

Hi from the Front Desk

Wow how fast has this year gone with only two months remaining before the New Year!

The **U15 National Championships** were held in Nelson on the 17-21 of October. A big thank you goes out to Nelson Basketball Association for hosting the tournament.

The **U13 National Championships** were in the Hawke's Bay at the same time as the Under 15's. A thank you goes out to Hawke's Bay Basketball Association for holding a great tournament.

Many thanks to Wellington Basketball Association for hosting the **Opens** and **Wheelchair Championships** at the brand new ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie. Both of these tournaments were held on the 21-24 of October.

Congratulations to **Reuben Te-Rangi** who has been nominated for the inaugural **New Zealand Pacific Island Sports Awards** in the category of Young Sportsman of the Year.

Over recent years, Reuben has consistently been selected to Basketball New Zealand's junior programmes. In 2010, Reuben represented New Zealand as a Junior Tall Black as well as at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. He then topped that in 2011 by competing in the inaugural FIBA 3x3 Youth World Championships, helping NZ bring home the world championship title with a win over Bulgaria, 19-18, in the final.

In other news the government has announced that **SPARC** will be changing their name to **Sport New Zealand** (more information on following page).

Congratulations must go out to our **All Blacks** who have finally knocked off their 24 year curse to become World Cup Champions.

As the World Cup was going on the **SKYCITY New Zealand Breakers** had begun their title defence nicely with three road wins out of four, followed by a home win in front of 6383 people which makes it the biggest ever crowd for a basketball game in New Zealand..

Wishing you all the best,

The team at Basketball New Zealand

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SPARC to be Sport New Zealand

The Minister for Sport and Recreation **Murray McCully** has today publically announced that **SPARC** will be changing its name to **Sport New Zealand**.

He made the announcement while speaking at the official opening of the National Training Centre at the AUT Millennium Campus. While the announcement was made today, the change won't take place until early next year, with a re-branding process to be rolled out over the next three months in order to minimize costs, both for SPARC and for our partners.

As you are aware, there have recently been significant changes to the New Zealand sports landscape with the establishment of High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ) as a subsidiary of SPARC. There have also been changes to SPARC's strategic focus in the last few years. The new name - Sport New Zealand - better reflects our role now and into the future - which is to lead New Zealand's single sport system, invest in community sport and build capability across the sector.

Sport NZ is all encompassing of sport and recreation activities. Many countries are similarly using the word 'sport' in this way, and recreation will remain a key focus for us.

We'll be providing more details on the change, and the roll out of the new name and brand, over the next few months.

Meanwhile if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our General Manager Sector Engagement **Dave Adams** on 021 901 442.

New Zealand Masters Games



Basketball Otago is again hosting the **2012 Masters Games** next year on the 10th -12th February.

Invites to all Masters Athletes from across the country are welcome.

To register your team click on the following link
www.nzmg.com

News Around the Country & Abroad

After a busy international period in the last two months, some of our **Tall Blacks** were back into it in October for the **SKYCITY New Zealand Breakers** who are defending their 2011 title.

With the Rugby World Cup on in the country the Breakers would have to play their first four games across the ditch against quality opposition.

But the Breakers would pick up where they left off last season defeating the **Gold Coast Blaze** 102-87 and then the **Wollongong Hawks** 98-82 a couple of nights later.

Tall Black **Thomas Abercrombie** leading the way with twenty five points against the Blaze, while new import **Cedric Jackson** had 28 versus the Hawks.

In Round Two the New Zealand team would travel to Sydney where they destroyed the Kings 98-61. But in Round Three their unbeaten run would come to an end narrowly losing to the star studded **Melbourne Tigers** 67-64.

Round Four would be their first home game of the season and their first ever home game at **Vector Arena** to a record crowd for a New Zealand basketball game at 6383 people.

The Breakers did it in style defeating the **Sydney Kings** 76-59 which puts them top on the ladder with four wins and one loss.

Former Breaker **Kirk Penney** has got off to a strong start playing in the Spanish top league for **Fuenlabrada** where he was leading the whole league in scoring in the early stages of the competition at twenty three points per game.

Penney is still in the top ten in the league in scoring at 19 points per game leading his team to a two win and two loss record.

In the New Zealand National League news the **OceanaGold Nuggets** have signed New Zealand Breakers **BJ Anthony** and **Leon Henry**. **Southland Sharks** have signed former Tall Black **Craig Bradshaw**.

Arguably the most dominant team in the 2000's, the **Waikato Pistons** will not be participating in the 2012 season, due to more emphasis on community basketball. Waikato was a dominant force in the league winning four titles from 2001-2009.

FIBA Organizer and Sporting Pulse Training

Dates and Venues:

Nelson - Friday, 11th November

10am - 4pm at the Tahuna Function Centre, 70 Beach Road, Tahunanui

Dunedin - Saturday, 12th November

10am - 4pm at the Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

Auckland - Sunday, 13th November

9.30am - 3.30pm at the North Harbour Hockey Stadium, 60 Paul Matthews Drive, Albany, North Harbour

Christchurch - Monday, 14th November

10am - 4pm at the Softball Lounge (next to Cowles Stadium), 170 Pages Road, Aranui, Christchurch

Palmerston North - Tuesday, 15th November

10am - 4pm at the Sport Manawatu Seminal Room, 50 Queen Street, Palmerston North

Tauranga (replaced Rotorua) - Wednesday, 16th November

9.30am - 3.30pm at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Corner of Devenport and 11th Ave, Tauranga

If you have any queries, please contact Peter Kadar on 04 4985954 or peter@basketball.org.nz

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Under 13 Boys National Championships



Hosted by Basketball Hawkes Bay, October 17-21

Final Team Placing

1. Auckland Blue
2. Waitakere West Premiers
3. Hawkes Bay
4. Harbour A
5. Waikato A
6. Canterbury Red
7. Porirua
8. Palmerston North
9. Otago A
10. Southland
11. Wellington Black
12. North Canterbury
13. Tauranga City A
14. Counties Manukau
15. Rotorua

Tournament Team

Brayden Inger	(Harbour)
Callum Mc Rae	(Palmerston North)
Fred Simona	(Waitakere West Premiers)
Greg Vukets	(Waitakere West Premiers)
Jamie Soapi	(Porirua)
Matiu Spooner	(Hawks Bay)
Quinn Clinton	(Canterbury)
Ruanui Winitana	(Auckland)
Te Arai Te Wha	(Waikato)
Unique Naboa	(Auckland)

Most Valuable Player

Samson Aruwa (Auckland)

Final Officials

Kelly Turei (Tauranga)
David Peake (Wanganui)

Under 13 Girls National Championships



Hosted by Basketball Hawkes Bay, October 17-21

Final Team Placing

1. Waitakere West Premiers
2. Waikato A
3. Thames Valley
4. Taranaki Country
5. Rotorua
6. Harbour A
7. Otago A
8. Hawkes Bay
9. Hutt Valley
10. Mid Canterbury
11. Canterbury Red
12. Auckland Blue
13. New Plymouth
14. Nelson
15. Hibiscus Coast
16. Tauranga City A

Tournament Team

Amie Russell	(Thames Valley)
Ashleigh Bennett	(Taranaki Country)
Drusilla Brown	(Waikato)
Georgia Leef-Milner	(Waitakere West Premiers)
Hayley Ellis	(Waikato)
Hinekura Kingi	(Rotorua)
Kendall Heremaia	(Waikato)
Miranda Hodgson	(Thames Valley)
Nicole Ruske	(Otago)
Tiarna Clarke	(Harbour)

Most Valuable Player

Natasha Ah-Hing (Waitakere West Premiers)

Final Officials

Natasha Greville (Hawkes Bay)
TK Pene (Rotorua)

Under 15 Boys National Championships



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1. Waitakere West
2. Waikato A
3. Auckland A
4. Wellington Black
5. Harbour A
6. Hawkes Bay
7. Rotorua
8. Otago A
9. Counties Manukau
10. Nelson
11. Tauranga City A
12. Canterbury Red
13. New Plymouth
14. Mid Canterbury
15. Taranaki Country
16. Harbour C

Tournament Team

Danan Swanson	(Wellington)
Doven Barlow	(Waikato)
Geronimo Doyle	(Waitakere West)
Isaac Davidson	(Waitakere West)
Joseph Cook-Green	(Otago)
Kane Keil	(Auckland)
Lis Haraqia	(Auckland)
Logan Hunt	(Waitakere West)
Nikau McCullough	(Waikato)
Zach Buchegger	(Harbour)

Most Valuable Player

Isaac Davidson (Waitakere West)

Final Officials

Braden Gardener (Canterbury)
Joshua Boyd (Nelson)

Under 15 Girls National Championships



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October 17-21

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1. Waitakere West
2. Waikato A
3. Harbour A
4. Mid Canterbury
5. North Canterbury A
6. Canterbury Red
7. New Plymouth
8. Palmerston North
9. Hawkes Bay
10. Tauranga City A
11. Rotorua
12. Nelson
13. Wellington
14. Otago A
15. Harbour B
16. Thames Valley

Tournament Team

Claudia Lewis	(North Canterbury)
Georgia Perrot Hunt	(Harbour A)
Kat Loyd	(Mid Canterbury)
Krystal Leger-Walker	(Waikato A)
Lavinai Soloman	(Waitakere West)
Lyric Taurua-Wolfgang	(Waitakere West)
Maia Wilson	(Waitakere West)
Maria Milani	(Waitakere West)
Sula Faanana	(Waitakere West)
Toni Ann Cameron	(Waikato A)

Most Valuable Player

Maria Milani (Waitakere West)

Final Officials

Dayna Turnbull (Otago)
Laughlan Campion (Nelson)

Women's Opens Championships



Hosted by Wellington Basketball Association,
21-24 October

Final Team Placing

1. Hutt Valley
2. Harbour Dolphin
3. Te Tai Tokerau
4. Porirua Toa
5. Tauranga City
6. Rotorua
7. South Canterbury
8. Waitakere West Green

All Star 5

Awhina Karawana (Hutt Valley)
Claire McCurran (Harbour)
Jamie Lee Tito (Te Tai Tokerau)
Leah Kenny (Porirua Toa)
Milomilo Nanai (Hutt Valley)

Most Valuable Player

Awhina Karawana (Hutt Valley)

Final Officials

Peter Marshall (Te Tai Tokerau)
Russell Gavin (Te Tai Tokerau)

Men's Opens Championships



Hosted by Wellington Basketball Association,
21-24 October

Final Team Placing

1. Porirua Eagles
2. Wellington Victoria University
3. Porirua Toa
4. Rotorua
5. Tauranga City
6. Waitakere West
7. Southland Kelvin Hotel Flyers
8. Te Tai Tokerau

All Star 5

Daniel Hing-Matther (Wellington)
Dier Makoi (Porirua Eagles)
Ezra Nikora (Rotorua)
Jordan Ngatai (Porirua Toa)
Winston Li (Porirua Eagles)

Most Valuable Player

Winston Li (Porirua Eagles)

Final Officials

Wayne Start (Napier)
Ken Phillips (Tauranga)

Wheelchair Championships



Hosted by Wellington Basketball Association,
21-24 October

Final Team Placing

1. Canterbury
2. Waikato
3. Auckland
4. Horowhenua-Kapiti
5. Nelson

All Star 5

Sheldon Larson 4.5 (Waikato)
Reo Lewis 3.0 (Canterbury)
John Weiser 3.0 (Canterbury)
Mark Sullivan 2.0 (Waikato)
Travis Moffat 1.5 (Canterbury)

Most Valuable Player

Sheldon Larson 4.5 (Waikato)

Final Officials

Gavin Zimmerman (Canterbury)
David Sherriff (Auckland)



(2011 Open Mens Champs: Porirua Eagles)



(2011 Open Women's: Hutt Valley)



(2011 Wheelchair Champs: Canterbury)