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BASKETBALL TASMANIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY EDITION



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# PATHWAYS UPDATE

April was an extremely successful month for our high performance and program athletes.

Pathways graduate Jacob Furphy represented Australia in the 30th Edition of the Albert Schweitzer Tournament, which was played in Germany at the beginning of the month.

Jacob played a pivotal role in the team, which went on to win the tournament, off the back of some compelling wins against European Powerhouses.

The Future Development and State Development Program athletes participated in a Personal Growth Week. With a focus on exposing athletes to elements of the game outside of playing.

Our Under 18s State Teams exceed expectations at Basketball Australia's Junior National Championships, with our U18 Men finishing the tournament in eighth position and our Women in seventh position.

Andie Smith was received the 'Defensive Player of the Tournament' award for her outstanding efforts throughout the week.

The Under 18 Men's team consisted of Jase Chapman, Logan Gibson, Jasper Hay, Campbell Jones, Mason Ling, Will Sorensen-Miller, Brody Wallace, Oliver Freeland, Sam Percival, Lewis Rattray, Hayden Zasadny (Head Coach), Stuart Rattray (Assistant Coach), Rhys Crennan (Development Coach) and Shellie Wilton (Manager).

The Under 18 Women's team consisted of Andie Smith, Portia Chopping, Jade McCoy, Chloe Broomhall, Ella Lee, Lottee Rolls, Eva Schulze, Bailie Wickham, Nikki Parker, Lucy Aherne, Tony Webb (Head Coach), Shakira Bone (Assistant Coach), Dane Williams (Development Coach) and Jo-Anne Aherne (Manager).

Nash Walker and Lucy Aherne were named to attend selection camp for the Australian U17s teams at Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence.

Nash's efforts at the selection camp resulted in him being named in the U17 Australian Crocs team to compete at the FIBA World Cup in Istanbul, Turkey.

Our FDP athletes participated in Mini Camps across throughout the school holidays, working on building mental resilience and playing with pace.

Following a comprehensive selection process, our Under 16 State Teams have been named.

The Men's team features Nash Armstrong, Ajay Blizzard, Harry Blyth, Liam Dolliver, Johnty Dynan, Lachlan Mayes, Riley Powell, Oliver Rattray, Jacob Singline, Oscar Turale. Reserves: Charlie Dean, Isaac McMullen, Oliver Spray, Kaelan Thomas, Charlie Wemyss.

The Women's team features Inika Barnes, Libby Buckby, Maya Davies, Sophie Dean, Elka Hutton, Taryn Lowe, Maddison Mayne, Brydee McPherson, Kirra Munns, Matilda Neate. Reserves: Sianna Adkins, Leila Geard, Elliot Jordan-Gossage, Taya Mansfield, Paige Nowland, Neve Swain.

Pathways graduate Kye Savage signed a three-year contract with the Brisbane Bullets. The long-term deal will see him maintain a development player position for the first two years before being elevated to a rostered position ahead of the 2026/2027 season.

Taran Armstrong has been invited to attend the G League Elite Camp on May 11-12, where he will have the opportunity to impress NBA and NBA G League scouts, coaches and executives.



# NORTH WEST BASKETBALL UNION

The North West Basketball Union (NWBU) 2024 Senior Coastal Roster Finals Series is fast approaching with the Top Four teams all but locked in for both Male and Female divisions.

The reigning Premiers Penguin Blues (Men) and Devonport Warriors (Women) are set to defend their titles with both teams making the Top Four.

Devonport Warriors hosted Latrobe Demons in their second annual Anzac Day eve game, with Latrobe taking wins in both games. Ben Woolley and Sarah O'Neill received the Player of the Match awards.

Latrobe's Erin Butler recently became the most capped female player in the history of the competition, playing her 487th game in Round 19.

Penguin's Breanna Russell celebrated another big milestone in Round 19, playing her 350th Game - a feat which has earned her life membership of the NWBU.

Wynyard's Scott McGaffin is set to break the men's playing record on May 14 against Devonport Warriors.

Dates for the 2024 Finals Series are locked in, with Qualifying Finals to be played on 28 and 29 May, followed by Preliminary Finals on June 4.

Grand Finals will take place on Friday 7 June at Devonport Basketball Stadium.



## 2024 NWBU SENIOR COASTAL ROSTER FINALS SERIES

at Devonport Basketball Stadium

### GAME SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 28 May	Qualifying Final 1
Wednesday 29 May	Qualifying Final 2
Tuesday 4 June	Preliminary Final
Friday 7 June	Grand Final

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# TILFORD FORD TASMANIAN SENIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Tilford Ford Tasmanian Senior Basketball League (TFTSBL) is into the second-half of the season, with most teams still in finals contention.

Kayla Steindl, Rita Stirling, Molly Green, Elle Ferguson, Portia Chopping, Isobel Geard and Chloe Broomhall.

As part of the Tilford Ford sponsorship, the league names a male and female player of the week.

The TFTSBL competition has also had two successful home and away rounds, with games being played at Warrane Stadium and Claremont College as well as Kingborough Sports Centre.

Male players that have received the Tilford Ford Player of the Round so far include: Caleb Nash, Lewis Crennan, Liam Smith, Matthew Young, Astyn Vinen, Will Christie, Tommy Stewart, Jacob Richards, Brooklyn Bruton and Patrick Mullen.

There will be another home and away round in Round 13, where Southern Wolves will host Glenorchy at New Norfolk and Dominoes will host Hobart Phoenix at Warrane.

Female players that have received the Tilford Ford Player of the Round so far include: Andie Smith, Ellie Collins, Niamh Bawle,





# TASMANIA JACKJUMPERS JUNIOR LEAGUE

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The Tasmania JackJumpers Junior League presented by MyState Bank has commenced for another season, with 17 CAMs across the State competing in the representative competition.

The Southern Conference tournament includes Kingborough-Huon Kings, Hobart Phoenix, Glenorchy, Grenadiers, Dominoes, Southern Wolves and South East Basketball Association.

The Northern Conference tournament features Smithton Saints, Wynyard Wildcats, Somerset Heat, Burnie Tigers, Penguin Blues, Ulverstone Redhoppers, Devonport Warriors, Latrobe Demons, Deloraine and Launceston Lightning.

Both competitions have two divisions - Championship and Shield - with each CAM having representation across multiple age groups.

As part of the ongoing partnership between MyStateBank, Tasmania JackJumpers and Basketball Tasmania, each CAM has the opportunity to recognise two 'Team Players of the Week'.

The Team Player of the Week awards recognise athletes for their selflessness, competitiveness, resilience, humility and

respect - all in the spirit of basketball.

Athletes that have been awarded the Team Player of the Week so far include Campbell Mayne, Molly Illingworth, Esme Dell, Lachlan Mayes, Jack Beard, Fletcher Smith, Rebecca Ogg, Eliza Boucher, Ryan Lamprey, Isla Fielding, Nate Abley, Poppi Reynolds, Billy Power, Poppie Pacey, Bethany Scharvi, Darcie Christian, Tage Barr, Seth Curtain, Parker King, Grace Rainbird, Harper Kaimatsoglu, Ashton Williams, Oliver Upton, Matilda Engel and Mitchell Banks.

The Tasmania JackJumpers will be bringing the Championship Trophy to the TJJJL in the North West on Sunday May 12 and to Elphin Sports Centre on Sunday May 19.

The Tasmania JackJumpers Junior League competition will be played over 14 Rounds with Grand Finals taking place between the sixth and eighth of September.

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# FORD AUSSIE HOOPS

Ford Aussie Hoops is off to an incredible start for 2024.

If your child aged between five and 10 is looking to start learning the basics of basketball, this is the place to be!

Term 1 saw unprecedented success, with twice as many centres and six times more participants than in Term 1 of 2023.

It was heart-warming to witness kids across the State enjoying their first taste of Basketball with many dedicated coaches volunteering their time to ensure the next generation of basketballers have a solid skill-based foundation.

Launceston Basketball Association led the charge in Term 1, hosting sessions four days a week at Elphin Sports Centre.

Smithton, Glenorchy, Southern Wolves, Dominoes, Hobart Phoenix, Grenadiers continued to deliver the program, while newcomers Ulverstone and Burnie hosted their inaugural Aussie Hoops programs.

Term 2 registrations are open, with many CAMs eager to resume programs.

Latrobe, Deloraine, and SEBA are joining in on the Term 2 action, hosting for their first sessions this year, with SEBA operating across three locations.



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# MACCAS ON YOUR TEAM CAMPS

The Maccas on your team school holiday basketball camps returned in full force during the April school holidays with an increase in locations as well as half and full day options.

Children aged 8-13 participated in camps across the state, with registration numbers surpassing those from Term 1 of 2023.

With top-notch national and state team coaches as well as state representatives and NBL1 players running the sessions, participants were able to develop their skills with a focus on fun and making friends.



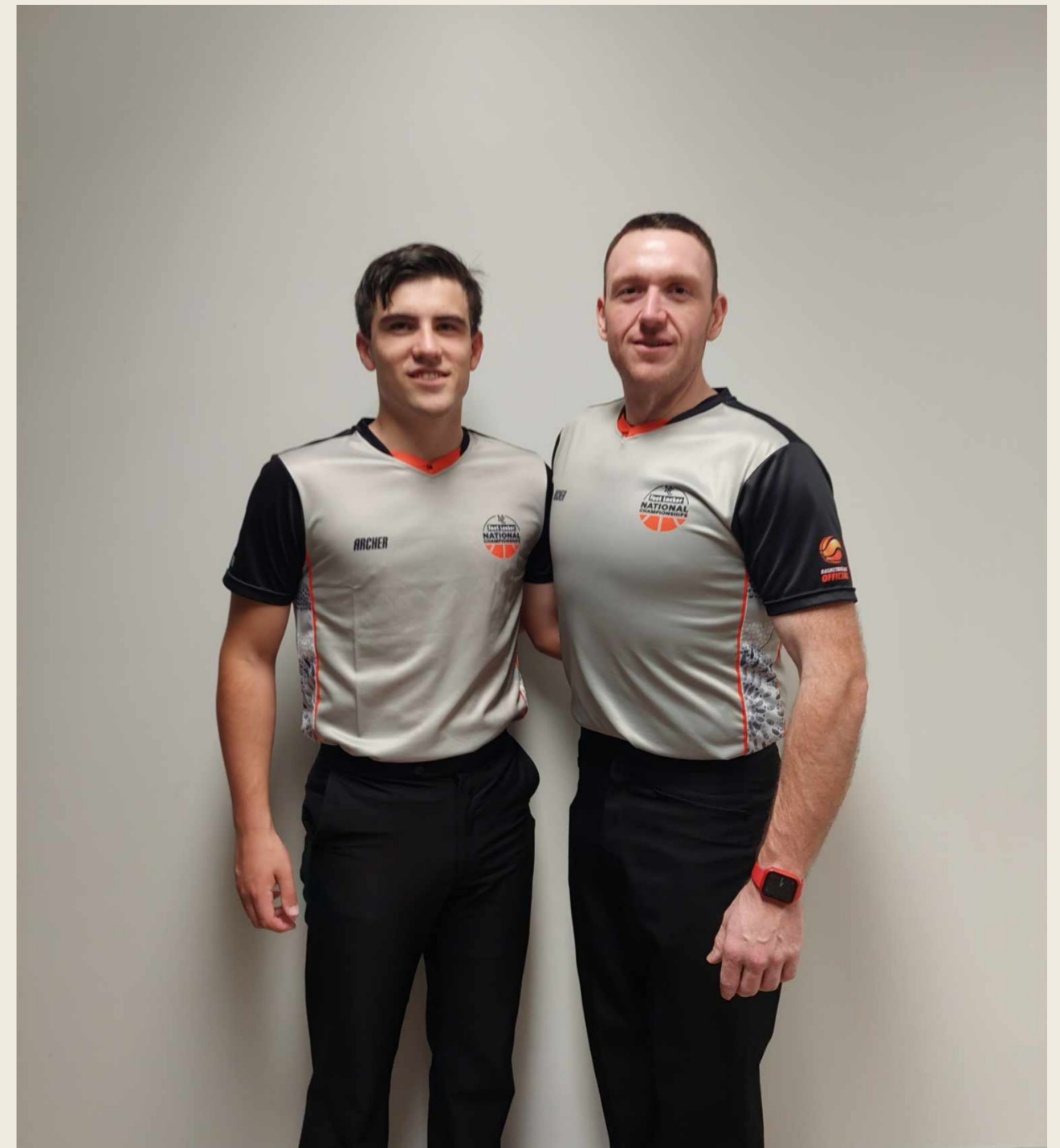
# REFEREE SPOTLIGHT

Two of Tasmania's best up-and-coming referees have been working extremely hard throughout April and early May, ticking off some important career milestones.

Hamish Lynd from the North West and Jordan Cooper from Hobart both represented Basketball Tasmania at the Under 18 Junior National Championships in Queensland.

Jordan was selected to referee the Women's Bronze Medal match on the final day of the tournament.

Since returning from the tournament, both referees have continued their development with Lynd refereeing his 200th NWBU Senior Coastal Roster Game and Cooper making his NBL1 South debut.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of Basketball Tasmania's most-anticipated events will take place over the next month including the Mid-Winter Classic, Tri-Series 3 and NWBU Grand Final.

Draws are still being finalised for both the Mid-Winter Classic and third installment of the Tri-Series, while the NWBU Grand Final will take place at Devonport Basketball Stadium on Friday June 7, with an end of season presentation to follow on June 14.

The Tasmania JackJumpers will take the Championship Trophy to the North and North West as part of their Trophy Tour, stopping by TJJJL Venues in the North West on Sunday 12 May and Elphin Sports Stadium on Sunday 19 May.

Clubs Tasmania are also hosting a number of community forums and development opportunities throughout May, including the Learning Life Through Sport course.

NBL1 South Clubs - Hobart Chargers, Launceston Tornados and North West Thunder will also be hosting a few of home fixtures throughout the next month.

The Chargers will go head-to-head with the Thunder and Tornados in a Tassie Derby on Friday 31 May at the Hobart Netball and Sports Centre.



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