

## Hi from the Front Desk

Good Luck to the 2011 Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns who will be playing in the all important FIBA Oceania Championships for Men and Women, with the winner qualifying for the 2012 London Olympics.

For the first time ever both the Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns will play the Olympic qualification series as a double header, beginning in Melbourne on 7<sup>th</sup> of September at the "Cage" in Melbourne, followed by the second game in Brisbane on the 9<sup>th</sup> September and then the third in Sydney on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

Both teams still have a chance to qualify for the Olympics, if they lose the series, having to play the best non-qualifiers from all FIBA zones to earn a berth.

For more information on the upcoming series click the following link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/news/oceania-champs-tickets-now-on-sale/>

Congratulations to the teams that qualified for the Under 13 and 15 Nationals which will be played in October.

Our thanks to the associations around the country who hosted Basketball New Zealand tournaments in August.

Last month the New Zealand Universities team had the privilege of attending World University Games in Shenzhen, China. The Games is the second biggest sporting event, behind the Olympic Games with over nine thousand athletes competing, which just shows the magnitude of such an event.

Congratulations to Rosmini Boys and Hutt Valley High girls for winning the AA National Secondary School Championships. The Hutt Valley High Girls are now back to back champions.

Well done to Ngaruawahia High School boys and Opunake High School Girls for taking out the A National Secondary Schools Division.

A thank you must go out to Palmerston North Basketball Association for holding the biggest national tournament of the year, with over 200 games played between 59 teams.

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Best of luck to the Under 17 Emerging Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns who will be travelling to Canberra on the 17<sup>th</sup> September to the FIBA Oceania Championships which is the qualifying event for the 2012 World Championships

We also are sending an Under 18 Boys team to compete in the World Youth 3 x 3 Championships which will be held at the sunny resort of Rimini in Italy.

Wishing you all the best,  
The Team at Basketball New Zealand



## Tall Blacks Results in Europe



The Tall Blacks will be returning to the Southern Hemisphere with good preparation for their upcoming Olympic qualifying series against Australia after attending two tournaments in Europe.

On August 20-21 the Tall Blacks took part in a three team tournament played in Skopje, Macedonia.

The side had two narrow losses against very good competition against Montenegro and Macedonia.

The Tall Blacks were only defeated 78-72 by Montenegro who boasted top quality European players and NBA player Nikola Petkovic who had twenty three points.

Kirk Penney led the way for the Tall Blacks with game high twenty six.

On the next day the Tall Blacks lost to the hosts Macedonia 68-67 in a nail biter.

The Tall Blacks looked like they were going to take the game, when point guard Lindsay Tait hit a three with 1:17 left in the game to put them up one point.

But the hosts converted on their free throws to take the game. Thomas Abercrombie was the leading scorer for the Tall Blacks with twelve.

After Macedonia the team wasted no time and moved to Istanbul, Turkey to take part in the 2011 Adidas Istanbul Cup, which was played between Turkey, Ukraine, Montenegro.

It was going to be a tough ask for the Tall Blacks as they would play the hosts Turkey who would boast NBA player Hedo and Enes Kanter who was number three in this year's NBA Draft.

In what was a tight affair, the Tall Blacks could not pull off the upset going down 70-64. Kirk Penney again the Tall Blacks leading scorer with sixteen.

With scores locked at 62-62 and around two minutes remaining Turkey converted a three point play, a basket and a free throw to help push the lead out and make things difficult for the Kiwis.

The next day the men's team would end their European trip against Ukraine, which would be another tough encounter.

Trailing by eleven points at the break, the Tall Blacks would put in a strong second half, again behind Kirk Penney who would lead his side with twenty six points to end their European tour on a high note with the 85-78 victory.

## Upcoming BBNZ Tournaments

### October 17-21

#### Under 13 National Championships

*Where: Napier*

*Host Association: Basketball Hawkes Bay*

#### Under 15 National Championships

*Where: Nelson*

*Host: Nelson Basketball Association*

### October 21-24

#### Opens and Wheelchair National Championships

*Where: Wellington*

*Host: Wellington Basketball Association*



## Notices

### Board Recruitment

We advertised the board vacancies in mid July. We aim to short list by the end of August and to complete interviews in mid September with the new Board being in place at the end of September.

As you will be aware there will be four elected position on the new Board and we will be holding a postal vote for this election process - our new constitution requires that we have at least a 50% return rate of eligible votes - we will be advising you of the critical dates for this process at tin due course.

### Sporting Pulse/FIBA Organiser

We have sent out an update about the SportingPulse Training on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June asking for some feedback about 2 possible options for the dates of the training.

Considering the Rugby World Cup and the availability of our staff, we have decided to move the SportingPulse Training to start on the 9<sup>th</sup> and finish on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November with 7 locations around the country.

Trainings will be run from 9am-5pm and will be held in Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Auckland, Rotorua, and Palmerston North.

### 3 x 3 Youth World Champs

The 3x3 Youth World Championships will be held in Rimini, Italy and we will be sending a New Zealand team to the tournament which begins on the 9<sup>th</sup> September in a three day tournament. There are 36 boys teams competing at the sunny resort with games played on custom made courts designed for three on three.

#### Team

1. Reuben Te Rangi (Auckland Grammar)
2. James Ashby (Auckland Grammar)
3. Isaac Fotu (Rangitoto College)
4. Tai Webster (Westlake Boys)

**Coach:** Anthony Corban

## CHANGES AT BBNZ

Cath Kara, Basketball Coordinator with lead responsibility for refereeing and Roslyn Hart our Receptionist have finished their roles with BBNZ. We wish them both our very best in their next endeavors.

We used the opportunity of the two positions being vacated to think about what people we absolutely need in BBNZ. We decided to advertise the newly created position of Tournaments Coordinator in July.

Shortlisting for the position and interviews should be over by early September and we hope to have someone in the role by early October.

A decision has been made not to advertise the role of the Receptionist at the moment. The different tasks that sat with the position have been absorbed internally. You will notice that BBNZ have now implemented an automated phone system and we welcome your feedback on this.

Bill Eldred will now be looking after the referees department till mid-November. Any **referee** queries that you would have sent to Cath can now be sent to Bill. His email is [referees@basketball.org.nz](mailto:referees@basketball.org.nz) or phone number 027 388 0946.

**All Player Transfers, Clearances, Foreign Player Licenses, Amalgamations, Exemption requests** need to be sent to Maree Taylor, Tournaments and Leagues Manager, [tournaments@basketball.org.nz](mailto:tournaments@basketball.org.nz).

**All funding support letter requests** need to be sent to Saileen Raj, Business Manager, [saileen@basketball.org.nz](mailto:saileen@basketball.org.nz). Please note that support letters have a 10 day turnaround.





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## NZ Universities Finish 21<sup>st</sup> at Games



The NZ Men's Universities team have returned from the World University games which were held in Shenzhen, China.

Although results did not go their way the team had to face the likes of Russia who were same team that beat the Tall Blacks in the early rounds of the Stankovic Cup.

The team finished the tournament on a high note defeating Hong Kong 92-61 to finish twenty first.

Richard Edwards, who has been playing collegiate ball in the states, was the standout player for the NZ team finishing third in the tournament in scoring at 20.1 points per game.

Serbia won the gold medal defeating Canada 68-55.

### Results

#### Pool Games

*Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August*                      *Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August*  
Lost to Russia 78-42                      Lost to Lithuania 88-79

*Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August*                      *Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August*  
Defeated Philippines 105-55                      Lost to Ukraine 84-64

**17-23<sup>rd</sup> Place**                      **21-22<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
*Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August*                      *Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August*  
Lost to Hungary 90-56                      Defeated Hong Kong 92-61

## SKYCITY Breakers 2012 Squad Named



The defending champions SKYCITY Breakers have their 2012 squad named for this season, including six Tall Blacks and nine that were playing in this year's New Zealand NBL.

With the loss of their leading scorer Kirk Penney, who is playing in Spain this year, the Breakers have signed American Cedric Jackson who has brief stints in the NBA with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Breakers have retained the rest of their players from last season, with standout import Gary Wilkinson returning.

Leon Henry, who won a championship with the Wellington Saints this year, has been promoted from the training squad to the playing ten.

### SKYCITY Breakers Squad

- Gary Wilkinson (Import)
- Cedric Jackson (Import)
- CJ Bruton
- Mika Vukona
- Dillon Boucher
- Thomas Abercrombie
- BJ Anthony
- Corey Webster
- Leon Henry
- Alex Pledger
- Josh Bloxham (Development Player)
- Dion Prewster (Development Player)

**Coach:** Andrej Lemanis  
**Assistant Coache(s):** Dean Vickerman  
Judd Flavell



## Women's A National Secondary School Championships

Palmerston North, 22-25<sup>th</sup> August

**Grand Final:** Opunake 51 Te Aroha 49

**Final Officials:** Toni Lee Smith and Luana Winiata

### Final Placing

1. Opunake High School
2. Te Aroha College
3. Taumarunui High School

### Tournament Team

1. Tara potter – Opunake
2. Keiran Leahy – Te Aroha
3. Marama Hohaia – Opunake
4. Amy Bottcher – Te Aroha
5. Sinaed Horo – Opunake
6. Chayne Ranginui – Te Aroha
7. Breanna Morgan – Opunake
8. Andrea Coetzer – Te Aroha
9. Sophie Cooksley – Opunake
10. Cheyenne Wikaira – Taumarunui

**Most Valuable Player:** Sinaed Horo - Opunake

For more information: (have web link for stats)

<http://www.basketball.org.nz/news/national-school-champs-day-four/>

## Men's A National Secondary School Championships

Palmerston North, 22-25<sup>th</sup> August

**Grand Final:** Ngaruwahia 84 Nga Taiatea 82

**Final Officials:** Joshua Boyd and Lucien Pleughman

### Final Placing

1. Ngaruwahia High School
2. Nga Taiatea Wharekura
3. Stratford High School
4. Kingsway School
5. Te Aroha College
6. Taumarunui High School
7. Mairehau High School
8. Dunstan High School
9. Reporoa College

### Tournament Team

1. Te Ahuru O'Brien-Pari – Nga Taiatea
2. Christopher McIntosh – Kingsway
3. Raana Dennis – Ngaruwahia
4. Zack Taitoko – Stratford
5. Keoghan O'Brien-Pari – Nga Taiatea
6. Josh Turner – Te Aroha
7. Jordan Cotter – Ngaruwahia
8. Andre Tessarolo – Mairehau
9. Kowhai Nepia – Taumarunui
10. Aubrey Fretwell – Ngaruwahia

**Most Valuable Player:** Raana Dennis - Ngaruwahia

For more information: (have web link for stats)

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## Men's AA National Secondary School Championships

Palmerston North, 22-27<sup>th</sup> August

**Grand Final:** Rosmini 82 Auckland Grammar 65

**Final Officials:** Matt Bathurst, Apai Apai

### Final Placing

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Rosmini                | 13. Christchurch Boys   |
| 2. Auckland Grammer       | 14. Nayland             |
| 3. Westlake Boys          | 15. St Johns Hamilton   |
| 4. New Plymouth Boys High | 16. Cashmere            |
| 5. Hutt Valley High       | 17. Otago Boys          |
| 6. Hamilton Boys High     | 18. Massey              |
| 7. Wellington College     | 19. Avondale            |
| 8. Fraser Boys            | 20. St Paints Kilbirnie |
| 9. Mana                   | 21. Nelson College      |
| 10. St Johns Hastings     | 22. St Bedes            |
| 11. Melville              | 23. St Kentigern        |
| 12. Otumoetai             | 24. Rangitoto           |

### Tournament Team

- Anamata Haku – Rosmini
- Tohi Smith Milner – Rosmini
- Reuben Te Rangi – Auckland Grammar
- James Ashby – Auckland Grammar
- Matthew Wallace – New Plymouth Boys
- Tai Webster – Westlake Boys
- Nico Buckrell – Hutt Valley
- Kirk Rangiawha – Hamilton Boys
- Alonzo Burton – St Johns Hastings
- Elliot Bryers – Rosmini

**Most Valuable Player:** Anamata Haku – Rosmini

For more information:

<http://www.basketball.org.nz/news/national-school-champs-final-day/>

## Women's AA National Secondary School Championships

Palmerston North, 22-27<sup>th</sup> August

**Grand Final:** Hutt Valley 81 Fraser 58

**Final Officials:** Scott Harris, Ken Phillips

### Final Placing

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hutt Valley High       | 13. New Plymouth Girls  |
| 2. Fraser Girls           | 14. Waikato Diocesan    |
| 3. Rangitoto Girls        | 15. Rangiora            |
| 4. Hamilton Girls         | 16. Cashmere            |
| 5. Waimea                 | 17. St Kentigerns       |
| 6. Buller                 | 18. St Peters Cambridge |
| 7. Auckland Girls Grammar | 19. Christchurch Girls  |
| 8. Tauranga Girls         | 20. Marlborough         |
| 9. Mt Albert Grammar      | 21. Palmerston North    |
| 10. Napier Girls          | 22. Mana                |
| 11. Rotorua Girls         | 23. St Cuthberts        |
| 12. Wellington Girls      |                         |

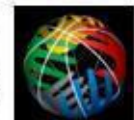
### Tournament Team

- Milomilo Nanai – Hutt Valley
- Stella Beck – Hutt Valley
- Bailey Ross-Waitai – Fraser
- Sheraton Flood – Fraser
- Penina Davidson -Rangitoto
- Brooke Blair – Rangitoto
- Jaylen Hawa – Hamilton Girls
- Shannon Perrett – Waimea
- Josie Stockill – Napier Girls
- Kim Goodearl – Hutt Valley

**Most Valuable Player:** Milomilo Nanai – Hutt Valley

For more information:

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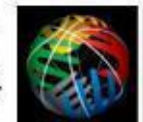
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## U13 Premiership Final Team Placing:

BOYS PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 BOYS	ZONE 2 BOYS	ZONE 3 BOYS	ZONE 4 BOYS
1st	Auckland Blue	Waikato A	Porirua	Canterbury Red
2nd	Harbour A	Tauranga City A	Hawkes Bay	Otago A
3rd	Waitakere West Auckland Premiers	Rotorua	Palmerston North	North Canterbury
4th	Te Tai Tokerau	Counties Manukau	Wellington Black	Southland
5th	Waitakere West Auckland A	Tauranga City B	New Plymouth	Nelson A
6th	Harbour C	Thames Valley	Hutt Valley Green	Mid Canterbury A
7th	Harbour B	Waikato B	Hutt Valley Gold	Marlborough
8th	Hibiscus Coast	Ngati Porou	Taranaki Country	Canterbury Black
9th	Auckland White		Wellington Yellow	Mid Canterbury
10th	Waitakere West Auckland C			Nelson B
11th	Waitakere West Auckland B			Otago B
12th				South Canterbury
13th				West Coast

GIRLS PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 GIRLS	ZONE 2 GIRLS	ZONE 3 GIRLS	ZONE 4 GIRLS
1st	Waitakere West Auckland Premiers	Rotorua	Taranaki Country	Otago A
2nd	Harbour A	Waikato A	Hawkes Bay	Canterbury Red
3rd	Auckland Blue	Thames Valley	New Plymouth	Mid Canterbury
4th	Hibiscus Coast	Counties Manukau	Hutt Valley	Nelson
5th	Te Tai Tokerau	Tauranga City A	Wellington	North Canterbury
6th	Harbour B	Waikato B	Porirua	Buller
7th	Waitakere West Auckland A	Ngati Porou	Palmerston North	Southland
8th		Tauranga City B	Wellington Development	South Canterbury
9th				Canterbury Black
10th				Otago B
11th				Marlborough



## U15 Premiership Final Team Placing:

BOYS PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 BOYS	ZONE 2 BOYS	ZONE 3 BOYS	ZONE 4 BOYS
1st	Waitakere West Premiers	Waikato Gold	Wellington Black	Otago A
2nd	Harbour A	Rotorua	Hawkes Bay	Canterbury Red
3rd	Auckland A	Counties Manukau Red	New Plymouth	Mid Canterbury
4th	Harbour C	Tauranga City A	Taranaki Country	Nelson
5th	Waitakere West A	Waikato Black	Palmerston North	North Canterbury A
6th	Auckland B	Counties Manukau Black	Wellington Yellow	West Coast
7th	Hibiscus Coast	Gisborne	Hutt Valley Gold	Canterbury Black
8th	Harbour B	Thames Valley	Porirua	Southland
9th	Auckland C	Ngati Porou	Wanganui	Canterbury White
10th	Waitakere West Development	Tauranga city B	Hutt Valley Green	North Canterbury B
11th				Otago B
12th				Eastern Southland
13th				South Canterbury
14th				Central Otago
GIRLS PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 GIRLS	ZONE 2 GIRLS	ZONE 3 GIRLS	ZONE 4 GIRLS
1st	Waitakere West	Waikato A	New Plymouth	Mid Canterbury
2nd	Harbour A	Tauranga City A	Palmerston North	North Canterbury A
3rd	Auckland	Rotorua	Wellington	Canterbury Red
4th	Harbour B	Thames Valley	Hawkes Bay	Otago A
5th	Te Tai Tokerau	Waikato Development	Hutt Valley Gold	Nelson
6th		Counties Manukau	Porirua	Canterbury Black
7th		Tauranga City B	Taranaki Country	Eastern Southland
8th		Ngati Porou	Wellington-Kapiti	South Canterbury
9th			Hutt Valley Green	West Coast
10th				North Otago
11th				North Canterbury B
12th				Otago B
13th				Southland