Landseer 11)

German Arms v Onka Piranhas

German Arms had one eye on a top two finals spot as they disposed of a pesky Piranhas outfit 42-37. A monumental third quarter proved all the difference for the 76ers with Jayden Tarca displaying the form that had him selected in the Association team earlier this year with 14 points, whilst Jordan Houlahan kept up his usual high standards with an equal (14pts). German Arms Player Coach Scott Rattus rotated his charges well throughout the game getting great service from Sam Scott and Troy Parker-Boers. Despite the loss, Jack Barrett managed to put up a game high 17 points. Unfortunately for the Maroons, the loss of athletic forward Devon McGee just prior to the finals series has cost them dearly.

The 76ers are travelling very nicely at the minute, and will certainly be ready to play in post season finals action.

Leading Scorers:

German Arms 42 (J. Tarca 14, J. Houlahan 14) defeated Piranhas 37 (J. Barrett 17, M. Perkins 6)



Women

Mt Barker Magic v Meadows

Despite a low scoring encounter by Magic's standards, the game didn't seem to lack any intensity and flair. The Magic managed to outrun Meadows with a 56-24 victory. Tennille Searl was at her best for Magic marshalling the troops on every possession, supported well by Melinda Todd and Emerson Bowen. Meadows playing coach Skeate Bald did a good job in attempting to change the game tempo and slowing the Magic transition game down, but in the end the better drilled Magic came out winners.

Leading Scorers:

Magic 56 (T. Searl 22, E. Bowen 10) defeated Meadows 24 (G. Martin 11)

Strathalbyn v Zodiacs

For Zodiacs Kelli Schramm had much to do with the result with 19 points, along with livewire Courtney Kretschmer with (17 pts) setting the standard for the rest of the game. For Strathalbyn this is only a minor glitch on their road to the finals, as they have been the benchmark all season. For the Storm Kelly White finished with 12 points, and was the player to register in double digits.

Leading Scorers:

Zodiacs 52 (K. Schramm 19, C. Kretschmer 17) defeated Strathalbyn 30 (K. White 12)



U/14 & U/18 SA Country Junior Championships



Over the recent Adelaide Cup long weekend, EHBA – Hornets Representative teams competed in the State Country Junior Titles. Our player's coaches and referee's did a fantastic job with our U/14 Division 1 Girls and U/18 Division 1 Boys playing off in their respective Grand Finals on the holiday Monday. Unfortunately, they came up just short in both games, but it was an outstanding achievement by both teams to earn the Runners up Trophy. Well done to coaches Daren Small and Morgan Tolley.

Zodiacs player - Michael Harris did particularly well in the U/18 Boys competition, leading all scorers with 130 points at an average of 19 ppg. Michael had a point to prove following his omission from the U/18 State team to contest the National titles in Adelaide next month, and by all accounts he did just that! German Arms standout - Jordan

Houlahan was also outstanding for the boys with 119 points at an average of 17 ppg.

Top local Referee - Brett Johns was awarded the U/14 Boys Division 1 and U/18 Boys Division 1 Grand Finals. Promising Junior referee, 15-year-old - Campbell Byrne was awarded the U/18 Girls Division 2 Grand Final.

SA Country Development Team Selection

Congratulations to those EHBA juniors who have earned selection in the SA Country U/13 Development teams. This is the first representative step for our promising junior players in state colors. All players will complete two training weekends in Adelaide at the Adelaide Arena (Home of the 36ers), prior to competing in a three-day tournament in April. Local Network Coach and EHBA Committee member – Ian Barham, was selected as a boys' team coach. We wish them all the best.

Boys

Isaac Warhurst
Darcy Bald
Benjamin Silver
Charlie Wyatt
Joshua Clifton
Kade Harvey
Ian Barham (Coach)

Girls

Millie Tucker
Layla Harris
Taylor Moffatt
Tiah Hough

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PRESIDENTS WORD

When we think of local sport clubs and organisations, we usually conjure in our mind the image of happy people doing what they love best, in our case it might be a Monday night B Grade Men's game or a Thursday night U/10's fixture with the coaches and referee's doing more on court running than the kids!

Our very existence is the legacy of a group of passionate and like-minded volunteers who pool their efforts and resources together to create and facilitate organised programs to enable the community to play the game we love. As time goes by many of these names are simply forgotten, or in some cases have sadly passed away. In our Anniversary year it's time to reflect on those that have put their "blood, sweat and tears" into an organisation that was more like a second marriage. Thank you for what you have provided for today, and for that of tomorrow.

Jason Bald
President

It's a woman's world!

Right: The First Lady of Basketball circa July 1984. Judy Higgs of the Basketballing McDonald family becomes the first female President. Below: Long-time EHBA committee Members-Helen Raison (left) and Shirley Wilson (right). Shirley is the mother of current committee member Karen Johns, and Grandmother of Vice President Brett Johns.



Basketball's First Woman President

The Eastern Hills Basketball Association has its first woman president ... former league best and fairest winner, Judy Higgs.

At the age of 21, she is also the youngest president for the S.A. country's top basketball association.

It was only a matter of time before there was a woman president, with the strong involvement of women in the association.

Within the association, women's teams outnumber the men 70 to 43 while the elected committee consists of an even bigger margin of women, eight to three.

The vice president is Anne Cambridge and new secretary, Raelene Magor.

The only men on the committee are Sean Fanning, Col Brine and Frank Clarke while the



JUDY HIGGS

rest of the officials include Bev Earl, Shirley Wilson, Helen Raison, Viv Maher and Kerry McNamara.

The next basketball season begins on Monday, July 16. Programs will be distributed to secretaries at next Tuesday's delegates meeting (July 10).

