

NWBU Junior Roster 2010 – Preliminary Finals – Sunday August 22 – By Jonathan Bourke

Latrobe played host to the NWBU Junior Preliminary Finals over the weekend giving six teams the remaining grand final spots available after six were won the previous weekend. Ulverstone started the day with a solid win in the under 18 boys. After getting out to an early 20 point lead they were able to maintain their advantage throughout, defeating the Smithton boys by 16 points. Robbie Fox had 25 points for Ulverstone whilst Matt Elliott led Smithton with 23 points. The under 18 girls game was fought out between Devonport and Somerset. Somerset had the double chance but were not able to take it as Devonport, coming from third on the ladder, proved too strong and came away with a 24 point victory. Ulverstone's boys took another grand final berth after the closest match of the day. Their under 14 team battled hard all match and managed a four point win over a tough Burnie outfit. Josh Febey contributed 21 points for the Burnie boys. In the under 14 girls game Devonport were simply too good for Wynyard, getting a 25 point victory. Devonport shut Wynyard down offensively early in the game whilst Devonport were able to score well under the basket led by Georgia Richards with 21 points. The under 16 boys game between Devonport and Wynyard was taken out by Devonport with a solid 15 point victory. Their relentless defence and well structured offences proved the difference over the vastly improved Wynyard side. Callum Kubicki scored 21 points for Wynyard. The final game between Devonport and Penguin in the under 16 girls was also very close. Penguin got the better of Devonport in the final round three weeks earlier but Devonport did their homework and were able to turn the tables gaining a five point victory and a grand final berth. Sarah Latham was outstanding for Penguin which included 22 points. Grand Finals will be played in Devonport on Sunday August 29. Visit nwbu.com.au for full reports and info.

Results:

U18 Boys;

Ulverstone 73 d Smithton 57. Best – Ulv: R.Fox, J.Campbell Smi: M.Elliott, M.Bransden

U18 Girls;

Devonport 69 d Somerset 45. Best – Dev: J.Russell, B.Anderson Som: Unavailable

U14 Boys;

Ulverstone 45 d Burnie 41. Best – Ulv: J.Martin, C.Little Bur: J.Howard, J.Febey

U14 Girls;

Devonport 58 d Wynyard 33. Best – Dev: Team Effort Wyn: D.Radford, T.Jones

U16 Boys;

Devonport 59 d Wynyard 44. Best – Dev: J.Beveridge, M.Zerna Wyn: J.Handley, S.Kubicki

U16 Girls;

Devonport 55 d Penguin 50. Best – Dev: E.Smith, C.O'Neill Pen: S.Latham, R.Williams