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**Hi all,**

There has been a good vibe in the Basketball New Zealand head office with the presence of our new CEO Tim Hamilton. Tim has been here for a few weeks now and is settling in well with his new position. Tim plans to contact all of the basketball associations listen and learn about the ins and outs of basketball in New Zealand.

Congratulations to the South Island for being granted four franchise licenses for the 2010 NBL. If all the necessary funding can be sought the Southland Basketball Association will be debuting their new team in the 2010 NBL while the Otago Nuggets will be re-entering the league. This means four South Island teams will be participating in the 2010 NBL (including the Nelson Giants and Christchurch Cougars). I am sure we will see some great rivalry and level of competition from the south.

Association affiliation fees for 2010 are due March 1. The date for the next AGM has not been decided yet but it will be finalised within the next couple of weeks. We will be sure to notify you as soon as a date has been appointed. It is important to note that all associations must synchronise their FIBA Organizer (so we know how many members you have) by the end of January if you wish to have voting rights at the next AGM. Synchronisation of your FIBA Organizer will also allocate BBNZ registration numbers to all your new members. If you have any trouble allocating your BBNZ numbers or synchronising your FIBA Organizer, please contact Sporting Pulse on 0800 808 202.

Molten our basketballs supplier has updated its basketball order form and you can find this on our website at <http://www.basketball.org.nz/local-associations/resources/>. As requested by you, our Associations, Molten have provided more contact details on their order form to help make the process of ordering equipment easier. Remember, only Associations can order equipment. If schools or other people wish to order basketballs they will need to go through their Association to do so.

We have received some awesome feedback from Napier, Hawke's Bay, where the Tall Ferns recently played Japan in a one-off test match. Tickets were provided to schools

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in the area and one school, in particular, has entered three new teams into the local primary school competition. Most of the girls being new to basketball after their attendance at the Tall Ferns game sparked their interest in playing our great sport. A big thank you to Jeremy Bayliss, The Westshore Inn and all of the Hawke's Bay community for their generous hospitality of the two international teams!

In our last community newsletter we advertised that Basketball Otago is holding a Master's tournament next year in Dunedin February 5 – February 8, 2010. If you would like to enter or know more please visit [www.nzmg.com](http://www.nzmg.com) or contact Sandy from Basketball Otago at [operations@basketballotago.co.nz](mailto:operations@basketballotago.co.nz) or (03) 456 4063.

In this newsletter there is important information of how you can obtain sports funding for your region through KiwiSport. Be sure to read the article and learn how you can get a share of this funding. Please make this a priority for your association, we want to see you grow!

All the best,  
**Glenda**

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# KiwiSport

## Get sports funding for your region through KiwiSport

The Government has introduced KiwiSport funding as an initiative to help promote higher participation of New Zealand children in sport. The Government would like to see more children benefit from the positive outcomes of sports such as greater physical fitness, being part of team, spending time with mentors and role models, experiencing competition and winning and bringing communities together.

The Government will invest \$82 million in school sports over the next four years. KiwiSport will provide \$45 million in direct funding to schools over the next four years, and a further **\$37 million** to go into a **Regional Partnership Fund** for initiatives involving clubs, schools and community groups to support sport for school-aged children.

The Regional Partnership Fund will be allocated to New Zealand's 17 Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) for use in their communities. The funding will be distributed to RSTs on a per capita basis based on the number of school-aged children in the boundaries of a Regional Sports Trust.

### How will the Regional Partnership Fund work?

The Regional Partnership Fund recognises that schools are not the only providers of sporting activity within a region or community; small sports clubs and community groups also have an important role to play. RSTs will allocate funding to projects which can ensure new or increased opportunities for school-aged children to participate in organised sport at a community/regional level.

This KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund is:

- About partnerships
- Focused on school-aged children

- A regional fund, not a national programme (Basketball New Zealand cannot access this fund but a regional sports organisation can)

Programmes funded through the Regional Partnership Fund will:

- Provide increased opportunities for school-aged children to participate in organised sport
- Leverage additional contributions from community groups
- Build and strengthen linkages between schools and community sports clubs
- Take the wishes of the community into account

**All basketball associations throughout New Zealand have an opportunity to be part of this initiative.** RSTs will use the fund to encourage new partnerships involving schools, clubs, local and community groups that will get more young people involved in organised sport. What you must do now is get in touch with your RST and discuss what you can do to promote basketball in your region. Look for ways how you can bring your community together, promote partnerships with your RST and local interested parties to benefit children in your area through basketball. We wish you all the best in your application.

For more information please visit

<http://sparc.org.nz/education/kiwisport>

To locate your local RST visit <http://sparc.org.nz/partners-and-programmes/regional-sports-trusts/regional-sports-trusts-lists> or phone 0800 ACTIVE (0800 22 84 83)

## U13 & U15 Nationals

Waikato and Waitakere pulled off title doubles at the U15 and U13 tournaments as the BBNZ's 2009 age-group tournament programme came to a close. The Mooloos dominated the U15 event in Christchurch, defeating Harbour and Waitakere in the boys' and girls' finals at Cowles Stadium on Friday afternoon October 9. They also came within three points of snatching the U13 girls title with a strong finish at the North Shore Events Centre. However, Waitakere held on for a 58-56 victory and had further reason to celebrate when their boys rocketed out of the blocks against Harbour, clearing out for an impressive 100-67 win. Congratulations to all involved!

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### NZ U13 Championships

North Harbour Friday, October 9

#### Boys

Final: Waitakere 100 (Geronimo Doyle 31, Sheaziah Compain 21, Gabriel Tuala 18, Sebastian Wieczerek 12) Harbour 67 (Zac Buchegger 25, Daniel Ruri 10)

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Western BOP 65 (Klyve Dungan 27) Canterbury 62 (Oliver Fairbrother 29)

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Waikato 71 (Doren Koroheke 49) Rotorua 61 (Logan Elers 23)

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Counties Manukau 72 (L Tasi 34) Mid Canterbury 56 (Xavier Bartlett 18)

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: West Auckland 87 (Judson Seumanu 28)

Hawkes Bay 75 (Mataves Marsh & Wilfred Dickson 22)

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: New Plymouth 64 (Harrison Meads 26) Nelson 60 (J Kale 39)

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Otago 63 (Richard Rodger 14) Wellington 45 (Dion Yee 14)

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: Auckland 62 (Sam White 23) Taranaki Country 49 (Sunee Calder 19)

#### Final Placing

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| 1 Waitakere        | 2 Harbour           |
| 3 Western BOP      | 4 Canterbury        |
| 5 Waikato          | 6 Rotorua           |
| 7 Counties Manukau | 8 Mid Canterbury    |
| 9 West Auckland    | 10 Hawkes Bay       |
| 11 New Plymouth    | 12 Nelson           |
| 13 Otago           | 14 Wellington       |
| 15 Auckland        | 16 Taranaki Country |

**Tournament Team:** Xavier Bartlett (Mid Canterbury), Mikaere Watene (Rotorua), Richard Rodger (Otago), Mataeus Marsh (Hawke's Bay), Klyve Dungan (Western BOP), Sheaziah Compain (Waitakere), Toma Noguchi (Nelson), Liam Tasi (Counties Manukau), Zac Buchegger (Harbour), Kahu Robinson (Rotorua)

**MVP:** Sheaziah Compain (Waitakere)

#### Girls

Final: Waitakere 58 (Lyric Taurua-Wolfram 19, Maria Milani 18, Michelle Nicholls 10) Waikato 56 (Sharoan Heu 16, Krystal Leger-Walker 12, Quincy Bartlett 12, Coryn Heu 12)

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: North Canterbury 74 (Jenna Heap 16) Canterbury 64 (Laken Wairau 23)

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Rotorua 50 (Danielle Marks & Moerangi Vercoe 12) Harbour 31 (Bella Shakes & Tera Reed 7)

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Western BOP 68 (N McGregor 21) Otago 56 (Aleisha Ruske 23)

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Mid Canterbury 77 (Frances Redmond 17) New Plymouth 29 (Angel Gotz 10)

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Taranaki Country 51 (Beth West 15) Lake Taupo 34 (Evanda Kapua & Hinekura Ahipene 10)

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Hutt Valley 70 (Tyles Rollo 20) West Auckland 49 (Casey McFadden & Aeysha Hakavalu 14)

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: Wellington 65 (Teagan Graham 21) Te Tai Tokerau 38 (Tia Shelford 17)

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| 5 Rotorua           | 6 Harbour         |
| 7 Western BOP       | 8 Otago           |
| 9 Mid Canterbury    | 10 New Plymouth   |
| 11 Taranaki Country | 12 Lake Taupo     |
| 13 Hutt Valley      | 14 West Auckland  |
| 15 Wellington       | 16 Te Tai Tokerau |

**Tournament Team:** Laken Wairau (Canterbury), Quincy Bartlett (Waikato), Francis Redmond (Mid Canterbury), Courtney Keach (Taranaki Country), Casey McFadden (West Auckland), Teagan Graham (Wellington), Georgia Perrott-Hunt (Harbour), Corbyn Heu (Waikato), Moerangi Vercoe (Rotorua), Maria Milani (Waitakere)

**MVP:** Moerangi Vercoe (Rotorua)

### NZ U15 Championships

Christchurch Friday, October 9

#### Boys

Final: Waikato 77 (Kurt Heatherley 37, Delroi Heu 20) Harbour 57 (Tai Webster 21, Sesilili Patel 11)

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: West Auckland 78 (Steven Robertson 29, Caleb Vautier 18) Wellington 73 (Paul Won 18, Jamal Mikaio 12)

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Hutt Valley 77 (Jackson Stubbins 22, Nico Buckrell 18) Auckland 67 (Joseph Kang 25)

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Canterbury 87 (Isaac Leota 12, Connor Lidstone) Hibiscus Coast 61 (Jaylen Gerrand 24)

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9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Hawkes Bay 66 (Geoffrey Heather 16, Hralen Soloman 12) New Plymouth 57 (Ben Crombie 24, Jordan Harries 12)

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Western BOP 59 (Mark Kelly 34) Counties Manukau 51 (Ruebenn Rennie 13, Pete Temata 11)

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Rotorua 94 (Kare Tarei 22, Piki Thomas 13) Nelson 52 (Matt Black 17)

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: North Canterbury 62 (Connor James 16, Samuel Wong 16) Otago 56 (Liam Rawstrom & Sam Beck 12)

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| 3 West Auckland     | 4 Wellington        |
| 5 Hutt Valley       | 6 Auckland          |
| 7 Canterbury        | 8 Hibiscus Coast    |
| 9 Hawkes Bay        | 10 New Plymouth     |
| 11 Western BOP      | 12 Counties Manukau |
| 13 Rotorua          | 14 Nelson           |
| 15 North Canterbury | 16 Otago            |

**Tournament Team:** Joseph Kang (Auckland), Brandon Gleaves (Canterbury), Tai Webster (North Harbour), Sesilili Patel (North Harbour), Kurt Heatherley (Waikato), Delroi Heu (Waikato), Tohi Smith Milner (West Auckland), Paul Won (Wellington), Nico Buckrell (Hutt Valley), Micah Brown (Wellington)



**MVP:** Kurt Heatherley (Waikato) pictured with Junior Tall Black Logan van Beek

### Girls

Final: Waikato 48 (Kalani Purcell 18, Breana Jones 10) Waitakere 45 (Faustina Tuala 16, Penina Davidson 10)

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Harbour A 68 (Deena Franklin 25, Chelsea Lumb 10) Canterbury 63 (Polly Hill 14, Terina Wanoa 14)

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Hutt Valley 70 (Stella Beck 32, Kahu Poi 14) Counties Manukau 56 (Savannah Tafau Levy 29)

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Hawkes Bay 67 (Tietie Aiolyptea 17, Vanna Sullivan 14) North Canterbury 64 (Ashleigh England 17, Sarah Hawkins)

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Buller 77 (Rata Ngatai 30, Carly McMillan 13) New Plymouth 58 (Monique Hornby 30, Holly Dalinger

13)

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Porirua 75 (Jacinta Berekley 22, Laykin Paenga 21) Nelson 68 (Ella Marwick 16, Gracie Roberts 16)

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Thames Valley 54 (Amy Bottcher 12, Kate Lunn 10) Harbour B 30 (Stephanie Corkery 10)

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: Rotorua 83 (Brooke Wynyard 27, Mereana Poko 12) Te Tai Tokerau 46 (Creole Wallace 18, Rukura Chapman 8)

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| 11 Porirua         | 12 Nelson          |
| 13 Thames Valley   | 14 Harbour B       |
| 15 Rotorua         | 16 Te Tai Tokerau  |

**Tournament Team:** Anna Constable (Canterbury), Deena Franklin (Harbour), Chelsea Savage (Waikato), Penina Davidson (Waitakere), Isabella Lawrence (Waitakere), Faustina Tuala (Waitakere), Breana Jones (Waikato), Stella Beck (Hutt Valley), Veshae Wilkinson (Waikato), Kalani Purcell (Waikato)



**MVP:** Kalani Purcell (Waikato) pictured with Tall Fern Georgina Richards

To find more photos from these nationals please visit [www.imagesportnz.com](http://www.imagesportnz.com)

### Upcoming Dates for the Koru Tour

- Koru Camp: November 6-8, 2009 (U13 & U15s)
- Koru Tour: Wednesday January 13 - Sunday January 24, 2010

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## Introducing Tim Hamilton

New Basketball New Zealand chief executive **Tim Hamilton** has taken residence in Wellington and spent his first week learning the lie of the land. He gives his first impressions ...

### ***Tim, welcome to BBNZ ... can you give us the story of your life so far in 100 words or less?***

Born in Wellington, attended high school at Otago Boys High School and Tauranga Boys College as well as spending some time living in the Philippines ... played a number of sports, as well as involvement in coaching, officiating and administration ... involved in sports administration at a regional level for the last 10 years – regional sports trust, rugby and netball ... have a very supportive family, who have lived the passion I have to make a difference by encouraging all those who are involved in sport to grow and develop as people.

### ***What first attracted you to the BBNZ role?***

The opportunity to contribute to sport at a national level and be part of a massive global game. I also considered that the experience gained at a regional level has made me aware of the importance of a NSO to its stakeholders and I felt that I had a strong understanding of the environment of sport to work with these people/groups to develop the game. I am encouraged by the potential of the game and how I can play a role in realizing this potential for the benefit of all those who are involved.

### ***What previous experiences have you had with basketball?***

I have always had a strong interest in sport, and I have followed, in particular, the NBL and the teams that have represented the regions I have lived in. I have attended a number of these games, as well as seeing the Tall Blacks in action live. I also keenly followed the development of the Breakers while living on the North Shore.

### ***What strengths do you think you bring to this job?***

Fundamentally, I bring a deep passion for what I do and believe if people are focused on achieving common outcomes, anything is possible. Communication and linking with others is what I enjoy doing, and creating an environment for success is what I strive for. I also enjoy thinking about the future of sport which incorporates the challenges of strategic and financial planning.

My decade of involvement in regional sport management has also given me a good understanding of the structure and management of sport.

### ***What have you been doing to prepare for this role since you were appointed last month?***

Reading and talking about the game with a wide range of people, both inside and outside of basketball.

### ***What are your first impressions of the organization?***

It has been very positive and I have appreciated the warm welcome I have received.

### ***What is the first thing you hope to achieve?***

Make it through my first few weeks, listening and learning about the sport.

### ***Do you have a favourite NBA team?***

As a keen sports follower, I've always followed Sean Marks' career and the teams he has played for. The fact that he was the first Kiwi to sign with an NBA team will always mean he has a unique place in the history of basketball in New Zealand.



**Welcome Tim!**

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## Preparing You for 2010



It is that time of year when we all heave a sigh of relief as the winter season ends and we look outside and think we really need to mow the lawns....if it stops raining (yes even in Nelson!) It is such a relief that we probably don't get around to that closure that we need. How did the season go, what things do we need to focus on next year, and if you are wearing a strength and conditioning hat... what movement patterns did my team not have to be able to play the kind of basketball I wanted them to play.

You need to go through each player 1 by 1 and profile what skills and movement patterns they have and what they still need to develop. We accept that players come with the capabilities they have but there is so much we can change by our players being stronger and faster. The time to consider this for your athletes is now - at the end of the season when the players have had a bit of a break.

Don't put a basketball back in your player's hands for a while but do have a look at the other things you can develop (If you are working with young athletes, they will probably have some other sport commitments but encourage them to still focus on long-term development of their basketball. Give them some training to do that is basketball-focused but also about development in the long-term for them as an athlete). It may only be two half hour sessions a week if they have a lot of other sport commitments. Ironically their other sports will improve too!!!

I know you all like nuts and bolts not just suggestions and want to know WHAT they should be doing. There is not a black and white answer as it depends on the individual athlete. Their age, stage, what they need to develop and what other things they have on.

Let's look at an example of a 15 year old that has grown a lot in the last year and seems to have slow footwork.

They also play tennis in the summer and have started already. What kind of off season training can you give them that will help them when next season comes around?

These young athletes need to have core training as the most important thing that should always be in their training life. How do these muscles help footwork? They hold the pelvis still so a player can generate power to move their legs quickly in the first 3 steps of a sprint or a slide or when they jump.

Also leg strength is really important. If the player is still growing which our 15 year old is I would give them a programme that uses low weight and high reps and has a combination of some slow sets and some power sets for each exercise. These can be with one set of dumb bells that they can have at home or most school gyms have a weights area. I would also make sure they had some overhead work that means they become strong under the basket.

There is so much that can be done but the important thing is to think about off season training as a really important part of the basketball season and develop some strong and fast athletes for your team.

Just as an aside I have just got back from 7 weeks in Estonia working with Nenad in his club over there. (We left right after that awesome win over Aussie!) So interesting seeing how the European scene works and seeing what another country is doing to develop their sports. An awesome sports school where the kids get 3 hours to train each day and board at the school.....paid by the government.....Imagine that!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Claire Dallison**  
Strength and Conditioning Trainer, Tall Blacks

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## 2010 NBL Updates

### Southland

*(By Brendon Egan, The Southland Times).*

National Basketball League chairman Sam Rossiter-Stead believes Southland's spirited community will help propel its basketball team into next year's national league for the first time. The Southland Basketball Association was awarded a three-year license by the league's board on Tuesday, which means Southland will feature in next year's competition provided they can raise the necessary funding.

The association expects startup costs in the first year of operation to be about the \$350,000-\$400,000 mark, with most of this probably having to come from community funders Invercargill Licensing Trust and Community Trust of Southland. Rossiter-Stead said he was optimistic Southland would compete in the league next year because of the dedicated and passionate people in the region and its amazing infrastructure. "I'm very impressed with what Southland Basketball has done. I'm very confident they're going to get there. They will be a great asset to the league. "They've got the passion and they've approached it with lots of enthusiasm. They've got a tremendous facility (Stadium Southland) and a great appetite for sport down in Southland."

The league's board have announced that 11 teams would take part in next year's competition, with the Otago Nuggets set to return after a year-long hiatus. The other sides will be the Auckland Stars, Harbour Heat, Waikato Pistons, Bay Hawks, Taranaki Dynamos, Manawatu Jets, Wellington Saints, Nelson Giants and Christchurch Cougars. Rossiter-Stead said the prospect of Otago and Southland playing in the league was an exciting one. It would likely lead to North Island teams playing double-headers against the two southern teams during the same weekend to help reduce costs.

### Otago

Basketball Otago chief executive Mark Rogers said he was delighted to have been awarded a license, but acknowledged it did not guarantee automatic entry into the league. Like Southland, it would have to receive significant financial backing and proof it could make it

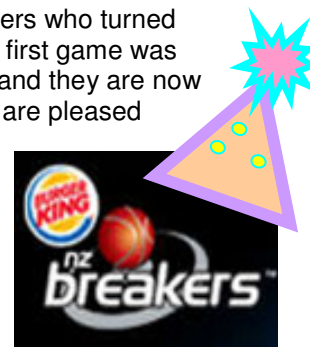
work. He said it would be fantastic for basketball in the south to have teams from Otago and Southland participating in New Zealand's flagship competition. "It will be a great rivalry. For the first time in NBL history, you'll have a team from Southland ... it will be very interesting."

In the coming weeks, a participation agreement will be sent to the 11 teams in the league, with entry fees having to be returned along with this. The 2010 season tips off in March. Basketball Otago has confirmed a new partnership with mining company OceanaGold (New Zealand) Ltd as naming rights sponsor of the Otago Nuggets NBL franchise for the 2010 season. The new name for the team will be the "OceanaGold Otago Nuggets". "The new look partnership will enhance, not only the premier men's team, but just as importantly will provide the platform for expanded development programs in our local community. This is a great outcome for youth basketball in the Otago region and we look forward to engaging with the community as part of this partnership arrangement.

NBL Chairman Sam Rossiter-Stead was delighted with the news. "The return of the Nuggets to the NBL is great news and we've been very impressed with all the work that has been done over the last few months to make that happen. This new sponsorship deal with OceanaGold is a major step in securing the team's future and that is beneficial for the entire league, not just for the Otago basketball community".

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the Breakers who turned six last week! The Breaker's first game was on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2003 and they are now in their seventh season. We are pleased to see they started their celebrations with a win over the 36ers last week at the North Shore Events Centre. Congratulations also to Dillon Boucher for playing his 100<sup>th</sup> game for the Breakers!



For more information visit [www.nzbreakers.co.nz](http://www.nzbreakers.co.nz).