

## Hi from the Front Desk

Welcome to the March edition of the **BBNZ Community Newsletter** and there is plenty of basketball to come, with the **2012 Bartercard National Basketball League** beginning.

The draw is out for the **2012 FIBA Olympic Tournament** for Women in Turkey. Our **Tall Ferns** are in Group B with **Argentina** and the **Czech Republic**, with the top two going through to the Quarter Finals.

If the Tall Ferns make it through then they will need to win the quarter to qualify for the London Olympics. For more information on the draw please click the following link

<http://www.basketball.org.nz/r/uploads/2012/02/Draw-competition-schedule-2012-OQTW.pdf>

Congratulations to the Tall Ferns Head Coach **Kennedy Kereama** for being named Head Coach of the **West Coast Waves** in the Women's Australian League.

Kereama is currently preparing the 16th-world ranked Tall Ferns for the Olympic Qualifiers in Turkey in June and will relocate to Perth permanently when he has completed his commitments with the Kiwi team later this year.

Our **New Zealand Under 20 Women** and **Men** have returned home after playing in the **Under 20 Australian State Championships**. Each team picked up wins, but it was a tough played tournament with the women finishing sixth and the men fifth. Please click the following link for more information on the tournament.

[http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-4101-0-203172-0&a=COMPS](http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4101-0-203172-0&a=COMPS)

It is with regret that our CEO **Tim Hamilton** has resigned after nearly three years with Basketball New Zealand. Based in Auckland, Hamilton said it took its toll commuting to Wellington where our Head quarters are located.

BBNZ chair **Dr Karen Poutasi** said Hamilton had done an admirable job in working through the issues in implementing a new constitution and consulting with associations.

We wish Tim all the best for his future endeavours.

Current NZQA board member **Murray Strong** will take over as acting CEO when Hamilton finishes up on March 16.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Kiriau family for the loss of **Tere Kiriau** who passed away last week.

Tere was a stalwart of the **Wellington Basketball Association** recently the Commissioner of Intecity competitions which was arguably one of the best runs leagues in the country

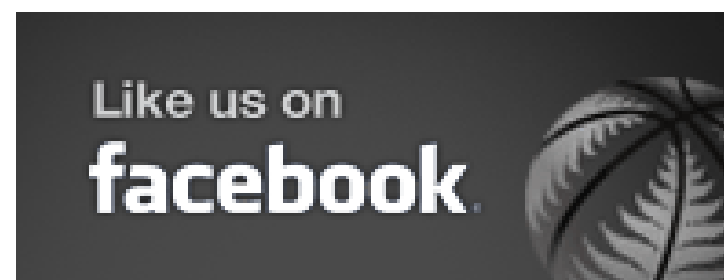
He will be sorely missed.

**Wishing you all the best,**

**The team at Basketball New Zealand**

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## Under 20 Australian State Champs

The **Under 20 State Australian State Championships** were held in Belconnen, Act on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of February, with the New Zealand Under 20 Men's and Women's team competing against the likes of New South Wales and Victoria.

It would be a tough ask for the teams, as our Men would start off with losses to **ACT**, **South Australia**, **NSW**, **Queensland** and **Victoria**.

But the boys fought back defeating **Western Australia** 79-70, followed by a 66-53 win over **Northern Territory** to finish the tournament at fifth place.

Notable performances were from Porirua's **Jordan Ngatai** and North Harbour's **James Ashby**.

Ngatai finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament in scoring (16.1) and led the tournament in rebounding at 13.3 a game.

Ashby was New Zealand next best scorer averaging 15.9 a game.

The Women would also face stiff competition going down to **NSW**, **Victoria**, **Tasmania** and **South Australia** in the early stages of the tournament.

They team did end the competition well edging out the hosts **ACT** 53-51 to finish 6<sup>th</sup>.

Hawke's Bay player **Josephine Stockill** was the pick of the players averaging a double-double of 12.5 points and 12.8 rebounds.

**Victoria** ended up taking the Men's Champs out defeating **South Australia** 67-58, while the Victoria Women's team also beat South Australia 71-53.

## Around the Country and Abroad

The **Skycity Breakers** continue with their dominating form in the **Australian Basketball League**, remaining top of the table with seventeen wins and only six losses.

The Breakers are now 1.5 games ahead of the **Perth Wildcats** who are second, which makes for a great game on March 4 when they face each other at the 'Jungle'.

Tall **Kirk Penney** continues with his successful run in the Euro Challenge as his Spanish team **Fuenlabrada** finished top of Group K to head into the quarter finals where they play a three game series against Russian Club **Triumph Lyubertsy**.

Penney is averaging 13.5 points in eleven Euro Challenge games, while in the Spanish League he is averaging 14.6 per game.

Tall Ferns **Toni Edmondson** and **Angela Marino** have scored 10 and 8 points respectively for the **Adelaide Lightning** who lost narrowly to the **Bulleen Boomers** in the ANBL Semi Finals.

Adelaide will now have to play in the Preliminary Final against the **Dandenong Rangers**, with the winner going through to the Grand Finals.

The Rangers knocked out the **Townsville Fire**, who had Tall Fern **Micaela Cocks** who accumulated six points and four assists.

**St Louis University** go to twenty three wins and six losses after a 70-59 conference win over **Xavier**.

Tall Black **Rob Loe** started, playing 15 minutes for three points.

Former Junior Tall Black **Ritchie Edwards** had five points and three rebounds in **Valparaiso Crusaders** 71-59 win over arch rivals **Butler University**.

The Crusaders won the **Horizon Regular season** with twenty wins and ten losses.

Young Kiwi sensation Steve Adams continues to impress in the United States, being named Sport Illustrated High School Player of the Week.

Please click the following link to see some of his game footage.

[http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/video/highschool/2012/02/23/022312.player\\_week\\_andrews.SportsIllustrated/index.html](http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/video/highschool/2012/02/23/022312.player_week_andrews.SportsIllustrated/index.html)

## 2012 High Performance Events

### 23-25 March

U18 Women - Team Preparation Camp  
U18 Men - Team Preparation Camp

### 10-22 April

U18 - Australian U18 State Champs

### 11-14 April

U16, U17 - Selection Camp

### 12 or 13 May

U17 & U15 - Cluster Camp

### 9 or 10 June

U13 - Cluster Camp

### 2 – 4 July

U16 - Team Preparation camp

### 4 – 15 July

U16 - Australian U16 State Champs

### 21 or 22 July

U17 & U15 & U13 – North Island Cluster Selection

### 28 or 29 July

U17 & U15 & U13 - South Island Cluster Selection

### 18 – 19 August

U20, U18 - Regional Camp 2 & U17 Koru Camp

### 26-28 October

U18, U20 - Selection Camp

### 3 & 4 November

U13 & U15 - Koru Camp

### 21 Nov – 3 Dec

U17 - FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament  
U14, U16, U18 - 2013 Koru Tour

## Association News

### Rotorua Basketball Association

#### Annual General Meeting

Date: 12th March, 2012

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: RBA Clubrooms, Government Gardens

AGM Nomination Form can be found at

<http://rotoruabasketball.org.nz/>

## Charities Act - Changes for Amateur Sport

### AMATEUR SPORT CAN BE CHARITABLE ...

We are pleased to report that Parliament passed changes to the Charities Act 2005, last week, clarifying the meaning of charitable purpose in relation to amateur sports.

The changes mean that amateur sport, for its own sake, is not charitable but it may be charitable when it is the means to achieve one of the traditional four heads of charity (for example - if it advances education or has purposes which provide benefits to the community).

This should reduce the uncertainty, among sports organisations and community funding groups, about the circumstances in which amateur sport may be considered charitable.

### U16/U17 Regional Camps

The U16/U17 Regional Camps were held in three locations; **Cambridge, Palmerston North, and Timaru** on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of February.

The camps went well and the top20 athletes in each age group and each gender will receive their invitations to the National Selection Camp (11-14 April) soon.

From there, the U16 and U17 National Squads will be selected. The U16 Teams will compete in the **Australian U16 State Championship** in Tamworth, NSW in July. The U17 Teams will compete in the **FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament** in Melbourne at the end of November this year.

The **U18 Preparation camp** will take place from the 23rd to the 25th of March in Auckland for the girls and in Wellington for the boys.

The 10 best players in each gender will be selected to represent NZ at the **Australian U18 State Championships** in Perth (10-22 April)

### Contact for BBNZ Newsletter

If you wish for something to be added into future Newsletters, please contact Nick at [jr@nznbl.co.nz](mailto:jr@nznbl.co.nz)



## Under 17 and 19 National Premierships

A reminder that team entries to Under 17 & U19 premierships are due to BBNZ on the following dates:

| DATE        | U17 PREMIERSHIPS        | CITY         | HOST ASSOCIATION                        | ONLINE ENTRY, ROSTER, PAYMENT DUE (5 WEEKS) | DRAW TO BE COMPLETED (2 WEEKS) |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| April 20-22 | U17 Premierships Zone 1 | Auckland     | Basketball Auckland                     | Wednesday, March 14                         | Wednesday, April 04            |
| April 20-22 | U17 Premierships Zone 2 | Manukau      | Counties Manukau Basketball Association | Wednesday, March 14                         | Wednesday, April 04            |
| April 20-22 | U17 Premierships Zone 3 | Napier       | Basketball Hawkes Bay                   | Wednesday, March 14                         | Wednesday, April 04            |
| April 20-22 | U17 Premierships Zone 4 | Dunedin      | Basketball Otago                        | Wednesday, March 14                         | Wednesday, April 04            |
| DATE        | U19 PREMIERSHIPS        | CITY         | HOST ASSOCIATION                        | ONLINE ENTRY, ROSTER, PAYMENT DUE (5 WEEKS) | DRAW TO BE COMPLETED (2 WEEKS) |
| April 27-29 | U19 Premierships Zone 1 | Whangarei    | Te Tai Tokerau Basketball Association   | Wednesday, March 21                         | Wednesday, April 11            |
| April 27-29 | U19 Premierships Zone 2 | Cambridge    | Waikato Basketball Council              | Wednesday, March 21                         | Wednesday, April 11            |
| April 27-29 | U19 Premierships Zone 3 | New Plymouth | New Plymouth Basketball Association     | Wednesday, March 21                         | Wednesday, April 11            |
| April 27-29 | U19 Premierships Zone 4 | Christchurch | Canterbury Basketball Association       | Wednesday, March 21                         | Wednesday, April 11            |

### **Team Entries**

Enter teams through the Sporting Pulse web link <http://reg.sportingpulse.com/>. If you have any trouble entering your teams, please refer to the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/resources/> to obtain an Administration Manual for on-line entry.

### **Compulsory Fields**

Reminder that there are extra compulsory fields required in Sporting Pulse:

- Type (player, coach, referee etc)
- Ethnicity
- Legal First Name
- Legal Surname
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Nationality

### **Premiership Referees**

Each Association must provide a referee for each team (ie 2 teams, 2 referees etc). The referees full details must be provided before the online entry, roster, payment due date as outlined in the Tournaments and Due Dates Calendar. If your Association is not able to provide a referee, the next option is to make payment of \$200 incl. GST to BBNZ. From making this payment BBNZ will find a referee. \*Please note - It is the responsibility of the Association to ensure:

- referee details have been submitted to BBNZ before the due date;
- the referee knows that they have been put forward to referee; and
- any referee expenses incurred (ie accommodation, travel, food etc) is not covered by BBNZ and the Tournament Host.

### **Tournament Entry Fees**

Tournament team entry fees will remain the same as 2012:

- Premiership Tournament \$500+GST per team
- National Championship \$900+GST per team

To obtain a tournament team entry quote, please download from the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/resources/>. The quote will be updated the first of each month and available on the website.

## 2012 Bartercard NBL Preview

### LZ Harbour Heat

**2010 Placing :** Won 11 Lost 8 (Note: Did not compete in 2011 Season)

**Coach:** Alex Stojkovic

**Team :** Justin Bailey (Import), Zack Atkinson (Import), Kevin Smith, Isaac Fotu, Rueben Te Rangi, Marco Alexander, Brad Anderson, Marty Davidson, Inga Solufuti, Charlie Piho, Cam Stuart, James Ashby, Zac Fitzgerald, Ana Haku, Stefan Mandic, Mike Done



### Auckland Pirates

**2011 Placing:** 8th (5 wins, 11 Losses)

**Coach:** Judd Flavell (2nd Year as a NBL Head Coach)

**Team:** Lindsay Tait , Alex Pledger, Hayden Allen, Ismail Muhammad (Import), Tyler Newbold (Import), Duane Bailey, Dillon Boucher, Houston O'Riley, Brooke Ruscoe, Nick Barrow



### Taranaki Mountain Airs

**2011 Placing:** 7th (5 wins, 11 losses)

**Coach:** Dave Bulblitz (2nd season as Coach of the Airs)

**Team:** Jack Leasure (Import), Darryl Hudson (Import), Chris Daniel, Damon Rampton, Che Yandle, Drew Green Aaron Bailey-Nowell, Link Abrams, Mada Adbelamid, Eli Paurini, Xavier Shaw



### HBS Bank Hawks

**2011 Placing:** Runners Up (14 wins 5 losses)

**Coach:** Paul Henare (2nd Season as Head Coach)

**Team:** Kareem Johnson, Everard Bartlett, Alonzo Burton, Jarrod Kenny, Paora Winitana, Galen Young\*, Ben Hill, Aidan Daly, Morgan Natanahira, Ezra Nikora





## Manawatu Jets

**2011 Placing:** 5th (7 wins, 10 losses)

**Coach:** Ryan Weisenberg (3rd Season as Head Coach)



**Gains:** Josh Pace (Import), Dustin Mitchell (Import), Zane Meehl, Zeke Meehl, Nick Horvath, Mike Homik, Jeremiah Trueman, Matt Te Huna, Kaine Hokianga, Miles Pearce

## Wellington Saints

**2011 Placing:** Champions (15 wins 3 losses)

**Coach:** Pero Cameron (3rd Season as Head Coach)



**Team:** Jason Crowe\* (Import), Arthur Trousdell (Hawks), Anthony Gurley\* (Import), Martin Iti (Sharks), Damien Ekenasio, Ross Taurima, Casey Frank, Troy McLean, Jordan Mills

## Fico Finance Nelson Giants

**2011 Placing:** 4th (10 wins 8 losses)

**Coach:** Chris Tupu (4th Season as Head Coach)



**Team:** Pete Campbell\* (Import), Michael Harrison (Import), Gareth Dawson, Phill Jones, Mika Vukona, Josh Bloxham, Darryl Jones, Michael Karena, Sam Dempster, Aaron Dempster, Ben Wright, Bronson Beri

## OceanaGold Nuggets

**2011 Placing:** 9th (2 wins 14 losses)

**Coach:** Alf Arlidge (3rd Season as Head Coach)



**Team:** Mark Dickel, BJ Anthony, Leon Henry, Akeem Wright (Import), Antoine Tisby (Import), Riki Buckrell, James Ross, Sam King, Matt Trueman, Hayden Miller

## Zero Fee Southland Sharks

**2011 Placing:** 6th (6 wins 10 losses)

**Coach:** Richard Dickel (3rd Season as Head Coach)



**Team:** Craig Bradshaw, Larry Abney\* (Import), Dion Prewster, Jimmy Todd, Shaun Tilby, Kevin Braswell (Import), James Paringatai, Dan Peck, Paratene McLeod