



2009 FURNWARE NZ "AA" SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, September 28-October 3

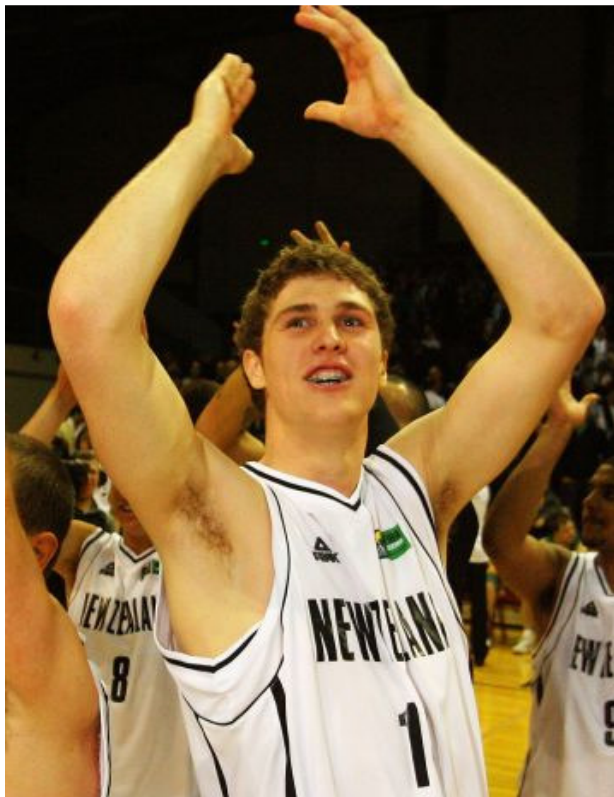
Game On

Day Four - Thursday, October 1

Great Expectations

Probably no player has carried a bigger target on his back this week than Westlake BHS centre Rob Loe.

But if expectations on him have been high so far, they are about to raise another notch as he leads his team – unbeaten through pool play – into the business end of the



Furnware NZ "AA" Secondary Schools Championships in Palmerston North. To be fair, after the year he has had, Loe (18) must be used to the harsh glare of the spotlight.

A Junior Tall Black star at the FIBA U19 World Championship in Auckland, he was promptly elevated to the senior national team for their European tour and shared in an historic 22-point victory over the Australia Boomers in Wellington.

That just makes him a target for every opposition coach at this tournament and every player looking for a quick reputation. Every time Loe misses a shot or a rebound, he can probably hear another spectator shaking their head and wondering what the big deal is about.

Westlake coach Mark Jackson is about to become one of those demanding more from his charge.

"I wouldn't say he has been coasting ... he has been playing good solid basketball," he says. "But he has a big

way to go before he reaches his potential at this level.

"There is another step up left in his play yet and I'll be challenging him to go there."

Averaging 20.6 points, Loe has not had to dominate games to steer his team comfortably through the preliminary round. They started slowly against Mt Albert Grammar in their opener, but have not been seriously pushed since, winning by an average of 31 points.

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**NZ "A" Secondary Schools
Championships
North Shore Events Centre**

Wednesday, September 30

Boys

1st-6th

Rotorua Lakes HS 61 Taumarunui HS 58
Dunstan HS 71 Paeroa College 67
Nga Taiatea Wharekura 75 Buller HS 55

7th-9th - Stratford College 67 Pinehurst
School 57

1st-3rd - Nga Taiatea 76 Rotorua Lakes 70

4th-6th - Buller 93 Taumarunui 85

7th-9th - Tolaga Bay 100 Pinehurst 59

Girls

Rotorua Lakes 54 Wairoa 19
Church 89 Buller 59
Paeroa 59 Te Aroha 50
Church 86 Wairoa 62

Thursday, October 1

Boys

10.45am

1st-3rd - Nga Taiatea v Dunstan, Court 1
4th-6th - Buller v Paeroa, Court 2

12.30pm

7th-9th - Tolaga Bay v Stratford, Court 3

2.15pm

4th-6th - Taumarunui v Paeroa, Court 3

4pm

1st-3rd - Rotorua Lakes v Dunstan, Court 1

Girls

10.45pm

Buller v Paeroa, Court 3
Te Aroha v Mairehau, Court 4

2.15pm

Paeroa v Wairoa, Court 1
Buller v Mairehau, Court 2

5.45pm

Church v Rotorua Lakes, Court 1

From P1 ...

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of his performance so far has been his willingness to involve team-mates, particularly through his passing ability from the high post.

This quality has not gone unnoticed by US college scouts, who have trekked to in Palmy to demonstrate their keen interest in the giant from downunder.

Loe has already won two secondary school titles, riding the coat-tails of Tall Black team-mates Corey Webster and Tom Abercrombie in 2005 and 2006. But if Jackson, the coach on both those occasions, wants to inspire his kingpin, he need only remind him that he was not deemed worthy of tournament team selection when Westlake finished seventh last year.

Still, he's satisfied with what he's seen from the team so far ...

"We are in good spirits and the boys have been playing really well, firing on all cylinders."

They face familiar foes in the quarters, having split four previous encounters with Rangitoto College this season. Defending champions St Patrick's College made life interesting by dropping their final outing against New Plymouth BHS in an ultra-competitive group and now face rivals Mana College, who have already beaten them twice this year. Church College meet the only South Island survivors – Cashmere HS – while Fraser HS play Onehunga HS.

In the girl's draw, Church continued to dominate their opposition, enjoying an average winning margin of 68 points through pool play, and now renew their crostown rivalry with Waikato Diocesan in the next stage.

Waimea College sent two-time runners-up Rangitoto College packing to earn a spot against Rangiora High School. Fraser snuck through to face Mt Albert Grammar, while New Plymouth GHS meet Northcote College in the quarterfinals.



YESTERDAY ...

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Boys

Pool A

Onehunga 85 (D Leofa 36) Palmerston North 71 (M Clarke 20)
St Patrick's 67 Nelson 53 (A Rainbird 21)
Onehunga 87 (S Ili 21) Hamilton 79 (T Courtney 26)
Palmerston North 80 (M Clarke 26)
Nelson 78 (M Karena 25)
New Plymouth 73 (M Williams 22) St Patrick's 61

Standings: SPC & OHS 9; NC, NPBHS & PNBHS 7; HBHS 6

Pool B

Church 89 (Jared Whippy 35) Rangitoto 64
Otago 80 (E Carruthers 30) Waimea 74 (C Duthie 35)
Nayland 61 (Z Lovell 21) Middleton Grange 58 (I Solofuti 23)

Standings: CCNZ 10; RC 9; NC 8; MG 7; OBHS 6; WC 5

Pool C

Mana 72 (H Hippolite 20) Tauranga 69 (M Fullerton 23)
St John's 72 Massey 63
Fraser 76 Cambridge 52
Mana 80 Massey 60 (R Laidlaw 20)
Fraser 88 Tauranga 58 (M Fullerton 25)
St John's 86 Cambridge 59

Standings: HFHS 10; MC 9; TBC 8; MHS 6; SJC 5; CHS 4

Pool D

Hastings 87 (S Heather 24) Mt Albert 81 (J Ashby 31)
Westlake 83 Cashmere 50
Wellington 86 (HeHmi Pairama-Lewington 22) Kelston 67 (C Fahrensohn 21)

Standings: WBHS 10; CHS & HBHS 8; MAGS & WC 7; KBHS 5

Girls

Pool A

Rotorua 45 Hauraki Plains 40
Northcote 58 (S Hiha 22) Rangī Ruru 52
Church 113 Sacred Heart 34
Sacred Heart 58 (P Blanks 23) Rotorua 55
Church 110 (S Randell 21) Northcote 52
Hauraki Plains 53 (K O'Hallahan 23)
Rangī Ruru 51

Standings: CCNZ 10; NC 9; SHC 8; RRGs, RGHS & HPC 6

Pool B

Kristin 59 Mana 51
Rangiora 61 Napier 54
Mt Albert 59 Christchurch 36
Napier 63 Mana 47
Christchurch 99 Kristin 37
Mt Albert 68 (A Lewis 24) Rangiora 52

Standings: MAGS 10; RHS 9; NGHS 8; CGHS, MC & KS 6

Pool C

Marlborough 51 Waikato Dio 44
New Plymouth 58 Hutt Valley 54
Nelson 63 (S Perrett 24) Cambridge 61
New Plymouth 57 (B McCallum 21)
Waikato Dio 50 (G Agnew 28)
Nelson 58 (S Perrett 26) Marlborough 54 (S van Velthooven 23)
Hutt Valley 70 Cambridge 57 (A Palmer 29)

Standings: NPGHS 10; WD & NCG 8; HVHS 7; CHS & MGC 6

Pool D

Fraser 75 (B Ross-Waitai 22) Auckland 49
Rangitoto 88 Manurewa 54
Waimea 59 Freyberg 39
Fraser 82 Manurewa 50
Waimea 71 (J Vucinic 32) Rangitoto 65
Auckland 54 Freyberg 46

Standings: WC 10; HFGS & RC 9; MHS 7; AGGS 6; FHS 5



TODAY ...

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Thursday, October 1

Boys

11am

17th-24th

Palmerston North BHS v Cambridge HS
(BX9), Ballroom 3

Otago BHS v Kelston BHS (BX10), B&M 4

12.45pm

9th-16th

Nayland College v Mt Albert Grammar
(BX6), Ballroom 1

Nelson College v St John's College
(BX5), B&M 4

Quarterfinal

Fraser HS v Onehunga HS (BX3), B&M 5

2.30pm

9th-16th

Hastings BHS v Middleton Grange (BX8),
Ballroom 1

17th-24th

Wellington College v Waimea College
(BX12), Ballroom 2

Quarterfinal

Church College v Cashmere HS (BX2),
B&M 4

Westlake BHS v Rangitoto College
(BX4), B&M 6

4.15pm

9th-16th

Tauranga BC v New Plymouth BHS
(BX7), Ballroom 2

17th-24th

Massey HS v Hamilton BHS (BX11),
Ballroom 3

Quarterfinal

St Patrick's College v Mana College
(BX1), B&M 5

Girls

11am

9th-16th

Rangitoto College v Christchurch GHS
(GX8), Ballroom 1

17th-24th

Rotorua GHS v Marlborough GC (GX9),
Ballroom 2

Cambridge HS v Hauraki Plains College
(GX11), B&M 5

Auckland GGS v Kristin School (GX12),
B&M 6

12.45pm

9th-16th

Sacred Heart College v Hutt Valley HS
(GX5), Ballroom 2

Napier GHS v Manurewa HS (GX6),
Ballroom 3

Quarterfinal

New Plymouth GHS v Northcote College
(GX3), B&M 6

2.30pm

19th-24th

Mana College v Freyberg HS (GX10),
Ballroom 3

Quarterfinal

Mt Albert Grammar v Fraser HS (GX2),
B&M 5

4.15pm

9th-16th

Nelson College for Girls v Rangī Ruru GS
(GX7), Ballroom 1

Quarterfinals

Church College v Waikato Diocesan
(GX1), B&M 4

Waimea College v Rangiora HS (GX4),
B&M 6