

HORNSBY SPIDERS

REPRESENTATIVE NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN ROSS ALLSOP **AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS – NSW UNDER 20 MEN**

The NSW Under 20 Team claimed their second consecutive Gold Medal with a thrilling 88 to 82 win over Queensland in the Grand Final.

Ross played an integral part of this team and featured in the overall statistics for the Tournament, rating in the top ten for blocked shots.

CONGRATULATIONS ROSS !!!!

PRE-SEASON GRADING – 12 MEN BLACK, 14 MEN BLACK, **16 MEN BLACK AND 18 MEN BLACK**

I have set out below the draw for this weekend's qualifying matches for the teams involved. This draw is also attached for you to print out.

Just a reminder that these games are vital as they will determine the division of your team for the upcoming season.

NO PLAYER WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE COURT IN THESE CHALLENGE MATCHES IF THEY REQUIRE A CLEARANCE FROM THEIR PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION!!!! If you need a clearance, please ensure this process is commenced immediately. Email me if you need the appropriate form.

Sydney Junior Championships - Pre-Season									
BBS - Bankstown Basketball Stadium - Third Avenue Condell Park - 18M1, 18M2 & 12W2									
PBS - Penrith Sports Stadium - Herbert Street Cambridge Park -16M1, 16M2, 14M1, 14M2, 12M2 & 16W2									
Date	Wk#	Gme #	Venue	Time	Crt	Gde	Home Team	v	Away Team
4-Mar	P	30	PSS	1000	M2	12M2	Glebe Magic	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	59	PSS	1700	1	12M2	Hornsby Spiders	v	Norths Bears 2
4-Mar	P	31	PSS	1100	2	14M2	Sydney Comets	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	47	PSS	1400	1	14M2	Hornsby Spiders	v	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
4-Mar	P	55	PSS	1600	M1	14M2	Bankstown Bruins	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	25	PSS	900	1	16M2	Ryde Bulls	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	36	PSS	1200	M2	16M2	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	48	PSS	1500	2	16M2	Sydney Comets	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	3	BBS	900	2	18M2	Hornsby Spiders	v	Parramatta Wildcats
4-Mar	P	9	BBS	1200	2	18M2	Ryde Bulls	v	Hornsby Spiders
4-Mar	P	18	BBS	1600	1	18M2	Bankstown Bruins	v	Hornsby Spiders

TRAINING SINGLETs

Additional training singlets should be available from the office towards the end of the week. Hopefully will be delivered on Wednesday.

TEAM REPORTS FROM THIS WEEKEND

18 MEN GREEN – CONGRATULATIONS!

The 18 1 Men played in the Sports Coast Challenge on 24/25 Feb. The first pool game against The Entrance Lakers caught the team understrength and rushed due to school basketball commitments on Saturday morning and resulted in a loss (32-59). The team then really had to dig deep in order to qualify for the Final with every game needing to be a must win. Great team play and relentless defensive pressure in games against Tamworth Thunderbolts (44-22), Central Coast Waves (68-19) and an outstanding win against Illawarra (47-38) secured a spot in the Final against The Entrance who had had a convincing win against us the day before. In a great matchup between two strong teams, defensive intensity and intelligent use of the ball in the closing stages of the game got the boys across the line by 1 point! (63-62). Congratulations to the team for their tenacity and commitment. An excellent and well deserved result boys.
Coaches Stanton and Gummer

12 MEN BLACK

Hills gave us a “welcome” to rep basketball in the first game. They went on to top our pool and were big and strong. We held them all game with tough defence, but they were too good on the morning. Will George had a great defensive game swatting a ball away from goal in mid air. Patrick Field also muscled up in defence.

Our second game against Gosford a far more even game. They went out to an early 10 point lead and although we were tied at half time they ended up winning by 10 points. This was a good result for us though and shows how we are developing as a team. We played them in our first trial last year and didn't play near so well. Daniel Babb, Callum Toohey and Ben Mance played strong offensive games combining for 30 points.

Sunday morning against the Sydney Comets was a real test. They are a big team with most Spiders matching up against someone with 5-10cm on them (8 of our boys can play u12s again next year – this is our development squad). But we were up to the challenge, although we didn't come away with the win. Francis Phillips scored a great pull up jump shot on the biggest guy on the court – he towered over Francis by about 30cm. Daniel Andrassy shows real guts in defence, eventually fouling out. James Calacoci finished the game strongly with 2 baskets in the last 2 minutes.

Our final game was against Coffs Harbour. It went down to the wire with the Spiders storming home, but just unable to clinch the win. Lachlan Fuggle had a strong offensive game scoring 6 points. Great work by all the boys in this there Rookie Season!!!!