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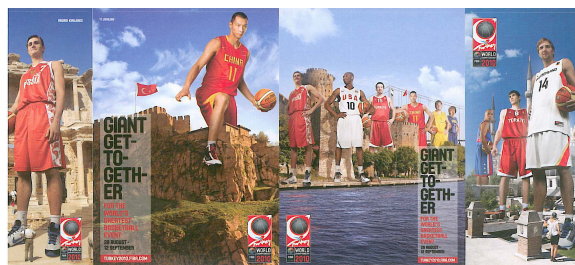
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From The Board

"With one month left in the Association's financial year the Board is pleased to announce that the Association is tracking well to budget for the year. This is a significant result for the Association and should build on the good results achieved last year.

The Board would like to congratulate the under 13 and under 15 representative teams who competed recently at their respective South Island premierships. All teams acquitted themselves well with the under 13 boys, under 15 boys and girls all winning their respective tournaments. This is a fantastic result and shows the strong pool of talent coming through Canterbury's programmes.

We wish Jeremy Kench and the Tall Blacks all the best for the World championships.

Finally, congratulations to all Winter teams on a great and competitive season and good luck to all those club teams that have made their respective finals this weekend."

World Champs Begin for Tall Blacks



Cantabrian, Jeremy Kench will play at the World Champs starting 28th August. The Tall Blacks are in pool D and will take on Lithuania on the 28th August followed by current World Champion Spain on the 29th. Then its Canada on the 31st, Tab Bladwin's Lebanon on the 1st September and finally France on the 2nd September. The Top four teams will advance to the Eight Finals where it becomes straight elimination the rest of the way through. We wish Jeremy and all the Tall Blacks the best of luck and hope to see them repeat the fairy tale of the 2002. Check out the Tall Blacks games on Sky TV

Kennedy's The Man



Home grown coaching talent Kennedy Hamilton-Kereama has been named as the Tall Ferns Head Coach for the Japan Tour.

Kennedy brings a refreshing new look to the NZ Tall Ferns head coaching role as he steps into the vacuum left by predecessor Shawn Dennis who has departed to be an Assistant Coach for the Australian NBL Champion Perth Wildcats.

He is also the first Kiwi to coach the national women's team since Carl Dickel guided the Ferns through the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"It's an exciting opportunity," says Hamilton-Kereama.

"I would never discredit the work any of the previous Australian coaches have done with the Tall Ferns, but I think having a Kiwi in the job would also be exciting for New Zealand basketball community."

Over the past decade, the Ferns have been under the guidance of American Tracy Carpenter (2001) and then a string of Australians – Carrie Graf (2003), Tom Maher (2004), Mike McHugh (2005-08) and Dennis (2009).

Hamilton-Kereama has been a true student of the game, cutting his teeth as assistant coach to another Aussie, Leigh Gooding, with the Christchurch Sirens in 2007/08, and then performing video duties under McHugh and Gooding at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Last year, he and his now-deputy Aik Ho both assisted Dennis.

Since the demise of the Sirens, Hamilton-Kereama has undertaken his professional development offshore with Albury Wodonga in the South East Australia Basketball League.

Given the Ferns' short international programme this year, Hamilton-Kereama's appointment is an interim one and the Basketball New Zealand board hopes to reconsider its options by the end of September.

If Australia manage to retain their world title in September, New Zealand will again be well placed to claim the Oceania qualifying berth for the 2012 London Olympics, as they have on the previous three occasions.

Regardless, they will likely get a chance to push their Olympic claims through a last-chance repechage format.

Japan will contest the world championships and should provide a useful measure of the talent available to the Tall Ferns moving forward. Their roster has undergone considerable change since their 2009 NZ tour, and they have already achieved promising results against Australia and Lithuania in recent weeks.

"They are a tough team to play against," observes Hamilton-Kereama. "They play with a lot of passion and they are very fast in transition, which is not a style we're accustomed to in New Zealand."

Al Robson gets NZ Special O Job

Al Robson awarded the Head Coaching role for the NZ Special Olympics Basketball Team



Canterbury Basketball's own home grown talent Alan Robson has been rewarded after years of dedication to Special Olympics, National League, Representative and Club Basketball being awarded the Head Coaching role for the NZ Special Olympics Basketball team which will participate at the 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece commencing in late June. Al, who learnt his basketball at Hillmorton High, has played and coached basketball for 38 years. He played A grade (now Premier) basketball representing Canterbury at various levels including being a member of the inaugural Canterbury Rams team in 1981 along side Stan Hill and Dutchie Rademakers.

The BBNZ Level two coach has coached numerous Canterbury Aged group teams, winning an Under 14 National championship title in 2004. Al took over the Canterbury Special Olympics basketball team from his mate Graeme Bain in 2001, winning Division one Gold medals in 2001 and 2005 with a bronze medal in 2009.

The 2011 Special Olympics World games will be the largest sporting event worldwide with 185 countries competing in 22 sports. World Games are held every four years with 7500 athletes/2500 coaches etc attending compared with the Commonwealth Games in Delhi this year which will have 7500 athletes and coaches. Some 25,000 volunteers will be supporting the events. The Basketball competition alone attracts upwards of 60 to 70 teams.

The New Zealand team is made up of around 40 coaches, HOD, officials and athletes represented in eight sports.

Two Canterbury Special Olympics athletes, Craig Bennetts and Michael Friend, that play for Special Olympics in the Mid-week Men's Basketball club competition have been chosen to attend a Selection Camp at Labour Weekend with two other training camps planned for November and May.

By Bruce Martin

Club Challenge



The Club Challenge concluded after week 16, which was the final week that all teams in all grades played. Designed as a bit of fun to see which club could dominate across the various grades, the Club Challenge proved to be an interesting weekly exercise. Each week the teams allocated to each club group were given points 4 points for winning, 2 points for finishing within 5 points of the opposition and 1 point for losing by 6 points or more. Every club group had their moment in the sun, each having a week they would like to bottle up and reproduce, and each having a week that might have been better to have stayed in bed. In the end the Atami/Shirley group containing the Atami Men's Premier, Atami Mens Div one, Atami Men's Mid Week, Atami Men's U23, Shirley Pirates Women's Premier, Rangi Ruru Women's Div One(allocated), CYA Women's Mid Week (Allocated), Shirley Boys High U20 and Shirley Boys High U17 won the Club Challenge. Their combined total was 446 points 14 points clear of Wolverines on 432, Royals 403, University 398, Checkers 364, Halswell/H SOB 349 and finally Gators with 335.

Hopefully we this may encourage clubs to try to get a team in most grades for 2011 and make logical connections to schools that could be their representatives in the U20 and U17 grades.

Club Finals



The winter is nearly over, we know this because its Club finals time. This weekend the top teams in a number of grades will contest the Championships at Cowles Stadium. Huge thankyou to the Mainland Foundation, Pub Charity and the Christchurch Casio for sponsoring our winter competitions.

Congratulations to the following teams who have made the finals and good luck for the championship game.

Christchurch Casio Mens Premier sees the current reigning champion Atami up against a Gators team who are making their first appearance in the championship game. Eric Rees has the Gators primed and they have shown some great form over the past couple of weeks to progress to the final. Wins over last years finalists Wolverines and then the major semi against Checkers has seen them through to the final. The Atami side are unlikely to want to give away the trophy just yet so it promises to be a great game. 4:00pm start

In the Christchurch Casio Women's Premier grade the finals is a repeat of last years game with the current Champions Wolverines up against last years runner up University. University have been the dominant team in the Championship round and look to be the favourite while Wolverines has had a patchy path to the finals but recovered some form late to get past Minties. Wolverines are unpredictable so this one could be close.

2pm start

In the Men's Division One Grade Wolverines has been to top performer but have not yet beaten the other finalist Wolfpac this season. Wolverines got past Atami in the semi while the Wolfpac eliminated the two time champion Placemakers Wolves from the final game. Again too close to call but will make for an interesting game. 9am start

In Women's Div One Wolverines Aranui Blue are up against Rangi Ruru who have had a solid season. These two have dominated the grade this year and a classic youth vs experience match up promises to ensue.

In the U23 Grade the unbeaten Wolverines team meets an Atami team who has battled to get to the final. With a couple of key Wolverines players unavailable the balance may have shifted back towards Atami in this one. Sam Dobbs will no doubt be a factor for Atami while the Wolverines will be looking for the perfect season.

The Mid week finals were held on Wednesday with a couple of classic match ups in each final. Classic, meaning competitive teams not the vintage of some of the players. In the women's final Wolverines Aranui vs Checkers chicks for the title while in the men's final Checkers white will be up against arc rival University

Due to Sec School Tournaments the U20 Men's grade was contested last weekend with Christchurch Boys high beating Middleton Grange in the final 68 – 45.

In the U17 Grade St Bedes College concluded a perfect winning season with a finals win over Shirley Boys High 69 -66. One of only two teams left in CBA competitions with unbeaten seasons St Bedes went 17 – 0 to become the Champ.

Summer Development Leagues



The CBA will again be running three Summer Development Leagues through-out October, November and December for players who want to improve their game. These Development Leagues are designed to offer players exposure to top level coaching plus a game each week of a rep level standard. All games will have stats and players will be drafted into even teams for the League. This is great opportunity to play with other players outside of your own club plus stake a claim for future rep programmes and Academies.

League: Men's Premier – Men's U23 and Women's U20.

The will also likely be a Wildcats training squad in action and if enough female players take up that option it could well be developed into a league.

Cougars News



The Christchurch Cougars will be running a coaching clinic in the school holidays again at the end of this term. Further details will be available closer to the time so keep an eye out on our website.

Wildcats at WBC



The Canterbury Wildcats attended the third WBC tournament in Dunedin last weekend but due to non participation in the first two tournaments were not able to take part in the top section. They finished the tournament with a 2win 3 loss record and placed. This was very young team and many of our star players were playing for other teams so as to be able to attend all three events. The Board has committed to sending the Wildcats programme to all three events next year. Canterbury hope to host a WBC Tournament in 2011

Girls with Game Clinics



The "Girls with Game" clinics have picked up momentum with three planned for various age groups and talent levels over the next month. The first of these is Saturday 18th September and Sunday 19th in conjunction with North Canterbury and involving the Tall Ferns coaching staff of, Head Coach Kennedy Hamilton Kereama and Assistant coach Aik Ho. The Saturday one is for Rep level players in the U15 /U13 age groups. The Sunday clinic is for players 15 and over and will be geared at a senior rep level.

In Late September the Pioneer Junior Club will again host a Girls with Game clinic for girls who want to learn to play through to rep level U15s. This will feature Canterbury Rep coaches as well as CBA Development Manager Terry Brunel. Both Clinics are on our website see down load enrolment form or contact terry@canterburybasketball.co.nz

Sec school Qualifying

The Basketball NZ Secondary School Boys Qualifying will be held here starting Tuesday 31 Aug. 19 teams from the South Island will be vying for the six qualifying spots at the National Secondary School Tournament late September. Local schools make up the majority of the draw with the eight who contested the First Five Tournament, Cashmere High, Shirley Boys High, Aranui Academy, St Bedes College, St Andrews College, Middleton Grange, Christchurch Boys High and Burnside High, plus additional entries Rangiora High School, Lincoln College and Christ College. From outside of Christchurch there are Nelson College, Nayland College and Waimea from Nelson along with Marlborough Boys from Blenheim, Waitaki Boys from Oamaru, Otago Boys High and Bayfield High School from Dunedin plus Southland Boys High from the deep south.

CBA Boomerang



The CBA will take ownership of the Boomerang ball return machine next week. Again thanks to our sponsors, Ideal Electrical and the Trillian Trust for making this possible. If you would like to book in for a session the prices are as follows:

9am – 12pm weekdays Note: there is a \$5 QEII charge to use the court

Individual shooting workout	\$10	(Just you and the machine)
Rep Player Individual workout	\$5	(Just you and the machine)
Pro Coach Session	\$30	(Coaching session with Development Manager)



Junior Clubs Final Four Tournament



The Junior Club "Final Four" will be hosted by Pioneer Junior Club at Stadium towards the end of next month (Date to be confirmed)

This will bring together the champion teams from each of the four junior clubs for a semi and Final.

Teams are still completing their junior Club championships so we do not yet know who will be representing each club. See website for draw once the teams are finalised.

Yankie Doodle Update



Things are tough in the USA at present for basketball scholarships and many of our players have been affected.

Erin Rooney will be back at NCAA Div 1 Monmouth University for her sophomore year.

Ben Constable is beginning his stint with NCAA Div III University Gettysburg nearby.

James Anson-Holland had accepted a scholarship to NCAA Div II school, Barton University but struck difficulties with new NCAA Div II rules and lost the scholarship after they deemed he had spent too long after graduation playing in their own system.

Fran Edmondson struck the same but might be able to play as a Volleyball player for one year to serve out the suspension.

James is attending the Impact Academy in Florida in search of a Div 1 scholarship next year.

Courtney Hamblin is headed to NAIA Dakota State University, where Donna Lavea has just completed her playing eligibility.

Not heading back at this stage are **Sam Dobbs**, **Bede Marsters** and **Ashlee Rieger**.

Ethan Rusbatch has an offer to attend Lincoln Trail Community College which is a great Junior College with a reputation for supplying Div I players to the NCAA.

Ritchie Edwards is still at Hillsborough Community College hoping to get a Div 1 scholarship next season.

Canterbury U15 Girls Premierships

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U15 Girls (A)



Ray Hastie (Assistant Coach) Reihana Dougherty, Gabby Edmondson, Tessa Boagni, Laken Wairau

Mandy Dellaca (Coach), Paula Hastie (Manager)

Caetlyn Hastie, Kendal Hastie, Wai Wikaira, Terina Wanoa, Ash Fane, Tash Glasson

U15 Girls (B)



Ray Hastie (Coach), Reah Somerville, Stephanie Mitchell, Marieka Hitchcock, Charlotte Coard,

Mandy Dellaca (Assistant Coach) Fiona Chapman (Manager)

Aleni Chapman, Katherine Davies-Smith, Kate van Beurten, Grace France, Tessa Hartland,

Absent: Dayna Butcher

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<http://www.untouchedworld.com/>

Canterbury Basketball Association is very pleased to announce a very special offer from Untouched World, specifically for members of Canterbury Basketball Association and those involved in its programmes. Until 30 September 2010, Untouched World is offering members of Canterbury Basketball Association a 10% discount on all purchases made online at Untouched World's website (www.untouchedworld.co.nz).

Untouched World has also very generously agreed to donate a percentage of all purchases through the website by Canterbury Basketball members using the code back to Canterbury Basketball Association. We hope that all members and parents of players in our programmes will make use of Untouched World's very generous offer for their own benefit and the benefit of Canterbury Basketball.

Happy shopping!!

Hoops After School Academies



Be sure to get the kids into one of the Hoops After School Academies around the city to get those skills developing. Available at QEII – Cowles – Bishopdale Y – Pioneer and possibly Wharenui

Still places available

Canterbury Basketball Beanies



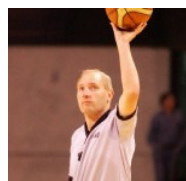
\$20 to CBA Members

\$15 to Canterbury Age group Players

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Zimmerman in Israel



Gavin Zimmerman Report ***U18 European Championship Men*** ***Division B***

This tournament was a great experience for me right from the word go and a very memorable one. The local organizing committee was very helpful and looked after us very well with transport, accommodation, food etc. They also organised trips to Caesarea and Jerusalem on our rest days.

The tournament itself had a lot more intensity than what I have been used to. We had clinics every morning before the games with the commissioners and the educators to discuss good points and bad points and going over video clips from the previous day as well. There training methods were very helpful, with a big focus being on court positions, getting to the right spot to make the correct call. Stay in your area and trust your partners. The educators worked hard with all of us to improve in this area. As a result I believe I improved with every game and was rewarded with some very tough games with my last game being the 5th vs 6th playoff. Overall I did a total of nine games.

The final was between Czech Republic and Finland with the Czech winning and both teams advancing to Division A next season.

One interesting ruling (which we do not call here in NZ) I found was the technical foul for a flop on a block charge call. It took me a while to get use to. We were instructed to make one of three calls when a player was put to the ground either "Charge", "Block" or warning for flopping at next stoppage of play – to be given to coach and players then the next one must be a Technical.

As for the games I found them to be well controlled right from the first whistle and the dirty stuff got eliminated early. Even observing other referees on court was a good learning opportunity.

I was made to feel very welcome from my fellow referees and I had no problems with any of them and as a group we all got on very well. I made a lot of good friendships over there and the advice received from all parties, on and off the court, was very valuable and encouraging.

As a result I would not hesitate to go again as I learnt so much and my advice to anyone given the same opportunity to take it as you will be better off for the experience.

Congratulations to the following referees who have been awarded finals

Men Premier	Gavin Zimmerman - Raewyn Willocks — Raelene Forde
Women Premier	Nick Warren - Jono Coker – Lauren Cahill,
Mens Div One	Marty Davison – Ian Graham
Womens Div One	Romeo Villanueva – Caitlin Kippenberger
Mens U23	Hayden Pipe – Brent O'Hagen – Sam Dixon
Mens Mid week	Tony Constable – Eric Dunn
Women Mid week	Darrell Flynn Thompson – Romeo Villanueva
U20 Mens	Abby Rutledge – Richard Kenny
U17 Mens	Paula Wilkinson – Richard Kenny

Backyard Hoops



10. Shooting Challenges

Some players like to shoot and record their scores to better the last session and can see improvement via the number of sessions. Others just like to compete and beat best.

- **70 Jumpers** (moving around key 10 shots in one direct and them back the other way)
 - Mid range jumpshots – 1 ball – 1 rebounder.

Record 57 – 70
Record holder Terry Brunel Checkers White
- **2min Threes** (make as many as you can in 2mins not two shots from the same spot)
 - Three point shots – 1 ball – 1 rebounder

Record 29 – 35
Record holder Joel Hart Atami Mens Premier
- **Moneyball** (5 three point shots from 5 spots, corner, wing, point, wing, corner)
 - Three point shots – last ball at each spot worth 2 points all others worth 1

Record 27
Record holder Mandy Caldwell HP Athlete
- **X layups** (alternating sides in 1min)
 - The player must touch the 3 point line with foot at the foul line extended point before they can take the next layup.
 - Must use left hand on left side and right hand on right side

Record 12 – 13
Record holder James Ansen-Holland Impact Academy USA

Drilling at the Coalface



Gordy McLeods Dribbling Warmup

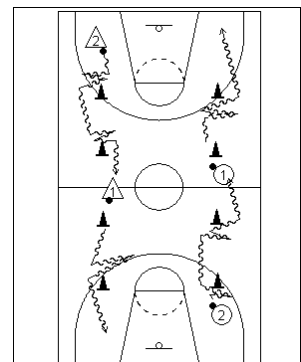
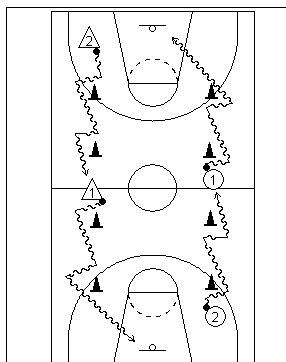
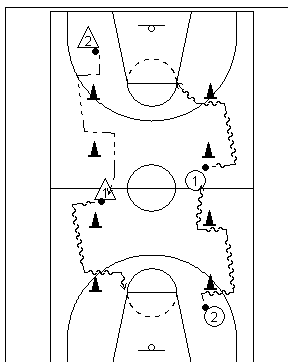
This is ideal for developing a variety of change of direction dribbling.

Players all need a ball and will work their way down one side of the court making a prescribed move at each chair or cone. Each set is finished with a prescribed shot.

Example: Cross over dribbles – Elbow Jumper

Extension: Cross, between – layup

Extension: Cross, between, behind – base jumper



End by giving the players some freedom to create new combos