

Challenge Season comes to an end

The 2010 Challenge Season will be remembered for the number of new records set in both men and women's league action. The Grand Finals lived up to the hype and the men's game provided the 'edge of your seat' intensity that brings out the best in the players.

The **Uni Rebels** threaded their way through the final four teams to claim the championship with a thrilling **65-63** win against the Tracy Village Jets who were playing in their 12th consecutive Challenge Season Grand Final! The Rebels hadn't won a 'wet' season championship since 1984! Marcus Ch'ng from the Rebels was named as the MVP for the game and also for the season, he also set a new record for the most free throws in a season with 101 breaking the record set back in 2008 by American James Cochran from the Warriors . Ch'ng's team mate Jarrod Sheppard meanwhile set a new record for the most three pointers in a season with 86 (258pts) shattering the record set last year by Leon Perdue (Warriors) of 73. Shep had 7 treys in the Grand Final.

Lightning won their third Challenge Season title with a **58-49** effort against the Eagles. Tamara Sheppard was chosen as the MVP for the Grand Final and the season. Tamara set a couple of records during the competition as she racked up a record 66pts in a game (the most for male or female players), scored a total of 544pts (21 games) for the season and hit 84 free throws. The total point record set by Rhonda Bates back in 1991 of 483 was well and truly broken, not only by Sheppard but by Sam Drescher of Ansett with 528 and Lightning team mate Claire O'Bryan who finished up with 514 from only 17 games played! Claire also broke the three point record by potting 55 (165pts) and also set a new record of points per game (PPG) with a massive 30.24ppg...breaking the record set last season (2009 Championship Season) by Drescher of 24.84. AND team mate Sheppard was only one trey shy of tying O'Bryan for the record! Lightning also set a new record for most points scored in a women's game with a 126-30 win against the Warriors.