

NWBU Junior Roster 2010 – Grand Final Preview – By Jonathan Bourke

Fourteen regular season rounds, two weeks of finals and the NWBU Junior roster culminates with grand finals being held at the Devonport stadium this Sunday August 29. Four of the eight clubs will be represented by twelve teams in six divisions and it can be assured each team will be out to prove they are the best team along the coast for this year. The under 18 boys will be contested between Ulverstone and Devonport, first and second respectively throughout the year, with Devonport having the better recent form after defeating Ulverstone in the semi two weeks ago. Both teams have some outstanding young talent which will produce a high class game in a contest which could go either way. Ulverstone's under 18 girls, after going the year undefeated and holders of this year state title, will go into their match against Devonport as favourites. Devonport have had to win each final after finishing third and sometimes not having the week off can help a team's rhythm. This game will also be a very close affair. In the under 14 boys, Somerset have been the dominant team all year, having not lost a game and also being crowned state champions a few weeks ago. Ulverstone will meet them as they did in the semi two weeks ago. Somerset had a comfortable win that day but will need to perform at their best to overcome a determined Ulverstone side. Somerset are also represented in the under 14 girls final where they will meet Devonport. Two regular season games split one all, by one and seven points respectively, and the two strongest sides of the year, this will be a tough game for both sides. Somerset had a comfortable win in the semi and Devonport will be out to atone for a sub par performance in that game. Both under 16 finals will be played out between Burnie and Devonport. In the boys division the two sides have had a very close tussle in each game they have played throughout the year. The semi they played two weeks ago was decided by one point in Burnie's favour. A similar result in either teams favour is quite probable in what will be a very close game. The girls game will see Burnie as the slight favourite which they deserve to be after going through the year undefeated. Devonport has however closed the gap in each game they have played as the year goes and only went down by eight points in their semi match up two weeks ago. Another close game is on the cards between these two teams. Attend the Devonport stadium on Sunday to support and witness some great local junior basketball talent.

Game Times:

9.30am – Under 18 Boys – Devonport vs. Ulverstone

10.45am – Under 18 Girls – Ulverstone vs. Devonport

12.00pm – Under 14 Boys – Somerset vs. Ulverstone

1.15pm – Under 14 Girls – Somerset vs. Devonport

2.30pm – Under 16 Boys – Burnie vs. Devonport

3.45pm – Under 16 Girls – Burnie vs. Devonport