



MELBOURNE TIGERS JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER June 2011

State selection success

Congratulation to Georgia Pineau, Lauren Scherf and Courtney Collins (emergency) for



being chosen for the 2011 U16 Victoria Metropolitan Women's team which will compete in this year's Under 16 Australian Junior Championship.

Fourteen of the top U16 women's teams from across Australia and New Zealand will compete for the Norma Connolly Trophy, over the week-long national tournament at the Kilsyth Sports Centre in Victoria from 9-16 July, 2011.

Also, eight members of our Under 18 Girls/ Youth League team have been selected to represent Victoria in the School Sports Victoria 18 and Under Basketball Team. The team will compete at the School Sport Australia Basketball Nationals from the 6th to the 12th of August in Canberra.

The selected players are:

- Bianca Babic
- Isabella Brancatisano
- Courtney Gaze
- Ellen Kett
- Geraldine McCorkell
- Gemma Wright
- Sarah Wright
- Ashlea Stainer (Emergency)

Our own Joe Borg (16.3s) is the coach and we wish the girls the best of luck.

Regional Challenge

The 14-4 Girls team has been invited to be the representative team from the North Competition in the upcoming East v North Regional Challenge.

This event will be held on Friday evening 15th July 2011 at the Waverley Basketball Stadium.

The format of the Regional Challenge is matches are to be conducted in each age group where the top ranked or best performed teams from each Region (Section 1) will compete against each other. The representative team will play in their own association uniform but still represent their Regional Competition in which they participate. This is a great opportunity for Shane and the girls to play in finals like atmosphere.

Each player and coach will be awarded a commemorative medallion and a representative top in recognition of their participation on the evening.

Brown, Bieber, & basketball!

Some of our players have been lucky enough to share the court with some famous musical



visitors. Singer Chris Brown and some of his “entourage” hit the court at MSAC before his recent Melbourne concert. He’s a talented singer/dancer but not too shabby on the court. After a competitive and entertaining session with some of the Tigers players, Chris was kind enough to hang around for some autographs and photos with our some of our players (Charlotte & Jada from the U14s).

If there’s a pre-teenage girl in your house, you may have been aware that Justin Bieber was recently in Melbourne. Again, he chose to wind down after this recent Melbourne concerts by shooting some hoops. Two nights in a row, he was able to sneak off under the veil of night to the Albert Park College court and shoot.

A Classic weekend

Congratulations to the U18.1s for their Silver Medal win at the National Junior Classic. The U18.2s finished in 12th placing, the U16.1’s in 4th placing and the U14.1’s finished 6th in their divisions.

The 14.3s finished the Nunawading Tournament with a Silver medal as well which was a fantastic effort.

The Tigers boys took out the Gold in the U14s and U18s and Silver in the U12s in the Classic.



Team profiles

Queens Birthday Tournament Reviews

12.1s Nunawading Tournament

We started with a win, 23-30 against Camberwell Dragons.

We made our shots and played some good 'D'. That's what got us there - as well as our drive to the finish.

A great way to start and that was followed by a very tough game against Bulleen. The game went up and down but we came out better to win by 1 point. What a nail biter!

Our game against Moe didn't go so well. They played the game at their own pace and we all dropped our heads and didn't pick them up so we lost 42-14 – ouch!

Our failed attempt to win that game went out the window when we came up against Eltham. We played good 'D', our shots dropped and we worked as a team. Players stood up, showed confidence and tried really hard and that's how we defeated Eltham by a massive 17 points! 46-29.

It was a great win but then Vin gave us something else to think about when he told us we had to have a hot and cold shower, but said we could scream as much as we like!

Those showers must have done us good, for the next morning we took on Spectres 1 and showed them we could play, in a close game right till 2 minutes to go when we broke away to win 33-20.

The next game against Spectres 2 it was 18 all when I came back on with 1:50 left. They fouled us and we were both on 9 fouls each so we got 2 shots. We made 1 then ran our offense and got two baskets. Izza got a great steal and got two shots - she made them both. Then I got a steal, made my lay-up and got my bonus shot. That's how we won 21-29.

So all up we only lost to the two teams that made the grand final and we finished 3rd.

Something I realised is that in most of the games we won, our teamwork got us there and over the tournament people have come out of the shadows to shine, showed confidence and tried really hard.

With a big thanks to Vin, Sarah, Michelle, players and parents, I can safely say we had a ripper of a tournament.

Ashley Schwarz - 12.1 player

12.2s Ballarat Tournament

The weekend started off great as our girls won their first game of the tournament and their first win for the year. . This was a great confidence booster. We had 2 wins on Saturday, 2 losses Sunday and 1 win on Monday. We were lucky to have enough wins to put us into the grand final.

We were up against Collingwood 1, and you know how their crowds can be, we first played them on Sunday and they beat us by a convincing 23 points.

The girls were nervous and tired but very happy to make the grand final. Unfortunately our coach was called away on urgent business matters back in Melbourne and our stand in coach, Warrick Giddey (Wazza), stepped up to the plate.

It was a heart stopping game as they fought it out, point for point. Collingwood ended up winning by 5 points with 2 clutch baskets down the stretch.

Both teams played their hearts out.

We were all very proud of their effort over the weekend.

Well done girls.

Liz Peterson – Team Manager

14.2s Ballarat Tournament

We had a great weekend. We played in A Section against 3 VC teams which really stretched the girls.

We narrowly lost to Altona 1 by 9 after leading with 5 minutes left to play. They ended up runners up to Ballarat who just missed out on going to the Classic.

We defeated Sunbury 1 by one point which was a fantastic win and lost to Ballarat twice.

The girls really benefited from playing against teams who were in the main top age and very physical.

Lots of fun and great experience!!

Richard James – 14.2 Team Manager

14.3s Nunawading Tournament

It could have been a scene out of a Toyota ad... 'oh what a feeling'... as the bench and spectators leapt to their feet as a shot from outside three was launched to go swish through the basket beating the buzzer by a second!

The tournament for the 14.3s ended on the same high that it started on – with plenty of heart, teamwork and great enthusiasm from players, coaches and supporters. Boxing above their weight so to speak, the girls took on teams in upper VJBL divisions and

interstate, and got oh so close, such that some cardiac medicine would have come in handy.

Whether a very big win or with margins of less than 5 points, a lot was learnt. Thanks to all ...and a job very well done!

Cathy Ryan – Team Manager

14.4s Nunawading Tournament

The U 14.4 girls played exceptionally well at the Nunawading Tournament over the long weekend. On the first day they won all of their three matches.

All games were very exciting to watch, with one of their wins, defeating the team which won the grand final.

The second morning proved a little slower, recording their first loss. In the afternoon they had a nail-biting game where it resulted in a draw.

The team ended on a high note with a win in their final match. Unfortunately the draw cost them a finals berth, but everyone contributed well and their usual team spirit and strong camaraderie shone through.

Well done girls.

Jenny Hedger – 14.4 Team Manager

14.5s Ballarat Tournament

Our weekend started Friday with a game against Corio Bay. We then hit the road to Ballarat.



Our first game was against Sunbury, it was challenging at times but we won the game by 9 points, we played better than the score showed. Our second game was against Werribee; we won by 20 points and played a tough game.

After bonding over a movie, nail painting and chocolate, Saturday evening we were ready to play another hard and aggressive game against Ararat. We rattled the tall girls in the first half

with our full court press, but they came back in the second half winning by 4 points.

After some retail therapy we played Altona. It was our best game in the tournament, winning by 20 points. Our coaches, Anna and Dianne, were very happy with our fantastic team work.

Our last game was a very physical one; we played the top age Warrnambool team. At half time we were down by one point and very determined to come back. Whilst we stayed in

touch with them for most of the game they got ahead in the last few minutes and we lost by 9 points. Warrnambool was undefeated in the competition.

The grand final was between Warrnambool and Ararat, our strong game seemed to have tired Warrnambool and Ararat won by 4 points. All the girls would like to thank to our dedicated coaches, Anna and Dianne, and our parents for a great weekend.

Alex and Mimi 14.5 players

14.6s Nunawading Tournament

The under 14.6 girls drew C2 in the competition and on our first day we had an early start in Blackburn against Eltham 5, who had a convincing win 35-18.

Our next game in Burwood against Camberwell Dragons 4's was a comfortable 52-20 win for us.

Lastly we played Blackburn 3 back in Blackburn this time the scores were 23-15 to us.

Sunday afternoon found us in Oakleigh for a match against the Warragul Warriors who defeated us 58-15. Next we had a tight match against Ringwood 3; they pulled away right at the end to defeat us 29-25.

Many thanks to the parents and Coach Stuart.

Sue Denham – Team Manager

16.3s Nunawading Tournament

What a great weekend for the girls. They won their first 2 games of the tournament and to see the excitement on their faces was pretty special. They have struggled on Friday nights and these 2 wins were their first for a while.

Sat night they came up against Knox 3 and not only did Knox win the game, they also taught our girls a lesson in colourful language, made us proud to be a Tiger.

Sunday was a tough day with no wins but the girls battled hard and never gave up.

It was a great tournament and really helped the team get some valuable playing time together.

The team would like to thank Wayne Peterson for coaching on Saturday, while their head coach Joe, was installing a new kitchen, and can't wait for the chocky muffins Joe!!!!

Good job girls.

Liz Peterson – Team Manager



U18.1s - National Classic 2011

After a great result last year at the Classic we were keen to get going this year, although with a depleted line up due to injuries. We were lucky enough to have the assistance of 2 U16 2's for the weekend. I would like to thank Holly Davey and Kayla Bretherton for their assistance and support at trainings and over the weekend.

Game 1, Kilsyth. We were able to get away to a comfortable lead during the first half which allowed our under 16's to get valuable experience playing against the older girls. We eventually came away with a 16 point win. (Melb 71, Kilsyth 55)

Game 2, Norwood. Although neither team got a big lead throughout the game we did find ourselves down by about 12 with 6 mins to go. To the credit of the team we never gave up and managed to close this gap in the last 2 mins to only 5 points. (Norwood 56, Melb 51)

Game 3, Diamond Valley. After a very tight first few minutes, we managed to get a small lead. Diamond Valley never gave up and came back from about 18 down to almost taking the lead. We needed to win by 5 to progress and 7 to be top of our table. After dropping down to a 3 point lead we managed to finish normal time with the 5 point lead and then hit 2 foul shots after the final siren to finish top of our pool. (Melb 43, DV 36)



Games 4 & 5, Sturt and Sydney. Next we came up against the Sydney Comets, they could have been considered one of the favourites for the Classic. After a small lead in the first 4 mins they came back and hit the front with some excellent outside shooting. With 5 mins to go we managed to lift our defensive effort and get 3-4 stops. Both teams were showing the signs of playing 5 games and some good execution of our offenses meant we got a small lead which we kept to see us through to the final. (Melb 42, Sturt 41) (Melb 50, Sydney 41)

Championship Game, Bulleen. We have met Bulleen a number of times this year and every game has been a hard fought encounter. For 3 quarters about 5 points separated both teams. Unfortunately this margin favoured Bulleen in the final term. Although we tried to close this gap, we ran out of legs and in the end Bulleen got the win by 10 points. (Bulleen 57, Melb 47)

I would like to congratulate my team on a great effort over the weekend, everyone stepped up and we nearly came away with the title. But more importantly we have learnt more about the game, more about our team and even learnt a few things on an individual level. All of this we can put to good use in continuing to improve over the remaining games this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Vin Brancatisano for all his helpful advice over the weekend and also our team manager Gill Brewster for her continuing support. Final Result, Runners Up.

Matt Dickens - Coach



Basketball Happenings



Jellis Craig Melbourne Tigers Big V Trivia Night

Come and support the Tiger's Big V Men's and Women's teams in their biggest fundraiser of the season.

Enjoy a night filled with entertainment, fun and great auction items in the company of one of Australia's most successful men in basketball, *Andrew Gaze*.

All proceeds go towards continuing Melbourne Tigers development pathways for our young men and women in the sport they love, as they graduate from junior to senior players.

Fundraising on the night helps the Tigers under 14 Girls win GOLD at the Nationals!!!



Date: 23rd July 2011

Time: 6pm for 6.30 start - 10.30pm

Venue: St Kilda Town Hall,
99A Carlisle St, St Kilda

Dress: Smart Casual

Price: \$25 adults

\$15 concession/child (14 & under)

\$60 Family (2 adults & 1-2 Children)

Tables of 10 can be pre-purchased

Tigers Juniors can pre purchase tickets through their Team Manager

RSVP: 11 July to the Tigers office

Call 9320 2490 or email office@tigers.com.au

Please note: The event is bring your own food.
Drinks are available at bar prices (cash bar).
Payment for entry must be made prior to the night.

Upcoming school holiday basketball camps

Looking for something for the kids to do during the holidays that will keep them away from the computer and help improve their basketball skills?

The Hoopstars school holiday junior basketball development camps are on again during the September 2011 school holidays. They are open to kids of all ages and skill levels.

The camps being run are;

- Junior Dribblers (lower rings)
- Boys Only and Girls Only Beginner & Intermediate Camp
- Shoot 500 Camp
- Intermediate/Advance Camp
- Beginner and Intermediate Camp
- Advance Camp
- Shoot & Ball Handling Camp

For further details and to either register on line or download a registration form visit www.msacbasketball.com.au.

Melbourne Tigers Junior Boys

For information and tryout dates for the Melbourne Tigers Junior Boys, please visit www.melbtigers.com.au or contact David Watson either by email: davidwatson@bigpond.com or phone: 9380 4474.

Melbourne Tigers Tournament

The Melbourne Tigers annual tournament is not far away, July 8, 9 & 10. This tournament has many pluses:

- Most games are played at one location, the Dandenong Stadium
- Approximately 120 teams participate (from as far away as New Zealand), provides a great opportunity to try new tactics and gain more experience for your team
- Senior Tigers players will be attending

The closing date for entries is 27th of June, so please discuss the details with your teams and get your registration form in before that time.

Please visit www.melbtournament.com.au for more information and registration forms or contact David Watson.



Scheduled Games

Friday 17th June 2011

Age Group	Game Time	Home	Away	Court
U12s Team 1	7.00pm	Melbourne	Nunawading	MSAC Crt 2
U12s Team 2	7.00pm	Nunawading 2	Melbourne 2	Vermont Crt 1
U12s Team 3	6.40pm	Keilor 3	Melbourne 3	Keilor Crt 3
U12s Team 4	7.50pm	Altona 4	Melbourne 4	Altona Crt 1
U14s Team 1	7.00pm	Bulleen	Melbourne	Bulleen Blue
U14s Team 2	7.40pm	Nunawading 2	Melbourne 2	Waverley Crt 5
U14s Team 3	7.50pm	Melbourne 3	Broadmeadows 2	MSAC Crt 5
U14s Team 4	Bye			
U14s Team 5	6.50pm	Melbourne 5	Collingwood 2	MSAC Crt 6
U14s Team 6	7.40pm	Keilor 3	Melbourne 6	Overnewton Crt 1
U16s Team 1	9.40pm	Knox	Melbourne	Knox Crt 5
U16s Team 2	8.20pm	Melbourne 2	Geelong	MSAC Crt 3
U16s Team 3	8.40pm	Bulleen 3	Melbourne 3	Templestowe Leisure Centre Crt 2
U16s Team 4	7.40pm	Eltham 4	Melbourne 4	Eltham West
U18s Team 1	8.20pm	Kilsyth	Melbourne	Kilsyth Crt 1
U18s Team 2	9.40pm	Ballarat	Melbourne 2	Ballarat Crt 1
U20 Team	9.40pm	Warrandyte	Melbourne	Warrandyte Sports Complex

VJBL Rules of Operation 15:11.5 Scorebench Rules. Home team – clock; Visiting team – scoresheet. In VJC matches, the home team will provide an additional score bench official to operate the 24 second device.

Scoresheets can be where a game is won or lost. Please remember that the scoresheet should not be left unattended until the referees have collated and signed off on the scoresheet. Refer to VJBL website for fixtures and venue maps www.vjbl.com.au



Club Calendar **June, July & August 2011**

JUNE	
Friday 17 th	VC – Round 10 / VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 11
Sunday 19 th	MSAC Available for training
Friday 24 th	VC – Round 11 / VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 12
Sunday 26 th	MSAC Available for training/Team Managers' Meeting at MSAC 10.00am
JULY	
Friday 1 st	VC – Round 12/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 13
Sunday 3 rd	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING
Friday 8 th	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIGER'S TOURNAMENT – Dandenong Stadium
Saturday 9 th	TIGER'S TOURNAMENT – Dandenong Stadium
Sunday 10 th	TIGER'S TOURNAMENT – Dandenong Stadium
Friday 15 th	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Sunday 17 th	MSAC UNAVAILABLE FOR TRAINING
Friday 22 nd	VC – Round 13/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 14
Saturday 23 rd	TIGER'S GALA TRIVIA NIGHT – St Kilda Town Hall
Sunday 24 th	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING
Friday 29 th	VC – Round 14/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 15
Sunday 31 st	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING
AUGUST	
Friday 5 th	VC – Round 15/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 16
Sunday 7 th	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING
Friday 12 th	VC – Round 16/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 17
Sunday 14 th	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING Team Manager's meeting – 10am
Friday 19 th	VC – Round 17/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 18
Sunday 21 st	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING

Friday 26 th	VC – Round 18/VJL (1-4), East/NW – Round 19
Sunday 28 th	MSAC AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING END OF SEASON PRESENTATION



Key Club Contacts

Contact	Responsibility	Contact Details	Availability
Emma Brancatisano Club Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victorian Junior Basketball League queries General Club Membership enquiries 	Mob: 0419 570 646 Email: emmab04@bigpond.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon – Thur 10am-3pm Fri - 10am-11pm Club members to liaise with Team Manager in first instance.
Melbourne Tigers Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of Subscriptions Tickets to NBL games Tigers NBL Club Membership 	Phone: 9320 2490	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Louise McCorkell Club Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club Liaison for all Team Managers 	Email: mccorkell@vic.chariot.net.au	
Tanya Outen Uniform Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform Shop enquiries Uniform orders 	Email: tanya@yarrahire.com.au	Shop open: Sun – 9.30am – 11.30am
Chris Brooking Disputes Resolution Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with game venues and/or umpires Genuine concerns about fairness in the treatment of players by Manager or Coach Concerns/complaints about other people within the Club Any report made about a Tigers' Player/Parent/Coach by umpire or official 	Mob: 0418 844 554 Email: brookingchris@hotmail.com	Club members to liaise with team manager/coach in first instance if this cannot be resolved refer to Disputes Co-ordinator
Isabella Leifi Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsorship/Fundraising for Junior club 	Email: bellaleifi@gmail.com	
Viv Kooyman Bulletins & Newsletters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly bulletins and Club newsletters 	Email: tigersjuniornews@hotmail.com	



Private coaching available

Private Coach	Key Experiences	Contact Details	Availability/Rates
Ian Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 2 Victorian Basketball Accreditation• Victorian Junior Championship Boys Winning Coach• Australian Junior U14 Championship Boys Winning Coach• U14/U16 Representative Coach for several years• Big V Senior Men's Coach	<p>Phone: 0433 832 060</p> <p>Email: ianolson@westnet.com.au</p>	Please contact the coach for availability, coaching venues, and rates.
Mathieu Piss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French Senior Pro Basketballer• Senior National League Team• Junior Regional League Championship coach (Lyon, France)– 5 years• Summer Basketball Camp coach (Soulac France) – 5 years	<p>Phone: 0424 700 604</p> <p>Email: mathieupiss@gmail.com</p>	