

Basketball – Junior Inter-town

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The NWBU Junior Inter-town roster kicked off on Sunday with some interesting results.

Devonport scooped the pool at home against Wynyard winning all 6 games.

The under 18 Warriors welcomed back Matthew Brazendale from injury who was impressive at both ends of the court. Wynyard displayed great defence but the warriors were just too tall.

The under 16 boys came back from a 1 point loss in last week's Latrobe tournament to win convincingly this time around.

Wynyard's Sam Kubicki & Josh Kettle were best on court and Cameron Brown and Matthew Zerna shone for the Warriors.

Highest scorer at Devonport was Wynyard's Danielle Radford with 26 in the under 14 girl's game followed by Ryan Cook in under 16's with 18.

Matthew Jago's under 14 Warriors certainly put the coast on notice with a whopping 48 point victory. With most of the team coming up from last year's under 12 program, the boys were very exciting to watch.

Jess Russell and Megan Smith from the Warriors under 18 girls team played a great team game to guide their girls to victory over the Wildcat women. The game was a very physical game.

Latrobe also celebrated a great start to the season winning 5 out of the 6 games with Smithton's under 18 boys being the only winners for the Saints. This was also a very tight game but thanks to the accurate scoring of the Saints Michael Bransden, Smithton won by 4 points. Latrobe will welcome back next week Joel Lawler and Touray October in to the line-up to give extra strength in offence.

The under 14 boy's game against Latrobe and Smithton turned in to a thriller with the win to Latrobe not certain until the final minute of the game. The Demon's came away with a two point win.

Jacob Parker for under 16 Demons was on fire in offence scoring a whopping 35 but Smithton's Hugh King answered that score with a personal best of 34.

Latrobe under 18 girls came out of the blocks hard and fast stunning the Saints defence. Irini Alexiou and Casey Iles top scored for Latrobe with 17 points apiece. Smithton's Sam Moore and Alicia Jamieson did well at the Saints end but the Demon's came out on top with a 43 point win.

The Demon's under 14 girls had a close call getting over the Saints by just three points thanks to hard working Taylor Baldock and Kailey Wooley although Smithton's Sarah Jaeger and Emma Vincent contributed well in what was a low scoring game.

The Demon's under 16 girls won convincingly by 32 points. Best on court were Latrobe's Teegan French and Teri Rundle and Smithton's Taylor Grey and Nicola Hardy.

Big wins all round continued at Penguin where Burnie won 5 out of their 6 games.

Penguin under 18 girls got over the Tigers by just 1 point. Burnie's Chloe Gillett and Lisa Russell fought hard against a determined Blues outfit but Penguin's Danielle Seen, Kaycee King and Kara Barker had other ideas.

Burnie's under 16 girls defeated the Blues by 27 points assisted by Mariah Payne and Madeline Atkins scoring for Burnie and Sommer French and Kayla Bissett scoring well for Penguin. Penguin's Sarah Latham and Kayla Bissett were best on court as were Burnie's Tallissa Wilson and Mariah Payne.

The under 14 girl's game saw Penguin go down to Burnie by 12 points. Keigan Lucas and Karli Lillico were outstanding for Burnie and Penguin's Shania Kinch and Johannah Fuller scored well for Penguin.

Burnie's Bryan Van Wyk top scored for Burnie's U18 boys and James Deegan for Penguin. This was a close game with Burnie only winning by 3 points thanks to the efforts of Van Wyk and Michael Linnane and some accurate foul shooting. Penguin's Thomas Guard and Sam McQueen were best on court for the Blues.

The under 14 boy's game was very close for 2 and ½ quarters, with the Burnie boys coming out on top in a hard fought game. Dalton Wilson top scored for Burnie and Adam Clark for Penguin.

Even though the Penguin under 16 boys was only down by 4 points at half time, Burnie ended up being too big and strong for the Penguin boys winning by 42 points. Penguin's Josh Kinch and Jayden Bramich worked hard all day but Burnie's Ryan Kearney and Eli Templeton were just too strong.

All results and ladder information is available at www.nwbu.com.au/juniors.

Game Results:

U14 Girls: Burnie 43 d Penguin 31, Latrobe 28 d Smithton 25, Devonport 46 d Wynyard 35.

U14 Boys: Burnie 53 d Penguin 42, Latrobe 50 d Smithton 48, Devonport 60 d Wynyard 12.

U16 Girls: Burnie 62 d Penguin 35, Latrobe 53 d Smithton 21, Devonport 50 d Wynyard 36.

U16 Boys: Burnie 81 d Penguin 39, Latrobe 82 d Smithton 44, Devonport 46 d Wynyard 29.

U18 Girls: Penguin 43 d Burnie 42, Latrobe 68 d Smithton 25, Devonport 41 d Wynyard 22.

U18 Boys: Burnie 59 d Penguin 56, Smithton 43 d Latrobe 39, Devonport 61 d Wynyard 45.

No results were provided from the Somerset/Ulverstone game.