



## WEEK TWO UNDER THE BELT

*Apologies for the late distribution of the second issue of the Mid-Week Newsletter! Honestly we've been flat-out busy. But we're starting to get things under control and back in routine.*

## PLAYERS PLAYING IN MULTIPLE GRADES

You may recall that I mentioned on the WBA website and emailed out to all team contacts about players who play in multiple grades (most of whom have been identified) and for these players they will need to decide after Week 3 if they play up or stay down.

This stemmed primarily from teams' feedback that participated last year that there were teams stacking better players from the top grades.

However, thanks to the feedback from some of you in this current league a compromise will be made. We will allow players to play in multiple grades in this current Term 1 except for the following:

- If you are playing in A/B-Grade you CANNOT play in the D-Grade. This will be effective immediately.*

We're aware of the players that will be affected by the above clause, which by the way it's a minority, so please make up your mind before the week kicks off on Week 4. Score sheets will reflect the players by their name being colour coded so we can approach you for your decision.

It also helps that the draw is set in a way that the initial rounds were "grading" rounds, allowing more even teams to be competing each other leading up to the playoffs. This is the format we will be using for all future competitions going forward.

We are at the venue every night and totally approachable for any questions or guidance.

## UNIFORM REGULATIONS

It's good to see that teams are starting to tidy up their team uniforms. Word is a few teams have ordered their kits so we can't wait to see their "flash" new uniforms.

Remember next week is the last week to ensure that your uniforms meet the regulations. Namely:

- No T-shirts under the playing singlet (unless you have a medical certificate and if that is the case the T-Shirt must be the same colour as the playing singlet).
- Numbers front and back of your playing singlet - if teams are working towards this please let us know
- No jewellery of any kind to be worn while playing - no bling-bling's!
- No skin tights worn under the uniforms (unless a medical certificate is provided. Under no circumstances are track-suit pants to be worn during a game - playing shorts only.

We can provide limited sets of uniform tops to hire for the season at \$30.00 or on the night \$10.00. If you lose a shirt it's a \$100.00 (to replace the set). There are many good suppliers of uniforms available so feel free to contact us for more information.

## TEAM FEES

Team Fees are due by the end of Week 4, Thursday 28 February as per the invoice from WBA that you would have received.

It's very important that you make contact or come and see me if you feel your team may require a little bit more time to make full payment of the fees.

## GAME OF THE WEEK - WEEK 2

## MEN'S A/B GRADE

Round 2 of the Men's A/B Grade have shifted to Tuesday nights with the Men's D-Grades. It's a much better atmosphere. In Term 2 we are planning to have all the Men's Premier and Men's A-Grade players' and Mixed Grades return to Monday nights.

### MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - MENS AB-GRADE STANDINGS TABLE WEEK 2 - 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Mens AB-Grade	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
OLD BOYS	2	2	0	135	113	4	1
WIZARDS	2	1	1	145	106	3	2
KAPITI	2	1	1	93	139	3	3
THUNDERING HERD	2	0	2	107	122	2	4

## KAPITI VS WIZARDS (MEN'S AB GRADE)



Wizards did a smart thing and got recruited back their troops back in to the team with the likes of **Nick Edmonds** and South Islander **Eddie Manco**. It didn't take long for Wizards to assert their dominance on a 30-9 opening period lead on the back of **Benn Hamilton** (15-points) early streak from beyond the arc. They kept that dominance going into the half-time break leading 51-19 and by that time the game was pretty much over. Kapiti's **Jasiah Larrasey** (22-points) at least made it respectable for his team, but when you get **Chris Monteith** (21-points) and **Eddie Manco** (20-points) putting up those numbers for Wizards it was a done-deal way before the final buzzer ended on a 95-42 win.

*Look for Kapiti to bounce back from this one!*

Player of the Match: **Eddie Manco** - **Wizards**

## MEN'S D-GRADE

Week 2 got off to a flying start and in the early going and judging by the early results you can see how the teams will start to divide themselves into the top and bottom 8.

MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - MENS D-GRADE  
STANDINGS TABLE  
WEEK 1- 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Mens D-Grade Sect 1	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
RADIATORS	2	2	0	109	98	4	1
RUFFBALLERS	2	1	1	124	75	3	2
GENERATION X	2	1	1	59	106	3	3
BLOOD HOUNDS	2	0	2	80	93	2	4

Mens D-Grade Sect 2	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
BLACK OUT	2	2	0	146	68	4	1
FANTASY BALLERS	2	2	0	106	73	4	2
SONICS	2	0	2	82	123	2	3
SNAIL BLAZERS	2	0	2	59	129	2	4

MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - MENS D-GRADE  
STANDINGS TABLE  
WEEK 1- 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Mens D-Grade Sect 3	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
LEFTHAND LAYUPS	2	2	0	121	88	4	1
TUBS	2	2	0	90	62	4	2
NACHO DUNK	2	0	2	83	110	2	3
NEWTOWN RIOT	2	0	2	67	101	2	4

Mens D-Grade Sect 4	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
NEWTOWN PENETRATORS	2	2	0	149	81	4	1
WILDCATS	2	1	1	117	98	3	2
HOOPLA	2	1	1	114	105	3	3
GEEVETAR	2	0	2	54	150	2	4

## FANTASY BALLERS VS SONICS (MENS D-GRADE)

Fantasy Ballers were 1-0 coming into this game and sitting on top of the table while their opponents Sonics were 0-1. There was nothing between these two in the opening quarter with Fantasy Ballers taking a 7-6 lead until Sonics' leader **Sam Keller** (14-points) and **Nick Osborne** (12-points) got it going with a 17-11 run in the second quarter to lead 33-25 at the half. Last week's Player of the Match **Phil Kirkland** (24-points) kept it close for Fantasy Ballers as they trailed 25-33 going into the final period. But Sonics maintained their composure on the back of **Neil Hartley** (14-points) to take the 49-43 victory.





Both these teams are now 1-1 and will need a victory the following week to qualify in the top 8.

Player of the Match: Neil Hartley - Sonics

## MEN'S C-GRADE

What a busy Wednesday night it was with the Men's C-Grade kicking off their opening campaign at ASB Sports Centre. With 24 teams entered it is a very competitive line up of teams, who will be sorting themselves out in the first 5 rounds of grading. It certainly makes for an exciting competition.

MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - MENS C-GRADE  
STANDINGS TABLE  
WEEK 1 - 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Mens C-Grade Sect 1	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
A.W.U.	1	1	0	73	68	2	1
JAM STREET	1	1	0	53	47	2	2
SEMI-PRO WEST	1	1	0	48	40	2	3
HARBOUR CITY	1	0	1	68	73	1	4
HEAT THUNDER	1	0	1	47	53	1	5
TECH TIME	1	0	1	40	48	1	6

Mens C-Grade Sect 2	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
MOREHU	1	1	0	61	33	2	1
HIGH FLYERS	1	1	0	57	40	2	2
JACKALS	1	1	0	52	41	2	3
TEAM BRING IT	1	0	1	41	52	1	4
SEMI-PRO EAST	1	0	1	40	57	1	5
SOUTH BEACH BOMBERS	1	0	1	33	61	1	6

MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - MENS C-GRADE  
STANDINGS TABLE  
WEEK 1 - 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Mens C-Grade Sect 3	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
RUFFBALLERS	1	1	0	90	43	2	1
THUNDER SHARKS	1	1	0	83	57	2	2
HVHC	1	1	0	54	39	2	3
PHANTOM	1	0	1	57	83	1	4
ZIG ZAGS	1	0	1	43	90	1	5
ARO GIANTS	1	0	1	39	54	1	6

Mens C-Grade Sect 4	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
HEAT ELITE	1	1	0	65	40	2	1
BLAZZIN	1	1	0	61	38	2	2
IMPERIAL GUARDS	1	1	0	54	50	2	3
ELLEA EAGLES	1	0	1	50	54	1	4
HAMMERTIME HAWKS	1	0	1	40	65	1	5
TAWA TITANS	1	0	1	38	61	1	6

## SEMI-PRO WEST VS TECH TIME (MENS C-GRADE)



Semi-Pro West (they also have another team Semi-Pro East in the same competition) is supposedly the better team of the two but they almost didn't have a team to face Tech Time in the opening match! Team organiser Mike Kwong managed to squeeze in enough players with a couple of fill-in's from his own club to fulfil a starting five. It was Tech Time that got off to the better start 16-13 in the opening period on the back of David Ferrari (12-points). Despite Quentin Solomon (14-points)

settling things down for his Semi-Pro West team in the second quarter, they still trailed 19-25 at the half. Semi-Pro's James Morris (11-points) got his team running in the second half and cut the lead 29-32 going into the final quarter with a couple of knock-down 3-pointers from Quentin Solomon that snapped the lead in the final moments to give Semi-Pro West a close 48-40 win.

*Could've been anyone's game here but Semi-Pro West hung on to win this one. Tech Time may have missed out on this occasion but they have a nice balanced side that should see them doing well.*

Player of the Match: James Morris - Semi-Pro West

## WOMEN'S OPEN-GRADE

MID-WEEK 2013 TERM 1 - WOMENS OPEN GRADE  
STANDINGS TABLE  
WEEK 2 - 14 FEBRUARY 2013

Womens Open-Grade Sect 1	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
HEAT YOUNG GUNS	2	2	0	91	73	4	1
RED HERRINGS	2	1	1	108	73	3	2
MOREHU	2	1	1	84	88	3	3
ALL STARS CB QUEENS	2	1	1	53	40	3	4
WCS MUMS	2	0	2	50	111	2	5
WE AINT NO SAINTS	2	1	1	40	41	2	6

Womens Open-Grade Sect 2	P	W	L	Points F	Points A	Points	Placing
MOREHU GOLD	2	2	0	92	47	4	1
HEAT STORM	2	2	0	84	58	4	2
MOREHU YOUTH	2	2	0	62	50	4	3
DINE & DASH	2	0	2	53	80	2	4
OUTSIDERS	2	0	2	51	64	2	5
PEACHES	2	0	2	51	94	2	6

Ladies Night Week 2 and the teams are getting into it knowing it's going to be slightly different than in the past. It's really good to see that the majority of the ladies teams are recruiting youngsters into their teams providing a really good mix of youth and experience. Keep it up ladies!

## PEACHES VS HEAT STORM (WOMENS OPEN-GRADE)



Now Heat Storm were always going to be favoured to win this battle after Peaches got beaten by Red Herrings the week before but Heat Storm got a wake-up call in the opening period when Peaches went on an early 10-5 run on the back of Tiffany Cheung (13-points) early scoring. Heat's lone Lepaio (11-points) kept the scores ticking but still trailed 16-18 at the half after Peaches' Julia Froeschl (5-points) knocked down a 3-pointer to end the first half. Heat rallied back in the second half with a 10-7 run of their own to snap a 1-point lead going into the final period. Peaches' looked like they ran out of steam as Heat's Stacey Ellis (9-points) knocked down her free-throws to secure Heat's close 35-30 win.

*As Heat's lone Lepaio mentioned after their game everything that Peaches threw up was going in. It was one of those games. Respect!*

Player of the Match: Tiffany Cheung - Peaches

## PLAYER OF THE MATCH "AWARD"

Something new that we're implementing is this popular awards system. Each game will have a "Player of the Match (POM)" acknowledgement given (worth 1 point) which will appear in each weekly newsletter as part of the game reports. From the list of "POM" acknowledgements, a "Power Player Rank" award will be announced and presented each month. The award will also be a factor in determining the Most Valuable Player at the end of the Grand Finals.

The criteria are as follows:

1. It's not always the player that scores the most points
2. A player who makes other players in their team play better
3. A player who plays both ends of the court
4. A player who leads by example not by words
5. Displays sportsmanship throughout the game
6. The POM awards are decided by the WBA Leagues & Tournament Commissioner for each respective game
7. The overall award is decided by the WBA Leagues & Tournaments Commissioner.

## PLAYER OF MATCH STANDINGS - WK 2

Ben	Mitchell	Black Out	2
Laura	Talbot	Heat Young Guns (WO)	2
Mark	Hatton	TUBS	2
Nate	Kok	Newtown Penetrators	2
Anna	Walker	Morehu Gold (WO)	1
Becs	Carter	Morehu Gold (WO)	1
Ben	Pringle	Hoopla	1
Byron	Taufao	Team Bring It	1

Caitlin	Grice	Red Herrings (WO)	1
Harley	Matthews	A.W.U.	1
James	Lowe	Generation X	1
James	Morris	Semi-Pro West	1
Jan	Santos	Old Boys	1
Jan	Santos	Imperial Guards	1
Jasiah	Larrasey	Kapiti	1
Jeremy	Seal	Wildcats	1
Jim	Bradley	Heat Elite	1
Johan	Gray	JAM Street	1
Kane	Te Porana	Ruffballers (MC)	1
Monica	Mercury	Morehu Youth (WO)	1
Neil	Morales	Radiators	1
Neil	Hartley	Sonics	1
Nick	Hearn	Lefthand Layups	1
Phil	Kirkland	Fantasy Ballers	1
Phil	Kirkland	Blazzin	1
Rocky	Llorico	Ruffballers (MD)	1
Sarah	Molisa	Morehu C (WO)	1
Stacey	Ellis	Heat Storm (WO)	1
Stacey	Kung	WCS Mums (WO)	1
Steve	Blades	Aro Giants	1
Tiana	Metuarau	Morehu Youth (WO)	1
Tiffany	Cheung	Peaches (WO)	1
Tim	O'Malley	Radiators	1
TJ	Brown	High Flyers	1
Tony	Tranzur	Lefthand Layups	1
Tony	Montgomery	Morehu (MC)	1

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ☐ Please organise to pay off your team entry fees as soon as possible.
- ☐ More photos each week on WBA Website and Facebook page
- ☐ Invitation for Basketball community - 12 March 2012 at ASB Sports Centre.
- ☐ Also "Like" the WBA Facebook page for more information if you haven't already done so.

## LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I will be more than happy to help.

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