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## Hi from the Front Desk!

Tournament season has started this month with the U17 premierships took place two weeks ago and the U19 premierships which were played over the weekend. A big thank you to the host associations and all involved. Results of these tournaments are included in this newsletter.

The Junior Tall Blacks returned early this month from touring Europe to participate in the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany. Our JTBs faced some tough competition and endured some close calls during their time at the tournament. Nevertheless, we are extremely proud of our boys and commend their hard work during the tournament. We also have some U16 and U18 age group teams participating abroad in the Australian State Championships. Win or lose it is really important that we send our young basketballers to overseas events. As part of the big picture for the growth of basketball we are providing our young athletes with international experience. These types of experiences can be a once in a lifetime event than can also build lifelong friendships around the world.

International tournaments can also give exposure for our young athletes and provide opportunities to attend international training camps and to receive scholarships to study and play basketball overseas. An example of this is of Rob Loe of North Harbour and Adam Rainbird of Marlborough who have both recently been given scholarships to play basketball in the United States. We extend our most sincere congratulations to these two and wish them all the best in their basketball careers.

Thank you to all applicants that have their name forward to be part of our basketball commissions. All applicants have been shown to our CEO Tim Hamilton and applicants will be presented at the next board meeting.

Wishing you all the best,  
Roslyn



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## Updated Inland Revenue Website

The non-profit section of the Inland Revenue website has recently been updated, after listening to customer concerns in recent research. The website has six new headings: 'Staff and volunteers', 'Paying and claiming GST', 'Charitable organisations', 'Donations, grants and funding', 'Keeping records and filing returns', and 'Donee organisations', as well as a non-profit-specific glossary and a 'News and updates' section.

Please take the time to look at the new website: [www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit](http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit). IRD hopes it will make things easier for you. If you have any feedback or suggestions for the website, please email: [webmaster@ird.govt.nz](mailto:webmaster@ird.govt.nz).

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## 2010 FIBA World Championships: Destination Turkey



With less than 150 days to go to excitement towards the FIBA 2010 World Championship is growing. FIBA has recently launched their 'Giant Get-Together' World Championship promotional campaign and they have also launched the new version of the [www.turkey2010.fiba.com](http://www.turkey2010.fiba.com) website.



Above: Kobe Bryant (USA) and Pau Gasol (Spain)

The 'Giant Get-Together' campaign – a partnership between the LOC, Los Angeles based design and entertainment company Iconsisus and FIBA – is led by USA star Kobe Bryant and features giants of the international game towering above some of Turkey's most famous landmarks.

The list of stars, who will be visible on billboards, in the press and on television screens around the world leading up to the Championship includes the likes of Joel Anthony, Carlos Arroyo, Andrew Bogut, Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol, Ersan Illyasova, Andrei Kirilenko, Yi Jianlian, Dirk Nowitzki, Mehmet Okur, Tony Parker, Luis Scola, Hedo Turkoglu, and Anderson Varejao. To see pictures of the latest billboards and to download these as screensavers, please visit the website [www.turkey2010.fiba.com](http://www.turkey2010.fiba.com)

You can view the Giant Get-Together promo videos on the new website or on FIBA's Youtube channel <http://www.youtube.com/fibaworld>. If want to make sure you are in the loop on any more news you can also join FIBA on Facebook and sign up to their daily newsletter from their website [www.fiba.com](http://www.fiba.com).

## Lebanon appoint Tab Baldwin as coach



Former New Zealand Tall Blacks Coach Tab Baldwin coached at the last two FIBA World Championships. He's going to be at a third in a row after being appointed as the new coach of Lebanon. Lebanon Basketball Federation President Pierre

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Kakhia confirmed on Wednesday that Baldwin has been handed the reins to the national team. One of his opponents in Group D will be his old team, the Tall Blacks.

"I'm excited," Kakhia said in an interview with FIBA.com. "He started in the American university system, coached New Zealand and has coached in Europe. "He has a good experience."

Baldwin, 51, coached at Auburn Montgomery in NCAA Division II and then Central Florida in Division 1 before moving to the Otago Nuggets in New Zealand 22 years ago. He had a long spell in charge of Auckland but Baldwin is best known for turning New Zealand's national team into a force.

With Pero Cameron among his leading players, Baldwin and the Tall Blacks made a stunning run to the Semi-Finals of the 2002 FIBA World Championship in Indianapolis. They settled for a fourth-place finish but the team stayed in the limelight by competing at the Olympics two years later in Athens, a tournament in which they upset world champions Serbia and Montenegro – the side that had many of Yugoslavia's gold-medal winning stars in Indianapolis from 2002. The Tall Blacks then competed at the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Japan.

His former New Zealand assistant, Nenad Vucinic, replaced Baldwin at the helm of the Tall Blacks after the 2006 FIBA World Championship. While the national team boss of New Zealand, Baldwin also launched his coaching career in Europe. He worked at clubs in Turkey, Greece and Romania.

Kakhia has confirmed "He is the coach through the qualification for London 2012 (Olympics). We asked him to bring his assistants, physical trainers."

In addition to facing New Zealand in Group D in Turkey, Lebanon will go up against Spain, France, Lithuania and Canada.

## U16 Teams Named

The following athletes have been selected to represent **Basketball New Zealand** at the **Australian U16 State Championships**, July 3-10 at Logan, Queensland ...

### U16 Men

Nico Buckrell (Wellington), Ben Crombie (New Plymouth), Brandon Gleaves (Canterbury), Kurt Heatherley (Waikato), Delroi Heu (Waikato), Mark Kelly (Western BoP), Sesilili Palei (North Harbour), Logan Poloai (North Harbour), Tai Webster (North Harbour), Paul Won (Wellington)

Reserves: Jaylen Gerrand (West Auckland), Jonathan King (Palmerston North), Tohi Smith-Milner (West Auckland), Jacob Tuaputa-Nahora (Hawke's Bay)

Head Coach: Seth Weakley  
Assistant Coach: Terrence Lewis  
Apprentice Coach: Blake Moore  
Manager: Stuart Campbell

### U16 Women

Veshae Asaua-Wilkinson (Waikato), Stella Beck (Hutt Valley), Penina Davidson (Waitakere), Deena Franklin (North Harbour), Monique Hornby (New Plymouth), Breana Jones (Buller), Isabella Lawrence (Waitakere), Keziah Lewis (Waitakere), Idaho Purcell (Counties-Manukau), Savannah Tafau-Levy (Counties-Manukau)

Reserves: Anna Constable (Canterbury), Dionne Martin (Lake Taupo), Camece Salmon (Porirua), Faustina Tuala (Waitakere)

Head Coach: Aik Ho  
Assistant Coach: Brett Goebel  
Apprentice Coach: Sarah Waldron  
Manager: Michelle Theyers

*Congratulations to all!*



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## International Updates

Tall Blacks captain Kirk Penney's 36-point haul could not keep playoff hopes alive for Sioux Falls Skyforce in the NBA Development League.

The Skyforce dropped the deciding third game at home 101-111 against Tulsa 66ers, falling off the pace in a 17-29 second quarter.



But Penney reeled off his third 30-point game in seven late-season outings for Sioux Falls, shooting 12/20 FG, 3/5 3pt, 9/11 FT and seven rebounds, four assists and two steals

in 44m 55s action. His short stint in the NBDL suggested he is in the best form of his career in preparation for the FIBA World Championship for Men in Turkey in August and showed he would not be out of place back in the NBA, where he has previously served with the LA Clippers and Miami Heat.

Meanwhile, in the South East Australia Basketball League, Tall Ferns forward Natalie Purcell and her Brisbane club enjoyed a successful road trip to Tasmania, defeating



Launceston 78-68 and Hobart. Purcell had 18 points, six rebounds and two assists in their opening victory, then chipped in 15/6 against Hobart. Brisbane, despite competing out of state, are 3-1 for the season.

Tall Ferns assistant coach Kennedy Hamilton and his Albury Wodonga side suffered a pair of close losses, despite the efforts of Kiwis Toni Edmondson and Lisa Wallbuton. Edmondson led her team with 21 points (6/13 FG, 4/6 3pt, 5/6 FT), seven assists, five steals and four rebounds in the 71-77 home loss to Ballarat, with Wallbuton contributing 19 points and seven boards. Then, the pair contributed 51 - Edmondson 28 and Wallbuton 23 - in a 70-72

road loss to Nunawading. Albury Wodonga are now 2-3 for the season.

Tall Ferns centre Jess McCormack provided the only highlight for her Frankston club as they crashed 48-80 to Kilsyth, scoring 13 points (6/11 FG). Fellow Kiwi Gemma Kerr had 13 points (5/9 FG, 1/4 3pt, 2/2 FT) for the winners, unbeaten at 4-0.

## Good Moves by Mika

The Burger King NZ Breakers have further underlined their championship aspirations next Australian NBL season with the signing of Tall Black and former Breaker Mika Vukona. In a move that further moves the Breakers ahead of the game with regards finalizing their roster for the new season, Vukona is the last of eight local players that will be signed, with just two import positions to be filled closer to the September start of the season.

Breakers head coach Andrej Lemanis is clearly delighted to have enticed Vukona to return to the club he last played for in 2007/08. "I'm really pleased and excited that Mika has decided to be a Breaker again. He has taken his game to another

level over the past two seasons and the thought of him wreaking havoc for us again puts a smile on my face. Mika is the perfect fit for the style of basketball we will play this upcoming season.

"His ability to defend the length of the floor and multiple positions, his amazing ability to rebound the ball combined with his improved efficiency at the offensive end will be tremendous assets for the team. I'm thrilled to have Mika back and I know he will again be a fan favourite – how can you not love the way he plays?"



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## Rob Loe Making Us Proud

Congratulations to Tall Black centre Rob Loe has been named in the World Select Team for the prestigious Nike Hoop Summit in Portland, USA, this month. Loe, who starred for the Junior Tall Blacks at last year's FIBA U19 World Championships in Auckland and was subsequently picked for the national senior team at the age of 17, joins nine other players from around the globe to take on the United States' best high school athletes. This international squad has been assembled by Nike global basketball consultant Rich Sheubrooks with help from experts around the world.

We must also congratulate Rob for embarking on his US college career with a scholarship to St Louis University. It was the lure of a coaching legend has seen Loe sign a letter of intent with the SLU Billikens, ending months of speculation over which school the exciting Kiwi prospect would attend in the next phase of his career. "It was a very difficult decision and I visited some very good schools," says Loe (18). "In the end, it came down to St Louis having a great coach with a reputation for developing NBA 'biggs' and players that gelled very well as a team."



"Any discussion about Rob Loe has to begin with what a high-character young man he is," says Majerus. "He is all about team and will be an excellent fit with our players. Rob genuinely cares about people, respects his parents and plays the game for all the

right reasons. Rob gives us a strong 'four' man and has the versatility to play on the perimeter, off the elbow or down low".

"Rob's passing prowess and unselfishness really appealed to me and my assistant coaches. He is going to be a terrific addition off and on the court ... we believe Rob is a jewel of the Pacific because of his temperament, competitiveness and skill set".

*We wish you all the best Rob!*

## 2010 Bartercard NBL Standings: Round Nine

<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Waikato Pistons	9	8	1	88.9	0	16
Harbour Heat	11	8	3	72.7	1	16
Fico Finance Nelson Giants	9	7	2	77.8	1	14
Exodus Saints	9	6	3	66.7	2	12
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	10	5	5	50.0	3.5	10
Zerofees Southland Sharks	10	5	5	50.0	3.5	10
Christchurch Cougars	13	5	8	38.5	5	10
Taranaki Mountainairs	8	4	4	50.0	3.5	8
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	8	0	8	0.0	7.5	0
OceanaGold Nuggets	9	0	9	0.0	8	0

### Players of the Week

- Round 1: Eric Devendorf (Waikato Pistons)
- Round 2: Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)
- Round 3: Rick Rickert (Harbour Heat)
- Round 4: Eric Devendorf (Waikato Pistons)
- Round 5: Jeremy Kench (Christchurch Cougars)
- Round 6: Erron Maxey (Wellington Saints)
- Round 7: Rene Rougeau (Southland Sharks)
- Round 8: Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

### Round ten schedule

Thursday, May 6

- Manawatu Jets v Nelson Giants, Arena Manawatu, 6pm

Friday, May 7

- Bay Hawkes v Nelson Giants, Pettigrew Green Arena, 7pm
- Christchurch Cougars v Waikato Pistons, Cowles Stadium, 7pm
- Otago Nuggets v Wellington Saints, Edgar Arena, 7pm

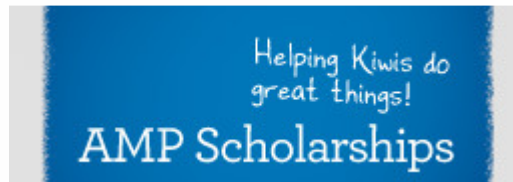
Saturday, May 8

- Southland Sharks v Wellington Saints, Southland Stadium
- Harbour Heat v Waikato Pistons, NSEC, 7pm

Sunday, May 9

- Taranaki Mountainairs v Bay Hawks, TSB Stadium

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Today, all over New Zealand, Kiwis are doing great things. The AMP Scholarship Programme is again aiming to help Kiwis with passion and determination to do their thing with a total scholarship pool to the tune of \$200,000 and a further 11 Regional Scholarships up for grabs. Take a look at our new website: [doyourthing.co.nz](http://doyourthing.co.nz).

This programme is all about celebrating Kiwi diversity. It's open to any New Zealand citizen or permanent resident – there is no age limit or restrictions. And it's about helping passionate Kiwis do their thing – whether their thing is a community project, business idea, education, or a dream to represent their country. Past recipients come from diverse fields of work and interest, from champion shearer to shoe designer – and this year AMP is looking forward to even more diversity and creativity.

Applications open today and stay open until **11.59pm 31 May**. So, the sooner we spread the word, the better chance Kiwis have to get help to do their thing.

This year, things are different. We have a new website at [doyourthing.co.nz](http://doyourthing.co.nz). Applicants can apply online, sign up for email updates, and check out their competition. They can even get their friends and whanau to help them with creating a compelling application. In fact, all of New Zealand can get behind these Kiwis to support them doing their thing. They can check out who has applied, get updates and share the site on Facebook and Twitter.

**Pass it on.** Know any Kiwis who could do even greater things with a little help? Challenge them to apply, and please pass it on, to friends, whanau and your community. A very big thanks for spreading the word!

### **NEW ZEALAND NEWS**

#### **Youth Week 2010: Connecting young people and whanau. Happening soon - 22 - 30 May 2010!**

A poster for the week is about to be released - keep an eye out on the Youth Week website [www.youthweek.co.nz](http://www.youthweek.co.nz).

When it becomes available place an order through the website and found out what other resources are available to help your organisation take part in the Week.

#### **Poster planned for Volunteer Awareness Week**

Volunteering NZ will be preparing a new poster to be used by all organisations who have special events to mark Volunteer Awareness Week - Sunday 20 June to Saturday 26 June. The theme of the Week is Volunteering Across the Generations.

VNZ expect these to be available before the end of May and those on their current mailing list will be sent a supply and any organisation will be able to place an order with VNZ. If budget provisions allow additional material may be produced and the toolkit that assists organisations with their planning for the Week will be updated.

The toolkit will be available through the VNZ website.

For volunteering opportunities visit

[VolunteerNow.org.nz](http://VolunteerNow.org.nz)

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## U17 Premiershship Results

U17 PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 MENS	ZONE 2 MENS	ZONE 3 MENS	ZONE 4 MENS
1st	Harbour A	Waikato Gold	Wellington A	Nelson
2nd	West Auckland Blue	Waikato Black	Hutt Valley A	Otago A
3rd	Te Tai Tokerau	Counties Manukau Red	New Plymouth	Mid Canterbury
4th	Harbour B	Western BOP	Porirua	North Canterbury
5th	Waitakere City Green	Thames Valley	Wanganui	Canterbury A
6th	Auckland White	Counties Manukau Black	Hutt Valley B	Southland
7th	West Auckland White	Rotorua	Palmerston North A	Otago B
8th	Waitakere City Silver	Counties Manukau Development	Hawkes Bay	North Otago
9th	Hibiscus Coast	Gisborne	Wellington B	Canterbury B
10th	Auckland Blue		Wellington-Kapiti	Marlborough
11th	Auckland Red		Palmerston North B	South Canterbury

U17 PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 WOMENS	ZONE 2 WOMENS	ZONE 3 WOMENS	ZONE 4 WOMENS
1st	Waitakere City	Waikato	Hutt Valley	Canterbury A
2nd	Harbour A	Counties Manukau	Porirua	North Canterbury
3rd	Auckland	Western BOP	New Plymouth	Nelson
4th	Harbour B	Lake Taupo	Wellington	Otago
5th		Thames Valley	Palmerston North	Buller
6th		Rotorua	Wellington-Kapiti	Eastern Southland
7th			Taranaki Country	Southland
8th				Central Otago
9th				Marlborough
10th				South Canterbury
11th				Canterbury B
12th				West Coast

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## U19 Premiership Results

U19 PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLACING				
PLACING	ZONE 1 MENS	ZONE 2 MENS	ZONE 3 MENS	ZONE 4 MENS
1st	Harbour A	Rotorua	Wellington	Canterbury A
2nd	West Auckland	Waikato Gold	Porirua A	Nelson A
3rd	Harbour B	Tauranga City	Hawkes Bay	Otago
4th	Auckland	Counties Manukau	Porirua B	North Canterbury
5th	Waitakere City	Waikato Black	Hutt Valley	Canterbury B
6th	Hibiscus Coast	Thames Valley	Palmerston North	Nelson B
7th		Lake Taupo	New Plymouth	South Canterbury
8th			Taranaki Country	West Coast
9th			Wellington-Kapiti	

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PLACING	ZONE 1 WOMENS	ZONE 2 WOMENS	ZONE 3 WOMENS	ZONE 4 WOMENS
1st	Harbour	Waikato	Hutt Valley	Otago
2nd	Waitakere City	Tauranga City	Wellington	Nelson
3rd	Auckland	Counties Manukau	Hawkes Bay	Canterbury
4th		Gisborne	Palmerston North	North Canterbury
5th				Southland
6th				South Canterbury
7th				Marlborough
8th				West Coast