



Hi from the Front Desk

Welcome to the November edition of the Basketball Community Newsletter.

A special reminder that in early December Juan Orensa who is the Assistant coach of the Spanish Men's National Team will be holding Coaching Clinics in Auckland and Christchurch.

You can find out more on page three of the newsletter.

It was a busy month of October as we completed a flurry of tournaments which included Secondary Schools, Under 15,13, Open and Wheelchair Nationals.

Many thanks go to Nelson, Wellington, Tauranga and Rotorua Basketball As-

sociations and Wheelchair Basketball for hosting these respective tournaments.

Best Wishes

The team at Basketball New Zealand

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Junior Teams Take Shape



Age-group athletes had their chance to compete for selection to next year's national junior teams at Counties-Manukau over the weekend.

Newly appointed coaches and assistants for the men and women conducted the selection camp, as they prepare for world championship qualifying (U17) and Australian state championships (U18 & U20).

It was also a chance for the new staff to get acquainted, with several head coaches making their debut at this lev-

el. Basketball is lucky to have former Tall Blacks Pero Cameron, Paul Henare, Judd Flavell and Mike Fitchett available for coaching roles for next year, along with an experienced line-up of assistants.

It's a great combination of international playing experience, successful NBL and dedicated service in the player development programme.

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2013 National Age Group Appointments

U20 Men

Head coach – Pero Cameron
Assistant coach – Anthony Corban
Manager – Dave Murray

U20 Women

Head coach – Sean Fuller
Assistant coach – Michelle Swain
Manager – Sarah Waldron

U18 Men

Head coach – Judd Flavell
Assistant coach – Darron Larsen
Manager – James Ballinger

U18 Women

Head coach – Brent Matehaere
Assistant coach – Mel Bennett
Manager – Shona Miller

U17 Boys

Head coach – Paul Henare
Assistant coach – Seth Weakley
Manager – Jill Bolger



Pero Cameron



Paul Henare and Michael Fitchett

U17 Girls

Head coach – Aik Ho
Assistant coach – Rachel Gwerder
Manager – Sharon Kelly

U16 Boys

Head coach – Mike Fitchett
Assistant coach – Doug Courtney
Manager – Andrew Mackay

U16 Girls

Head coach – James McGilvary
Assistant coach – Mata Cameron
Manager TBC

U18 Men 3x3

Head coach – Anthony Corban
Manager – Philomena Terei

U18 Women 3x3

Head coach – Tania Hunter
Manager – Philomena Terei

“Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.”

- Michael Jordan

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“You can't get much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good.”

- Jerry West

Happy Birthday to Fiba Oceania



Last Month FIBA Oceania celebrated its 44th anniversary. Let's take a quick look at how it all began.

In 1968, the Oceania Basketball Confederation – as it was then known – had been several years in the making

thanks, in large part to Australian Al Ramsay and the late Sir Lance Cross from New Zealand.

In spite of only five countries from the Pacific region being members of FIBA at the time (Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu), Ramsay and Cross believed in the potential of uniting under a broader Oceania organisation, including almost 20 basketball associations from the South Pacific Sports Council, all of them with active Basketball Associations.

Marks moves into Spurs executive role

New Zealand's first ever NBA player Sean Marks who played 11 seasons, has been appointed as director of basketball operations for the San Antonio Spurs, and general manager of D-League affiliate the Austin Toros.

Only a year ago the San Antonio Spurs started Marks on a front-office apprenticeship as a basketball operations assistant.

Marks now is only behind General Manager R C Buford and his No 2 Scott Layden in the front office pecking order.



Sean Marks

Spurs are arguably one of the most successful franchises in recent years winning multiple NBA championships.



FIBA Oceania Coaches Clinic

With

Juan Orenga

Spanish Olympic Team Assistant Coach



Achievements Include:

- Assistant Coach-Spanish Team 2012-Olympic Silver Medallists
- Head Coach-U19 Spanish Team-2009 World Championships
- Played in the 1992 Olympics and represented Spain 128 times

Christchurch

General Coaching Clinic-(Cowles Stadium)

Saturday 01 December 2012 12pm – 1.30pm

Advanced Coach Forum-(Pioneer Stadium)

Saturday 01 December 2012 4pm – 5.30pm

Auckland- Waitakere West Trust Stadium

General Coaching Clinic

Sunday 02 December 2012 2:30pm – 4.00pm

Advanced Coach Forum

Sunday 02 December 2012 4:30pm – 6.00pm

General Coaching Clinic

\$30

Shooting
Offence drills & plays
Defence – man to man defence drills

Advanced Coach Forum

\$30

Spanish System for development of High Performance Pathway
Q&A Session

\$50 for both clinics

To register and for further information go to www.basketball.org.nz/coaches

For further information please contact Shaun Iwikau at BBNZ on
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Penney on target in Turkey

Tall Black Kirk Penney was dialed in from long distance, hitting five three-pointers to help his TED Kolejliler to victory over Turkish Basketball League cellar dwellers Gaziantep.

Penney had 23 points (8/11 FG, 5/7 3pt, 2/2 FT), as his side led from the start and put their opponents away with a 27-17 third quarter. The Kiwi is now third on the league's scoring rankings, averaging 18.7 points for a club that now sits in fourth equal (2-1) on the table.

In the United States, Steve Adams logged his first minutes for the University of Pittsburgh, as they defeated Indiana University of Pennsylvania 69-54 in their first exhibition game of the new college season.

The young Wellingtonian had a basket in a 7-0 run that put the Panthers 21-16 up at halftime and finished

with six points (3/8 FG), six rebounds (five OR), two blocks, an assist and a steal in 23 minutes.

Pittsburgh next play against Hawaii-Hilo on Friday and open their regular season at home against Mount St Mary's on November 9.

Other Kiwis opening their college pre-season programmes this week include Tall Blacks Isaac Fotu (Hawaii v Hawaii Pacific) on Friday and Rob Loe (St Louis v Rockhurst) on Saturday, and Tall Fern Jordan Hunter (Southeast Missouri v Southern Indiana) on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Cantabrian Caleb Harrison made his coaching debut with Dickinson State University, guiding their women's team to a pair of wins over University of Manitoba. The Blue Hawks, including WBC Most Valuable Play-

er Jess Bygate (Nelson), face Black Hills State University on Saturday.

In the Australian WNBL, Tall Ferns captain Natalie Taylor led Logan Power to an 87-79 road victory over Sydney University, scoring 24 points (8/13 FG, 1/3 3pt, 7/9 FT), grabbing nine rebounds and blocking two shots. The following day, Logan (2-3) fell 68-71 to Canberra Capitals.

Meanwhile, Kiwi point guard Angela Marino earned bragging rights over national team coach Kennedy Kereama, when her Adelaide Lightning (4-1) overcame West Coast Waves 75-65 in Perth.

Marino had nine points, five rebounds and three assists, while Ferns guard Toni Edmondson put up seven points, five rebounds and five assists for the Waves (1-4).



Kirk Penney—Photosport



Steven Adams

News Around the Country

The New Zealand Breakers have started their quest for three consecutive ANBL titles nicely with three wins out of four to begin the 2013-14 season.

Tall Blacks forward Mika Vukona has been a stand out for the Breakers, winning Round Three player of the Week for his 15 points and 15 rebounds in a win over the Townsville Crocodiles.

In the New Zealand League, assistant coach of the Tall

Blacks Pero Cameron has resigned a one year deal with the Wellington Saints for next year's season.

This will be Cameron's fourth year as Head Coach for the Saints, leading the franchise to three straight finals winning two titles.

Southland Sharks have also made a couple of signings, securing import Kevin Braswell who will be returning for his third season and young forward Morgan Natanahira

who has opted to follow coach Paul Henare from the Bay Hawks.

Braswell is still looking to become a New Zealand citizen, which will enable the Sharks an opportunity to have add two imports.

Taranaki Mountain Airs have secured 2011 scoring champ Jack Leasure for his fourth season with the franchise. Leasure will share the two import spots with big man Suleiman Braimoh who has



Mika Vukona

had experience in the NBA Development League.



Referees Corner



Congratulations to the following referees who officiated the finals at our recent National Championships:

Secondary School Nationals

A Boys – Joshua Boyd (Nelson), Brendon Menhennet (Palmerston North)

A Girls – Raghav Pratap (Canterbury) Tina Vao (Auckland)

AA Boys – Matt Bathurst, Marty Davison (Canterbury)

AA Girls – Gareth Teahan (Masterton), Sam Pan (Wellington)

U15 Nationals

Boys – Leon Demetriades (South Canterbury), Jacob Cromb (Otago)

Girls – Joshua Boyd (Nelson), Brendon Menhennet (Palmerston North)

U13 Nationals

Boys – Melissa Gilmartin-Kara (Waikato), Santana Amunson (Rotorua)

Girls – Helaman Begman (Te Kuiti), Tayla Amunson (Rotorua)

A big thank you to the following Educators and TCs who worked with referees at the tournaments:

James Champion, Shane Nikora, Peter Rodgers, Nick Warren, Melony Wealleans Raewyn Willocks, Alan Godden, John Bartlett, Willie Bryant, Donna Brown, Macherie Edwards, Auatua Atarangi, Cliff Horne, Kylee Horsford, Kerry Ludlow and William Ohlson.

Rules Interpretations

Ball returned to the backcourt (Art 30)

We have a number of referees confused about the back court violation. This is largely due to the fact that when changes were made to the rule in 2010, the interpretation that was published centered on the dribbler. In addition to that the rule with regards to the ball being considered in the frontcourt is actually found within the eight seconds rule (Art 28.1.2) rather than the backcourt rule.

When a ball is returned to the backcourt there are three points that must happen for it to be considered illegal:

1. The team must have control of the live ball
2. A player from this team must be the last to touch the ball in the front court
3. A player from this team must be the first to touch the ball in the team's backcourt.

If ALL three points do not occur, then this is NOT a back court violation.

We had previously been advised that during a dribble from the backcourt to the frontcourt, both feet of the dribbler and the ball must be fully in the frontcourt before the ball is considered committed to the front court. When not dribbling, the ball is not considered to be in a team's frontcourt until the ball touches or is legally touched by an offensive player who has both feet completely in contact with their frontcourt. In effect it is legal to receive a pass from someone in your backcourt whilst you are straddling the center-line and pass the ball back; or a player can receive a pass from someone in their backcourt, in their backcourt, place one foot in the front court, and then return it to the backcourt. Remember the eight second count does continue until the ball is fully committed to the front court.

Meet Your Local Official: Kylee Horsford from North Harbour



Every month we will be featuring an official who heavily contributes to basketball in this country. This

month we would like to introduce –

Kylee began refereeing at 11 to earn a bit of pocket money, which has now turned into almost 15 years out on the court.

When she was younger Kylee was a regular at Easter Tournament each year, which gave her a great opportunity to meet lots of other young Referees from around the country and Australia, many of who are still refereeing.

She worked her way up through the different local competitions at North Harbour, following in her mother's footsteps to now being a Junior Educator.

In October she attended her first nationals as a Referee and the following week as an Educator.

Kylee is now working with our Junior Referees and love seeing them make their way up through local competitions and onto tournaments and Nationals.

Koru Tour Referees

We are looking for referees who would be interested in accompanying our age group teams in January 2013 on the Koru Tour.

This trip is self-funded. For more details please contact Melony at BBNZ.

Please note that the only BBNZ endorsed tournament for referees.

Dr Pim to Conduct Tauranga Clinic



at the University of Michigan.

Dr Pim has worked internationally developing leaders of character and teams of significance in Wales, England, and Singapore.

Tauranga City Basketball, in association with Basketball Pacific, presents a coaching clinic with DR RALPH PIM – Building A Championship Basketball Programme – on November 15.

Dr Pim has authored or co-authored nine books and has been a featured clinician at the NCAA Division I Men’s Final Four every year since 2004.

He has been a presenter at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement clinic, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics annual convention, several Division I universities and the Sports Management Institute

WHEN: November 15, 6.30-8.30pm

WHERE: Memorial Hall, Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre
Corner of 11th Ave/
Devonport Rd, Tauranga

COST: \$10 for Basketball Pacific-affiliated coaches
(coaches endorsed by member associations of Basketball Pacific).

\$30 for non-Basketball Pacific-affiliated coaches

Contact Mark Rogers to register for more details

Player to Watch



Mieke Elkington

Playing Number: 5

Position: Guard

Height: 5-8

Class: Senior

Hometown: Hamilton, New Zealand

High School: Cochise (Ariz.) College

Mieke Elkington is a Kiwi guard playing collegiate basketball in the United States for Longwood University, which is in the state of Virginia.

Elkington attended Church College in Hamilton winning a National Championship in 2007.

In 2008 Elkington played for the North Harbour team that won the Womens Basketball Championships.

Merchandise

Check out the BBNZ merchandise available for purchase online <http://www.basketball.org.nz/fans/merchandise/>:

2013 Koru Tour to be Streamed



This is a great memento, to play as often as you want and to relive the memories of the Country Cup.

The 2-game package costs AU \$95 per Player. The price includes a FREE USB Flashdrive valued at AU \$15, for each TEAM member.

If this is something that interests you please follow the link below <http://www.sportwebcasts.com/Basketball/AustralianCountryJuniorBasketballCup.html>

The 2013 Koru Tour to Albury, Australia in January 14-20 will be Livestreamed on HD Video thanks to Sportwebcasts.com.

As well as being able to watch games live as they happen, you will also have the benefit of the High Definition Video of the games, provided on a USB Flashdrive before the players leave the tournament if possible, and highlights from the Event.

Pirates Pull Out



cial model, in particular, to be unsustainable in the short term.

While the players, coaching staff, team management, sponsors and supporters have every reason to be disappointed with the decision to withdraw the Pirates from the NBL, it has been made in the best interests of basketball in Auckland.

Pirates were in the league for two seasons, replacing Auckland Stars who pulled out in 2009.

James Blond Auckland Pirates will not defend their Bartercard NBL title next season.

After much deliberation, Basketball Auckland (BA) has decided that it will not be entering a team in the 2013 National Basketball League.

BA undertook a thorough review of the on and off-court operation of the Pirates, and found the finan-

Under 13 Nationals Results

Boys

1st	Harbour A
2nd	Waitakere West Premiers
3rd	Auckland
4th	Nelson Blue
5th	Palmerston North
6th	Counties Manukau
7th	Canterbury
8th	Hibiscus Coast
9th	Waikato Gold
10th	Porirua
11th	Hawkes Bay
12th	Rotorua
13th	North Canterbury
14th	Wellington
15th	Mid Canterbury
16th	Tauranga City

Tournament Team

Zane Neemia (Counties Manukau), Nikau Tangaroa (Palmerston North), Ben Ripley (Nelson), Ryan Laumatia (Auckland), James Moors (Harbour), Kruz Perrott-Hunt (Harbour), Harrison Clarke (Harbour), Kale Lawson (Waitakere West Premiers), Marvin Williams-Dunn (Waitakere West Premier), Matthew Sokol (Waitakere West Premiers)

Most Valuable Player

Harrison Clarke (Harbour)

Finals Officials

Melissa Gilmartin-Kara (Waikato) & Santana Ammunson (Rotorua)

Girls

1st	Waitakere West Premiers
2nd	Auckland
3rd	Waikato
4th	Rotorua
5th	Porirua
6th	Canterbury
7th	Counties Manukau
8th	Taranaki Country
9th	Harbour A
10th	Nelson Blue
11th	Otago
12th	Waitakere West A
13th	Tauranga City
14th	Hawkes Bay
15th	Palmerston North
16th	Mid Canterbury

Tournament Team

Priscilla Tuala (Waitakere West Premiers), Teneva Ropati (Waitakere West Premiers), Georgia Leef-Milner (Waitakere West Premiers), Te Ao Leach (Rotorua), Ainsleyana Puleiata (Porirua), Charlise Leger-Walker (Waikato A), Summer-June Motufoua (Auckland), Tyla Tuala (Auckland), Rosalee Dunne (Waitakere West Premiers), Iritana Hohaia (Taranaki Country)

Most Valuable Player

Rosalee Dunne (Waitakere West Premiers)

Finals Officials

Helaman Begman (Te Kuiti) & Tayla Ammunson (Rotorua)

NZ Opens Results

Men

1st	Waikato Titans
2nd	Tauranga City
3rd	Rotorua Lakers
4th	Waitakere West

Tournament Team

Josh Tuati (Waitakere West), Ashton McQueen (Tauranga City), Eru Willis (Tauranga City), Daniel Green (Waikato Titans), Puke Lenden (Waikato Titans)

Most Valuable Player

Puke Lenden (Waikato Titans)

Final Officials

Bo Wills-Choat (Whangarei) & Russell Gavin (Whangarei)

Women

1st	Rotorua
2nd	Harbour Dolphins
3rd	Te Tai Tokerau
4th	Waitakere West
5th	Tauranga City
6th	Canterbury Haswell
7th	Gisborne
8th	Counties Manukau

Tournament Team

Jamie-Lee Tito (Te Tai Tokerau), Gabriela Adams (Rotorua), Nadine Stone (Rotorua), Camilla Brunn (Harbour Dolphins), Olivia Berry (Harbour Dolphins)

Most Valuable Player

Gabriela Adams (Rotorua)

Final Officials

Chareena Hawea (Waikato) & Devina Banks (Tauranga)

Under 15 Nationals Results

Boys

1st	Waitakere West Premiers
2nd	Auckland
3rd	Canterbury
4th	Wellington
5th	Harbour A
6th	Hawkes Bay
7th	Waitakere West A
8th	Rotorua
9th	Counties Manukau
10th	New Plymouth
11th	North Canterbury
12th	Porirua
13th	Otago
14th	Waikato Gold
15th	Waikato Black
16th	Nelson Blue

Tournament Team

Liam Thornton (Harbour), Michael Gardner (Rotorua), Sam Riley (Canterbury), Kazuki Tsukiji (Canterbury), Laeleb Tyner-Wenman (Wellington), Issac Letoa (Wellington), Samuel Aruwa (Auckland), Unique Naboa (Auckland), Ken Smith (Waitakere West Premiers), Tai Winyard (Waitakere West Premiers)

Most Valuable Player

Ken Smith (Waitakere West Premiers)

Final Officials

Jacob Cromb (Otago) & Leon Demetriades (South Canter-

Girls

1st	Harbour A
2nd	Porirua
3rd	New Plymouth
4th	Rotorua
5th	Wellington
6th	Thames Valley
7th	Hawkes Bay
8th	Canterbury
9th	Waikato A
10th	Otago
11th	Waitakere West
12th	Harbour B
13th	Nelson Blue
14th	Auckland
15th	North Canterbury
16th	Waikato B

Tournament Team

Takiri Raerino (Rotorua), Miranda Hodgson (Thames Valley), Shayla Adamson (New Plymouth), Lyric Dixon (Wellington), Kathleen Nahora (Hawkes Bay), Sophie Schrader (Canterbury), Shalae Salmon (Porirua), Sarah Talbot (Porirua), Tera Reed (Harbour A), Tiarna Clarke (Harbour A)

Most Valuable Player

Tera Reed (Harbour A)

Final Officials

Joshua Boyd (Nelson) & Brendon Menhennet (Palmerston North)

2013 Tournaments

TOURNAMENT DATES	TOURNAMENT	HOST CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
July 17-20	U17 National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
July 24-27	U15 National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
July 24-27	U19 National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
August 21-24	U23 National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Aug 31-Sept 3	Junior Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 1 & 2	Rotorua	Rotorua
Aug 31-Sept 3	Junior Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 3	New Plymouth	New Pymouth
Aug 31-Sept 2	Junior Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 4	Dunedin	Basketball Otago
September 4-7	AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 1	North Shore	North Harbour
September 4-6	A Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 1 & 2	Rotorua	Rotorua
September 4-7	AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 2	Taupo	Lake Taupo
September 4-7	A & AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 3	Porirua	Porirua
September 4-6	A Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 4	Westport	Buller
September 4-7	AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 4	Nelson	Nelson
September 30 -October 3	A Secondary School National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
September 30 -October 5	AA Secondary School National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
October 9-12	U13 National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
October 25-28	Club National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
TBC	Wheelchair National Championships	To be confirmed	To be confirmed