

NWBU Junior Roster 2010 – Semi Finals – Sunday August 15 – By Jonathan Bourke

NWBU junior semi finals were played out in Burnie over the weekend with six teams being eliminated and six teams booking a spot in their respective grand finals to be held in Devonport on August 29. The Burnie under 16 boys and girls have both made it through to the big one as have Somerset's under 14 boys and girls. Burnie's under 16 boys scraped past Devonport with a one point victory in what have been close contests the entire year between the two teams. Matt Zerna did his best for Devonport with 22 points. Devonport will need to beat Wynyard to get another crack at Burnie after Wynyard were far too strong for Ulverstone in the elimination semi. Josh Handley scored 22 points for the Wynyard boys. The Burnie under 16 girls team, undefeated all year, also had a close one against Devonport getting by with a six point victory. Shannae Martin scored 24 points for Burnie. Penguins only representative in finals, the under 16 girls have the chance to take the other grand final spot when they meet Devonport in the preliminary final after their solid win against Wynyard. Penguin defeated Devonport only three weeks ago and will have plenty of confidence going into their game this weekend. Somerset's under 14 boys, who won the State championship a week ago and haven't lost all year should be the favourites to take the title no matter who they face. Ulverstone or Burnie will have the chance to upset them if they are good enough after Burnie eliminated Devonport and Ulverstone went down to the Somerset boys. Kyle Clark from Somerset had 27 points for the game. The under 14 girls will have Somerset as the favourite also. Wynyard beat their higher ranked Burnie opponents and will face Devonport for the other grand final spot in the under 14 girls. Danielle Radford with 22 points for Wynyard was among her teams best. Somerset's defensive pressure enabled them to get a comfortable win over Devonport in what has been a close rivalry all year and Devonport will be hoping to turn the tables if they can make the final game. In the under 18 girls, Ulverstone, state champions and undefeated this year were too good for Somerset and should be too good for their grand final opponent which will be either Somerset or Devonport. Ella Fox with 24 points and Hannah Gale with 20 were standouts on the scoresheet for Ulverstone. Devonport eliminated Latrobe's only finals participant and with a full strength team on the court will be a hard match up for Somerset. Irimi Alexiou tried hard for the Latrobe girls scoring 22 points in a losing side. Devonport's under 18 boys took the early grand final spot with a solid 13 point win over Ulverstone helped by 20 points from Devonport's Matthew Brazendale. Ulverstone will have to defeat the Smithton boys to take the other grand final spot after the Smithton boys kept their club's representation going after defeating Burnie in the knockout semi. Preliminary Finals tip off at 9.30am Sunday August 22 at Latrobe. For full report and ladders visit www.nwbu.com.au.

Results

U18 Boys;

Devonport 62 d Ulverstone 49. Best – Dev: Team Effort Ulv: Unavailable

Smithton 63 d Burnie 54. Best – Smi: Unavailable Bur: F.Jones, B. Van Wyk, K.Apted

U18 Girls;

Ulverstone 78 d Somerset 39. Best - Ulv: E.Howells, H.Gale, J.Price Som: E.Smith, L.Douglas

Devonport 53 d Latrobe 36. Best – Dev: M.Smith, B.Anderson Lat: I.Alexiou, C.Iles, A.Langmaid

U14 Boys;

Somerset 76 d Ulverstone 45. Best – Som: G.Dennison, K.Clark Ulv: J.Martin, C.Little, A.Brandsema

Burnie 60 d Devonport 47. Best – Bur: J.Febey, B.Green, T.Townsend Dev: B.McCaffery, B.Bramich, H.Callender

U14 Girls;

Somerset 47 d Devonport 25. Best – Som: S.Phillips, C.Middap, S.Freeman Dev: T.Bourke, C.Keep, G.Richards

Wynyard 48 d Burnie 40. Best – Wyn: D.Radford, A.Campton, E.Gamble Bur: S.Townsend, J.Atkins, K.Lillico

U16 Boys;

Burnie 54 d Devonport 53. Best – Bur: I.Plant, R.Kearney, A.Brusch Dev: C.Brown, M.Zerna, J.Morrison

Wynyard 93 d Ulverstone 23. Best – Wyn: J.Handley, S.Kubicki, K.Kubicki Ulv: C.Hind, A.Triptree, B.Gibson

U16 Girls;

Burnie 54 d Devonport 48. Best – Bur: M.Atkins, S.Martin, T.Wilson Dev: C.O’Neill, N.Charlesworth, S.Clements

Penguin 48 d Wynyard 33. Best - Pen: L.Hine, E.Williams, R.Williams Wyn: K.Johnstone, M.Greenway, S.Elphinstone