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Hi from the Front Desk!

It is an exciting month ahead in the world of basketball. Our national men's basketball team the Tall Blacks are on tour this month in preparation for the 2010 FIBA Basketball World Championship that starts at the end of August. The World Championship is going to be huge with over 350,000 people expected to attend the event in Turkey from August 28 to September 12. It is predicted that more than one billion viewers will watch the action on TV or online.

This is a World Championship Edition Newsletter so keep reading to learn more about the event.

The Youth Olympic Games start mid August with four of our Junior Tall Blacks attending the games in Singapore. For the first time 3on3 basketball will be part an official part of the Youth Olympic Games.

July has been a very busy month with Opens, U15 and U13 premierships tournaments around the country, the second round of the WBC, and the 2010 BBNZ CBL.

Congratulations to all involved and many thanks to the Associations that hosted events.

Our next tournaments are the Junior Secondary School premierships, late August, and AA/A Secondary School premierships being held late August-early September.

In preparation for the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament in October/November selection camps for U17 boys and girls were held last month.

Our 3rd and final round of development cluster camps will be held over the weekend 7/8 August in Auckland, Hamilton, Wanganui, Nelson and Timaru.

Congratulations to Stacey Dennison, Whetuaroa Simmons and Blake Moore (Coach) our participants at the "Children of the World" camp in Turkey. For more information read page nine of this newsletter.

Limited edition 'I love Tall Blacks' t-shirts are available at \$45 each. Please see page three of this newsletter where you will see these t-shirts.

The Bartercard National Basketball League finals propelled BBNZ website visits through the roof, adding 16% to the previous highest monthly record. The site hosted 71,590 visits, for the month of June, an average of 2,386 a day.

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Keep an eye on our website www.basketball.org.nz this month for news regarding the Tall Blacks and the World Championship. Some other websites you may like to follow are:

<http://www.fiba.com/> - FIBA Website
<http://www.fibatv.com/> - FIBA TV Website
<http://turkey2010.fiba.com/> - 2010 World Championship Website
<http://youtube.com/fibaworld> - FIBA World on YouTube
<http://twitter.com/fibaworld> - FIBA World on Twitter



Do you know who is this new basketball character?
 Read page 5 to find out!

I hope you all have a great month. Make sure you follow the Tall Blacks and support them during their World Championship.

All the best,
 Roslyn

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The NZ Tall Blacks confirmed 12 players to travel to the build up tournaments for the 2010 FIBA Basketball World Championship for Men in Turkey next month. Three players are attending their third world championship. Veterans Pero Cameron, named 2010 captain, Phil Jones and NZ Breakers star Kirk Penney, team vice-captain.

The world championship preparations commenced on July 26, with build up matches, mini tournaments, and training camps to be held in Croatia, Slovenia and Turkey. Head coach Nenad Vucinic is careful to explain that those selected may not necessarily be at the world champs, potentially leaving room for NBA star Sean Marks to make the side if he recovers from his shoulder surgery in time.

Speaking during the Tall Blacks selection camp Vucinic says "It was a tough call for myself, Dillon (Boucher) and Chris (Tupu) to select this team. They worked hard over the past couple of days". "It was the hardest one I've had to pick there are seven disappointed guys out there". "But let's hope it makes them stronger for the future. Any of them could have been there". "Sean Marks is still a possibility ... a small possibility. We'll just have to see if that happens."

The selection of Cameron was almost a surprise for Vucinic, who at one stage didn't believe he'd be fit enough after not playing in the NBL season. "Over the weekend, I thought it was going to be a real struggle for him. He came right completely. I think he was surprised himself." Cameron says he was doubtful if he would make the team on fitness, especially after he has been recovering from stress fractures in his left foot.

"The last two sessions were my best sessions," he said. "I kept on getting better. "It was a bit of a mental thing – am I able to keep turning it up? But there was progression and the confidence came with it. "There's some good old heads in the team and plenty of experience. It's a good solid team."

The team left New Zealand on 26th July for their extensive build up with a schedule that sees them take on Iran, Serbia and Turkey in Istanbul.

A training camp in the same city is followed by matches against Russia, Serbia and Slovenia in Maribor, Slovenia, with another camp afterwards. A mini tournament in Zadar, Croatia, will feature matches against Russia, Jordan and the home side, Croatia.

New Zealand's group at the world champs consists of reigning champions Spain, sixth-ranked Lithuania, France at 15, Canada 19 and Lebanon, coached by former Tall Black coach Tab Baldwin, with a ranking of 24.

The Tall Blacks are ranked at 13th in the world according to FIBA rankings. The Tall Blacks first game at the world championships is against Lithuania, August 28.

The 2010 Tall Blacks squad is:

-  **Thomas Abercrombie** (Waikato Pistons)
-  **Benny Anthony Jnr** (Harbour Heat)
-  **Craig Bradshaw** (unattached)
-  **Casey Frank** (Wellington Saints)
-  **Pero Cameron** (Wellington Saints) - Captain
-  **Phil Jones** (Nelson Giants)
-  **Jeremy Kench** (Christchurch Cougars)
-  **Kirk Penney** (NZ Breakers) - Vice captain
-  **Mike Fitchett** (Nelson Giants)
-  **Alex Pledger** (Waikato Pistons)
-  **Lindsay Tait** (Wellington Saints)
-  **Mika Vukona** (Nelson Giants)

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Tall Blacks Schedule

August

- August 6-8 Tournament in Olympic Arena, Istanbul, Turkey (opponents – Iran, Serbia, Turkey)
- August 9-11 Training camp in Istanbul, Turkey
- August 13-15 Adecco Cup in Maribor, Slovenia (opponents – Russia, Serbia, Slovenia)
- August 16-18 Training camp in Rogla, Slovenia
- August 20-22 World Cup, Zadar, Croatia (opponents – Russia, Jordan, Croatia)
- August 24-25 Training camp in Izmir, Turkey

FIBA World Championship for Men 2010

Round One (Halkapinar Arena, Izmir, Turkey)

August 28 – September 2

August 28	New Zealand v Lithuania	4pm
August 29	Spain v New Zealand	9pm
August 31	New Zealand v Lebanon	4pm
September 1	Canada v New Zealand	4pm
September 2	New Zealand v France	9pm

Play-Offs, (Sinan Erdem Dom, Istanbul, Turkey)

September 4-7	Eight-Finals
September 8-9	Quarter-Finals
September 10-11	Semi-Finals
September 12	Finals

Support the Tall Blacks on Facebook by joining the '2010 Tall Blacks' group



Limited edition t-shirts are available!



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Size	Chest	Waist
S	100-104	75-78
M	104-106	78-81
L	106-110	81-84
XL	110-114	84-87
XXL	114-118	87-90
XXXL	118-122	90-93

Show your support and get your very own t-shirt



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Facebook singlets



Show your love and support to the Tall Blacks on Facebook by getting a Tall Black singlet as your profile picture. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/FIBAWorld> and click on the "My FIBA Jersey" application.

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The FIBA 2010 Men's Basketball World Championship is almost here, starting August 28 Turkey will become the centre of the universe where the biggest stars in basketball will come out to play for the World Championship. It will be a Giant Get-Together!

The first round of the Championship will be hosted in four Turkish cities:

Kayseri will host Group A: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Germany, Jordan and Serbia.

Istanbul will host Group B: Brazil, Croatia, Iran, Slovenia, Tunisia and USA.

Ankara will host Group C: China, Greece, Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, Russia and Turkey and

Izmir will host Group D: Canada, France, Lebanon, Lithuania, **New Zealand** and Spain.

The final round will be held at Sinan Erdem Olympic dome, Istanbul. Lets hope we will see our very own Tall Blacks play here!

Overall there will be four cities, 24 teams, 80 games, 288 athletes and...



..... ONE CHAMPION!



The Trophy

This Trophy Unites Five Continents.

The Naismith Trophy is what all the teams attending the World Championship are playing for. Named after James Naismith the inventor of basketball, the Naismith Trophy was created in 1950 for the first FIBA World Championship for Men.

The top part of the newly created Naismith Trophy has a lotus flower design and the decagonal rotating middle piece, with carved maps of the continents and precious stones inlaid, symbolizes the 5 continents.



Black onyx, yellow citrine, green chrysopase, red garnet and blue topaz represent all the regions in the world. James Naismith's name is engraved on all four sides in Latin, Arabic, Chinese and in Egyptian hieroglyphics. Standing 47cm high the trophy weighs a grand 9kg.

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Meet Bascat

Bascat is the Mascot of the 2010 FIBA World Championship. Bascat has one blue and one green eye - synonymous with the Turkish Van Cat. His head takes cues from the crescent moon depicted in the Turkish flag.

Bascat is a cat but he thinks he is a dog. He is a very close relative of the Van Cat and therefore has a unique look. No one knows exactly where he really comes from because he is always all over Turkey, he likes to travel, which is why he will be following the Championship in all Host Cities.

He is agile, energetic and can even do somersaults. Like any Van Cat our Cat is Loyal, Loving and Intelligent. Bascat loves doing tricks, getting up to mischief, having fun, somersaults, climbing and fetching basketballs.



Get yourself a
savesaver!



There are seven different wallpapers to choose from. To get your very own Bascat wallpaper visit <http://turkey2010.fiba.com> and click on the 'Event Guide' tab then 'Mascot'

History

Seven different teams have been crowned World Champions. Leading the medal table are the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and the USA, all having won the Championship three times. Spain are defending the title they won in Japan in 2006, while Argentina are currently the world's best ranked basketball nation. 10 teams attended the first FIBA World Championship for Men back in 1950 with Argentina winning the first ever championship. Since then the world championships have been held every four years.

A glimpse at the last two FIBA World Championships

2006 - TOKYO, JAPAN

- 1st Spain
- 2nd Greece
- 3rd USA
- ...
- 9th New Zealand



Spain reigned at the FIBA World Championship in Japan in the biggest and most competitive international basketball event ever staged. With the field increased from 16 to 24 teams, six European sides reached the last eight with Spain ultimately triumphing over Greece to capture the gold medal.

There were great moments for all the continents. African giants Angola and Nigeria reached the knockout stage, with the latter falling by a single point to Dirk Nowitzki's Germany. Oceania's two representatives, Australia and New Zealand, also made it to the last sixteen. Yao Ming and FIBA Asian champions China advanced from Group D to the final 16 while the Americas were represented by the United States and Argentina.

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All Star Five: Manu Ginobili, Dimitri Papaloukas , Carmelo Anthony, Jorge Garbajosa, Pau Gasol (MVP)

2002 - INDIANAPOLIS, USA

- 1st Serbia & Montenegro
- 2nd Argentina
- 3rd Germany
- 4th New Zealand

In the gold medal game Serbia & Montenegro was able to repeat their 1998 triumph in a overtime thriller against Argentina (84 - 77) whilst Germany secured against New Zealand (117 - 94) a bronze medal and their first medal in the FIBA World Championships.

Dirk Nowitzki from Germany was voted MVP of the championship with Manu Ginobili (ARG), Yao Ming (CHN), **Pero Cameron (NZL)** and Dejan Bodiroga (SCG) joining him in the All Star Five.

History in the Making

Around 350,000 people are expected to attend the event in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir and Kayseri from August 28 to September 12 with more than one billion viewers watching the action on TV or online. The team winning the 2010 FIBA World Championship will qualify automatically for the London 2012 Olympics.

So with less than one month to go, here are a few things to look forward to:

- A Championship more open than ever, with at least 10 teams having a chance to bring home gold
- Fan tailored coverage on FIBA's online channels
- Brand new basketball arenas that look superb and of course the monster Final Round Sinan Erdem Olympic dome
- Sports building bridges in the first round games USA vs Iran and Turkey vs Greece
- The birth of new heroes of the game: Kevin Durant? Ricky Rubio? Joakim Noah? Nick Calathes? Gold, Silver and Bronze medals; another major chapter in basketball being written
- Bascat - the coolest mascot of 2010 - getting up to mischief as he visits the four host cities, Hoops, dunks, 3-pointers, alley-oops, buzzer-beaters, Blocks, steals, nasty rebounds, and...
- The TALL BLACKS!

FIBA World Ranking for Men after EuroBasket (2009)

Rank	Country	IOC	Current Points
1.	 Argentina	ARG	865.0
2.	 USA	USA	861.0
3.	 Spain	ESP	759.0
4.	 Greece	GRE	529.0
5.	 Serbia	SRB	459.0
6.	 Lithuania	LTU	382.0
7.	 Germany	GER	322.0
8.	 Italy	ITA	300.0
9.	 China	CHN	254.7
10.	 Puerto Rico	PUR	252.6
11.	 Australia	AUS	234.0
12.	 Angola	ANG	205.0
13.	 New Zealand	NZL	193.0
14.	 Brazil	BRA	181.6
15.	 France	FRA	181.0
15.	 Croatia	CRO	181.0
17.	 Russia	RUS	179.0
18.	 Turkey	TUR	163.0
19.	 Canada	CAN	124.2
20.	 Slovenia	SLO	123.0

Who do you think will be the number one ranked team after the World Champs?

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The second round of the WBC saw 10 teams in Waitakere 22-24 July.

Round Two WBC Results

Final: NZ Force Harbour Breeze 62 (Noni Wharemate 22, Chelsea Terei 12) Oceania Otago Goldrush 47 (Patrice McKenzie 19)

Third/fourth: Waikato Wizards 55 (Natasha Lenden 25, Aimee Firmin 14) NZ Force Women's Academy 58 (Milika Nathan 12, Chevannah Paalvast 11)

Fifth/sixth: Taranaki Trojans 65 (Georgie Richards 16, Jelena Vucinic 14, Terai Sadler 10) Palmerston North Storm 58 (Natalie Moore 18, Jordan Hunter 15)

Seventh/eighth: Hutt Valley Flyers 56 (Jess Slade 20, Ava Filipo 12, Margaret Scott 10) NZ Force Cougars 61 (Rhaiah Spooner-Knight 27)

Ninth/tenth: MAGS 66 (Ashleigh Kelman-Poto 13, Morgan Roberts 12, Luiza Roberts 11) Te Wananga O Aotearoa 63 (Sandra Renata 21, Kendal Young 14)

Palmerston North Storm were the unlucky losers in a scramble for spots in the five-team championship division of the WBC finale round three. A 58-65 loss to Taranaki Trojans for fifth/sixth saw them fall behind NZ Force Academy (third) and Waikato Wizards (fourth). Academy edged the wily Wizards 58-55 in their playoff.

Harbour enter the finals weekend in Dunedin with an unblemished record. Otago, with Bates in better form, will enjoy a home advantage. Bates, who returned home from NZ Cricket team representative duties in England, only 24 hours prior to the round 2 championship was not at her best.

Round Three is August 19-21, Dunedin.



Led by MVP Leon Henry and 42 points from former Tall Black Brendon Polyblank, Hutt Valley defeated home team Porirua to capture the 2010 Conference Basketball League crown at Porirua. The Hutt crew had to reverse the result from their previous pool play encounter where they were defeated 121-99. Hutt Valley seized control of the game with a 29-15 second quarter scoring blitz. The home team could make no real dent in the Hutt 17-point halftime advantage, despite 34 points from forward Arthur Trousdell.

The Junior Tall Blacks completed their strong tournament, part of a build-up towards September's FIBA U19 Oceania Championships, by defeating Southland for third place.

2010 CBL Results

Final: Hutt Valley 111 (Brendon Polyblank 42, Leon Henry 25, Damien Ekenasio 15) Porirua 95 (Arthur Trousdell 34, Ross Taurima 22, Jordan Mills 12)

Referees - Marty Davison, Donna Brown, Melony Wealleans

Third/fourth: Junior Tall Blacks 85 (Stefan Mandic 19, Brad Anderson 17) Nelson Suns 76 (Bronson Beri 21, Sam To'omata 18, Sam Dempster 14, Tom Ingham 10)

Referees - Scott Harris, Brendon Hodgson, Brent O'Hagan

All Star 5: Brendon Polyblank (Hutt Valley), Ross Taurima (Porirua), James Paringatai (Southland), Leon Henry (Hutt Valley), Jordan Mills (Porirua)

Most Valuable Player: Leon Henry (Hutt Valley)

Final Placings:

1 Hutt Valley	3 JTBs	5 Southland
2 Porirua	4 Nelson	6 Waikato

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Young Kiwis Face Stern Test

New Zealand have drawn potentially the toughest pool and face Greece in the opening game of men's basketball competition at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, August 15-23. Contested in the FIBA33 format, the tournament will feature 20 teams from every corner of the globe, consisting of athletes born between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994.

The Kiwis, coached by Anthony Corban have landed in a preliminary group that includes three of the world's top 10 men's "traditional" basketball programmes – Greece (fourth), Serbia (fifth) and Puerto Rico (10th), as well as emerging Asian nation India (52nd). New Zealand sits 13th on the FIBA men's ranking list. No other pool has more than two teams from the top 20. The top two teams from each of the four pools will progress to quarterfinals, while the others will play off for placings 9-20.

Congratulations to Reuben Te Rangi, James Ashby, Michael Karena and Ben Fraser who have been chosen to represent New Zealand.

Youth Olympic Games Pool

(Group A) Greece, India, NZ, Puerto Rico
 (Group B) Egypt, Iran, Lithuania, Panama
 (Group C) Central Africa Republic, Singapore, Turkey, USA
 (Group D) Croatia, South Africa, Spain, US Virgin Islands

The YOG draw for New Zealand

Sunday, August 15
 Greece (Group A)

Tuesday, August 17
 Puerto Rico (Group A)

Wednesday, August 18
 Serbia (Group A)

Thursday, August 19
 India (Group A)

The official website for the Youth Olympic Games
<http://www.singapore2010.sg>

For the full draw of the 3 on 3 basketball please visit
<http://www.basketball.org.nz/news/young-kiwis-face-stern-test/>

Youth Olympic Team Named

Basketball New Zealand and the NZ Olympic Committee have named a team of four to contest the men's basketball competition at this month's Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. The team is James Ashby (West Auckland), Ben Fraser (North Harbour), Michael Karena (Nelson), and Reuben Te Rangi (Counties-Manukau).

The tournament, played under FIBA33 rules, will begin on August 15 with New Zealand facing Greece in the opening men's game. All athletes were born between January 1, 1993, and December 31, 1994.

Coach Anthony Corban said he and his players will have benefited from finishing third at an international three-on-three tournament in Germany last month, even though only Karena was on that roster.



Photo: Reuben Te Rangi

"It was a massive help in figuring out how this FIBA33 is played", he said. "It will be a real shock for the boys that didn't go. Size is a key there is no three-second rule and most teams will just permanently park a big guy under the basket. We know we're going to see a lot of 'pick and roll', and a lot of fouling. Unfortunately, we're not a big team, so that will be a challenge for us." Still, Corban hopes to catch the giants in his "pool of death" by surprise.

"We have Greece first up, and maybe we can lure them into a sense of false security and knock them over. Then we have a day off, which will give us a chance to scout Puerto Rico." New Zealand round off pool play with games against Serbia and India.

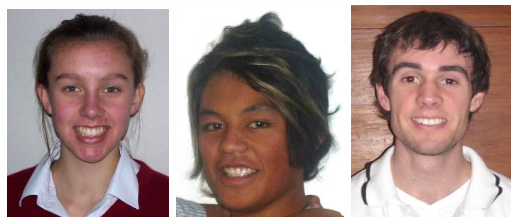
"The opportunity for us to send a FIBA33 team to the first ever Youth Olympic Games will be a tremendous experience for the team and represents another stage in the development of three-on-three basketball on the global stage," says BBNZ chief executive Tim Hamilton.

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Children of the World

Congratulations to Stacey Dennison of Central Otago and Whetuaroa Simmons of Hamilton who have been selected to represent New Zealand at the up coming Children of the World Camp this month. An initiative between the Turkish Basketball Federation and FIBA, the Children of the World camp brings together teenagers from all over the world to attend this social and cultural basketball project. 200 basketball countries have been invited to send one boy and one girl born in 1996 plus one coach, under 35 years of age. Congratulations to Blake Moore of Dunedin who has been chosen to attend as a coach. 400 teenagers and 200 coaches will participate in basketball tournaments and clinics, undertake many “teamwork and team play” activities and games.

The camp will be held from August 24 to 31, 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey. All international flights and accommodation expenses in Turkey will be covered by FIBA and the Turkish Basketball Federation. Stacey, Whetuaroa and Blake will also have the opportunity to experience Turkish Cuisine and attending the 2010 FIBA Basketball World Championship.



Pictured L-R: Stacey, Whetuaroa & Blake

We asked “What kind of contribution you are expecting from the camp, what is the camp going to bring to your life?”

Stacey replied: *To get specialised coaching from the World's best coaches. Also to enjoy the company and share experience with children from other countries.*
 Whetu replied: *'I think this will be an amazing experience and I hope to make new friends for life, meet new coaches and improve my game'*
 Blake replied: *It will give me a taste of the Turkish culture and the appreciation of the country. Being exposed to the best in international basketball will help grow me as a coach and expose me to different coaching philosophies and methods. The camp provides a chance to interact and coach children from other nations where I will most likely develop new ways to convey understanding and passion for the sport.*

New Court Markings

Last April FIBA Central Board voted to change the court markings of a basketball court coming into effect from 1 October 2010; reshaping the restricted area from a trapezoid to rectangle, extending the three point line and adding a no-charge zone under the hoop. Basketball New Zealand has stipulated a timeline for these new court markings:

- 1 Venues hosting games at national tournament level or above (including NBL, CBL, WBC, FIBA Oceania or international games) must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2011 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture).
- 2 Venues staging zone premierships and below must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2013 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture) but must mark the new three-point arc using tape for such tournaments in 2011 and 2012.

It would be good to see the new court markings by the start of 2013 so that any schools, clubs, teams, players using the basketball courts can familiarise themselves through the transition.

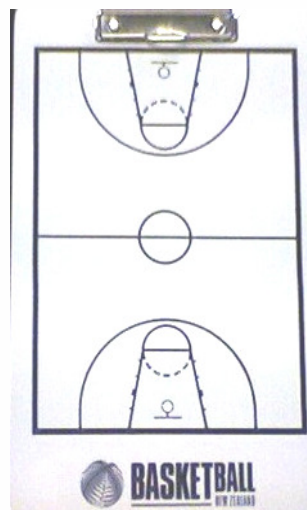
Coaching Clipboards Available

White BBNZ branded coaching boards are available at \$35 each with postage included. Limited number in stock!!

The front of the clipboard is a miniature sized basketball court (as pictured) and the back of the clip board is a miniature half sized basketball court. The clipboards are 39.5cm long and 25cm wide.

This is a great coaching tool and could be the perfect gift for your favorite coach to say thank you for all their hard work.

To order a clipboard email bbnz@basketball.org.nz or ring 04 498 5950.



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2010 Bartercard NBL Awards

Exodus Saints guard Lindsay Tait wins his second Most Valuable Player award, while Waikato Pistons swingman Thomas Abercrombie is named Kiwi Most Valuable Player. Tait who won the MVP award in 2005 also won both Outstanding Guard and NZ Outstanding Guard leading his Saints side to a 14-4 record to clinch the regular season which is the second time in three seasons. This is the fourth time Tait has been named Outstanding Guard (2003, 04, 05) and the fifth time he has won Best New Zealand Guard (2003, 04, 05, 07).

In only his second season in the league Abercrombie has already become a key franchise player winning his second Outstanding Forward and Best NZ Forward awards. Leading his team in scoring (20.7), assists (2.9), steals (1.6) and blocks (2), Abercrombie also featured in the top in the league in scoring (10th), rebounds (10th), and blocks (2nd).

Coach of the Year goes to none other than Saints Pero Cameron who in his rookie season as a Head Coach won the regular season and the championship amassing a 17 win and 5 loss record throughout the whole season.

Zerofees Southland Sharks centre Martin Iti is named Rookie of the Year with averages of 6.7 points and 6.1 rebounds in 13 games. The Sharks sorely missed the inside presence of Iti who missed the last quarter of season though injury.

Sharks Rene Rougeau is named in the All Star Five and if there was a defensive player of the year he would be heavy favourite leading the league in steals (3.8) and fifth in blocks (1.6). Rougeau won the overall player power rankings in the regular season winning the player of the week four times. Alongside Abercrombie and Rougeau in the forwards, Fico Finance Nelson Giants Mika Vukona earns his first All Star Five Selection with career high averages of 14.5 points and 9.9 rebounds (3rd in the league). Scoring Champ Eric Devendorf joins his back court partner Tait to round out the All Star Five for his contributions both for the Pistons and the Saints. Devendorf averaged 25.6 points in 13 regular season games which included a league high 49 points in his first ever NBL game.

Outside of the players Dallas Pickering has been named Referee of the Year for his performances in the Regular Season and as Head Referee in all of his playoff

appearances which included the three game finals series. Southland Times Brendan Egan is the winner of the Media Award for his excellent coverage of the Sharks in their debut season in the league while James King of the Fico Finance Nelson Giants wins Administrator of the Year for all of his hard work during the season.

2010 Bartercard National Basketball League Awards

Most Valuable Player: Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints)

Regular Season Winners: Exodus Saints (14-4)

Keith Carr Trophy - Most Outstanding Guard: Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints)

John Macdonald Trophy - Most Outstanding NZ Guard: Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints)

Commissioners Cup - Most Outstanding Forward: Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

Stan Hill Trophy - Most Outstanding NZ Forward/Center: Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

Garry Pettis Memorial Trophy - Leading Individual Rebounder: Alex Pledger (12.6) (Waikato Pistons)

Dave Taylor Trophy - Leading Assists: Lindsay Tait (7.1) (Exodus Saints)

Leading Scorer: Eric Devendorf (25.6) (Exodus Saints)

All Star Five: Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints), Eric Devendorf (Exodus Saints), Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons), Mika Vukona (Fico Finance Nelson Giants), Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)

Rookie of the Year: Martin Iti (Zerofees Southland Sharks)

Coach of the Year: Pero Cameron (Exodus Saints)

Free Throw Leader: Phill Jones (87.7%) (Fico Finance Nelson Giants)

Administrator of the Year: James King (Fico Finance Nelson Giants)

Media Award: Brendan Egan (Southland Times)

Best FT%: McDonalds Manawatu Jets (74.2%)



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FIBA TV Online

FIBA has launched the second generation of the FIBAtv.com on-line streaming platform, redesigned with a number of additional and improved features. The central new feature – the unique new Play Search function – enables users to search for clips of their favourite players within the ever-growing FIBA archive of games, according to a total of 17 play categories, including dunks, layups, three-pointers, drives and rebounds.

This unique service, which gives viewers access to and control of many of the greatest moments in the history of the international game, is completely free of charge. The archive will be constantly updated during the upcoming FIBA World Championships and prior to launch, FIBA had amassed over 45,000 clips, stretching back nearly 20 years of FIBA World and Continental Championships, as well as selected club competitions.

Featured players include Pau Gasol, Kobe Bryant, Luis Scola, Dirk Nowitzki, Andrew Bogut, Hamed Haddadi, Yi Jianlian, Hedo Turkoglu, Dejan Bodiroga, Shaquille O'Neal, and Toni Kukoc to name but a few. Stars from the women's game like Hortencia, Lauren Jackson, Lisa Leslie and Elena Baranova also feature in the Play Search archive.

FIBA secretary general and IOC member Patrick Baumann explains: "The concept of the FIBAtv.com online platform is to enable basketball fans wherever they are to access live and on-demand coverage of full games, as well as highlights and interviews."

Follow the 2010 FIBA basketball world champs online, and watch team games and highlights on FIBAtv online.

The FIBAtv.com online platform also incorporates FIBAAsiatv.com, FIBAAmericastv.com, FIBAEuropetv.com, FIBAAfricatv.com and FIBAOceaniatv.com.

To learn more, visit www.FIBAtv.com



Sparc Volunteer Coach Awards 2010



Recognise a great coach with a nomination in the SPARC Volunteer Coach Awards 2010 and win them great prizes. Coaches give up so much of their free time to benefit your sport and community. Show your thanks and appreciation by nominating your favorite volunteer coach.

Winning coaches receive product from awards sponsor Watties, coaching apparel from SPARC and one winner from each region also wins a coach development opportunity with SPARC. The coach development opportunity will take place over a weekend in 2011, and will include development workshops and attendance at a significant sporting event, travel and accommodation paid for by SPARC. Every nominated coach receives a letter of thanks from your local Regional Sports Trust and goes into a draw to win one of 17 \$100 sports vouchers.

Nominations can be made in three categories: The **student category** is open to school-aged coaches, while the **lifetime category** is for people who have devoted 25 years or more to coaching. The **general category** is for all other community coaches. Anyone who has coached as a volunteer at a club or school in any sport (not at a representative level) in the last 12 months can be nominated (parents, grandparents, teachers, students, club and school coaches).

Nominations can be made online by visiting www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers or by picking up an entry from your local Regional Sports Trust.

Nominations close midnight, September 8



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Referee Nominations For Tournaments

The **nomination and provision** of referees is important for tournaments to run smoothly and for officiating to be at an appropriate level.

BBNZ is concerned with the current practices severely impacting on our ability to provide adequate officials at tournaments. Some of the issues include:

- Nomination of referees who don't know they have been nominated, but are available
- Nomination of referees in name only – they have not been contacted and are not available
- No nomination
- Nomination of team members, including coaches, assistant coaches, managers and/or players
- Associations not aware of what referees are nominated
- Referees without any official referee grading/level
- Referees not of a suitable standard for the competition

BBNZ is considering automatic invoicing on failure to provide nominations. This failure may also result in your team being withdrawn from the tournament, more substantial fines for teams/associations who nominate referees that fail to turn up, along with some other measures to remind teams/associations that this is important.

There are limited referees who have time to commit to tournaments, particularly those occurring on work days, please respect that fact. When you fail to provide a referee, the Technical Commissioner is left with a gap in their roster and we could see a situation where one referee is available for your game. The fine money collected is used to help get referees to tournaments where we are short, some of it specifically targeted at nationals.

PLEASE, PLEASE ensure your referee is available, I coming and can officiate the entire tournament. We are asking you to help us help make your tournaments enjoyable, safe and memorable for all the right reasons.

GOOD BASKETBALL!

Call For Help – Referees

Every year, secondary schools struggle to get referees for their teams and, as a result, BBNZ struggles to cover those teams without referees at premierships. We are making a plea to referees around the country to make themselves available to help local associations, BBNZ and, of course, schools make their tournaments enjoyable with enough competent referees.

If you are interested in officiating at secondary school tournaments this year, contact cath@basketball.org.nz. The secondary school tournament dates and venues are as below:



Tournaments that need referees

Jr Secondary School Premierships

August 28-31

Zone 1 & 2 Rotorua (Rotorua Basketball Assn)

Zone 3 New Plymouth (New Plymouth Basketball Assn)*

Zone 4 Nelson (Nelson Basketball Assn)*

* Tournament runs only till August 30

Secondary School Premierships

August 31-September 4

Zone 1 AA/A – Waitakere

Zone 2 Boys AA/A – Manukau

Zone 2 Girls AA/A – Tauranga

Zone 3 Boys & Girls AA/A – New Plymouth

Zone 4 Boys AA – Christchurch

Zone 4 Boys A – Alexandra *

Zone 4 Girls AA/A – Nelson *

* Tournament runs only till September 3

Associations please support your referees and encourage them to participate in these tournaments. By looking after referees and providing officiating opportunities, we are able to let them grow and up-skill themselves. All in all, it gives back to the sport and promotes referees as part of the team.

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Recent Tournament Team Placing

Open Premiership Tournament - Men's Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st West Auckland 2 nd Harbour DBC Sharks 3 rd Waitakere City 4 th Harbour AUT 5 th New Zealand Defence Force 6 th Te Tai Tokerau Far North Muriwhenua	1 st Tauranga City 2 nd Gisborne Turanga Health Rising Suns 3 rd Counties Manukau Franklin Blitz 4 th Waikato Pirongia Irish 5 th Gisborne	1 st Wellington Morehu 2 nd Porirua 3 rd Wellington Victoria 4 th Palmerston North Cardinals 5 th Palmerston North 6 th Porirua Mana 7 th Wanganui	1 st Canterbury Atami 2 nd Canterbury Wolverines 3 rd Canterbury Kiwihoops 4 th West Coast 5 th Canterbury Checkers 6 th Mid Canterbury 7 th Buller

Open Premiership Tournament - Women's Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st Waitakere City 2 nd Waitakere City Green 3 rd West Auckland 4 th New Zealand Defence Force 5 th Harbour AUT 6 th Te Tai Tokerau Far North Muriwhenua 7 th Harbour Dolphinz	1 st Rotorua 2 nd Tauranga City 3 rd Gisborne 4 th Gisborne Horouta White 5 th Gisborne Horouta Black	1 st Porirua 2 nd Hutt Valley WMC 3 rd Porirua Boomtown Flyers 4 th Palmerston North	1 st Nelson 2 nd Southland Pearls 3 rd Marlborough 4 th Buller 5 th Mid Canterbury 6 th South Canterbury

U13 Premiership Tournament – Boy's Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st Waitakere City Green 2 nd Harbour A 3 rd West Auckland A 4 th Auckland Blue 5 th Harbour B 6 th Waitakere City Silver 7 th Hibiscus Coast 8 th Auckland White 9 th West Auckland B	1 st Waikato A 2 nd Counties Manukau 3 rd Tauranga City 4 th Rotorua 5 th Waikato B 6 th Tauranga City Blue 7 th Thames Valley 8 th Lake Taupo 9 th Ngati Porou 10 th Counties Manukau Red	1 st Wellington A 2 nd Hawkes Bay 3 rd New Plymouth 4 th Taranaki Country 5 th Palmerston North 6 th Porirua A 7 th Hutt Valley 8 th Wellington B 9 th Porirua B	1 st Canterbury A 2 nd North Otago 3 rd Otago A 4 th Nelson 5 th Marlborough 6 th Canterbury B 7 th Southland 8 th Otago B 9 th North Canterbury 10 th Central Otago 11 th Mid Canterbury 12 th West Coast

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U13 Premiership Tournament - Girl's Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st Harbour A 2 nd West Auckland 3 rd Harbour B 4 th Auckland Blue 5 th Waitakere City 6 th Auckland White	1 st Rotorua 2 nd Waikato 3 rd Counties Manukau 4 th Lake Taupo 5 th Tauranga City 6 th Thames Valley 7 th Ngati Porou	1 st New Plymouth 2 nd Porirua 3 rd Taranaki Country 4 th Hawkes Bay 5 th Palmerston North 6 th Wellington Black 7 th Hutt Valley 8 th Wellington Gold	1 st Mid Canterbury 2 nd Nelson 3 rd Otago A 4 th North Canterbury 5 th Canterbury A 6 th South Canterbury 7 th Central Otago 8 th Marlborough 9 th North Otago 10 th West Coast 11 th Eastern Southland 12 th Otago B 13 th Southland 14 th Buller 15 th Canterbury B

U15 Premiership Tournament - Girl's Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st Harbour A 2 nd Waitakere City 3 rd West Auckland 4 th Harbour B 5 th Te Tai Tokerau	1 st Counties Manukau 2 nd Waikato 3 rd Ngati Porou 4 th Rotorua 5 th Tauranga City 6 th Thames Valley 7 th Central Country-Taumarunui 8 th Waikato Development 9 th Lake Taupo	1 st Hawkes Bay 2 nd wellington 3 rd Hutt Valley 4 th New Plymouth 5 th Taranaki Country 6 th Porirua 7 th Palmerston North	1 st Canterbury A 2 nd North Cant 3 rd Nelson 4 th Buller 5 th Mid Canterbury 6 th Otago A 7 th South Canterbury 8 th Eastern Southland 9 th Canterbury B 10 th Southland 11 th North Canterbury B 12 th North Otago 13 th Otago B 14 th West Coast

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U15 Premiership Tournament - Boys Team Placing			
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1 st West Auckland A 2 nd Harbour A 3 rd Auckland Blue 4 th Waitakere City Green 5 th Harbour B 6 th West Auckland B 7 th Harbour C 8 th Waitakere City Silver 9 th Auckland White 10 th Auckland Red	1 st Waikato A 2 nd Rotorua 3 rd Counties Manukau 4 th Tauranga City 5 th Thames Valley 6 th Counties Manukau Development 7 th Tauranga City Blue 8 th Waikato B 9 th Ngati Porou 10 th Gisborne	1 st Hawkes Bay 2 nd Wellington A 3 rd Porirua 4 th Hutt Valley 5 th New Plymouth 6 th Palmerston North 7 th Wellington B 8 th Taranaki Country 9 th Wellington-Kapiti	1 st Canterbury A 2 nd Nelson 3 rd Otago A 4 th North Canterbury 5 th Canterbury B 6 th Otago B 7 th Mid Canterbury 8 th Southland 9 th Central Otago 10 th South Canterbury Green 11 th Eastern Southland 12 th West Coast 13 th South Canterbury White

Upcoming Tournaments

BBNZ Junior Secondary Schools Premierships

Zone 1	Rotorua	Boys & Girls	(Aug 28-31)
Zone 2	Rotorua	Boys & Girls	(Aug 28-31)
Zone 3	New Plymouth	Boys & Girls	(Aug 28-30)
Zone 4	Nelson	Boys & Girls	(Aug 28-30)

BBNZ Secondary Schools AA/A Premierships

Zone 1	Waitakere	AA/A Boys & Girls	(Aug 31-Sep 2)
Zone 2	Counties Manukau	AA/A Boys	(Aug 30-Sep 3)
Zone 2	Tauranga	AA/A Girls	(Aug 30-Sep 3)
Zone 3	New Plymouth	AA/A Boys & Girls	(Aug 31-Sep 4)
Zone 4	Christchurch	AA Boys	(Aug 31- Sep 4)
Zone 4	Alexandra	A Boys	(Aug 31-Sep 4)
Zone 4	Nelson	AA/A Girls	(Aug 31-Sep 4)

Upcoming Tournament Deadlines

- Aug 11:** BBNZ Open and Wheelchair Nationals - Team Entry and Online Roster Due
Aug 25: BBNZ U13 and U15 Nationals - Team Entry and Online Roster Due
Sep 8: BBNZ Secondary Schools A/AA Nationals - Team Entry and Online Roster Due