

State Players Missed!

Basketball – Junior Inter-town

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Round 4 certainly saw some teams missing their under 18 state representative players.

Whilst Somerset's Ben Richmond is Dominating for Tasmania this week at Terrigal NSW for the under 18 Nationals and his teammate Sam Douglas is assisting nicely, his local counterparts lost in a nail biter to Latrobe. It was a tight contest all game with Latrobe stealing a 2-point victory at full time.

Ulverstone still had enough numbers to get over the line in an 18-point victory over Penguin.

Devonport certainly missed big guys Liam Williams & Matt Brazendale going down to Smithton by a whopping 41 points.

The girls however seemed to be ok with Ulverstone still taking victory over Penguin even with Jessie Price and Ella Fox also at the Nationals. Hanna Gale stepped up with 32 points and a best on court performance assisted by Erin Howells. Penguin's defence lacked strength allowing Ulverstone some easy baskets.

In other games, close matches of the round was only Devonport v Smithton under 14 boys. At the final siren, the scores were level with 31 and Somerset giving away 3 foul shots. Brendan McCaffrey cashed in on the opportunity scoring 2 out of the 3 free throws to get his team over the line by 2 points.

The Latrobe under 18 and under 16 girls games were simply outplayed by performances that were more consistent by the Somerset teams. Poor decision-making and numerous turnovers were the contributing factors in the games outcomes.

The biggest score deficit this week was the under 16 boys' game between Devonport and Smithton. With only 4 players, Smithton had to rely on support from a couple of under 14 boys who had just played a tough game, but Smithton just could not get the ball in the hole. Scoring only 2 points for the whole game would have been disheartening for the Saints but the Warriors displayed strong defence and a good team game, to relentlessly win every facet of the game.

Burnie Tigers had a big day out winning 5 out of their six games against Wynyard, with only the Wynyard under 18 boys getting over the line to gain 4 points on the ladder.

Game Results:

U14 Girls: Burnie 50 d Wynyard 42 (Best Burnie – J. Atkins & K. Lucas, Wynyard – D. Radford & A. Campton) Penguin 45 d Ulverstone 27 (Best Penguin – M. Hancock & A. Murfet, Ulverstone – C. Gleeson & R. Wells) Somerset 52 d Latrobe 30 (Best Somerset – J. Howard, Latrobe – K. Woolley) Devonport 54 d Smithton 17 (Best Devonport G. Buchwald & T. Bourke, Smithton S. Jaeger & E. Vincent)

U14 Boys: Burnie 66 d Wynyard 42 (Best Burnie – B. Bentley & J. Fraser, Wynyard – A. Ridge & L. Smith) Ulverstone 75 d Penguin 41, Somerset 55 d Latrobe 28 (Best Somerset K. Clarke, Latrobe M. Smith) Devonport 33 d Smithton 31 (Best Devonport H. O'Neill & B. McCaffrey, Smithton D. Bransden & D. Saville)

U16 Girls: Burnie 61 d Wynyard 40 (Best Burnie – S. Martin & M. Atkins, Wynyard – S. Elphinstone & K. Johnstone) Penguin 63 d Ulverstone 33 (Best Penguin – L. Frohmader & S. Latham, Ulverstone - T. Bennell & A. Howard) Somerset 55 d Latrobe 40 (Best Somerset – J. Schumann & C. Freeman, Latrobe – T. French) Devonport 82 d Smithton 45 (Best Devonport E. Smith & L. Woodberry, Smithton – N. Hardy & A. Jago)

U16 Boys: Burnie 68 d Wynyard 43 (Best Burnie – J. Wells & I. Plant, Wynyard J. Chettle & S. Kubicki) Somerset 68 d Latrobe 37 (Best Somerset – T. Coffey & C. King, Latrobe – Team Effort) Devonport 97 d Smithton 2 (Best Devonport T. Dell & S. Langmaid, Smithton – All team tried hard.

U18 Girls: Burnie 39 d Wynyard 31 (Best Burnie – C. Gillett & R. Newton, Wynyard – R. Aitken & Z. Tammens) Ulverstone 59 d Penguin 32 (Best Ulverstone H. Gale & E. Howells, Penguin – C. Hales & K. Barker) Somerset 59 d Latrobe 23 (Best Somerset – L. Douglas & C. Middap, Latrobe – C. Iles) Devonport 62 d Smithton 33 (Best Devonport A. Baldock & M. Smith, Smithton – W. Meres & S. Moore)

U18 Boys: Wynyard 62 d Burnie 56 (Best Wynyard B. Knight & B. Gleeson, Burnie F. Jones & A. Butler) Ulverstone 61 d Penguin 43 (Best Ulverstone A. Murray & A. Leatherbarrow, Penguin J. Deegan & M. Kinch) Latrobe 50 d Somerset 48 (Best Latrobe – Team Effort, Somerset J. French & H. Overall) Smithton 68 Devonport 27 (Best Smithton – M. Bransden & M. Kay, Devonport B. Anderson & L. Pinner)