

2008 Oreo Under-13 & Under-15 National Championships
Rotorua, October 6-10

Game On

Day Three – Wednesday, October 8

From fourth to first, the Hibiscus Coast Hawks under-13 boys team have battled, and beaten, the odds in Rotorua this week.

With a tournament-high 50 points from forward Jaylen Gerrand and an 81-56 win over North Canterbury on day two of the Oreo Under-13 and Under-15 National Championships at the Rotorua Events Centre, Hibiscus marched through to Wednesday's quarterfinals, topping pool C at 3-0.

The Hawks, fourth qualifiers out of zone one behind Harbour, Massey and Waitakere, and seeded fourth in their pool, became one of only three fourth seeds to reach the last eight across all tournaments, with only two going through pool play unbeaten on Tuesday.

Gerrand, who has averaged 38.7 points per game in pool play, dominated the inside, posting 14 points in the first quarter and 33 points by halftime as Hibiscus made quick work of North Canterbury to set up a quarterfinal against Waikato.

"Now that we've achieved that, we're happy and anything else on top of that is great. And I think now the goal is the semis . . . that won't be an easy cross-over but it's better than facing Waitakere, who we face five or six teams during the year.

"Back in Auckland we came fourth, however we have beat every team in the Auckland region that is here this week, just not at the regionals," said Hibiscus coach Jayson Johnson.

"We've been competitive and in the last two weeks we had a five-day camp and I think that's really put us in the right frame of mind for this tournament."

Hibiscus started the tournament with a 76-63 upset of Wellington, then got by Counties Manukau 68-58 on Tuesday morning to effectively seal a top-eight berth, Gerrand top-scoring with 35 points.

Romping out to a 37-point lead in the third quarter against Wellington, Johnson contends the Hawks best performance came in their opening game and could still produce better as the playoffs approach.

"If we can get another game like that, we might be pretty tough to beat.

"The only really dominant team that I've seen is Canterbury, with the size they have and the other team that I've seen that's finals capable is Harbour and we've beat them once this season." Canterbury also completed a perfect pool play run to top pool D, while Waitakere City and North Harbour also went through unbeaten.



The Hibiscus Coast Hawks soared into the quarters, unbeaten during pool play



Hutt Valley and Whangarei in the under-15 boys division became the other fourth seeds from their pools to reach the elite eight and will meet in the quarters.

The Hutt closed out a perfect pool play with a 76-46 win over Western Bay of Plenty to top pool B, while Whangarei held out a relentless Otago 84-67 to claim the second place behind unbeaten Counties Manukau in pool D.

Counties Manukau is one of 16 undefeated teams after pool play, joining Nelson, Hutt Valley and Waikato in the under-15 boys, Wellington, Waitakere City, North Canterbury and Waikato in under-15 girls, and Counties Manukau, North Harbour, Hawke's Bay and Canterbury in under-13 girls.

Defending under-15 boys champions Canterbury were denied a chance for back-to-back titles when North Harbour rolled them 75-56 in a must-win game for the second quarters spot from pool B.

The local hopes were reduced to one team as the Rotorua under-13 girls reached the last eight with a 42-21 win over Mid Canterbury on Tuesday and the host association's remaining three teams went winless in pool play.

The under-13s, led by Moerangi Vercoe, Aneia Whakaari and point guard Tayla Ammunson, surprised Porirua in their opening game, which was enough to push them through behind North Harbour in pool B.

"They're doing really well," coach Sue Pene said. "It far exceeds our goal. Getting into the top eight is a bonus for us. Our goal coming into this was to not be playing for 15th and 16th."

"Earlier in the year, at Easter, we were get beat by lots. We were lucky to make double figures and we could hardly get the ball over half-court. The improvement has been huge."

COACHING SAFETY NET

Basketball New Zealand's Coaching Safety Net can be accessed, viewed and trialled on the laptop outside the Trust Forum in the Grand Hall. Emails can also be checked from this computer.

Oreo Under-15 National Championships – Day Two Results

BOYS

Pool A: Nelson 83 Massey 80, Hawke's Bay 92 Rotorua 45

Pool B: Harbour 75 Canterbury 56, Hutt Valley 76 Western BOP 46

Pool C: Waikato 92 Wellington 80, Auckland 76 Mid Canterbury 53

Pool D: Whangarei 84 Otago 67, Counties Manukau 74 Porirua 50

GIRLS

Pool A: Counties Manukau 40 Southland 33, Wellington 52 Massey 41, Wellington 69 Counties Manukau 45, Massey 74 Southland 51

Pool B: Waitakere City 76 New Plymouth 22, Canterbury 67 Rotorua 35, New Plymouth 46 Rotorua 43, Waitakere City 57 Canterbury 53

Pool C: Harbour Maroon 98 Hawke's Bay 43, North Canterbury 92 Western BOP 40, North Canterbury 80 Harbour Maroon 67, Hawke's Bay 79 Western BOP 60

Pool D: Hutt Valley 96 Thames Valley 46, Waikato 83 Nelson 46, Nelson 89 Thames Valley 32, Waikato 83 Hutt Valley 49

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Pool A: Waitakere City 65 Waikato Black 57, Nelson 78 New Plymouth 61, Waitakere City 79 New Plymouth 54, Waikato Black 72 Nelson 60

Pool B: Harbour Maroon 91 Rotorua 37, Hutt Valley 72 Otago 68, Harbour Maroon 118 Hutt Valley 42

Pool C: Wellington 89 North Canterbury 65, Hibiscus Coast 68 Counties Manukau 58, Wellington 72 Counties Manukau 54, Hibiscus Coast 81 North Canterbury 56

Pool D: Canterbury 91 Hawke's Bay 45, Waikato Gold 33 Massey 89, Canterbury 94 Massey 77, Hawke's Bay 78 Waikato Gold 45

GIRLS

Pool A: Counties Manukau 62 Nelson 42, Auckland 70 Hutt Valley 61

Pool B: Harbour Maroon 129 Porirua 29, Rotorua 42 Mid Canterbury 21

Pool C: North Canterbury 59 Hibiscus Coast 35, Hawke's Bay 54 Waikato 43

Pool D: Wellington 70 Thames Valley 37, Canterbury 69 Waitakere City 58



Oreo Under-15 National Championships – Final Standings

Boys

| | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>Pts</i> | | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>Pts</i> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| <i>Pool A</i> | | | | | <i>Pool B</i> | | | | |
| Nelson | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | Hutt Valley | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Massey | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | North Harbour | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Hawke's Bay | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | Canterbury | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Rotorua | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | Western BOP | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| <i>Pool C</i> | | | | | <i>Pool D</i> | | | | |
| Waikato | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | Counties Manukau | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Wellington | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | Whangarei | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Auckland | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | Otago | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Mid Canterbury | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | Porirua | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

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Oreo Under-15 National Championships – Day Three Schedule

BOYS

Quarterfinals

Nelson vs Wellington, 4pm
 Hutt Valley vs Whangarei, 4pm
 Counties Manukau vs North Harbour, 5.45pm
 Waikato vs Massey, 5.45pm

9th-16th Quarterfinals

Hawke's Bay vs Mid Canterbury, 9am
 Canterbury vs Porirua, 9am
 Otago vs Western BOP, 10.45am
 Auckland vs Rotorua, 10.45am

GIRLS

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| New Plymouth | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | Rotorua | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
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| Hibiscus Coast | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | Canterbury | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Wellington | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | Massey | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| North Canterbury | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | Hawke's Bay | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Counties Manukau | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | Waikato Gold | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

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