



BASKETBALL
NEW ZEALAND



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

Game On

Day Two – Tuesday, October 7

Hutt Valley's under-15 boys knew just how much to bend without breaking in Rotorua on Monday.

The Hutt almost gave up double-digit leads but held on for surprise wins over North Harbour and Canterbury on day one of the Oreo Under-13 and Under-15 National Championships at the Rotorua Events Centre.

Up 16 points in the fourth quarter, Hutt saw their lead shrink dramatically in the final minutes against Harbour, holding on for an 80-78 win, then led by as many as 15 points against defending champions Canterbury in their night game before it closed to five points in an 82-72 win.

"It's because of the style of defence we play," said coach Joe Hemi, referring to his team's aggressive press defence that forced Harbour and Canterbury into turnover after turnover, and fast-break points.

"The boys get mentally tired and they just have to be there at the end. We've really got some good guys with good presence. They've been in situations like this before."

With guard Kurt Robinson leading the way with 26 points against North Harbour and forward Tyler Tane top-scoring with 18 points against Canterbury, Hutt Valley used their also got quality performances from role players Nico Buckrell, Emory Beck and Elliot Stubbins.

"I was pretty confident with these two games because nobody knew us. We were unknown. Nobody knew who we were, we didn't go to nationals last year. We qualified but didn't go because the host team took the last spot.

"These boys have been together for about a year now. It's pretty much the Hutt Valley team plus two from St Bernard's. They've just come off junior secondary school premierships. They're getting some good chemistry."

Hutt Valley were one of 29 teams to escape day one unbeaten and one of 13 teams to book quarterfinal places.

Six of eight under-15 boys quarterfinals berths were sorted on day one, with Nelson and Massey in pool A, Wellington and Waikato in pool C and Counties Manukau in pool D joining Hutt Valley in the elite eight.

Harbour and Canterbury will battle for the second pool B quarters place, while Otago and Whangarei will meet to decide the second qualifier from pool D.



Joe Hemi's Hutt Valley under-15 boys squad were the surprise on day one



Only one top-eight spot remains in the under-13 girls division, with seven 2-0 teams.

Counties Manukau and Nelson from pool A, North Harbour in pool B, Hawke's Bay and Waikato in pool C, and Canterbury and Waitakere City from pool D will be joined by either Rotorua or Mid Canterbury in the quarters.

Crucial games on day two at the Rotorua Events Centre include under-15 boys defending champs Canterbury's showdown with North Harbour at 7.30pm on court one, along with Otago's game with Whangarei at 12.30pm on court five.

Hometown team Rotorua, following their first round upset of Porirua, will play for a place in the under-13 girls quarterfinals against Mid Canterbury at 2.15pm on court two.

While the under-15 boys and under-13 girls top-eights have almost been confirmed, the under-15 girls and under-13 boys get down to business on day two with two games each to decide qualifiers.

Six teams went into triple-figures on day one, with Canterbury and Waitakere in the under-13 girls, North Harbour and Canterbury in the under-13 boys, and Waikato in the under-15 boys and girls.

Counties Manukau's Joshua Young was the first day's leading scorer, dropping 36 points on Whangarei in an 87-74 win in under-15 boys pool D.

Other players to go over 30 points on day one, included Hibiscus Coast's Jaylen Gerrand, going for 31 points against Wellington in a 76-63 win in the under-13 boys pool C; Waikato's Aaron Keppler with 32 points against Auckland in under-15 boys pool C; and Otago's Henrie Njobanti raining in 30 points in a 78-67 win over Porirua in under-15 boys pool D.

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS

Tournament T-Shirts will be available later this afternoon from the Tournament Control Office. There is a limited amount available but orders will be taken. T-Shirts are sky blue and cost \$25 each.

Oreo Under-15 National Championships – Results

BOYS

Pool A: Nelson 96 Rotorua 39, Massey 88 Hawke's Bay 53, Nelson 73 Hawke's Bay 70, Massey 93 Rotorua 39

Pool B: Hutt Valley 80 Harbour 78, Canterbury 84 Western BOP 39, Harbour 90 Western BOP 53, Hutt Valley 82 Canterbury 72

Pool C: Wellington 89 Mid Canterbury 38, Waikato 97 Auckland 54, Wellington 66 Auckland 65, Waikato 102 Mid Canterbury 18

Pool D: Counties Manukau 87 Whangarei 74, Otago 78 Porirua 67, Whangarei 78 Porirua 75, Counties Manukau 78 Otago 75

GIRLS

Pool A: Wellington 58 Southland 20, Massey 72 Counties Manukau 60

Pool B: Waitakere City 94 Rotorua 44, Canterbury 60 New Plymouth 37

Pool C: North Canterbury 75 Hawke's Bay 34, Harbour Maroon 91 Western BOP 21

Pool D: Nelson 69 Hutt Valley 59, Wakato 111 Thames Valley 30

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BOYS

Pool A: Waikato Black 80 New Plymouth 70, Waitakere City 70 Nelson 38

Pool B: Hutt Valley 55 Rotorua 54, North Harbour Maroon 106 Otago 31, Otago 61 Rotorua 54

Pool C: Hibiscus Coast 76 Wellington 63, North Canterbury 65 Counties Manukau 38

Pool D: Canterbury 104 Waikato Gold 30, Massey 67 Hawke's Bay 49

GIRLS

Pool A: Counties Manukau 55 Hutt Valley 33, Nelson 58 Auckland 41, Nelson 57 Hutt Valley 49, Counties Manukau 64 Auckland 42

Pool B: Harbour Maroon 83 Mid Canterbury 38, Rotorua 46 Porirua 32, Mid Canterbury 67 Porirua 45, Harbour Maroon 90 Rotorua 37

Pool C: Hawke's Bay 82 Hibiscus Coast 39, Waikato 60 North Canterbury 33, Hawke's Bay 42 North Canterbury 34, Waikato 86 Hibiscus Coast 28

Pool D: Canterbury 119 Thames Valley 8, Waitakere 88 Wellington 45, Canterbury 78 Wellington 11, Waitakere 105 Thames Valley 28



Oreo Under-15 National Championships – 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	2	2	0	4	Hutt Valley	2	2	0	4
Massey	2	2	0	4	North Harbour	2	1	1	3
Hawke's Bay	2	0	2	2	Canterbury	2	1	1	3
Rotorua	2	0	2	2	Western BOP	2	0	2	2
<i>Pool C</i>					<i>Pool D</i>				
Waikato	2	2	0	4	Counties Manukau	2	2	0	4
Wellington	2	2	0	4	Otago	2	1	1	3
Auckland	2	0	2	2	Whangarei	2	1	1	3
Mid Canterbury	2	0	2	2	Porirua	2	0	2	2

Girls

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<i>Pool A</i>					<i>Pool B</i>				
Wellington	1	1	0	2	Canterbury	1	1	0	2
Massey	1	1	0	2	Waitakere City	1	1	0	2
Counties Manukau	1	0	1	1	New Plymouth	1	0	1	1
Tauranga Girls	1	0	1	1	Rotorua	1	0	1	1
<i>Pool C</i>					<i>Pool D</i>				
North Canterbury	1	1	0	2	Waikato	1	1	0	2
North Harbour	1	1	0	2	Nelson	1	1	0	2
Western BOP	1	0	1	1	Hutt Valley	1	0	1	1
Hawke's Bay	1	0	1	1	Thames Valley	1	0	1	1

Oreo Under-15 National Championships – Day Two Schedule

BOYS

- 12.30pm:** Otago vs Whangarei
- 2.15pm:** Porirua vs Counties Manukau, Waikato vs Wellington, Auckland vs Mid Canterbury
- 5.45pm:** Nelson vs Massey
- 7.30pm:** Harbour vs Canterbury, Hutt Valley vs Western BOP, Rotorua vs Hawke's Bay

GIRLS

- 9am:** Thames Valley vs Hutt Valley, Waikato vs Nelson, Waitakere City vs New Plymouth, Rotorua vs Canterbury
- 10.45am:** Counties Manukau vs Southland, Hawke's Bay vs Harbour Maroon, North Canterbury vs Western BOP, Wellington vs Massey
- 4pm:** Rotorua vs New Plymouth, Wellington vs Counties Manukau, North Canterbury vs Harbour Maroon, Thames Valley vs Nelson
- 5.45pm:** Waitakere City vs Canterbury, Massey vs Southland, Hawke's Bay vs Western BOP, Waikato vs Hutt Valley



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Waitakere	1	1	0	2	North Harbour	1	1	0	2
Nelson	1	0	1	1	Hutt Valley	1	1	0	2
New Plymouth	1	0	1	1	Rotorua	2	0	2	2
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North Canterbury	1	1	0	2	Canterbury	1	1	0	2
Hibiscus Coast	1	1	0	2	Massey	1	1	0	2
Wellington	1	0	1	1	Hawke's Bay	1	0	1	1
Counties Manukau	1	0	1	1	Waikato Gold	1	0	1	1

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Hawke's Bay	2	2	0	4	Canterbury	2	2	0	4
Waikato	2	2	0	4	Waitakere City	2	2	0	4
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4pm: Canterbury vs Massey, Counties Manukau vs Wellington, Waikato Gold vs Hawke's Bay
5.45pm: Nelson vs Massey, North Canterbury vs Hibiscus Coast, Hutt Valley vs Harbour Maroon
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GIRLS

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