

## **Scoring Blitz in Junior Coastal Basketball**

### **Basketball – Junior Inter-town**

**By Gina Timms**

Round five saw Burnie head to Smithton for another big day out. The power of the under 16 boys Tigers surpassed the Saints and they left there with a 131 point victory. The Smithton boys are struggling with numbers and height and Burnie was all over them. Burnie's Joel Purton, Nick Taylor and Jai Wells all scoring well in to the twenties.

Smithton's' under 18 boys however started the day successfully with a 12 point win over the tigers. Smithton's Matthew Elliot dominated the scoring for Smithton but was well answered by Burnie's Bryan Van Wyk.

The closest boys game in Smithton was Burnie getting over the Saints in the under 14 game by just 9 points. Smithton's Daniel Bransden top scored with 23 and Burnie's Josh Febey with 20.

Burnie girls won three from three. Burnie under 16 Shannae Martin blitzed the scoreboard with a whopping 32 points. Martin was supported with great on court performances from Caitlin Potts and Millie Smith.

Penguin under 16 boys sent the Latrobe Demons back home without a win, cruising to victory over the Demon's by 33 points. Jacob Parker and Billie Sharman worked tirelessly for the Demons but performances from Penguins' Josh Kinch and Josh Abel displaying great offensive play left the Demons playing catch up all game.

There was only 12 points in it for the Penguin/Latrobe under 18 boys with Latrobe's Joel Lawler top scoring with 20. Latrobe celebrated with a great team effort all game.

In the Penguin/Latrobe girls' games, the tables turned and Penguin won all three games. Penguin's Claire Hales, Abbey Latham and Sommer French all stepped up for their teams showing great Blues courage with best on court performances.

Wynyard hosted Ulverstone and the Hoppers won both boys games that were played.

The Under 16 boys played 3 minutes overtime due to scores being tied at the end of full time. A hard fought and physical game was played by both teams with Ulverstone coming through in the last 10 seconds. Ryan Wilson lead the scoring for the Hoppers and Wynyard's Callum Kubicki, Josh Handley and Josh Chettle all played great basketball.

The Wildcat women won two out of their three games with the Hoppers only getting over the under 18 Wildcats, only just though by 4 points. Ulverstone's Hanna Gale again stepped up with great scoring and Erin Howells and Tahanee Bennell showed great support.

Somerset opened its doors to Devonport but at the end of the day missed some great opportunities. Somerset still missing state players Ben Richmond and Sam Douglas just went down to Devonport by 7 points. A great effort without their big guys.

The under 14 Heat boys grabbed victory from the Warriors by 14 points. Somerset's Kyle Clark denied the Warriors shooting opportunities but Devonport's Harry O'Neill and Gabe Hadley kept the scoreboard ticking over.

In the under 16 boys' game, the Warriors won convincingly by 57 points. Devonport's Jakeb Morrison top scored with 23 and Devonport's newcomer Ethan Morton won a best on court accolade.

The girls games saw a lack lustre under 18 Warriors outfit go down to the Heat by 35 points. A consistent team effort by Somerset with the win setup through solid defence. Emily Smith worked hard both ends of the court for the Heat. Amy Baldock worked hard all game for Devonport.

Congratulations to Somerset's Ben Richmond who this week at Nationals received a letter from the Australian under 17 coach inviting him to try-out for the Australian team.

### **Game Results:**

**U14 Girls:** Penguin 38 d Latrobe 25 (Penguin A. Latham 12, Latrobe S. Bowman 13), Wynyard 44 d Ulverstone 30 (Wyn. D. Radford 17, Ulv. C. Gleeson 15), Burnie 65 d Smithton 31 (Burnie S. Townsend 22, Smithton S. Jaegar 15), Devonport 38 d Somerset 37 (Devonport G. Richards 14, Somerset S. Freeman 12)

**U14 Boys:** Latrobe 70 d Penguin 52 (Latrobe – J. Rundle 20, Penguin C. Enright 14), Ulverstone 68 d Wynyard 42 (Ulverstone – M. Aherne 17, Wynyard A. Ridge 13), Burnie 59 d Smithton 50 (Burnie J. Febey 30, Smithton D. Bransden 23)

**U16 Girls:** Penguin 61 d Latrobe 28 (Penguin – S. French 24, Latrobe M. Maxfield 8), Wynyard 45 d Ulverstone 27 (Wyn. K. Johnstone 17, Ulv. T. Orders 14), Burnie 84 d Smithton 38 (Burnie S. Martin 32, Smithton N. Hardy 14), Devonport 41 d Somerset 36 (Devonport S. Clements 19, Somerset M. Pringle 16)

**U16 Boys:** Penguin 69 d Latrobe 36 (Penguin – J. Kinch 19, Latrobe J. Parker 14) Ulverstone 48 d Wynyard 46 (Wynyard – C. Kubicki 18, Ulv. R. Wilson 18), Burnie 143 d Smithton 12 (Burnie J. Purton 30, Smithton N. Moore 6), Devonport 88 d Somerset 29 (Devonport J. Morrison 23, Somerset M. Bowen 8)

**U18 Girls:** Penguin 57 d Latrobe 47 (Penguin C. Hales 17, Latrobe Z. Stokes 15), Ulverstone 42 d Wynyard 38 (Ulv. H. Gale 20, Wyn. Z. Tammens 20), Burnie 37 d Smithton 24 (Burnie J. Martin 10, Smithton W. Heres 9), Somerset 63 d Devonport 28 (Somerset E. Smith 23, Devonport A. Baldock 12)

**U18 Boys:** Latrobe 64 d Penguin 52 (Latrobe – J. Lawler 20, Penguin – J. Deegan 13), Smithton 63 d Burnie 51 (Smithton M. Elliot 19, Burnie B. Van Wyk 23), Devonport 59 d Somerset 52 (Devonport – T. Lehman 20, Somerset H. Overall – 17)