

The front cover reflects on our past 50 years and looks forward to the future. Featured is Peter Crawford (19 years old), a product of Townsville Basketball, who signed with the Townsville Crocodiles in 1999.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The original constitution of Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association was drafted in May 1948. In the lead up to these celebrations I read this constitution. It is very heartening to find that basketball in Townsville still operates under the same guiding principles that were set down over 50 years ago.

The original constitution is only one of the many documents that have been unearthed in the search for memorabilia to help celebrate this important anniversary. The fact that so much material was kept and treasured for so long is an indication of how important the game and the friendships were to so many people.

The basketball seed that was planted so many years ago has been carefully nurtured by a succession of willing workers and has grown into a flourishing sport and a valuable community asset.

I wonder if the original players and supporters ever thought that basketball would grow to be what it is today. Knowing today's supporters and volunteers, I am sure that basketball in Townsville will continue to flourish for the next 50 years.

As individuals we have all contributed to Townsville Basketball at some time and in some way. We should all be proud of what has grown from such a meagre beginning.

Please enjoy the celebrations.

David Rowbotham TBI President



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EDITORIAL

The compilation of this "History of Basketball" in Townsville has been made possible by the efforts of a committee who, in a very short space of time, have been able to discover and retrieve many precious documents, photographs and memories that have recorded the making of basketball in Townsville. Extracts have been taken from old newsletters, minutes, programs, scrapbooks and photograph albums that have been tucked away, but not forgotten, for years. John Davies has extracted much priceless information from his meticulous records.

We thank everyone who has helped with this project in anyway at all, especially the sponsors who ensured the printing of this history.

We acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Heather Laurie and her dedicated devoted staff at Facing Pages who are responsible for the professional production of this publication.

Basketball in Townsville has come a long way in 50 years, but some things never change. We quote from a "PRESIDENT'S CORNER" written by Wayne Kennedy in 1988.

Back in 1891, at a YMCA in Springfield Massachusetts a distinguished gentleman by the name of Dr. James Naismith, invented the game of Basketball. The game was intended as a winter training activity for athletes who wanted to stay in shape for their summer sports. I doubt that Mr Naismith could ever have imagined the level of sophistication to which his game would rise. In those early years there were thirteen rules and men had to be posted atop ladders at each end of the court, to take the ball out of the wooden peach baskets if someone scored.

I wonder what Dr Naismith might say if he could see a Friday or Saturday night of Junior Baskethall. He would, no doubt, be amazed at the grandour of the Murray Stadium and probably very proud to know that his game has inspired so many young people to strive for such high levels of athleticism.

Dr Naismith really did start something big. Basketball offers children the opportunity to reach the highest level of excellence, if that is what they desire. It also offers a fun way to get fit and enjoy a sport for those who don't have aspirations in the highest levels of competition.

THE IMPORTANT THING

The important thing in the Game is not to win, but to take part.

The important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle.

The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.

To spread these precepts is to build up a stronger and more valiant, and above all, a more scrupulous and more generous humanity.

> Baron Pierre do Boubertin. Founder of the Modern Olympics

Let us spread these precepts and build an even stronger, more valiant Basketball family in Townsville into the next millennium.

Committee:

Judy Ede, Helen Vawser, Joan Davies, Joan Ball, Hazel Ferguson, Jo Guinea, Denis Russell, Judy Rowbotham and Annette Winton.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Basketballs Beginning in Townsville

Although the present Townsville Basketball Association came into vogue in 1949, the first game of Basketball was actually played in Townsville seven years earlier on the Corcoran Park courts, although in those grim days of the war years, the park was known as Carlton Park and was the site of an American Army Camp. An American serviceman who played in those matches- Harold O Piper- recalled that it was not uncommon to see two or three thousand servicemen cheering madly for their team at the courts which in those days consisted of two bitumen surfaced ones laid and prepared entirely by the Americans who obtained practically all the filling from the Bohle River.

Following the years of the battle of the Pacific, Basketball did not again come into prominence in Townsville until 1948, when through the efforts of Harold Piper, matches were commenced on an earth court at St Patrick's College, The Strand, between members of the Picnic Bay and Arcadia Lifesaving Clubs. Unusual as it may seem, the matches were played with one overhead light and all the teams were coached by Harold Piper.

Later in the year Basketball spread to the suburb of Mundingburra, where the Reverend Father Rush, foresaw prospects of the game as an inter-parish sport. The game flourished so much so, that when the inauguration of the present Townsville Association came into being, many members of the Mundingburra competition fielded teams in our competition as well.

The present Townsville Association first played matches on Tennis courts on Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park (where the old Caltex service station was), which were on hire from Mr Don McInnes, a popular publican. In those days the Basketball event of the week was an exhibition match between the Phoenix team comprising the Chinese community and including such well-known personalities as Phillip Leong and Herbie Low, and the American Legion team which comprised of American servicemen who had settled in Australia after the war. Two members of this team were Harold Piper and Arvo "Jute" Jutila.

During 1949, several persons became sufficiently interested to promote fixtures at McInnes Courts and the result was the formation of the Townsville Association. The inaugural president of Townsville Means Amateur Basketball Association was Herb Kennett who, after one month, resigned and was succeeded by Con Brown who was subsequently rewarded for his efforts in later years when bestowed with Life Membership of the Association.

In the early days, a prominent team was the Cathedral Giants (later known as Giants), and comprised of Charlie Doyle, Ray Barry, Keith Harrison and Pat King, who became some of Townsville's top players in the ensuing years.

A leading figure in the National Fitness Movement at that time was Lester Eisenmenger, who was instrumental in the formation of a team called N.F.C. Dodgers, later known as Dodgers, which comprised of players such as Tom Batho, Malcolm Brown, Keith Goodwin and Stan Keast. In 1949 four teams competed in an "A" grade competition and were Giants, Dodgers, Excelsiors and Arcadia. In 1950 the competition expanded to include B grade adding four more teams to the Association including such players as Kevin Purdon, Gordon Brown, Brian Murphy, Clarrie Heron and Dan Slattery.

By 1950, inter city matches had commenced mainly against Charters Towers where the game had taken on in a big way, due to the efforts of Bernie Matthews.



The First Basketball Team played in Townsville in 1948

The Phoenix Team Left to right:- Dennis Harr, Gilben Young, Richard Lee Bun, Thilip Leong, Norbest Low George Leong, Charlie Young, Les Yin Foo

1952 saw moves by the Association to obtain their own Basketball courts. A move instigated by then President, Con Brown, succeeded in permission being granted by the City Council for courts to be erected on the foundations already laid by the American servicemen in Corcoran Park. According to Con, money was raised for the bitumen by raffling a carton of drinks, which he claims in those days netted 100 pounds profit.

In 1953, Townsville began to gain recognition of their improved standard, which had been accredited, to Charlie Doyle's coaching. A venture by the then Executive, which was to be hailed as the biggest and best Carnival throughout Queensland, lead to the introduction of the Townsville Easter Carnival, which in 1953 was attended by crack Brisbane team-Livewires.

Later in 1953, Townsville was represented for the first time at a Queensland Championship. The team -comprising Jack Knight (captain), Kevin Purdon (vice-captain), Brian Murphy, Arthur Mooney, Tom Batho, Fred Edwards, Clarrie Herron and Dan Slattery- finished third with Kevin Purdon and Tom Batho gaining state selection.

1957 saw the introduction of Women's teams to Basketball in Townsville playing under the same rules as the men.

1964 saw the amenities block constructed at Corcoran Park and by 1975 the Association through the efforts of Brian Morrison moved to the Murray complex.

Basketball has come a long way since the early days; hopefully the future will be as bright as it was then.

(Extracted from 1985 Basketballer)

A decision was made by the executive of the time to become an incorporated body, so in 1987 Townsville Basketball Incorporated (T.B.I.) was born. The Junior Association followed suite in 1988 with the formation of T.J.B.I.

In 1998 the constitution was changed to enable the formation of Townsville Senior Basketball Incorporated (T.S.B.L.) and the setting up a new business operating structure. T.B.L. is now the owner of our \$2.1M asset and is responsible for the operations of the centre. T.S.B.L. and T.J.B.L. look after the running of the senior and junior competitions respectively.

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The annual subscription payable by each affiliated body shall be 5/- fer resistration of each teem and 3/- per player per annual.

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TOWNSVILLE MEN'S AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

HORNETS', B Grade Premiers

Summer Fixtures 1950





"DODGERS"

Front Row (L to R) - C. DOYLE (Coach), S. KEAST (Capt.), J. REID.

The first A grade trophy winners Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association Summer 1950

YOUNG GUNS OF THE 50s

TOWNSVILLE MEN'S AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Junior Representative Team 1952

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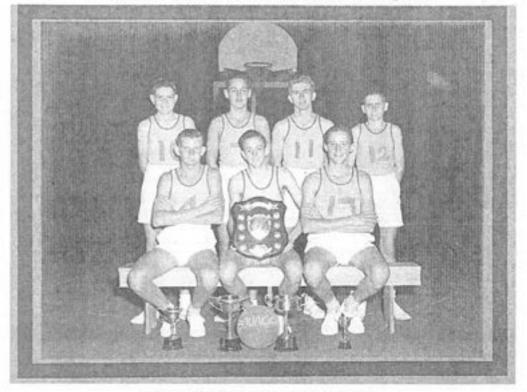
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TOWNSVILLE MEN'S AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

"Bouncers" Premiers Junior Grade, Winter 1952 Competition



See the Bouncers Club History for the full story

PLAYERS OF THE PAST

KEVIN SUGARS

This is an excerpt from the 1964 Townsville Basketball Year Book and re-printed with the kind permission of Life Member, Reuben Redhead Senior. We hope to bring you this spot as frequently as

The Human Scoring Machine

Probably one of the greatest human scoring machine to step on to Australian Basketball Courts in the past decade is Kevin Sugars. His record alone speaks for him.

Born in Townsville in February, 1939, Kevin Sugars first commenced playing Basketball in 1954 with a team called Bouncers Juniors and in his first season created a record (since beaten by Don Charuba) by scoring 65 points in one match.

Possessed of an exceptionally large hand which enables him to maintain full control of a ball, Kevin has carried his record breaking to the Australian front and in fact still retains the record (since broken) for the highest points scored at a national by an individual. In 1961 he scored 161 points at the Australian Championships played in Melbourne. His closest rival was Dancis of South Australia who scored 87 points. Sugars had the previous year in Newcastle scored 105 points to finish third in the individual scorers.

In Townsville Club competition, Kevin plays with the Nationals 'A' grade side, who were runners-up to Bouncers in the 1964 Winter Season Premiership. He subsequently won the Handicap Tournament conducted in August scoring 142 points in the weekend tournament and this year scored over 800 points.

Most of Sugars basketball has been played with the Celtics club from whom he transferred to Nationals this year, except for a couple of seasons early in his career when he played with Whirlwinds.

Sugars, who is married with a baby son, Neil, named after his close friend and top basketballer, Neil Hegarty, claims he still has several years basketball left in him. Undoubtedly, before his career is finished, he will lay claims to further scoring records which are not likely to be broken for many years.

Editor's Note

Kevin Sugars is, of course, still deeply involved in basketball as the energetic chairman of the Executive Works Committee. He now has two sons, Neil and Scott, who both play in Bouncers Championship mens side, a team of which, Kevin is Manager.

Kevin is a Townsville 'A' grade selector and manages various Townsville and zone teams in many tournaments. His two sons have both represented Townsville, North Queensland and Queensland and his wife Rachel is often seen on the scorebench. He has proved to be a real contributor to the sport in this city. Kevin has also served the Association in various executive positions over the years, particularly in the 1960's and 1970's.

He has been the instigator of the new surfacing of the outdoor courts and bright new painting of the stadium interior. His value to this Association has been immeasurable due to his capacity for hard work and inventive as well as practical ideas for the development of basketball in this city.

After a 30 year association with the sport, Kevin is still enthusiastic about the future of the sport and will continue to do all in his power to ensure its success.

In the above article it states that Kevin's individual scoring record at an Australian Championship has been broken. This is an error and the record still stands for an Australian States Championship, although more points have been scored at Australian Club Championships.

Meet Charlie Doyle - he's basketball's loyal servant

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REUBEN REDHEAD JUNIOR

In the summer of 1952 three years after the commencement of basketball in Townsville, a Townsville Juvenile competition was organised by Mr. Charles Doyle, Little was it thought then that one of the original embers of this competition, Reuben Redhead, would turn out to be one of the best players Townsville and Queensland ever produced.

Reuben commenced the 1952 competition with Pirates but switched to Bouncers the following season. He remained with Bouncers until 1957 when most of the Bouncers players switched to Celtics. In 1964, Reuben, together with Fred Edwards reformed Bouncers and he played for them until his eventual retirement. He has the excellent record of playing in 37 Grand Finals, being on the Premiership side on 24 occasions. A great record!!!

Some of the successes Townsville enjoyed whilst Reuben was a regular member were 8 Easter Carnivals, 6 Mackey Foundation Day Carnivals, numerous Zone Championships and intercity games plus one Queensland Championship. He represented Townsville on many other occasions too numerous to mention with Townsville having the majority of wins.

He also represented North Queensland many times, twice winning the State Championship. Reuben first played for Queensland in 1958 at the age of 17 when he represented the State on five occasions and was Captain in 1965. He toured New Zealand with the North Queensland side in 1967 and also won many individual trophies including the Eric Smith Memorial Trophy for Best and Fairest Player three times.

He was president of Bouncers from the reformation of the club in 1964 until the mid 1970's. He was known throughout Basketball circles as "Red" and has been a great talker and worker for Bouncers, Townsville and Queensland Basketball and it is a pity his great talent has been unable to be fully harnessed for Townsville Administration. As well as basketball, Reuben also had a measure of success at cricket, football and running. He currently plays touch football for Shockers and is undoubtedly successful at that.

His other main forte was horse racing in which he was active and successful as a bookmaker and owner for over 20 years until purchasing the Park Valley Newsagency where he is always ready with a quick smile and good conversation.

Reuben still plays basketball in the warehouse competition and manages time to have a few coldies with old friends after the games. Reuben married a basketballer, June, has three lovely daughters. We hope to see him this great contributor, at basketball in the future.

PRESIDENTS of TOWNSVILLE BASKETBALL

(The following is an extract from the 1964 Basketball Year Book):

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Kangaroos did not always play under their present name. The club was formed in 1951 under the name of Commercials and competed in the fixtures held at McInnes Courts, Charters Towers Road. The foundation member of the club was Les Gunder, who to this day still occupies the chair of Secretary of the club.

In 1952, the Club's name was changed to Kangaroos, although he club's colours in those days were red and gold, quite a contrast to the present day ones of black and white, offset by the traditional White Kangaroo. Kangaroos entered the A grade competition in 1952, the team being Les Gunder, Henry Simpson, Ron Dumerisk, Mike Malone and Brian Apelt, and one of the old timers of the side, Henry Simpson reculls that in those days to make A grade competition, a side had to prove its worthiness before being allowed to compete. He stated that a team wanting to enter the A grade competition had to defeat other A grade sides over a qualifying period.

In that year, the A grade side won only one match for the season, defeating the eventual premiership winners, Pirates.

Most of Kangaroos present day players are those from the ranks of juniors promoted by Les Gunder. Bertie Bennett, Bob Edwards and Norm Stanbrook who this year transferred to Bouncers are some who were products of Les Gunder.

Probably one of the best players to come from the Kangaroos Club in recent years is Merv Logan, who gained representation in Inter-City matches this year. Logan is a brilliant all court player and an excellent jump shot. He has shown his faithfulness to his club by rejecting offers to play with other top sides.

Kangaroos this year have fared more than favourably in club competition and through the agency of a erack combination of juniors in Ron and John Shillam, Des Popham, Ashley Price and others convincingly won the 1964 B1 Mens Winter Premiership. Their A grade side finished fifth in the Winter Season Fixtures, and were subsequently down graded to A Reserve. They have fought back with a vengeance during the Summer Season fixtures and have clinched a place in the Grand Finals. Their side comprises of B. Bennett, M. Logan, P. Anderson, G. Smith, R. Gilmore, R. Edwards and L. Golden. Unfortunately, their B grade team was subject to "pouching" by other clubs and has not lived up to their standard of the Winter Season.



The Anderson family

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PATRONS of TOWNSVILLE BASKETBALL

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S. WELLINGTON

YEARS	PATRON
1950-1953	D. McINNES
1954	C. BROWN
1955-1976	C. STRUBE
1977-1978	R. BONNETT
1979-1980	P. TUCKER
1981-1998	Ken McELLIGOTT
1999	A. MOONEY

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First Townsville team to play at a Queensland championship in 1953. Back row: Fred Edwards, Brian Murphy, Jack Knight Seated: Clarie Heron, Dan Slattery, Arthur Mooney Front row: Key Purdon, Tom Batho, Jock McCann

ERIC SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Eric Smith Memorial Trophy originated from the latter portion of 1953, after the death of this gentleman, who was the Association's initial First Aid Attendant.

Eric Smith, of his own accord, attended the basketball courts each night there were matches played, from late 1950 until the time of his death. He procured his own equipment. The Association offered several times to supply the contents of the box, but Eric Smith preferred to pay for these items himself. He carried out the duties of First Aid Attendant in an honorary capacity and would accept no payment whatever for his services.

His interest in basketball commenced when his son, Kevin took up the sport with Dodgers Basketball Club in 1950, when the matches were being staged at McInnes' courts.

Upon Eric Smith's demise in September, 1953, the then President and Secretary of the Association, Messrs Arthur Macklin and Kevin Purdon, put forth a plan to introduce a trophy to perpetuate the memory of a man who was respected by all who knew him. It was decided the trophy would be presented to the player who was considered the Best and Fairest in the Association each season.

Some of Townsville's outstanding basketballers have been honoured in being named the winner of this fine trophy during the past years, as can be seen from the list of winners up to 1964:

YEAR	WINTER SEASON	SUMMER SEASON
1953		B. Malcolm
1954	A. Mooney	K. Purdon
1955	W. Seib	R. Swendson
1956	F. Edwards	P. McMillan
1957	F. Edwards	F. Edwards
1958	K. Sugars	B. Flynn
1959	R. Redhead	W. Seib
1960	R. Redhead	N. Talbot
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1962	R. Redhead	R. Bari
1963	K. Golden	N. Hegarty
1964	F. Edwards	K. Sugars



These certificates were awarded to all players from the 50s to the early 80s

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TOWNSVILLE REPRESENTATIVE SIDE QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS 1955

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(The following is an extract from the 1964 Basketball Year Book)

TOP WOMENS SIDES

Included in the Association are several clubs comprising of all female players. Two of the larger clubs in this category are Comets and Dazzlers. Comets were formed in 1957 with two teams, one B and one A grade. Today Comets field teams in only B and C grades and are coached by "Paddy" Mullins.

Comets greatest achievements to date was their B2 side's success in the Centenary Handicap tournament over Celtics A grade women.

Two of the hardest workers in Comets are their captain and Secretary Dianne Griffin and J. Steele, their Treasurer.

Dazzlers help add to the Association's numerical strength with six teams and all coached by Harold Saunders whose desire for the physical fitness of his teams has attributed to the club's success in competitions. The Dazzlers have always proved a success in the A grade competition and were runners up to Celtics in the womens competition and will contest the summer season final. They again play Celtics after having inflicted the first defeat on that side in the semi final. Dazzlers A grade is captained by Townsville representative player Marie Bloom and includes top players in Barbara Harold, Betty Wright, Denise Kirtland, Marg Tallis, Celia Prior, Adrian Dargue and Joan Ironside.

Their number two side will in a season or two be a force to be reckoned with, particularly with the improvement shown by Kay Mussig, Lyn and Fay Bloom, Sue Winter and Marilyn O'Keefe.

Other teams which competed in the Association fixtures this era were Giants, Carltons, Oonoonba, Police, Bouncers, Surfers, Falcons, Technicians, W.E.A.'s, A.S.A., Wests, Blackstars, University, Devils, R.A.A.F., Medics, Silhouettes, Brambles and Dodgers.

Dazzlers Basketball Premiers



Finners of the C grade basketball premierably for the winter season, and the E2 grade premiers for the summer eason were the Banders' team. Members of the team photographed here, are, back rest, left to right; M. O'Keste, . Park, H. Saunders (coach), A. Dargue and K. Movsig (vice-captain). Sitting, left to right, are; H. Ball, N. Griffelis, R. Fielchett (captain), M. MeVes and B. Chase.

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TOWNSVILLE OLDEST CLUB

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Whirlwinds Basketball Club lay claim to being the oldest established, continuously playing club in Townsville.

The decision to form Whirlwinds Club was made in December 1954. Most of the players in the new club have played in the Excelsiors team, which competed in the Town competition.

Whirlwinds started in the winter season of 1955 with two A Grade and one B Grade teams, which were captained by Col. Slattery, Dan Slattery and Brian Penny who are still members of the club.

Col Slattery is still captain of the A grade mens team, which in all probabilities constitutes a record in Townsville – 10 years as Captain of the same team. Brother Dan is now playing as Captain of the Whirlwinds B mens side, which are finalists in this years Summer Season competition. Two other players who were members of Whirlwinds first teams and who are still playing with the Club are Mort McMahon and Jim Hansen. Mick Smith is now President of the club was also a member of the first A grade team.

Whirlwinds first struck Premiership form in the winter season of 1956 when they won the A grade Minor and grade Premierships. They followed this success with similar wins in the summer seasons of 1956 and 1957, although in the Summer season of 1956, they were forced to forfeit due to unforeseen circumstances.

After being runners up in the Winter season of 1958, the club entered the doldrums until 1962, when the A grade side was reinforced the addition of Lef Jones, An American airman, who was
temporarily stationed at the Garbutt Air Force base. Through his
ability to inspire new life into the team, hopes were revived, and the
new spirit of determination which he instilled into club members, is
attributed for the present boom the club is experiencing.

About the same time as Lef. Jones was working wonders with the players; stalwart club workers were working strongly towards a revival of club finances, with the ultimate success what Whirlwinds are now one of the richest basketball clubs in Townsville, if not in Australia. Much of the credit for their financial success is due to the hard work by people such as Mick Smith, Mrs Joan Slattery and their Patron, Mrs. E. McMahon, of the Royal Oak Hotel.

This year Whirlwinds performed favourably in the Winter and Summer Seasons, with mixed success. Their A grade mens side finished in fourth position in both seasons, and their B mens side is a summer season finalist, at the time of writing. Whirlwinds took in hand a team of minor juniors this year, who were successful in winning the winter premiership. A womens A grade side was also introduced in to the competition.

Whirlwinds In Grand Final

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A2 BASKETBALL PREMIERS 1967

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Whirlwinds C1 Basketball Premiers



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QUEENSLAND SENIOR SIDE 1958

Back Row: P. Fossel, P. Fogarty, D. Pesudove, V. Hickey, R. Redhead, B. Flynn Front Row: D. White (Manager), F. Edwards, (Vice Captain), E. Quinn (Captain) B. Rayner, C. Doyle (Coach)





(The following is an extract from the 1964 Basketball Year Book)

VIKINGS CLUB

The formation of Viking Club commenced in the summer season of 1957, and was brought into vogue due to the old Dodgers Club, gradually declining in membership.

Two of the older members of the Dodgers Club, Kevin Purdon and Brian Murphy hit upon the idea of forming a new club and decided upon the name of Vikings. In the summer season of 1957, Vikings A grade mens comprising of Kevin Purdon (Captain), Brian Murphy (Vice Captain), Wally Riggs, Richie Martin, Don Matthews, Jim Danaher and Bruce Cairns, were runners up to Whirlwinds in the premiership.

1958 saw Vikings improve the number of teams, entering sides in each grade, including the formation of Womens teams. The club was eventually successful in winning two A womens premierships in later years and the members of that team were Lois Randall, Karen Lafferty, Jill Powell, Marie Ware, Evelyn White, Helen Kruger and Marie Hill.

The Mens A grade of Vikings were successful in winning two premierships, one in 1960 and the other in 1962, in the latter year, having players of the calibre of Bill Seib and Nick Kitsas in the team.

The foundation President of Vikings was Cee Phillipson and the Secretary - Treasurer, Richie Martin.

Probably one of the men instrumental in maintaining true club spirit of Vikings of recent years was Barrie Smith. He joined the club in 1959 and in 1960 became Secretary of the Club, a position he held until resigning to join the R.A.A.F. late this year. Barrie was a great administrator in Club and Association affairs, and often earned the title of "Mr Basketball of Townsville".

Vikings have in recent years been a nursery for up and coming players, and already have Townsville's champions of the future in Vikings Colts, they being coached by veteran Jack Smyth.

Brother Club

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A Brother club of Vikings is Nationals. Together with popular publican, Ben Bloom, Kevin Purdon and Brian Murphy came out of retirement to take in hand the formation of Nationals.

The club also possesses a strong B grade mens side which has performed well throughout the season.



Vikings Basketball Club

T.M.A.R.A.

"A" Grade Premiers - Summer 1959



Sack Row (L to R) - W. Selb (Captain), W. Riggs, K. Pordon Front Row (L to R) - R. Murphy, J. Danahor, R. Martin (Page to WEST SEASON)

TOWNSVILLE MEN'S AMATEUR B'BALL ASSOC. DUTIES OF COURT EXECUTIVES ON ROSTER

- Arrive as far as possible at least fifteen minutes before the starting times of games.
- Open the klosk. To open the tollet doors and the back room the keys are on a ring. Turn on the tap to the cistern.
- Place protective padding on basket supports.
- Open the light box and nos. 1 and 2 score boxes, turn on lights if required. The keys to these are on a separate key ring.
- Open the clock. Switch on lights in the score box and in the light box. The clock horn will sound for five seconds when the power is switched on. This is normal and must not be interrupted.
- Place stop watches and/or timers, bell, score book and pencil in each score stand as required.
- Collect Court Fees and enter in Court Fees book, together with referee's
- Endeavour to have games start on time, especially the first ones on each court, as following games will run correspondingly late and you may lose a referee in the process.
- Open Klosk Counter Flaps. Leave this until all your preparation work is done, or a Duty Club Member arrives, because players will arrive in droves wanting to change fivers and tenners for the price of a packet of chewing gum.
 - (a) There just isn't that much change in the till, and
 - (b) There's not that much time to spare.
- Be just but firm with forfeits.
- 11. During the play keep an eye on the behaviour of players and spectators and also on the drink supply in the tridges, refilling if necessary and also following the last game fully stock fridges with drinks for the following night's fixtures or training.
- 12. Balance the Court Fees book, including refunds and any nominations received.
- 13. Close up. Check all water taps are off, cistern in men's tollet is off and tollet doors are locked and lights off too. Put panel back on clock, return microphone and PA, to stall, switch off power points and lights and lock nos. 1 and 2 score boxes. See all balls, timers, stop watches, bells and score books are in. Switch off court lights and lock box and check that the shed lock is on.
- 14. Go home, have a cuppa tea and a good night's sleep a Vincents might help.

Reuben Redhead's recollections 16/5/99

Reuben recalls that he was the President of Celtics, which at that time was the biggest club. He was elected Vice President of TMABA. He thinks the Presidents name was Whiting. Reuben was later the President of TMABA for three years and in that time the clubhouse was built at the Corcoran Park courts.

At that time the ladies in the canteen work for free and the names he recalls are:

- Mrs. Russell
- · Mrs. Elsie Gleeson
- Mrs. Huxley (Fred Edward's mother)
- Mrs. Dodd
- · Mrs. Cavanought

The stocks for the canteen were all purchased from Thomas Browns. Thomas Browns later did what Reuben regards as a huge favour to the association.

To build the clubhouse £5000 had to be raised. The council leased the land and charged the association £1 per annum rent. The City Council at the time donated £1500 or £1000. The rest was raised by borrowings from the bank. To borrow the money each club was asked to go guarantor for £500. They did this and Reuben, J. Garbutt, Mr. Davies (John's father) guaranteed the money on behalf of Celtics. Talbot Heatley guaranteed the rest. Talbot was a local businessman. When Reuben went to ask for the guarantee Talbot objected saying he is constantly asked to do this by all sorts of organisations. He asked Reuben if he was putting his hand in his pocket and quickly agreed when Reuben told him he was.

Len Frier was the architect and Ron Roys assisted with the work towards the clubbouse. In appreciation of his efforts Len Frier was given a gold watch by the association.

Some years later money was still owed on the building and Talbot was dying of cancer. Reuben was anxious that Talbot be released from the guarantee before he died. Thomas Browns agreed not to be paid for canteen stocks until the club house debt was cleared. Ten days before Talbot died Reuben was able to give him a clearance certificate from the bank. The debt to Thomas Browns was well over £1000 at the time.

Reuben recalls that all on the committee were so proud of what they had achieved in building the clubhouse. He is full of admiration for the committees that have developed the facilities we have today.

Reuben recalls that his son Reuben and John Davis would buy ice

from the ice works in South Townsville, load up a small-wheeled cart with drinks and sell them around the Corcoran Park courts. Apparently all the soft drinks were in dark bottles and it was not unusual for the customer to get the wrong drink, as the labels would come off the bottles in the cart.

Later Mr. Ron Hinspeter (of Hinspeters Cranes) arranged for the association to purchase a secondhand fridge from Woolworths in Ingham for \$150. Ron arranged the transport, loading and unloading as a donation to the association. The fridge was largely paid for by "doubles on the main game".

Early meetings of the association were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Macklin in Marks Street Hermit Park. Later, the Corcoran Park scout den was used.

Reuben recalls that the discussions about allowing the women to join the association went on for years. The were two factions, one wanted the women to join so that the boyfriends would come along, and spend money at the courts, the other did not want the women involved because there was a risk of fratinisation between boys and girls in the dark areas around the courts. Eventually the women joined (and there was fratinisation).

Today Reuben still sees Alan Watchman and Harry Bowman who both had daughters who joined in those times.

Just to show that while things change they remain the same, Reuben recalls that it was always a problem to get referees. To entice them they were paid 5/- per game or £1 if they refereed three in a row. Even so there were constant delays to games due to the lack of referees. Arthur Macklin was noted for his intolerance towards referees.

The association held an annual function at the Waterside Workers Hall in South Townsville and later at the Cutheringa Bowls Club. These became bigger and bigger and eventually folded for lack of a suitable venue and organising committee members.

Reuben spoke fondly of the Easter carnivals. Tents had to be erected at Corcoran Park. The committee members worked until 2am some mornings and had to restart work as early as 6:30am. At the end of the carnival all were exhausted.

Ron Roys had contacts at the local pub and he was responsible for obtaining beer supplies after hours if they ran out. The only condition was that twelve cartons was the minimum order that could be sourced. A local policeman had a soft spot for basketball, he had two sons playing, and he would turn a blind eye to small (but only small) misdemeanours that were committed.

Reuben is 88 years old.

David Rowbotham

Townsville Rep Team - early 60s



CELTICS CLUB

(An extract from the 1964 year book)

Probably one of the most successful Clubs, in so far as Premiership wins are concerned, was Celtics which was founded in 1957 with an A grade Mens side', which has today grown to a Club with 9 teams and a membership of over 70. At one stage of the Club's history, teams membership reached 12.

Although founded by Fred Edwards, Celtics owe much of its present day success to Vince Flynn and John Davies, two of the clubs's devoted workers. Vince was the Club's first secretary when Office Bearers were elected in 1958 and has occupied that position ever since. John Davies is the present day Treasurer, although the first Treasurer was Miss Hazel Hutchinson, whilst the first President was the now president of the Townsville Association, Reuben Redhead, Senior. Upon his resignation, his post was filled by George Johnstone, who occupies that position today.

Apart from their A grade women's side, Celtics teams have had a somewhat poor year. However, this was not always so and the club can boast having as many as 6 players at the same time in the Queensland team, namely, Fred Edwards, Brian Flynn, Reuben Redhead, Ray Barbi, Kev Sugars and Neil Hegarty.

In addition, Brian Morrison was also as Queensland under 18 representative. Since the formation of Zoning in 1962, Celtics women players have also been to the fore in representative selection, such players as Beryl Garbutt, Dot Percy, Moya Selway, Jan Flynn and Rhonda Crossman having gained North Queensland selection.

The Celtics club is proud of its coaches. A great deal of the teams successes are due to their coaches, many of whom have gained considerable knowledge from methods of the famous Mormon Yankees who were stationed in Townsville a couple of years ago in Elders Gunald, Johnson and Berrett.

Vince Flynn has used much of his knowledge gained from the Mormon Yankees in his coaching of teams which include the crack A grade women's side, the Townsville representative women's and the North Queensland side. Vince has also coached a Queensland Women's side.

Some of the Celtic's stalwart members who have progressed over the last few years are Joan Cremin, Heather Lysaght in the Cardinals team - Kay Northey, Rachel Sugars, Jab Gleeson and Dot Vardy in the B grade teams. Techniques women's teams have been affiliated with Celtics since 1961 and members of the original team still playing are June Whiting and Pat Casey.

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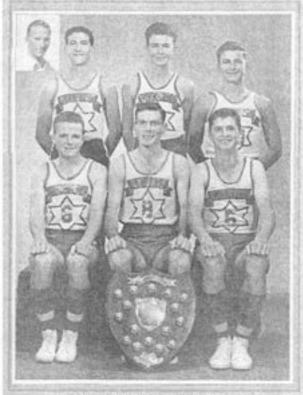
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"A" Grade Minor & Grand Premiers - Winter 1958



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T.W.I.A.B.A. - Celtics Basketball Club

"A" Grade Undefeated Premiers - Summer and Winter, 1960-1961



Back Row (I. to R): J. MacDiarmid (Captain), V. Smith, B. Ryan, J. Stephens, B. Dean, L. Smith, Seated (I. to R): B. Garbutt, V. Flynn (Coach), P. Whyte (Vice-Captain).

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CARNIVAL HISTORY

The Townsville Easter Carnival has always been regarded as the biggest and best carnival staged in North Queensland each year, consistently producing a very high standard of basketball.

The inaugural camival staged in 1953 was won by Brisbane club team Livewires that has its beginning to dominate the carnival in 1955,56 and 57 and were always popular winners. Another popular Brisbane team to compete in early carnivals was Rovers, led by a prominent figure in Queensland Basketball administration in those days, Bill Nolan.

Women's teams first competed in the carnival in 1957 when the competition consisted of Townsville club teams.

Mackay has always figured prominently in Easter Carnivals and their first win was in 1959.

Other notable visiting teams to win the carnival were: Men -Mormon Yankees 1961, St. Helens (Calen) 1963, Cairns 1968, Paratels (Sydney) 1970. Women - Mackey 1959/61/65/70, Ayr 1962, Cairns 1964/66/68/71.

Townsville teams won both the men's and women's sections in all other years.

Other notable teams to compete unsuccessfully at the carnival were: Kone (New Guinea) Mt. Isa, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Rovers (Brisbane), and Oucensland University.

The closest fought final over the carnival's long history was in 1975 when Townsville elub Bouncers defeated Livewires from Mt. Isa 55 points to 54 after extra time.

Queensland Under 16 Women's coach Patsy Nielsen is playing her Queensland team in the carnival as part of their preparations for the Australian Championship. The match practice they will experience in the Senior Women's Section at the Camival will provide them with the exposure to pressure basketball so necessary for a team aspiring to be Australian Champions.

LADIES A GRADE BASKETBALLERS

OWNSVILLE is about to lose a brilliant basketaller. Ray Barbi, of Celfame, leaves reek-end for Sydney where te has accepted an offer o play for a top New South Vales basketball club, Ray, who has thrilled many a sunday night crowd with its style and ball control, a heading south to en-sance his chances of Aus-



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Men's Basketball

Townsville Players Dominate State Side

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CORCORAN PARK

Men's Basketball Has Record Year

The Townsville Men's Ameteur Basketball Association had a record year, with 604 registered players taking part in association fixtures, Mr. R. T. Redheed said on Monday night.

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VISIT BY INTERSTATE SIDE

History was written in the Basketball Books of Townsville during 1964 with the first ever visit by an interstate side, the Paratels Basketball Club, New South Wales top side.

The team, which made a "Globetrotters Tour" of North Queensland centres from Mackey in the south to Mossman and Atherton in the north, commenced their itinerary in Mackay on Saturday 15 August and played in Townsville on Monday 17 August and again on Wednesday 26 August.

Townsville have the unique record of being the only centre to defeat the star studded Paratels side, which include two Olympians. One Carl Rodwell. Performed so well with the Australians at the Tokyo Olympics, this year. The other Ross Graham represented Australia at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

The Paratels Club which has built up an impressive record in New South Wales since its formation in January, 1960, endeavoured by this visit to promote basketball in whatever way possible, and drew "standing room only" crowds on both nights.

On the first of the two matches, Paratels were successful in defeating the strong Townsville side to the tune of 46 to 38, after Townsville had held a lead of 10 points at half time. On the second night, Townsville, under the astute leadership of Fred Edwards who was brilliantly supported by Reuben Redhead, Kevin Sugars, Neil Hegarty and Brian Flynn, hit the front from the opening jump, and were never headed, although determined efforts by the Paratels over the concluding stages failed to bridge the lead that Townsville established early. Full time scores were Townsville 57 -Paratels 52.

Probably the greatest disadvantage the Paratel players suffered during their tour was the fact of playing on the bituminised outdoor courts, which are quite a contrast to the indoor board courts, to which they were accustomed. Most of the players were suffering the effects of shin soreness and blisters at the end of the

The teams were:-

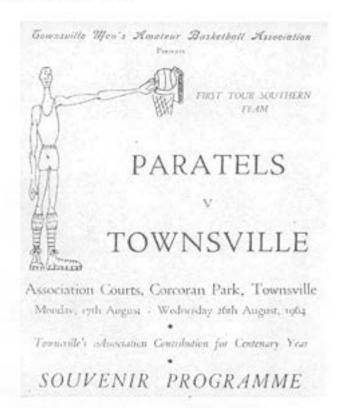
Townsville: Fred Edwards (Captain), Reuben Redhead, Brian Flynn, Kevin Sugars, Neil Hegarty, Brian Morrison, Bob Cavanagh.

Paratels: George Thompson (Captain), Ross Graham, Phil Gustafson, Phil Bridge, Ray Barbi, Carl Rodwell, Albert Leslie, Geoff Durrant (Manager and official Referee).

EXCITING BASKETBALL GAME



Fred Edwards (Townsville). Elder Felt, Bill Selb (Townsville, capain) and Elder Mathie are noted during an exciting incident in the Mormons versus Townsville men's



1964 - THE YEAR OF BASKETBALL

1964 has probably been Townsville's longest everyour of Basactbull and one of the most trying for the Executive Committee, so much so, that it is ramoved already that the period of the playing season is likely to be drattically reduced in 1965.

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years dominated the A grade ment competition to the trage of placing in in
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On the other hand, the moves by these players is acclaimed in the op-position circles and was instrumental in Townsville placing before the toppositions circuits and was instrumental in Townswille princing before the sup-portion of the game, one of the most leavely conserved A grade was writer competitions seen for some years. Celtion with a "public-dup" side finished third behind Nationals and Bounders who contented an excessing final with Bounders, winning by the narrowest margine = 65 = 47. The other teams in order to finish in the A grade mens competition were Whielwind-Rub, Kan-garoos 5th and Vikings 6th.

The wister season also produced a record namination of 92 teams. The results of the finals were:

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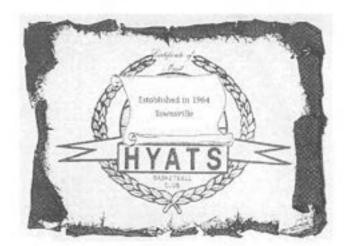
HYATS HISTORY

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Hyats Basketball Club was established by the Hellenic Youth Association of Townsville in 1964. Members of the then, youth association, were very active with the Greek Community and church and the building of the Greek Community Centre. The club commenced with two teams involving some 20 members of the Greek Community. Today, Hyats Basketball Club is the leading and most successful club in Townsville with 39 teams, juniors and seniors, with over 45 members of the Greek Community actively involved providing one of Australia's leading sports to the Greek Community, young and old.



H.Y.A.T.S. BASKETBALL CLUB Premiers 1982 Championship Season (C) DIVISION WOMENS

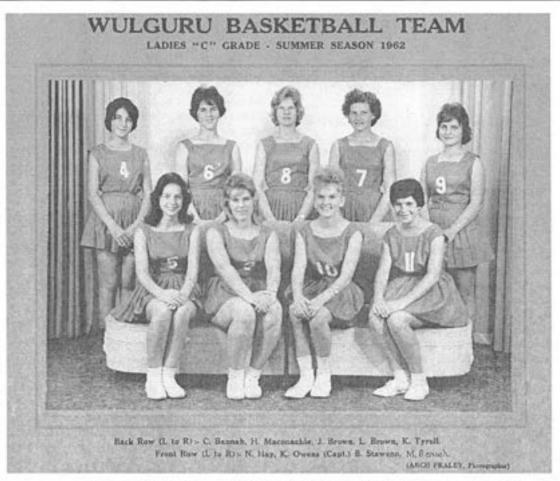




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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BOUNCERS BASKETBALL CLUB INC

As told by Wayne Kennedy 1999

Bouncers Baskethall Club was formed in 1952. The story goes something like this.

A group of hockey players was practising in Corcoran Park. They noticed that a young chap was practising basketball and they decided to approach him to find out what they had to do to become involved in the game.

The young man practising basketball was Charlie Doyle and among the hockey players was a junior by the name of Fred Edwards, Both Charlie and Fred are now life members of Townsville Basketball Incorporated. The name Bouncers was agreed upon by the boys as a sensible name considering the nature of the sport.

Charlie agreed to coach the team and they went on to win the junior premiership in their first season of playing. These boys were all athletes and naturally gifted competitors. With Charlie's eye for perfection and his enthusiasm for training, the boys moved into the A Grade competition in their first year of playing. Once in the top division there was no looking back. They went on to win an A grade premiership that year and many more in the years to come. Members of the first Bouncers team were:

Charlie Doyle - Coach

Billy Sieb - Captain

Fred Edwards

Barry Malcolm

D. Allen

N. Rainey

R. Neilson

N. Groves

Charlie Doyle was a serving member of the RAAF at this time and

during 1954-1955 he was posted to Manis Island in the Pacific. The Bouncers team continued winning premierships until 1956 when they moved to the Celties Club. The group remained together and was also successful under the Celties banner.

In 1964 Bouncers was reformed and the club as we know it today began to take shape.

During 1965 Charlie Doyle helped establish the outdoor courts at the Hermit Park School. With the help of Mr Arthur Maclin (also a life member of TBI) and Mr Bert Bragg (father of Mark Bragg), Charlie established his home base at the Hermit Park School. This was the first time in Townsville Basketball history that a local club had a ready source of players. In the period from 1966 to 1972, Bouncers won over 100 junior premierships and featured as leading club in the senior competition.

It was during these years that Bouncers reputation as a well-organised group who promoted juniors and concentrated on fundamentals was etched in stone. The Tigers boasted numerous state representatives and continued to lead the way in Townsville by introducing innovations to the competition.

These included; complex structured offence and structured alternating full court man and zone defence.

Bouncers have continued to be leaders in the Townsville Basketball community. During the 1980's they constructed their own training establishment at Kirwan. The Charles Doyle Courts have been part of our program since that time.

Today Bouncers have 17 senior teams and 22 junior teams. Our philosophy is based on three tenets:

- · Sporting attitude
- · Physical fitness
- · Teaching fundamentals

One of the strengths of our Club has been the devoted and dedicated service of its members. We proudly list the following as our life members:

Charlie Doyle

John Shillam

Judy Rowbotham

Cheryl Shortland

Ian Tudehope

Bouncer Basketball Club Inc. has grown with the times and look forward to the coming new millennium with the same youthful enthusiasm as those young hockey converts over forty years ago. We are not only about winning; we are about striving to maintain our heritage of fair play, the promotion of juniors and the love of our game. Having achieved these aims, we will always be winners.

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Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association

"BOUNCERS" Men's 'A' and '81' Grades Minor and Grand Premiers - Summer 1964



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THE GIANTS STORY



Two Basketball Titles to Giants

FIRST WOMENS GIANTS BASKETBALL TEAM

The team was formed and coached by Carl Ellis, who took a group who had never played the game before and moulded them into winners in 1965, 1966 and 1967.

His style was one of "man to man" and was always full court press, for the whole game. The team moved up through C Grade and B Grades (I and 2) to achieve A Grade. The alternate uniform of white with blue dots was a really radical fashion statement in 1966!

Some of the original players are still living in Townsville but now watch from the stands as spectators as their children carry on the tradition:

Sandra Bolger Sandra Chesney Jean Greenway Jean Grieve Sharon Hegarty Sylvia Davidson Sylvia Caff

TOP TEAM IN B2 BASKETBALI



This is the victorious Preshylerian Followship of Australia B2 ladies' baskethall team. The P.F.S. plagers were undefeated premiers in their grade in the last summer season. Stinding 'Self 'so Wight's G. Manser, P. Shannon, J. Shannon, E. Bell (coach). Sealed: J. Mayoh, L. Frankling (captain), M. Arnold.



Top Girls in A Reserve Basketball



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COLTS BASKETBALL CLUB

COLTS BASKETBALL CLUB
MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS
"A" GRADE LADIES - SUMMER SEASON 1966



Left to Right:- M. Young, C. Townley, C. Sharpe, J. Smyth (Coach), A. Johnstone, M. Luscombe,



1967 Basketball Awards Presentation
Photo shows patron Mr CJ Strube presenting
Best and Fairest Awards to Vic Townley and Lyn Brown both of Colts

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Colts Basketball Club was born in 1965. The name originating from the players being mostly Junior Men. New South Welshman, Jack Smyth, was responsible for the formation of the Club, the first President being Carl Micale.

The first teams were called Viking Colts, because of the joining of the Vikings Teams with the Club.

The mens team consisted of promising Junior players names like Townley, Huddy, Popham, West. Hence the names "Colts".

The forming of a Junior Association saw many Junior Colts teams. However, with the ruling regarding Clubs having to have both Senior and Junior teams, saw the folding of the club in 1970, with most of the junior teams transferring to the Lakers Club.

Basketball To-day

Interest is growing rapidly in the minorjunior boys and girls matches which are played every Saturday morning.

every Saturday morning. Games will continue today with an increased number of teams in the
under 13 boys and girls'
grades. The main game of
the day will be between
Colts I and Coltics in the
under 13 boys on No. 1
court. This game should
be a close tussle throughout with Colts I possibly
having a slight edge on
their opponents.

Colts have beaten Celtics on all other occasions when a close result has mevniled. J. Stokes and W. Geizandanner should be a tower of strength to Colts, while J. Chick and R. Farrell will be Celtics packbone of strength.

The other under 13 match on No. 1 court will be Gianta against Colts II. Slants should win this tame.

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Formation of Townsville Minor-Junior Basketball Association **First Minutes**

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Chairman Mr. W. Bouckeshort-free - Propident of Y. L.A.D.A.

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Mission of Office Decrers.

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-Nominations for Selectors.

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Fr. R. Felsh - Proceed by Fr. A. Bregg Seconded by Fr. H. Srienke Cerries,

Glection of Patron.

Hr. H. Tedbend - (Fontor) Proposed by Er. M. Bailey Seconded by Er. A. Brage Carried.

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MINOR-JUNIOR BASKETBALL PREMIER:



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Celtics - Under 14 Basketball Premiers



Celties were under 14 premiers in the 1967 summer season of the Toronto Bad Association's competition. Standing (left to right): J, West, C, Pape, V, Flynn (cont. Howlest, L. Streens, Seateds J. Kirkhan, G. Burton (capt.), R. Duberty, R. Burton.

BRIEF LAKERS HISTORY

Lakers began in 1967 when Russell Huddy formed an A Grade team largely made up of players from the Colts Basketball Club.

In 1968, the previously "mens only" club combined with the remainder of Colts teams, when the TBI (TMABA) made a rule that each club had to have at least one A Grade team in both men's and women's competitions. From this humble beginning Lakers flourished into one of the most competitive clubs around.

The A Grade Women's side won the grand final in their first year (1968). The U18 Women's team of 1970 won the grand final and went on to form the basis of the renowned A Grade team, which won a record number of consecutive summer and winter seasons from 1975 through to 1982, with the help of Rose Verzeletti (nee Broomhead, 6'3" without shoes). This 17 season record has never been broken by any other teams in the history of the game in Townsville.

This impressive Championship Division Women's team was successfully coached by Brian (Tibby) Flynn, who had previously played for the Celtics/National Clubs through the 1950's and 60's. This team enjoyed the glory of playing during the three year period of the men's AAABL series from 1980 to 1981.

The CDM's side had difficulty maintaining consistency but generally managed to win the grand finals once in every five years or so (1969, 1971, 1974, 1982, 1989 and hopefully 1999). Like the other main TBI clubs, the Lakers CDM's team competed in the AAABL series but generally lacked sufficient height to win any of the series.

In the 1970's the Lakers teams competed in all the Easter Carnivals in Townsville and the Queens Birthday Carnivals held in Cairns. It was not unusual for the club to send some 6 - 8 teams to Cairns for the long weekend of playing, drinking and dancing with most teams enjoying their share of the winning.

During the 1970's the club ran with some 6 - 7 Senior teams which expanded to 10 - 12 during the 80's and 90's. In the early stage, the minor junior teams associated with the club were largely controlled by a sub-committee headed by Tom Patterson until the early 80's when Mrs Convery took over.

By the late 80's the senior body of the club decided to control the junior and seniors together under the one committee. Initially this tended to result in the junior side of the club fading away until Linda Woodfield (nee Barr) created a resurgence in the junior strength by working hard over the last few years together with a few other dedicated parents to achieve at least one team in most junior grades.

The club was incorporated on 21 October 1993 and is now known as "Lakers Basketball Club Incorporated".

Lakers Basketball Club Inc. Honorary Life Members

Life Member	Bestowed
June Pansini	1979
Russell Huddy	1987
Lynette Hardy	1989
Brian Hardy	1991
Alexis Hildebrandt	1997

"Memorable Moment"

There is two seconds left in the game. Eric Mounts (AAABL import 1980) receives the ball in bounds at the baseline from Greg Wolfe (Lakers second AABL import 1980). Eric turns and shoots the ball with two hands towards the basket at the opposite end of the court. At this stage Lakers are one point down against Cannons. The crown watch in silence. The hooter sounds then the ball swishes the basket at the other end and the crowd jumps up and lifts the roof off the stadium!!!



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LAKERS WOMEN'S TEAM: "THE MIGHTY GREEN & WHITE"

Lakers A Grade Ladies Team was formed in 1968, one year after the first A Grade and A Reserve Men's Teams were formed.

Captain of the Men's Team, Russell Huddy approached Roslyn Flynn (Celtics), Janelle Newley (Collwell) Dazzlers, Diane Griffin (Marsh) Comets and the opening five players in the Townsville Under 18 LADIES Team at that time – Marian Bullen (Stanbrook), Carol Dietrich (Townley), Estelle Wellington (Donohue), Pat Hobson (Webb) and Jan Hague (Huddy). Youngest member of the team was Patty Webb at 15 years of age.

In their first Championship Season the team were in 4^a place at the end of the rounds and from this position went on to cause one of the most unexpected and biggest upsets in many years to take out the Championship Ladies Division – virtually with a team of unknowns in the "big time". In fact the team went on to take out the next three Championship Seasons. They were Minor Premiers in their 4^a year. However, as three of their opening lineup that year made the Queensland Team – the three girls decided to stay on in South Australia and did not return to play in the finals – hence from memory they started the game with 5 players and ran out of players.

Most "famous" of the Lakers players since inception in 1968 would have to be Rose Broomhead. Rose left Lakers with the Queensland Team and from there made the South Australian and Australian Teams. Janelle also played for South Australia on many occasions and is still playing basketball today on the Sunshine Coast. She has also been a member of the winning team at the last three Australian Ladies Masters Basketball Championships and is once again in the team to play in Adelaide in September, Several of the Lakers ladies have made Queensland Representative teams with Nola Page (Murphy) and Liz Howlett topping the list.

Most of the members of the inaugural ladies team are still resident in Townsville.

The original tracksuit top and warmup top worn by their Captain Roslyn Flynn is on display at the reunion, along with three of their T shirts from over 30 years ago and yes – tells the "Crocks" we had the erocodile long before they did and these shirts will show that!!!!

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BASKETBALL FINALS

Bouncers Clash With Nationals

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LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB

Ladies A Grade Premiers - Winter Season 1968.



C.TOWNLEY E.WELLINGTON R.HUDDY (COACH) J.COWELL D.GRIFFIN M.STANBROOK R.FLYNN

DOLPHINS BI BASKETBALL PREMIERS



Bolphins won the El women's winter hashviball promiterable. Team members were (left to right):
Back row: Makasmay, B. Brown, J. Larsen, L. Smith, G. Walchesan; front row: B. McGuinesa,
McEvin (captain), N. Stanbrook (conch), J. Stanbrook (vice-captain), and A. Casey.
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BLACKSTARS BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

BLACKSTARS entered a girl's team into the Townsville Mens Amateur Basketball Association in 1964. In those days there was not the club structure, as we know it today and any team could join the competition and call themselves any name that they wished. This team was coached by Mich McCamley who became well respected in the basketball fraternity not only as a coach and referee but also as a person who was very friendly and willing to help anybody.

The original uniform was a white top with a black pleated skirt. At one time Blackstars were a tan dress with white pleats in the skirt. Other girls' teams eventually joined this original team and it became an all female club. Two of the girls who played for Blackstars in the very early years of the Club, Pam Venn and Sue Venn, still come and watch the ABA games when the Heat and Sunbirds play.

In 1960 Les Gunder, a former executive member of T.M.A.B.A. entered an U16 boys team into the second season of the competition. This team was called Kangaroos and they wore a black singlet with white trim. Eventually other boys' teams joined this original team and it was all male club. Some of the people who played for Kangaroos in the early years were Ron Shillam, John Shillam, Percy Anderson and Des Popham.

In 1967 Kangaroos and Blackstars amalgamated into one club with the colours of Black and White having both male and female players. Over the years Blackstars had different combinations of the black and white. It has been white with black numbers, black with white numbers and when it was allowed black and white stripes. When the present club structure came into being Blackstars settled on their now familiar colours. Blackstars have been in existence for 35 years and are still going strong due to the commitment of a few dedicated people. This year Blackstars have 50 teams entered in the Junior and Senior competitions. What a mighty record?

In 1987 Blackstars had 4 Junior and 2 Senior teams nominated. Club stalwarts Ann Hunter (nee Hansen) and the late Mary McVea (known to many as Mick) had kept the club going with their dedication as coaches, secretary and treasurer and fundraisers! Ray Taylor had just moved on as Club President and boys coach and the future of Blackstars looked in doubt. Bill & Lynne James and Geoff Payne decided to secure the future of their club.

Blackstars won their first-ever Patron's Cup championship division men's final 89-88 against Hyats. Howard 'Magic' Chambers shot a last-second three-pointer, "which seemed to arch in from somewhere out near Magnetic Island to send the crowd into uproar" and sealed the match. Howard won player of the match with his 40 point haul.

Howard Chambers won the Best & Fairest Player award for CDM in 1993, 1995, 1996 while playing for Blackstars. In 1993 the Juniors set a new record winning nine premierships including U10 Boys Div I coached by Rodey James (only 5 years since he won the same age group final).

1993 also saw Giedrius Kurtinaitis join in the trainings of Rodey's U10 boys team. Giedrius was the son of Townsville Sun and NBL superstar Rimas Kurtinaitis. Unfortunately Giedrius was only 6 years of age and was ruled unable to compete in the local club competition until he turned 7 years of age. If only U8's were allowed to play in 1993! Giedrius' uniform is believed to be the first Blackstars' uniform to be worn in Spain when Rimas went to play for 'Read Madrid'.

1993 also saw former Czechoslovakian women's national basketball league coach Stefan Molokae arrive in Townsville and begin coaching Blackstars CDW team. Stefan coached the U23W team to the final and the CDW to their first semi-final.

In 1994 Life Membership of the Club was granted to Ann Hunter in

recognition of the years of dedicated work for Blackstars. Ann is still coaching U10 & U12 girls today.

1995 brought Jenny Froling into Blackstars as player/coach of CDW. Jenny, wife of NBL player Shane Froling is a former WNBL player and assistant coach. Jenny was also appointed assistant coach of the Townsville Sunbirds.

1995 proved to be a huge success for Blackstars' Juniors. The largest club among juniors with 38 teams in the competition, Blackstars had 22 of their teams contest 19 grand finals in the Townsville junior club championships. Blackstars also set a club record by winning 10 grand finals – this record still stands in 1999.

At the end of 1996 Bill James resigned as President and Sandra Robson was elected to the position.

Exhibition games were played at Mundingburra State School and Pimlico State High School with just the handful of juniors in the club at the time, including Michelle, Elizabeth, Glenda and Rodey James, Chailee Payne, Linda Down, Belinda and Melissa Beicker. The students came out of the woodwork to register to play and 1988 was a completely different story. Ann Hunter continued coaching juniors while Mary looked after the Senior Ladies' teams. Townsville U14 representative players Elizabeth James, Chailee Payne and Linda Down commenced coaching the new juniors and Michelle James took on her brother Rodey's team which consisted of his Mundingburra State School classmates. This team made the U10 Grand Finals and even their teacher, Mr Rob McIntyre, was present to cheer them on to victory. Michelle coached Rodey's team to Division 1 grand final success in Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14.

Essential to this success were the dedicated parents who nominated for positions in the active management committee. Early committee members included Geoff Payne, Geoff Evans, Robert Bruce, Ann Hansen and Bill & Lynne James who set the groundwork for the expansion of Blackstars and pursuant club management.

Teams trained at Mundingburra and Hermit Park State Schools. Success drew more juniors to the club and some coaches now had 8 teams to train. Fundraising efforts were stepped up and sponsorship deals were closed. This enabled the club to purchase necessary uniforms and training equipment. Efforts were rewarded in 1990 when Blackstars won the Junior Club Championship.

Special acknowledgment must be given to Sam Giansiracusa of the former Luigi's'Fruitland the Steve & Dot King of Leader Constructions for their substantial sponsorship.

Now was the time to focus on the future of these juniors. Blackstars did not have A Grade teams. In 1992 Brian Voevodin as Club President finalised negotiations to recruit Henry McCaskill to organise and coach Championship Division Means and Womens Teams to ensure talented Juniors had their future with the club secure. To obtain bonefide A Grade players, Blackstars recruited from the Burdekin to support the upcoming talent in the club. This was quite a radical move in 1992 but is commonplace for almost all the Townsville CDM and CDW teams in 1999. Blackstars again won the Junior Club Championship in 1992.

Bill James took the reins of Club President again in 1993. He was ably assisted by Vice President Mario Zappala who began the laborious task of achieving Incorporation for the Club. Sandra Robson accepted the position of Secretary.

We are proud of the number of junior players who have been in representative teams, who have coached and/or refereed.

Blackstars continues to be the largest club in Townsville with 23 junior teams and 27 senior teams nominated.

With talented men's coach Ron Tilley joining the ranks with Henry McCaskill and Jenny Froling the future of the club looks secure.



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Queensland Representative players in the 1970s

Back row: Mark Bragg, Ross Christoffon, Ian Tudehope Front row: Kev McElligott, Colin Page, Ian Craddock, Keery Conn, Rick Pettiwood, Clive McCall





These young banketball players left Townsville on Setunday, bound for Barnin, Teamania, where they members of the Queensland team to play in the Australian Under 16 titles. Left to right they are: Mar Rose Christoffe, Mr. Charlis Dayle Imemoper-consth, len Tudekape and Celin Page. With Peter Meer Seven, they will take their place in the Seute's 10-man team. The team will play eight genes in T-CAIRC TROOM.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Playing For Queensland



Left to eight: Eliesboth Howlett (16), of Colvics, Neele Murphy (16), of Lakers, and Elien Winton (15), of Boursers, who left Townsville by air on Solveday afternoon for Adelaide, The three Townsville girk were shown as members of the Queensland under 18 representative team to play in the Australian backsthall championships in Adelaide. (Alex Trotter phono)

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P.Y.C. U14 Girls' Basketballers



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NEWS OF THE DAY Minor Junior Basketball Season Opens



Minor Junior Basketballers occupied the whole of No. 1 court when they paraded at the
opening of the winter season on Saturday.



The long and the short of women's baskethall — 6ft. Nos. tall Rase Verrebeti (left), of lingham, and 5ft. lin. short Nola Murphly go up for the ball while practicing at the Coccuran Park courts this week. Rose is an Australian international player, Nola. a Queenstand under 18 representative, would also little to ambe the Australian team.

(Also Trouter phota)



The Oldies had a comfortable win over Glasts B in the B division final of the summer baskethall knockout competition. They dewned Glasts 117-23. Pictured Green left): Visce Flynn (present president of Cellies and zone scording-phenomers) Fred Edwards, Brian Morrison, Charlie Doyle, Brian "Tibly" Flynn, Reuben Redbeed and Kevin Sugara, all of whom that Cellies players in the early sixties.

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Lyn Smith, Carol Huddy, Janelle Colwell, Rose Verzeletti, Jan Bell, Liz Howlett, Shirley Barr, Patsy Neilsen May Geaney, Candy Gorrie, Lorraine Cattle, Ellen Winton, Vince Flynn, Noela Murphy, Marsh Searston, Sue Hinds



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Back row: Sue Bolton, Maureen Thompson, Jayne Howlett, Vince Flynn, Cheryl Gustavson, Ann Ahern, Candy Gorrie Front row: Angela Papalexion, Cheryl McFarlane, Liz Howlett, Marsha Searston

WHIRLWINDS MEN'S AMATEUR BASKETBALL CLUB TOWNSVILLE
"B" GRADE UNDEFEATED GRAND PREMIERS
Championship Season 1972



Back Row, I, to r. ; M. SMITH (President), B. BYRNE, B. WILLIAMS, C. CASEY, G. ROLLINGS, D. CASEY (Scorer).
Front Row, I. to r. ; H. KEITH, D. SLATTERY (Coynoid), P. DANNAHER, A. McMAHON.



NQ 1971 MENS team

Back row: B Murphy, R Bannister, W Carrell, G Kimber, R Bannister, W Kennedy
Front row: R Downs, N/A, J Potts, B Mann, N/A

1973 CELTIC'S U14 Undefeated Premiers & Grand Final Winners



Back Row, L to R.: E. Winton (coach), K. Hosking, M. Soong, A. Kennedy. Front Row, A. Craddock, K. Griffin, L. Armstrong (capt.), A. Winton, P. Mills.

ELLEN WINTON – SENIOR WOMENS REPRESENTATIVE & CLUB UNDER 18 WOMENS COACH

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Ellen joined Celtics Club in 1972 after having played her initial basketball with the Bouncers Club in the age groups 10 to 16, 1971 saw Ellen make the North Queensland U16 team and gain selection in the Queensland U16 team which participated in the Australian Junior Titles at Adelaide.

1972/73 Ellen again represented North Queensland in the U18 State Titles at Mackay and Caloundra. Ellen has been a regular member of the Townsville representative teams and last year coached the Townsville U16 to two good wins over Mackay in the Zone Trials. A heavy pointscorer in club competition Ellen was equal top scorer in the association fixtures championship season 1973.

ANNETTE WINTON

Age 13, started playing at the age of 9 in 1969. Annette is also a member of the U14 girls side which won the Premiership last year. Annette was chosen the winner of the clubs trophy "The lady with the most potential".

She has also represented Townsville in the Junior Grades against Mackay, Caims and District, with success. Annette also has had the experience and help from the A Grade games, gaining her a place in the North Queensland side to go to Brisbane.

Annette is currently employed as the Townsville Basketball Junior Director of Coaching.



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A New Age

CONTRACT FOR B'BALL STADIUM



The contract was signed yesterday for the construction of a basketball stadium on the Murray Sporting Complex. ABOVE: An artist's impression of the indoor stadium, to cost about \$131,00). The estimated completion date is March next year. BELOW: Pictured at the contract signing were (from left): Back row: Messrs B. Morrison (president, Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association), R. Hall (architect, Robley, Hall and Dunlop); J. Davies (life member, Basketball Association). Front row (from left):

R. Redhead and A. Macklin (stadium trustees) and W. Raddicliffe (builder).

(Alex Trotter photo)

15 OCT 1974 Basketball Stadium To Cost \$181,000

Negotiations currently under way should see the signing this week of a firm contract for the building of a basketball stadium as part of the fast-developing Murray sporting complex.

Mr. Brian Morrison, president of the Townsville Basketball Association, made this announcement following the premiership competition finals on Sunday night.

competition finals on Sun-day night.

The proposed stadium building is expected to cost about \$181,000.

Mr. Morrison said it was planned that the stadium in its initial development, schould cater for one in-door and four outdoor courts.

The building will have an estimated completion date set on March, 1975.



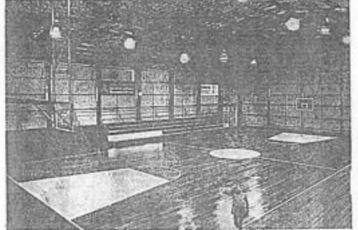
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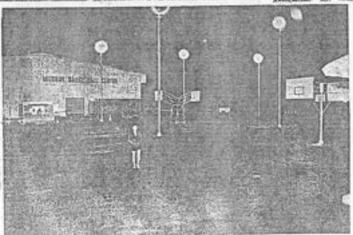
A New Stadium

New Indoor Basketball Stadium



present houses only one court (pictured), although provision has been made for further

"built in the future. RIGHT: In addition to the indoor court, four courts have an constructed the stodium

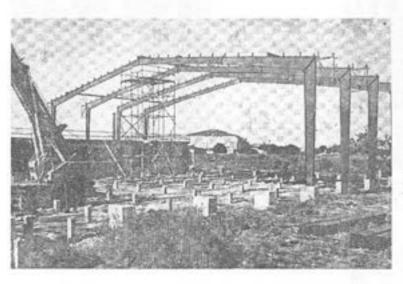


Opens Today Townsville's basketball facilities will

become among the best in Australia today with the official opening of the new \$192,000 indoor stadium at the Murray Sporting Complex.

be officially opened tonight by the Federal Member for Herbert and patron of the T.M.A.B.A., Mr. R. N. (Duke) Bonnett.

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Townsville's new \$200,000 indoor basketball stadium began taking shape this week when the hall's steel framework was hoisted into place.

The building, begun in October last year, is expected to be finished at the end of next

month.
Work completed this week marks the half way point in the building's progress.
The stadium at the Marray Sporting Com-

Murray Sporting Com-plex, will have one in-door and four outdoor

A canteen, manager's office and players am-enities have been in-cluded in the building's

cluded in the building's design.
So far the Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association has received \$42,000 from the State Government and \$17,000 from Federal Government towards the building's cost.

(Alex Trotter photo)





Premiers Entertain Premiers



a It was an historic occasion when the young Bouncers 1975 team, whose played on the Association courts at Corcoran Fark, enbarished the on those courts in 1932. In future it is anticipated that all premierable Murray basketball stadium, which was officially opened, last Saturable relebration were (from left): Back row: M. Bragg J. Shilliam, W. K. second row: K. Sugars, T. Anderson, D. Kippen, R. Priory, D. Lebou. Rabonie, N. Groves, D. Alica, R. Nichson; front row: F. Edward

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(Alex Trotter photos)



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TREVOR AND NORMA ROBERTS

1974 saw the beginnings of another club, Westco Mazda, when an A grade women's team was created. These pioneers were mostly ex Bouncers players and included Lyn Haylett, Norma Roberts, Roslyn Geaney, Noela Shillam and Chris Russell. Because of the structure of the association these girls became affiliated with the Celtic's club for the first year, but in 1975 an A grade men's team was formed with well-known players like Trevor Roberts, Des Popham and Neville Turley. Many of the folk who are still involved with the club as it is known today, started playing in the B grade teams in 1975. Their children are now carrying on the Cannons tradition including the Popham's, Robertson's, Geaney's, Myles', Russell's and Roberts families.

Westco Mazda gained the services of the American import, Phil Nolan, in the early 1980's when the AAABL program was established and when Glenn Stump came to Townsville to play CBA in 1987 he too became associated with the "Cannons" club.

Glenn became a familiar figure in the Townsville basketball community for more than 10 years and has only recently returned to the USA. Known as the "Go-To-Man", his long-range "3 pointer's" were his trademark.

Junior teams first played under the Westeo Mazda banner in 1981 with the guidance of Ray Myles who had been associated with the Devils club.

The club changed its name to Cannons in 1983 and has gone on from strength to strength in both Junior and Senior Associations.

Life Members

Denis Russell Des Popham Cliff Croll Roslyn Geaney Trevor Roberts Jim Robertson Debbie Bracken



Westco Mazda

Mazda won on defence

Weston Mazda breared to a 54-38 win against Lakers at the Murray Basketball Stadium in the Championahip Division Mena competition on Wednesday night.

Lakers were without the high scoring duo of Kerry Conn, who has been injured, and Colin Pattet who is attending the Australian under 20 Titles in Victoria, and were outclassed by Westco.

The Mazdas led the entire first half and coasted to a 24-15 half time score.

Westco's defence extended to full court at the beginning of the halfwhich resulted in an immediate 4 points. Mike Caspanly gave Lakers four points from the free throw lice in the sixth mixing which were the last points Lakers scored for ten minutes.

During this period Westeo took full advantage of the Lakers insecurate shooting to expand the lead \$1-26.

Lakers tried parnety to recover the difference in the light ten minutes and outsdored Westco 12 points to 2 to leave the final accre of 54-38.

Westoo's captain Trevor Roberts led his team's accring with 18 points and received a consistent effort from Trevor Anderson with 12 points.

Rodney Krans was Lakers best with 11 points and a good rebounding game along with Roger Bannister.

Bouncers won its match against Devils or forfest.

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Col Page No. 14 and Trevor Anderson No. 8

IAN Tudehope (No. 13) of Bouncers (Tigers) soars past Westco Mazda's Lindsay Orchard (No. 9) for two points in the Group A Preliminary Final at the Queensland Club Championships in Rockhampton. Ross Sheppard (No. 12) is following in hoping for a rebound. Bouncers won 54-31 to go into the Group A final against Gold Coast Cougars.

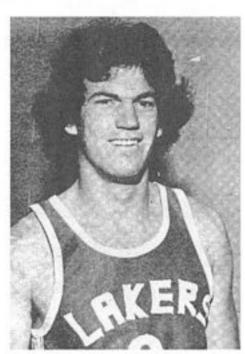




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LEFT TO RIGHT: L. McGovr, B. Hardy, L. Witterns (Captain), S. Mikulaki, T. Panaini, P. Raine. Photography by Arch Frainy

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LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION WOMEN

Premiers & Minor Premiers, Patrons Cup & Championship Division 1978



Back row: (L. to R.) B. Flynn (Coach), J. Hague, C. Gorman, P. Hobson, D. Pansini (President).

Front row: (L. to R.) D. Mills, N. Page (Captain), R. Verzeletti, G. Gordon, D. Hughes.

Photography By Arch Fraley

Giants Basketball Club UNDER 16 GIRLS DIVISION 1 PREMIERSHIP WINNERS 1978



B/R. L/R. F. Edwards, (Coschl., G. Irvine, L. McElliott, B. Lane, H. Everingham, J. Vigonelli, J. Daviss (Manageress).
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NORMA CONNOLLY - NQ GIRLS - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Bright future for basketball in north



The North Queenslanders leaving for Devonport, Tasmania. From Left: Trisha Dolan, Chris Neilsen, Norma Connelly, Bridgette ne, Megan Dunn, Gayle Gordon, Robyn Blackburn and Tania Commbes.

North Queensland under 16 girls are the best basketballers in Australia.

Seven northerners were in the 10 strong Queensland squad that won the gold medal at the national under 16 titles in Devonport, Tasmania last week.

They were the same girls that formed the nucleus of the North Queensland team that blitzed all comers in the state championships, in

northerners Rockhampton in March.

They are: Trisha Dolan (Cairns), Chris Neilsen (Ayr), Robyn Blackburn (Mackay), and Bridgette Lane, Megan Dunn, Tania Coombes and Gayle Gordon (Townsville).

The girls downed South Australia 60-56 in the final on Saturday night after losing to them in the preliminary rounds by a similar margin.

Bridgette Lane top scored for the Queenslanders in the earnival, but she was certainly not alone in finding the basket. Every girl scored in every match.

"It was a team effort," said their coach Norma Connelly, "It would be unfair to name any particular outstanding player.

"They were all outstanding."

The girls had no time for sight-seeing: they played one game every night from Monday till the final on Saturday night.

Despite the packed schedule there were no injuries or strained muscles and all the girls will be fit to line up for the inter-city carnival in Mackay this weekend.



1979 AUSTRALIAN U16 GIRLS CHAMPIONS

Includes Townsville Girls Gayle GORDON, Tanya COOMBES, Bridgette LANE, Norma CONNOLLY (coach)

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Giants notch their M first basketball win

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Karen Trussler levelled the scores from the free throw line and Gall Sorner gave the Tigers the lead for the first time in the match with one ninute thirty seconds of in the game.

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Carr gets Brisbane offer

TOWNSVILLE'S Australian under 20 basketball re-presentative Jim Carr may move to Brisbane for the 1980 sesson. TUES 4-7-77

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ional experience," he said. Out of the 11 games on tour Carr layed six.

There were 13 members in the Australian equal.

"But I dotn't some many points in the first few games," he added.

AUSTRALIAN U20 men's basketbell representative, Jim Carras basketbell fans in Townsville know him best, the Tigers' (Bouncers) high scoring centre (No. 5).



JIM CARR

TOWNSVILLE men's Chem-plonship Division side, Whithelinds, ramped home to convincingly best local arch rival team, Bouncers, in the second round of eliminations for the Queensland club pre-mierahip of the Murrity Bas-ketball Stadium yesterday.

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Whirlwinds too good for Bouncers



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TRAGIC LOSS

THE basketball community of Queensland was: shocked recently by the tragic and untimely passing of Sharon Anderson.

Sharon, who was captain of Westco Mazda in Townsville, was a talented player, possessed of great determination and team spirit. She also had that unique ability to transmit to her club mates the vital interest she had in playing and promoting basketball. Both on and off the court, Sharon was a dedicated and energetic worker for the sport she loved.

Sharon joined Westco Mazda when the club was formed in 1975 and was a loyal dedicated member. Prior to joining the Mazdas Sharon played for Bouncers.

During her basketball career Sharon represented North Queensland in under 16, under 18 and senior teams and from 1972 to 1975 represented Queensland in the under 16 and under 18 grades.

I am confident that the whole of the Queensland basketball community joins with me in offering sincere condolences to her family and friends and club mates.

The most fitting memorial that Sharon could have is that we should all continue to work wholeheartedly for the sport she so loved and enjoyed, and encourage our young players to adopt that spirit of co-operation and determination to succeed that was so much a part of Sharon's nature...DAN SLATTERY.

PRESIDENT'S DEATH LOSS TO BASKETBALL

HE Townsville's Men's Amateur Başkeibeli Association was dealt a severe blow with the sudden death of its president Eric Kippen waterday reprints.

Mr. Kippen, St. was admitted to the Townsville General Hospital on Jendary night and died in the early hours of presentary morning from a seat attice.

Mr. Kippen will long will be remembered as the man who came to the lot of the TMABA in a Turne of crimi.

Executive member of the TMABA, Mr. Dun Blattery, said yesterday, for Kippen was the "best thing that could have happened to baskert all in 1979."

all in 1979. "Once of us had ever heard of first Kippen until he beped into the president's shoes at the beginning I this year's season, "Mr. Sinthery added. The association was in all norts of trouble Mr. Sinthey said, with no-one wanting to take up the posion of president.
"Then Evit made the heave gesture and stepped sward to take up the responsibility," Mr. Sinthery ad. Therefore he had only had a brief association with a code but one that would hast a life-time. Mr. Sinthey added.

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"He was a joby good president"... a very fair man he was more seclined to negotiate any position fiber than be directanged.

Mr. Kippen's son. Danat, played basisethall far any years with local dath Boussers before being audienced with the bank to the Wide Bay area.

"It was his son's lovoterement in basisethall that reaght Eric to the president's chair," Mr. Stattery sid.

"He was the best thing that sould have happened to basisethall because he brought fresh pleas to the decretive and was no non-who commanded respect." Mr. Rippen is survived by his wife. Joan and others have, Jane and David.

State brother Lindson, suid Eric was a fair man who oke time out for surphody.

"People both all over North Querentiand will resember Eric as a man who gave everybody a fair go." Expect said.

A first and carner by trade, with the Bailway Destront for many years. Mr. Rippen said Eric was the best had sed most of his life in Townsville, his birthplace.

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The later joined the 9th Field Ambulance with the My and was a Captain.

Mr. Kippers said his brother had a history of heart with the will be the history of heart with the manner of the control of

TOP SHOT

Veteran Trevor Roberts talks factors with 16-year-old Colin Gunn at training this week.

Cannons' confidence rides on right blend

CANNONS captain-coach Trever Roberts is convinced be has the right mix of youth and experience to win Saturday's Towneysle championship div-ince men's basketball grand fluit.

Roberts, the 33-year-old veteran of the Cannons line-up, knows what it takes to win a grand final.

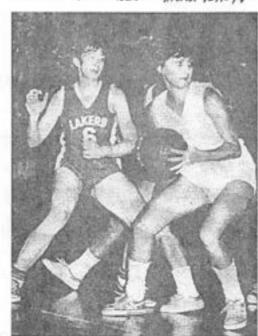
He contested his first premiership decider back in 1976 and was a member of Cannons winning grand final teams in 1981 and 1987.

Although he will take three relatively inexperienced justor players — the youngest of which is just 16 — into Sarourday's clash with Gunta-JCEI at the Morray Stadium.

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Chris Russell for Westco - Mazdas looks for support as Bridgette Lane moves in for Lakers in defence.

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T'ville juniors TUES 8-5-79

TOWNSVILLE junior basketball teams dominated the annual North Queensland May long weekend carnival with resounding wins in nearly every division.

The carnival is held each year by the Townsville Minor Junior Amateur Basketball Association. Local sides won five of the six grand finals played yesterday at the Murray Basketball Stadium.

The first final on the cards was for U12 gris. Old divals Townsville and Mackay fought a tough battle. So tough, in fact, that it resulted in a 35-all draw at fallitime.

An extra five minutes of play enabled Townsville to get the upper hand and just manage to contain the sugar city. 40-38.

In the U12 boys grand final it was a different story, the Townsville No. I beam romping bome to beat Mackay 39-18.

The U14 girls final was a friends meet friends battle, when Townsville murber one and two teams were drawn to play-off.

In a close game Townsville No. I took the hopeurs 25-19.

Townsville U14 boys made a de-sperate break in the last half to win outright from Mackay No. 1 41-3B

41-38.
There was nothing separating the two teams at the halfilime break, but a goal-scoring burst by the local boys put the home team in front unopposed.
The U18 boys was the only grand final Townsville didn't get a look

in.

Caims and Mackay No. 2 teams fought it out, with Caims taking the win 49-37.

The Townsville U16 team was minus several star players selected in the North Queensland U16 team for the State champtonships in Toowoomba nextweekend.

The representative players left for Mackay yesterday morning to train with the Mackay plasers in the side.

Celtics have the job to 10-5-79

Lakers

CELTICS attempt to master premiership leaders Lakers in women's championship basketball fixtures at Murray Stadium tonight.

The match is scheduled for 9

The match is scheduled for 9 p.m.
Lakers are currently well out in beat of all apposition and will remain in first place, whether it registers a win of not lej this match. Ceitics however need to win to remain in front of Westeo Mardas who are also in line to take one of the coverted two final positions. Ceities are the only team to have defeated Lakers this year and did so on that occasion because of the pressure applied by its full coort defence.

Since then Lakers have added a similar defence to its list of altributes and will be placing Ceities ball controllers under heavy pressure.

Bose Vermistil has shown Lakers.

ball controllers under beavy pre-ssure.

Rose Verzeletti has given Lakers the edge of the rebounds in each game this year and will be hand to stop tenight.

Bridgest Laire and Gall Goedon will be Lakers scoring booses while Celtics will be depending on Sandy Mills and Kerry Griffin fo score from the set plays.

Celtics best chance of a win will come from its extra speed and if this saset is combined with sour-rate shooting Celtics may be able to tose Lakers again.

Bouncers play Westen in the 8

Bouncers play Westoo in the 8 p.m. game and will have to produce top baskethall to win. Westoo are becoming an efficient unit and have developed strength down to the last player.

Because of this point Westco start as hot favourites despite the Tigers height.

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Australian - American Amateur Basketball League

Top U.S. players here seven weeks



Player No. 44) white ahel) with built is frame Uha-one of the 12 waiting American beaterballers in Economie.

A VISIT by 12 top American basketballers to I ownsville, Ayr and ingham for almost two months is expected to provide a major boost to the standard of the sport in North Queensland.

The visiting sportsmen, here for the 1900 Australia American American Baskethall League (A.A.B.L.) Series — the limit to be played in the Morth, are among the top polyees in the United States.

They are ranked among the top 50 baskethallars in the National Association at livinocollegists Athleton (N.A.L.) in America.

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helicates in the nectional recognision of in-tercollegiste Athletics (V.A.I.A.) in America. The visiture actived in Townscille on Monday and will agend the next seven weeks playing with and coacting northers players and conducting coacting programs at various schools.

The A.A.B.L. series was organised by a local committee of the league — which is only played in Queenstend — at a cost of \$24,000.

\$24,000. Organises hope to recoup most, if not all, of this through admission fees to A.A.A.B.L. matches. They believe any money not secoped will have been well spent on improving the standard of northern.

players.

The Americans — six forwards and six guards — are from colleges and universities throughout the United States which are attlianed with the NAIA. In these colleges, sport is a visit part of the ebusiness of company.

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normal Committee where at 6.45 p.m.

During their stay in the North, the visiting N.A.I.A. basisetsellers will play two weekly ---- on Sundays (two games in Townsville.

Also in Townsville that westered will be the Owerstand according schools championships for man and women.

During the rest of their stay, the American will couch learns from the other brey play with two afternoons a week as well as saming with the club's league team.

They will also couch administry at secondary and premay schools in Townsville, Apr and highean. Teamly schools are all present on the noster but there is most for more. Any achools interested in coaching secolories should confect Mr. Ken Burts, cheminan of the A.A.A.E.L. committee in Townsville on 72 1377.

thermon of the A.A.A.S., committee in Townside on 72 1377.

The eight Americans in Townsville will also coach Townsville representative speaks of 14 players on Thersdays from 4 to 6 p.m. (U12 and U14 boys and grid) and Fridays from 4 to 5.30 p.m. (U16 and U18

twee codepes, sport is a visat part of the educational curriculum.

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\$30,000 poured into most ambitious N.Q. promotion

U.S. stars to launch basketball bonanza

Brisbane bounces into action at Townsville on Monday when 14 American basketballers jet into the city.

The Townsville Basketball Association, with the assistance of major sponsor, Eagle Insurance plus contributions from the seven member blubs, will pour more than \$50,000 into the promotion which will feature a special seven week competition.



LOFTY Marion College Indiana toward Steve Hoodfark lines up for a shor during a recent sear college clash. The 196 cm is see 6 inches) Misodfark averages 19.5 points and 13 incounts per game, in the 1960-87 season ha received an SALA honourable mention as well as being named at All Chahot and All Confinence player. He was also the Player of the Year in the Mic Cantal American Conference.



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At the Murray Stadium Wednesday, 25th June

6.45 p.m. Sacramento Cettics USA vs Townsville Under 18 Women 8 p.m. Official Ballot for players by the Mayor of Townsville, Alderman Perc Tucker 8.15 p.m. All Star Warm Up

8.30 p.m. All Star match Music by Townsville Citizens Band

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TOWNSVILLE
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NORTH QUEENSLAND U18 GIRLS 1981

Left to Right: Debbie Mills, Gail Horner, Gail Gordon, Megan Dunn, Bridgette Lane

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CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION WOMEN

PATRONS CUP AND CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON PREMIERS - 1980



Top row (left to right): C. GORMAN, D. GREGG, V. GARA, B. LANE, F. HOBSON, B. FLYNN (Couch). Battom row (left to right) : D. MILLS, N. PAGE (Captain), G. GORDON, G. WESCHE.

Lack of response caused by mix-up

wille will be well represented at the North Queensland senior A LATE surge of nominations has assured Town women's basketball zone trials on February 9-10.

A LATE surge of nominations has assured Townsville will be well represented at the Morth Gueensland senior women's basketheil zone trials on February 9-10.

It has also guaranteed for the bids in Townsville, Earlier some the doubt had existed as to the trials being conducted here if Townsville could not predoce a representative team.

Many creation to such five the part frownsville selection of as the Queensland Serior women's conducting ground in the part of the present the part forward for the local papers reluctance to conduct the plant of the community making the State team for the street to the system of selection being employed by State coach Mr. Harry Spencer, of Toorwords, the papers to the system of the system of the system of the system of the special of the system of the specia

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WHIRLWINDS have decided to continue their players training incentive scheme again this year.

This is the same scheme that won Terry Matheson and David Casey a 61/2 week trip to America and saw Alan Woodford win a two week

all expenses paid holiday to Great Keppel Island. To be eligible players must sign on with Whirtwinds before their fourth Championship Division game this year. For any players interested the date is Sunday 30, March.

CONSTRUCTION of the new "Amenities Room" at the Murray Stadium is well under way and will be in use before the Easter Carnival. This will ensure that all the bugs are eliminated from the refrigeration and such things before Townsville's 28th Annual Easter Carnival.

TOWNSVILLE'S new 'Selmen' lighting system will also be fully opperational for Easter. The 50 lamps are arranged in a special lockable 15.15.20 witching system that will give very precise control over the light levels in the Murray Stadium.

ONE hundred and two teams are now participating in Townsville's Patron Cup Competition which will conclude on Sunday, June 8. In the Patrons Cup round a short finals system is used with the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in each grade playing off in a Sudden death game. A run down of teams is as follows, senior men 29, junior men 6, senior women 53, junior women 14. These figures do not include minor junior teams from 10 to under 14 years.

TOWNSVILLE club strength is Westco Mazda 16 teams, Lakers and Whirlwinds 15, Bouncers 12, Blackstars and Devils 10, Celtics 9, Glants 8, Hyats 6 and Burdekin with their championship men's team competing on an invitation basis.

FEELING is running high in Townsville and in North Queensland over the forced cancelation of the Queensland under 20 Men's Championship in Mount Isa. If the ears of officials and under 20 men in the three slack zones are burning they

ips in North Queensland. It is to be hoped that a current move to boycott all state championships in the three zones does not gain momentum.

Absence of Celtics' tall forwards takes its toll

took advantage of the absence of Cettos' tall forwards to win con-vincingly 50 - 29 in the Murray flaskerball Stadium on Tuesday night.

After trailing throughout the first half Glants opened up strongly in the second half and some fast break play and scourate shooting by Jan Bannis-ter out them in the lead.

Glants players looked by far the sharper in the second half and the good supply of ball won from the recounts allowed them to dictate

The absence of Jerry Garrone, Gey Averall and Sandy Mills seriously esakered Cellics and Ser lean bolad difficults in the base to Converse Carrival in Ayr last weekend.

Giants coach, Poper Bannister, made good use of his superior bench strength in the vital second had to run the Cetics' players off their feet. As Giants score mounted the

good preview of top class busketball, they will play as the learn goins experience throughout the season.

Top sooners for giants were Mary Jenner 12 and Savina Huddy and Jan Barmister with 10 each while for Cetica, Kerry Griffin shot 12.

in the 8 p.m. game Lakers hell off against a determined finish by Weston Mazdas to win 33 - 27.

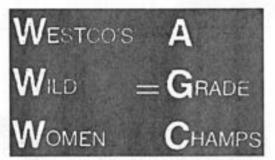
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Both teams had diffourly finding range and although the game was fast. the scorefore was low. Tag scorer for Lahers was Note Page with 13 points while Donna Wilkerson with eight points was Westoo's most successful shoulder.

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After Tuesday's right games the championship eumens ladder is Lakers 12 points. Westoo Mazdas 11, flouncers 10, disnets and Cettos 9 and Burdskin 5.

But Bouncers and Burdskin here a gene to play on Sunday night and a win by Bouncers will put 8 on equal first place with Lakers.



Cleve gives Geoff 18 inches start



GSC/F SAMER's six tool eight inches/2.1m) and only 17, is one ig 11 members of the visiting North Massin Homets basketball beam to six 1 first six feet.

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Revitalised Burdekin is tipped as surprise packet for '81 basketball season

arprise of the 1985 champing Brage, a former Bouncer's yet, has liven in Melbourne for ir press playing with the Mar-owner Tigens under Grynquis ch. Lindaug Guse. We have been a supplement to burdekin Association. Johns Brage will be another Bouncers side. Jun Curr. who steen playing in Stubians.





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 COMING up. One double handed stam dunks Lawson Pilgrim. Lawson hit 59 points to lead Terbert River to a 113-102 victory over Bouncers to win the Ken Burnes Eagle Living Insurance Trophy. Looking on in awe is Ian Tudehode.

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Trio in team to Adelaide







COACH SUSPENDS

DISCIPLINARY action by Townsville team Whirlwinds' captaincoach at the Queensland finals of the 1980 Australian Basketball
Cup drew praise from senior officials yesterday.
Captain-coach John Pollock suspended two of Whirlwinds' opening
line-up, David Casey and invitation player Allan Woodford, on the
eve of a vital playoff for third place.
The two were suspended for breaking curfew on Saturday night.
Queensland Amateur Basketball Association president Mr. B.
Neilsen said he agreed with Pollock's decision, and added that
players must be made to face up to their responsibilities to their
clubs.
The Australian Junior council secretary, Mr. B. Young who also

clubs.

The Australian junior council secretary, Mr. B. Young, who also attended the competition, said it was heartening to see there were still coaches who were prepared to discipline their players.

Whiriwinds lost the playoff against Mayne (Brisbane) by four points after two periods of extra play.

Townsville women's team at the competition, Celtics, finished fifth after beating Rockhampton team, Panthers, 40-31.

Best and fairest player for this game was awarded to Townsville girl Kerry Griffin.

girl Kerry Griffin.

Brisbane team Mayne carried first place in the women's division of the competition, while Cougars (Gold Coast) won the men's.

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Tempers flare in fiery start to 1981

thrown in a fiery start to the 1981 Patron's Cup basketball competition at Murray Stadium on Sundaynight.

In the last match of the night between Burde-kin and Whirlwinds tempers flared resulting in three players being sent from the court following the ensuing melee.
The players, Whirl-

Tues 3rd march.

winds captain coach. Tim O'Melia and Burdekin forwards, John Eathorne and Stephen Fry. pefore the TMABA Tribunal. will now have to appear

The incident caused an uproar from the large crowd which felt the referees missed sending off the player who was re-sponsible for the fight.

Whiriwinds were lead-ing 54-48 five minutes from full time when the fracas occurred.

Whirlies player, Greg Mitcheihill was called for a violation and instead of rolling the ball to the sideline as is required by the rules he held the ball and when two Burdekin players attempted to take it from him, punches were thrown.

After the game Eathorne said he became inthe smallest player in the Burdekin team, being

O'Melia said he did not see the beginning of the upheaval but turned to see Eathorne shaping up to Mitchelhill and came into push Eathorne away from his teammate. Whirlwinds went

downhill following the incident and Burdekin

won comfortably 65-56. Officials said the incident ruined a good game.

Up to that time both teams had been playing good basketball and their point for point struggle had spectators on the edges of their

O'Mella had over-shadowed his rival, Mark Bragg in their many one on one encounters and showed greater determi-

Jim Carr showed he has matured as a basketball player when he used his height to great advan-tage under the basket. Carr was Burdekin's top shot with 26 points.

Top scorer for Whirlies was O'Melia with 14 points.

In the 7 p.m. game Bouncers was too experienced for Lakers winning 74-53 after leading 40-27

Bouncers' Andrew Hughes made a good start to the season with Bouncers' 19 points and was well supported by Alan Lane, 14, and Barry Horner, 13.

Kerry Conn was Lakers' top scorer with 18 points while Neville Alexander shot 13.

Tribunal suspends players

WHIRLWINDS captaincoach Tim O'Melia was one of three basketball players to be suspended after a hearing of the TMABA tribunal last night.

The other two players were Burdekin forwards John Eath-ome and Stephen Fry.

O'Melia and Eathorne were found guilty of charges of fighting, including wrestling involving two players, and were both suspended by the tribunal for two weeks from March 2.

Fry was found guilty of striking another player, and was

ing another player, and was suspended for one week from

Mr. Dan Slattery, public rela-tions officer of the Townsville Basketball Association last night Basketball Association last right said the tribunal regarded the incident as a minor offence and imposed the minimum penalty. The hearing resulted from a fracas at the Murray Basketball Stadium on Sunday night. In the last match of the night, between Burdekin and Whiri-

winds, the three players were sent off after an incident in which the referees missed send-ing off the player many of the spectators felt was responsible.



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Westco-Mazda signs top U.S. forward

season last year, Westco - Mazda, has signed an American forward who played here last

season as captain - coach.
The player, Poli Nolin, who played in the Australia - Anostra League last season will serve in April to take up his position.

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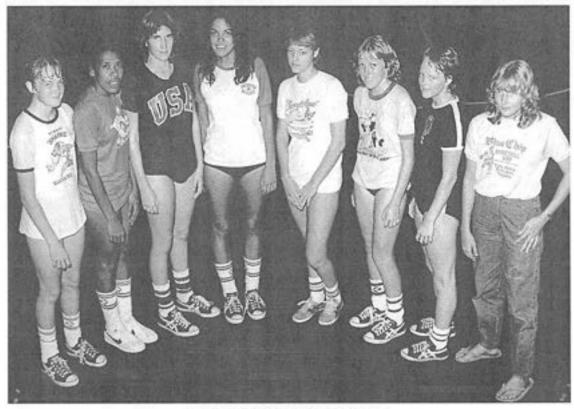
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are confident we can see it was price a step, momental.

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AT 160, Pall Nellin trights in the jump for a rebeamd with Ministricted. Don Charries treated and Paul Taylies, in the A.A.B.L. great fines at the Marriey Backetball Stadium last year.



1981 BLUE CHIP CAMP - BRISBANE

including Valma Gara, Jenny (Lind) Froling, Gail Gordon, Alison Brennan and Narelle Fairbrother Jenny Lind of Collinsville is a familiar face in Townsville now mother of the twins (Alicia and Keely) and Harry, married to Shane Froling.

QUEENSLAND'S FUTURE

This year the Queensland Amateur Basketball Association has introduced an Advanced Player Development Programme for an elite group of four players.

The project, called "The Ian Watson Basketball Development Programme" is named in honour of the great work the late Ian Watson did for Queensland Basketball. It is a scholarship based project which brings together three of the State's most promising Juniors to Brisbane for specialized coaching.

The players will also be involved in the respective Men's and Women's National League programmes. Simply, they will be doing a National League apprenticeship.

The 1984 group includes Scott Croll of Townsville, Robert Sibley of Brisbane and Jenny Lind of Collinsville. Coaches involved with the players include Mark Bragg, Larry Sengstock and Bronwyn Marshall.



Townsville trio in State squad

are Barry Herner, of Hering (16) and Darryl Sounders, and David Casey and 100.

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WHEELCHAIR dynamo, Mike Nugent, speeds down the court in last night's exhibition game. Pursuing him is Gordon Adams (right) and Phil Adams. (Lamont photo)

FICH. Wheelies give crowd a treat

BASKETBALL fans were last night treated to the thrills and spills of the game played wheelchairs.

Members of the Queensland Meetibers or the Germanian Wheelies Basketball squad staged an exhibition game at Murray Complex which had the crowd of more than 1400 roaring at the speed, skill and determination of the players.

The game was held between the finals of the men's and

the finals of the men's and women's Patron's Cup championship.
Disabled Olympice gold medalist, Mike Nugent's team, which lost 30-37, was boosted by his speed.

his speed.
His electrifying dashes down the court notched him 14 of his

the court notened min is or his side's 37 points.

Frank Davis for the opposing side, while not as fast, exhibited uncainly securacy and clever ouvering to score 15 points

for his team.

Earlier, the crowd had seen Westeo Mazdas produce a big comeback to defeat Cettles 42-34 in the women's final.

Westeo made a poor start and was down 18-8 three and half minutes before half-time.

But they added six points

minutes before half-time.
But they added six points while keeping Celibics scoreless to go into the break, 18-14.
Westen biasted into the second half with successful fast breaks by Rosiyn Geaney and Donns Wilkinson within the first minute to level scores.
Celibics tried desperately toget back in the game but Westen continued its winning game to run out easy winners.

The men's final was a real thriller with a superb five point effort by John Poliock in the last 46 seconds getting underdog, Whirtwinds, up for a shock 53-53 win over Hurdekin.

After trailing 3249 at half-ne, Whirtles fought back to

lead six minutes into the second half following a great lay-up from David Casey. But Burdekin fought back and led by six points six minutes from full time and looked set to

from full time and looked set to win comfortably.

But Whirlies' coach, Tim O'Melia, had other ideas and inspired his players to lift their defence and stem Burdekin's scoring spree.

Pollack was the main force in the revival when he drow the

Pollack was the main force in the revival when he drove the length of the court, beating two defenders to shoot a crack lay-up and bring the score to 49-45 with Burdekin on the defensive.

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From then on Whitles gradually overhauled Burdekin and with 46 seconds to go Politick was again the star when he scored from the keyway and was footed.

scored from the keyway and was fouled.

He missed the penalty but made ameeds seconds later by driving through Burdekin's de-fence to again shoot another classy lay-up and seal the game.

Velma's aiming high . . .

VELMA Gara, 19, one of Tewasville's top women basketballers, will be alming high when she leaves soon on a one-week training course in Canberra, at the invita-tion of the Australian Institute of Sport.

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Veima, who works as a recep-tionist and click at the new Aberignat Development Commu-sion office in Finders Street, plays for Labers in the Townsville A-grade women's bashethall

Her institution to Canberra was partly arranged through the Na-tional Aberiginal Specia



PROMISING busketballer Vetma Gara, off to Conberva soon on a one-week baskethall training course, shows her form with a waste paper basket (ball).



TOWNSVILLE UNDER 12 BOYS 1985

Back Row: C. Lando, B. Popham, D. Finlay. A. Dark, S. West

Front Row: D. Popham (Coach), J. Bracken, A. Brett, C. Doyle (Assistant Coach), C. Hughes, G. Edwards, I. Tudehope (Coach)

Queenslanders in Aust. junior side

QUEENSLAND has continued on from last year by again having two representatives selected in the Australia junior team to tour overseas later this year.

Last year it was Townsville's Colin Pattell and Brisbane's Peter Hutchinson who toured Europe with the Australian Under 20

This year Townsville has again been recognised through big Jim Carr while one of



City basketballers march on Mackay





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"COUNTRY" LEAGUE WINNERS 1985

Back row (L to R): Phil Nolan, Tim O'Melia, Sandy O'Melia, Trevor Lind, David Casey, Ian Tudehope Middle row (L to R): Scott Sugars, Anthony Corcoran, Doug Garvie, Shane Edwards, Neville Alexander, Kev Sugars Front row (L to R): Trevor Myles, Ken McElligott, John Geaney, Kerry Conn, Gordie Clemens



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QUEENSLAND U18 GIRLS 1984

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Complacency out for Suns

By MASK PRACO
WITH last weekend's successes against Toewoemba
and Ipswich and the
Sharaton Suns more to
outright leadership of the
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League many may feel this
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Victoria set for title



Ex-Suns Stephen Fry and Doug Garvie in action in the club's first season, 1986

TONIGHTS TEAMS

AVAGO SUNS

- TRENDS WILES
- PETER HERESO SCOTT SHEET
- SCOTT CHOLD
- BARRY MORNES
- STEVE BOTS
- MERKET PROCESSING PRIL BOLIS

BUNDABERG BULLS

- MATERIAL RESPONSE
- COURT DOWN CLER SERVICE
- MARK THOMPSON

- CORCE. JERRY WILLIAMS MANAGER, ALAN JUNETRE

COMPANY THE CHELLA

DIRECT

AGE: WEIGHT.

70 kg HEIGHT: 187 cm

Lang Park OCCUPATION: Student

Scot is down from Townsville on the lan Watson scholership started this year by the Queensland Amsteur Baskethell Association. A left handed guard with strong fundamentals, this along with earns with the Bullets will see Scott a future in the

Represented Queensland All Age Groups



Scott Croff

By GARY SCHOLES TARBINSTS / 5 / 85

Victoria is cruising toward in third consequence Assertation Under 20 men's benkerholl with other winning both its games yearnedly at the Nutional Enthirston Centre, Lynchem.

On Sunday, Victoria best Western Australia 101-58, on Montay is had a bye, and in penarday's double round it best Tamanaia (25-59 and the ACT 91-58. Unpublished to the Company of the ACT 91-58. Unpublished to the Company of the ACT 91-58.

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recent winning stress was temporarily halind by a hard-sorting and determined Queezoland team. During both halves the scores see-sawed but Queensland music to task and man out a deserved winner 65-66.

winner 69-66.

Quermined quard Sout Crist did most of the damage superiods in the first half. He had a hand in everything life brought the ball up well, made tome good steak and generally dictated series, in this half he had valuable support from Progr Rowell [14] and Wayne Smith on the boards.

this had to had valuable support three Prior Roscall [14] and Wayne Smith on the boards. For the ACT, Devid Monch (18) again played well, and some strong rebounding as both moto of the court by Ronadas Zasarer and Surve Grood; [14] allowed the ACT to here in touch and Surve Grood; [14] allowed the ACT to here in touch was \$17.55. Had Quocesland not run into Roal trouble the winning ranges sould have been a lot more.

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second and their Between seems in the con-nament.

Tonight at £30 it plays Tanmania. It has a bye tomorrow and matts WA on Fridge. At this wage, unless some very peculiar results are recorded, the ACT will probably be piloning off for their and flowth spots.

In other pames today South Australia meets WA at 5pm and Victoria ments Quenculand at £45. In the section pame has uplet NSW 96 (Zonica Tonic 20) best WA 58 (Tigger Entrance 20).

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Suns clinch State basketball crown





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6	MARK BRAGG	30	6'2"	7	DARRYL KITCHING	6	22
7	SCOTT SUGARS	19	6'1"	- 8	MARK KITCHING	6.5.	24
8	BARRY HORNER	24	6'5"	-10	BRYAN McROBBIE	5'11"	21
9	DOUG GARVIE	24	6'2"	11	PETER MURPHY	6'5"	22
10	TREVOR LIND	22	6'4"	13	RUSSELL RUBIE	6"	31
11	PHIL NOLIN	31	6'5"	14	JEFF REINERT	67	24
12	RUSSEL SEARLE	25	6'1"				
13	DENNIS PUGNALE	21	6'3"				
14	GORDY CLEMENS	28	6'5"				
15	NEVILLE ALEXANDER	24.	6'5"				

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THE ORIGINAL SUNBIRDS 1986

Back Row: Darryl Smith, Gayle Gordon, Bridgette Lane, Robyn Gordon, Rowena Field, Gail Horner, Lionel West Middle Row: Chris Miles, Debbie Alloway, Noela Page, Simone Page (Mascot), Dianne Page, Sandra Garvie, David Casey Front Row: Colin West, Shane West, Jacob Bracken (floor wipers)

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Brisbane Brewers

- GRESTINE NACKLINGS
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- SUE MILLS
- LEA MARTIN
- SKILINDA HORRIS
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- SONTA CUONORE

COACH: PAN HAVELTON-SHETS! NANGER: ROSENNY HARTEN

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- LOSGIAINE CRISPIN
- LYN OSTWALD
- SUR CAMBLIN
- THINK ALGATE
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- 12 DEBINTE CAMERON HELEN SHOWNEN
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Townsville Sunbirds

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- AMMETTE MENTON
- BRIDGETTE LANE. CORNE EDWARDS
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- DESIGNE JONES 13
- DONNA DOWN
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COACH) BELAN FLYNN HANAGER: NOLA PAGE

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- VICKI PORMY
- ANNETTE CLEARY
- JEDBY CHICKS
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Mr Mark Bragg and association life member Ms Elsie Gleeson PICTURE: Michael Chambers

Suns find the NBL net

By TONY WODE

THE Townsville Sum basketball team will become North Queemland's first national sporting ambassadors after winning a place in the National Basketball League for 1990.

League for 1790.

Townsville was offered an NBL franchise on Saturday, ending a two-year campaign for inclusion in the 14-team Australia-wide bas-

lectual competition.

It will be the first time a North
Queensland sporting team has
been involved in a national league.

However, Suns administrators must satisfy the NBL that their proposed 4560 seat stadium will be completed before the start of the 1990 season.

Sum executive director Mr Mark Bragg said negotiations would begin immediately to finalise financial backing for the

complex, to be built at one of three

The Suns' first preference is a position near the Murray Basket-ball Stadium but other sites under consideration are near the Civic Theatre or in the Showgrounds.

thing to happen in sport in country

give Townsville a national product to be proud of and provide the best sports action ever seen up here." Bragg said the team already had

corporate backing of \$1.15 million to finance the \$500,000 franchise and player recruitment in its first

Theatre or in the Stewgrounds,
Bragg said Suns administrators had held staks with the Townsville
City Council for financial assistance to build the stadium and would seek support from both the State and Federal Government.
Bragg said the Suns entry to the NBL was not only a coup for sport in the region but would yield far reaching benefits for Townsville
"This will put Townsville on the map as a sporting centre and also give tourism in the area a big boost, Bragg said.
"North Queensland has been long starved of a national level sport — it really is the biggest thing to happen in sport in country. the team to be competitive.

How it all happened



OCTOBER 1985: Mark Bragg attends NBL finals in Adelaide and floats the idea of Townsville entering the national competition with NBL, general manager Tony King.



DECEMBER 1985 Bragg arrives in Townsville to head the new Townsville Suns State Banketball League team.



MAY 1986; The Suns make their debut in the inaugural SBL competition, backed by a \$5000 sponsorship from the Townsville Sheraton Casino Hotel.



AUGUST 1986: The Suns beat the Ipswich Eagles in the inaug-ural SBL grand final at the Murray Complex.



MARCH 1917: The Suns test their ability against top NBL teams the Canherra Cannons and the Brisbane Bullets.



MAY 1982: The Sues. begin a long associ-ation with Awage chairman John Lyona and become the Avago Suns under a new sponsorship agreement.



AUGUST 1987; The Suns lose the SBL final to the Gold Coast Ceogars in contro-versial circumstances in extra time



NOVEMBER 1867: The Suns apply to join the NHL.



PEBRUARY 1988: The NBL gives the Sons provisional go-ahead for inclusion in the national competition.



MAY 1988: Full pubmission lodged with



JUNE 1988: Suns entry to the NBL ap-proved for 1990.



AUGUST 1988: Suns iose the SBL final by one point to tra-ditional rivals the Gold Coast Cougars. NOVEMBER 1988:



A new company, Shine On Pty Ltd, is formed to back the Suns' NBL



DECEMBER 1868: DECEMBER 1800.

Flams for a \$5 million \$500-seat Sundenne stadlum are announced and Shine On pays the first \$125.000 instalment of its \$500,000 NHL franchise fee. chise fee.



APRIL 1989; Work starts on the Sundome and Power Brewing announces a \$1.25 announces a \$1.25 million sponsorship étal.

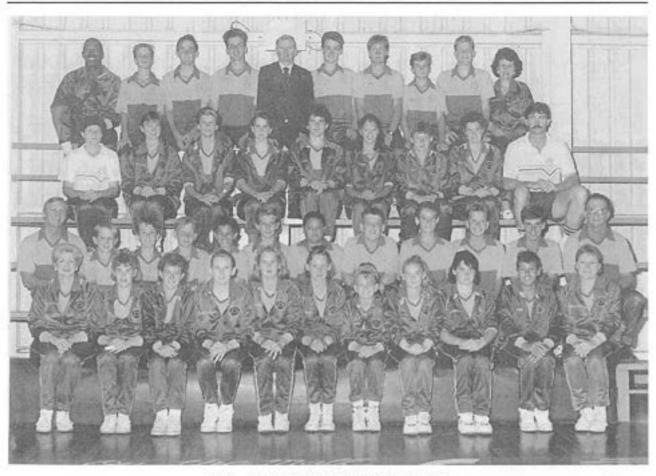
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SAHANTHA WHARLEY, ALISON ERENNAN, YVETTE HALLET, CYNTHIA HOUGH, NOELA PAGE. front-

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HYATS CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION MEN 1990 PATRONS CUP MINOR PREMIERS.

back-A.PAPAGEDRSE, W. SMALLWOOD, P. ZADOW, P. HERRINS

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TOWNSVILLE UNDER 12 BOYS (UNDEFFRATED CHAMPIONS) MORTH QUEENSLAND TOP OF THE NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP 1990/91. TOMESVILLE MAY DAY CARNIVAL 1991.



Front. Rodey James, David Ball, Steven Parry, Scott Roberts, Lee Walsh. Contre, David Sleigh, Michael Robertson, Kurt Russell, Damien Vawwer, Justin Wheatley.

Mark Dray, Charlie Doyle (Manager/Assistant Coach).

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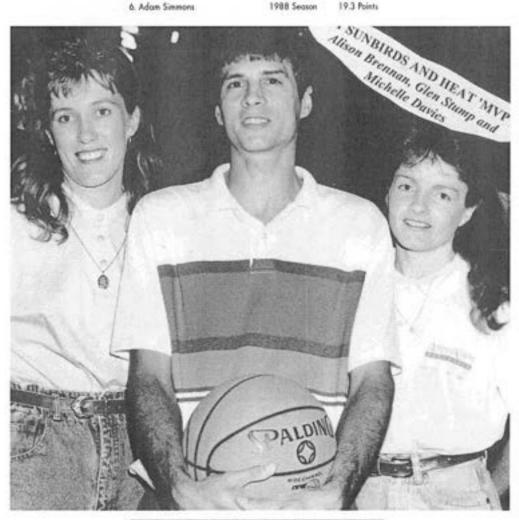
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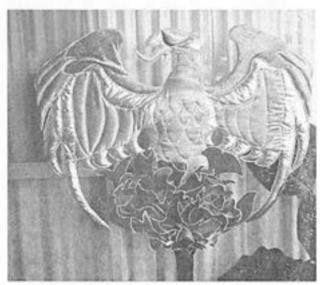
1. Glen Stump	1988 Season	33.9 Points
2. Tany Wilson	1987 Season	23.8 Points
3. Gordy Clemens	1986 Season	21.1 Points
4. Phil Nolin	1986 Season	20.9 Points
5. Trevor Lind	1986 Season	19.4 Points
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Game the winner in 'bright new era'

BY Townsville Bulletin sports editor DOUG KINGSTON

ONE era ends and another begins this weekend as the XXXX State Basketball League perpares to enter the national arena.

Since the competition began back in 1938, the players involved in the finals have hung up their boots at the end of September.

However, in a progressive move recently announced by Queensland Baskethall Inc, the top four men's teams next year will go on to contest a new national Sweet Sixteen play-off, taking on the leading teams from other States.

The move will help improve the standard of baskethall throughout Australia as well as giving all State League teams an extra incentive to strive for top-four henours during the season.

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In the seven-year history of the SBL, three teams have dominated the men's play-offs.

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Townsville, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast have each won two championships and with all three involved again this weekend, one is likely to become the first to win three.

But the other teams have been steadily making ground on the big three and with Townsville coach Mark Bragg moving up to the National League next season, competition will be closer than ever.



Mark Bragg in action for the Suns during his playing career

Since moving back to Townsville in late 1985 after a successful NBL career, Bragg has made a major contribution to the success of the SBL as a player, coach and official.

The Townsville Suns set such a high standard in winning the inaugural finals series in 1986 that rival clubs such as the Gold Coast and Toowoomba were encouraged to lift their act in a bid to sisk the Suns.

The game has been the winner as the standard of play has improved in leaps and bounds during the past six years.

I still rate the 1967 grand final, in which the Gold Coast Congars edged out the Townsville Sans in overtime, the best I've seen in six years of covering the State League.

An era could also end in the SBL women's competition this weekend as the Townsville Senbirds set their sights on ending Brisbane's four-year reign.

In last year's grand final Townsville went down to the Blazers by one point in double overtime and coach Bridgette Offermans has strengthened her side this season.

The home court advantage will also help but, as is the case in the men's competition, no team can be rated a certainty to make the grand final, let alone win it.

However, with 80 of the State's best baskethellers battling it out this weekend, one thing is certain.

The men's and women's teams crowned champions on Sunday will have well and truly earned the

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'Cocky' teenager could hold the key to semi success

Is the Ant first time lucky?

By DOUG KINGSTON

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Townsville point guard Adam Berratt ... small in stature but big-on fallent

Townsville hosts state finals before historical national league entry

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1993 SUNBIRDS Winners of CBA women's final

Sunbirds grab grand final glory

By DEREK TIPPER

THE Townsville
Sushirds are the 1993
women's State Basketball League champions
after a gripping onepoint win over the
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Led by a gutry Alison Brennan, they got up to win the tropby they had appeared destined to never hold aloft — the champlouship having allided captain coach Bridgette Offermans and her team for the last seven seasogs.

After coaging to a 23-point win in game one last Thursday night, the Sumbirds Taltered badly in a complacent 13-point game two loss on Friday night. One was a

Reeling from the loss, the Sunbirds needed, somethed to stind up and take the gime to the Spartains, sind Brennian did just that with a tric of three-point baskets in the first five minutes.

If Brennan was the driving force, giant centre Debbie Jose was the ultimate hero, scoring the winning basket with a fade-away book abotompith, just pair

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Offermans paid tribute
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Bracken, describing the win as a dream come true.

"We have waited along time for this and now we finally have it." Offermans said. "The team has worked so hard to get here and we were not going to lose "."

Offermans, who had to have pain killers to play in the decider after breaking, a finger in game-fwo, a ling to be bedden the part of the bedden the bedden

She and her charges

Fade-away hook shot seals game

knew the agony of losing close, grand final decisions all too well, after failing by a solitary point in double overtime in last year's series against the Brisbane beam.

This year they were not about to do the same thing.

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he a match that had everything the furning point came lafe in the piece when star Spartan Jenny Gardiner, who had scored 18 points and pulled down six rebounds, was fouled out with eight minutes 19 seconds remaining. With

her went much of the Spartans' inside scoring potential and defensive aggression.

All eight Sunbirds with court time scored in an all-round team effort, with Brennan and Jose shooting 15 each.

In the men's decider yesterday morning the Cairns Marlins completed a fairytale outhouse-to-penthouse rise with a 14-point win over the host club, the Burdekin Wildcats, in game three to take their first State League title.

It was delirium for the Marlins and absolute heartbreak for the Wildcats as the northerners won in a blow-out 109-95.

Cairns foursome Gausa Arnold, Chuckie White, Darren Breeding and Ben Johnson had too much flair and too many options for the Wildcats.

Arnold, the 18-yearicid unsung hero of the series, plotted and schemed a win that his scoring trio grasped in rathless fashion.

Howard Chambers again played a lone hand for the Wildcats, as fellow import Aaron Johnson had a rare off day

The Burdekin were hit hard by the loss of Glen Wight, who went off in the second quarter with a broken ankle.

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rough road ahead ... Sootpate Ulfermans with a team photo of the Suntonta

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Offermans a picture of success

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Sunbird aims at national stage



Bridgette Offermans (right) . . . shooting high for the Sunbirds

By ROBERT MESSENGER

MARK down the name of Bridgette Offermans as the Mark Bragg of women's sport.

Bragg, of course, is recog-nised as the visionary, the inspiration and the driving force beided the introduction of national level sport to North Queersland through the Towns-ville Suns basketball team.

The Sups have, in short time, The Suas bave, in short time, established the latense pacedon with which North Queenslanders are willing to embrace satismal competition. and they have provided a boom for bookethall in the region.

Now Offernana, 25, a weeran with a number of remarkable similarities to Bragg, is ready to step into the breach on behalf of wemen's sport.

Offermous plans to have her Townsville Sunbirds basketball tram move into the national women's league within two

Offermans, a teacher and Offermann, a feacher and physical education instructor at the Ryan Catholic Community School, has been capitaln-coach of the Sunblefu in the State league for the past three years,

Although this season the Sunbinds have yet to meet their strongest opposition — the tough road trip to Ipswich, Toowoomba and Brisbane is coming up in three weeks' time

they have already proved
their complete demination in
this region.

Indeed, it neems inevitable that, like the Suns in the men's State league before them, the Sanbirds will "grow out" of the

Anyone following the prog-ress of the Suns will be in an doubt that Townsville is well and truly ready to be part of national competition — in terms of players, facilities and support - and the women's national league is apparently eyeing North Queensland as an attractive expansion area.

Offermans has already unded out the WNHL as well as other key players in her ambitious scheme,

She knows she has an mammoth upbill struggle ahead, but guided by Bragg's light, is undameted by the prospert. Travel costs for a Townsville

WNRL franchise would probably cost at least \$50,000, and given loss player payments and the local support structure, that represents the bottom line in Offermans' national league

to their fold next year, but six dream become a reality.

months is for her an unrealistic time frame.

"I believe we can do it by 1985 and if we work hard I'm sure we can attain that," she said yesterday.

Offerman is using as a Offerman is using an a bluepoint for success the framework of the Sydney King-Sydney Plames relationship, under which a general manager is shared but two committees on the separate men's and numen's teams. The Flames play at the same venue before Kings beene matches,

"The Flames are the treadscites for me is every aspect," said Offermars. "They are my role model. If we can get sometime similar going here, it would be ideal."

Offermous is certainly coming from the same direction as Bragg in trying to put Townsville on the Australian women's sporting map.

Townsville born and bred, the tBlem forward has also played in the national league — for the old Erisbane Ballets — and for Queensland through junior and senior levels.

As well, she has played for Australia, in the Oceania Games and as part of the Olympic Games squad in the early 1980s.

Like Bragg she is a very presentable part of Sushirds package. She has a winning smile which shows nothing but sincerity but a glint in the eye which reflects deep determination. Both have shown outstanding leadership qualities.

Rather than accept invi-tations to become re-involved with national leagues through Urishane, both elected to stay here. As Offermans puts it, wanted in remain in Tawasville to be part of this pash".

The search for sponsorship and the quest to lift the profile of women's hosketball in this area are Offermans' immedi-

"I want the Sunbirds to be recognised as part of the enor-ruous development of basket-bull in North Queensland, and as an incentive to keep juniors in this area rather than have them go to Hrisbane, We must secure the future of the game here," she said.

The massive support the Suns have secured has only heighten-ed Offermans' keen anticipation of what can be achieved.

The Sushirds are fortunate they have their very own Mark budget. Rragg - a woman with not just She says the WNBL would a dream, but the application probably welcome the Sunbirds and the ability to make that

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Graham Lebbern has been awarded the Michael McCamley Memorial Trophy for the most outstand-ing referce in the Townsville Minor Junior Basket-ball Association.

(Arch Fraley photo)

REFEREES – THE ESSENTIAL PEOPLE

In 1964 the Referees Association became a separate body from the Townsville Mens Amateur Basketball Association and elected a President in Stan Dodd, Secretary, Vince Flynn and a Rules Interpreter, John Clent. Through the efforts of Barrie Smith, the newly formed Association boasted a membership during the Winter Season of 46 graded referees, a considerable number of these referees coming from the junior ranks. Three ladies in Gloria Krause, D. Gibson and Marie Watkins also attained their badge.

The first referees body of the association was formed in 1953 by Arthur Macklin, who had officiated with two non playing referees, Don Rae and J. Mullins for two years previous.

In 1952, a new system of control was instituted with appointment of a rules interpreter. All referees were examined and graded by a board of examiners comprising of John Clent, a former Brisbane referee, Vince Flynn and Nick Kitsas.

These referees hold regular meetings and lectures and are generally recognised as extremely competent, to such a degree that their services are in great demand at various carnivals.

Although most referees in general come in for their share of criticism from members of the gallery, with such terms as "One Eye", it cannot be denied their part in the game is one of the most unthankful, yet essential.



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The Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball Association is expected to take full control of referees again this coming season.

"A meeting of all referees will be held at Corcoran Park on Sunday at 9.15 a.m. The referees' delegate to the executive of the association will be appointed at the meeting as will the arbitrator on the referees' board.

Mr. J. Clent, who carried out the duties of arbitrator last season is expected to be re-elected this year.

Two of the referees will be elected to the appointment board which controls the appointment of all referees for games.

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Any person who desires to become a referee should at-tend this meeting.

TOP REF AFTER 20 YEARS

n was selected that week and was the only games 'just casually, to referee at the Queensland referee named named. Sohn's career began in the stanted to take set. Tammania, noon 1977 when he referred freeing seriously after

titles in florithamptes in 1961.

John became one of the possess insurbers of the Queenaland Basketball Referees. Association when it was formed in 1967.

Be was number one ref at the first State champtonships for U18 and U18 men confected by the QBSA in Maryborough, 1968.

Since then, John has, refereed all grades at State level enory U18 and State level enory U18 women.

State level except USA-wormen. John attended his Bird Australian cham-pionahips in Melbourne in 1992. It was for USA men as will be his second Australian carotval. He was awarded the State badge in 1989 and has held the Toverd Queensland award since USA vesse.

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Usat year.
John hoped to learn
some new techniques to
improve has standard.
'I believe that with refereeing especially, there
is always room for me
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capable cureer he re-called the Caechas-lovaxia v Queensland All Stars metch in Townwille in 1998 as his



ICTURED is baskethall ref John Stavies, with Townsville team he national U-16 titles at Tallebudgers (left to right), Sont Crest, leve Casey, Craig Caldwell, Ron Ramsbotham and Gary Baker

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Life Members of Townsville Basketball

Arthur MACKLIN (deceased)	1955	Kevin SUGARS	1983
Charles DOYLE	1960	Don PANSINI	1983
Con BROWN (deceased)	1961	Brian MORRISON	1985
Stan DODD	1962	Chris BRAGG	1988
Kevin PURDON	1962	John STANBROOK	1989
Fred EDWARDS	1965	John O'NEILL	1989
Reuben REDHEAD	1965	Des POPHAM	1992
John DAVIES	1966	Percy ANDERSON	1995
Elsie GLEESON (deceased)	1972	Graham LEBBERN	1997
June PANSINI (deceased)	1980	Terry O'DONNELL	1997
Duisy RUSSELL	1980	Denis RUSSELL	1998
Cleve CASEY	1982	David ROWBOTHAM	1998
Vince FLYNN	1982		

"The honour of Life Membership of Townsville Baskethall is reserved for people who have served either 10 years on the Executive, or have performed such meritorious service to Baskethall to be deserving of the highest honour. As is evident, 25 Life Memberships in 50 years existence proves that they are not given lightly. Most are still seen frequently or occasionally around the courts but there is no doubt all were deserving of the highest honour."

(adapted from 1985 Basketballer)

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In addition to this honour 2 life members have received more distinguished recognition for their service to Townsville Basketball. Vince Flynn was made a Life Member of Queensland Basketball in 1984 while Charlie Doyle ("Mr Basketball") was awarded the order of Australia in 1990.



Picture taken in 1980 when Elsie Gleeson (middle) (1972) presented Daisy Russell (left) and June Pansini (right) with their life memberships. Daisy, who is now over 80, can still be seen serving behind the counter in the canteen.



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CHARLES FRANCIS DOYLE

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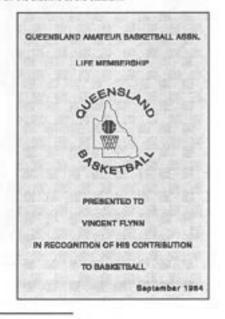
GIVEN of Grammost House, Carderia, under the Seal of the Order of Antivoloi fire travely-stark day of January 1990.

By His Excilency's Comment

Senten of the Order of Australia



Sadly Elsie has recently passed away and will be missed at these celebrations as well as on the sideline at the stadium.





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"ORIGINAL SUNS"



The original 1986 Suns were reunited during the club's debtf NBL season in 1993. From left: Mark Bragg, Phil Nolin.

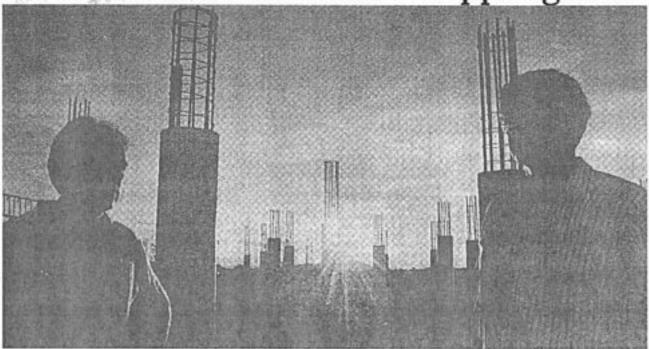
Gorde Clements (Nolin and Clements travelled from the US for the occasion), Barry Homer, Dennis Pugnále, Russell Searle, Tim O'Melia, Kevie Sugars (manager) and Neville Asixander. In front, Scottle Sugars and Travor Myles, Stephen Fry, Travor Lind and Doug Garvie were absent and Steven Boyd was atill playing



Winners . . . the Townsville Sunbirds women's basketball side with members (I to r). Debbie Bracken, Kym Saunders, Michelle Wasley, Bridgette Offermans and Alison Brenan-Boyd. Offermans was also recognised for her efforts in sports administration.



Sun sets on basketball's crippling debt



Light at the end of the tunnel . . . TBI officials Dave Rowbotham and Denis Russell at the Sundome site yesterday

By DOUG KINGSTON.

SETTLEMENT of \$519,000 in debts has cleared the way for Townsville Basketball Interporated to transform the falled Subdeme project at Murray into a three-court

Coor stadjum. YBJ president Dave Rowbotham announced last night that all Sundome creditors had accepted settlement offers, relieving the sport of the huge debt inherited when the Townsville Sdnr' initial National Bankethall League bid cellapsed in 1983. "At one stage our debts

"At the stage our debts were so calppling we were advised as go into voluntary liquidation," Air Rewboths m said.

"Flad that happened our complex at Marray could have solid stated over and basherball could have chased to exist in Todgrette.
"We didn't think bleefe store."

- "We dide't think liquidation was the right way to go, so we

Early last year, when it

became obvious that government funding had been redirected to the Towasville Breakwater Entertainment Centre, TBI wrote to the 11 companies and individuals who were owed money for work and materials supplied for the foundations.

able to afford to pay that sort of money (\$519,000) and asked them to forgive the debts," Mr Rowbotham said. each creditor offering a proportion of each debt in full settlement."

Most of the letters went unanswered but TBI refused to give up.
"We went out and contacted

we went out and contacted each creditor personally, explaining that if they didn't accept our offer we would have no alternative but to go into voluntary liquidation," Me Rowbotham said.

"Eventually, after a lot of negotiating, we managed to

— into "something positive" for local baskethall.

"TBJ is now debt-free, apart from the bank loan which is of manageable proportions," Mr Rowbotham said.

"That clears the way for as to start looking at ways of turning the site into an indoor stadium and our long-term aim is to build a three-court facility suitable for use by TBI

seniors and juniors.
"We've also been in contact with volleyball and netball

Photo: SCOTT INDVOICE CHISHOLM

"It will have a let smaller fisor area than was planted for the Sandonon A local the columns will be outside the boundary of the new building so they will have to be demalished.

"But, meet importantly, we will be turning what is now an eyesore into something positive. The new stadium will give our juniors and lower grade players welcome shelter from the sua and the rain."

Mr Rowbotham said a time frame for the project could not be set until accurate costings were obtained and all avenues of government subsidies explored.

But be insisted that the stadium would undergo a name change when it was eventually built.

"Wa'll be looking for something different to Sundome," he said.

The time has come to put the past behind us and start working for the fature."

New indoor stadium to rise from ashes of failed Sundome project

"Not suexpectedly, they all said 'no', so we called in valuers to find out which parts, if any, of the foundations could be used if we were to build A stadium on

"The valuers said there was \$100,000 worth of unable foundations so we divided that into the debts and wrote to

get agreements from all the creditors. Then we borrowed the money from the bank to pay them all out."

The cheques went out last week and Titl is now touching forward to turning the Sundome - also referred to as Stonehenge because of its similarity to the ancient monument on Salisbury Plain

officials with a view to the stadium being used by those sports for special events."

Mr Rowbitham said the new stadbirn would be "fully esolosed, but very sparsas", "It won't be anything flash but it will be of such design that in years to come, as we more viable, we'll be able to fit it out properly.



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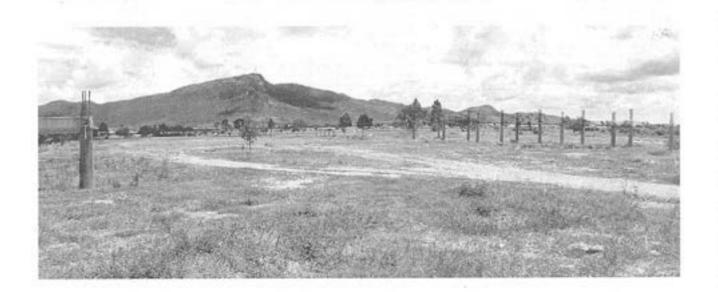
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"Sun Rise"





Frank Tanti pokes fun at his own height, but there's no need to judging by this shot taken when the Member for Mundingburra opened new outdoor basketball courts at the Muntay Stadium this week. Basketball, after all, son't entirely a tall main's preserve and Tanti, at 157cm, only just fails short of National Basketball League point guards like 174cm pair Wayne Larkins and Agron Honeyman.



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Dolphins to tough it out till 2000



WOMEN have always had it tough in hauterball. They have within the always had it tough in heiseful. They have also had it tough in the sporting marketplace in trying its securit the corporate sponsorship dollar in a male-dominated arena.

Women also compete for publicity for their sport, as the male-dominated sports world crowd the back pages of most

And to be honest, people are probably thirking about Super League, cricket or the upcoming National Busket-ted League season.

But it's time to think about the plight of women's backen-half in North Questoland.

Yes, the Dolphins suffered a surfact this week whee pres-dent Bridgette Offermans was told these was not vary they would be guanted a Wassen's National Baskethall League Is-cesses for neal year.

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Back to the drawing coard ... Dolphin Bridgette Offermans.

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THE Townselle Heat also venture to Machay, to test the Messaws. The Heat will take a 12-man spead order crack-Barry Homer.

The squal is Adam Barrett.
Serves Boyd, Howard
Chambers, Wayne Cowas,
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THE Burdekin Wildres at anticipally waiting on inter-gration papers to active for the new American import Eich Cannon.

The Wildows' first get season match will be on Merch 23 against the Cairni Marlan. If I were on the team. I would take, sick Jeave for this match!

Sandra Pagnale has been appointed boad crack of Wild cat women's man.

Remember, if it happens in busheball, you'll read it in Hoop Scorpe.

Blackstars scoop finals

22 of their trams content 19 grand finals in the Townsville junior club baskethall Murray Stadium at the weekend.

The largest club among juniors, with 38 teams in the competition, Blackstars also set a club record by winning 10 grand finals.

Former Townsville State champion junior coaching director Henry McCaskill guided four Blackstars division one teams to grand finals, wirning both under-16 boys and girls division one honours.

Blackstars boys downed pirls edged Cannons 38-37.

Club president Bill James said: "Our comnitee have worked hard for the last six years to build our club from the smallest club to the largest in Townsville"

The upset of the day was in the under-14 boys divition one, where minor premiers Blackstars were down to Bouncers Gold 50-37

Cannons, premiers in under-14 girls, edged Blackstars 33-32. In



Blackstars Wade Cummins power his side to victory in the under 16 boys grand final

the under-12 girls division to Michael Cole and Kille parachip wers to Lakers, a one, misor premiers. Voewedn as the most improved passes downed Canpareed passes officials of sine Lakers chairman Lynnons 67-30.

The referee awards were. This year's club charm

Under-18s supreme

TOWNSVILLE'S undertook out the State title with 15 points. a 55-51 victory over Mackay in the division one final at Murray Stadium yesterday.

victory handed Townsville their first-ever back-to-back championships in the division.

26-23 at half-time.

Todd Alloway 18 men's basketball team scored for Townsville with

> Alloway was backed up by Michael Paiwan with 13.

In Mackay, the Townsville under-18 women's team finished fifth.

Two players - Jane The home team led by Neame and Alison Walker - made the State team.

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TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR BASKETBALL INC. UN.16 - TOWNSVILLE TOPPERS - 1994

Back Row: (L.to R) Glenda Powers(Manageress), Kristy Clancy, Cathy Archie, Aleisha Hirst, Jo Wawiluk, Annette Winton(Coach). Front Row:(L.to R) Kate Rogl, Elke Fischer, Rena West, Kerin Hilditch, Talina O'Brien.



Leah Horstmann

Leah, from Townsville, Queensland is beginning her second year after joining the AIS in april, 1994 and has made good progress in that time. She unfortunately suffered a serious knee injury whilst on an off season tour but should regain full fitness early in the season. She is a strong forward type and will develop her perimeter skills during 1995.

Age: 180.0 Height: Weight: 71.8 Forward Position:

Hometown: Representation:

Townsville, Queensland U/16, U/18 Qld; All Aust Camp 1994; AIS 1994-95

Year-long scholarship icing on the cake for Horstmann



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1994 U 18 BOYS STATE CHAMPIONS

Judy Shillam, Ryan Hewitt, Jacob Drovandi, Tim Hughes, Lennie Morgan, Colin West, Todd Alloway, Tim Archie, Sardie McFadzean, Brian Christie, Wayne Cowan, Ron Shillam.

City takes great strides in junior development

TOWNSVILLE Budsetball and the Townsville Boat may take the first contains steps next year toward strengthening one of the few remaining weaknesses in the region's hasherfull program.

In the pass decode, laskethall in this city has made some trymendors at bles forward.

Not only have the numbers of players at the junior and senior levels increased dramatically but the performance of our teams at Scote and national levels has also lauproved.

Most teams now, whether junior or senior, are invariably in the top four in Queensland.

In particular, the Town High Tropies program has proved to be one of the best in the country.

Even the age-old problem of facilities stems to be solved — at least for the time being — with the additional indeor facilities at the Nurray Complex in 1997.

One of the few remaining difficulties seems to be providing for some of the young talent that contex out of the under-LR age group.

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The Tropics program, conshined with the efforts of local clubs, has produced some talented and promising young players.

In the past, these players have

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been lost to the sport because they have been left in no-man's hand as far as elite competition and canching goes — spart from the amenal participation in the State age championships,

It now appears Towasville Basketball, through the Heat program, may look more and more toward including some of these players in their spend.

In 1996. Heat couch Barry Horner had great success with the introduction of young players like Ryan Hewitt, Todd Alloway and Chris Bull.

Horner, is fact, case lots the job waving to help this specific group of players, who seemed to he left out of the system once they reached the 18 to 19 years age group.

Townsville Basketball and Horner fild cop some under flack this year for oring four expatriate Americans

In reality, the experience of those players gave the coaching staff same breathing space and a chance to use the youngsters.

In the year alvead it seems the Heat program will head even further down the track of developing the young talent.

The recent success of the Turnpville team in the under-20 Qurendand champiomhips indicates there is certainly a strong group of players capable of compering at the Continental Rasketball Association level.

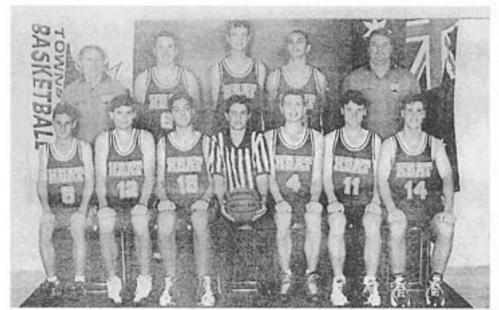
The prublem for Townsville Basketboll in the post has been that they have left compelled to put a team on the floor capable of winaing the State champiouship at the CBA level — the thought being that a winaing team is critical to bringing people through the door.

There is some justification for this but more and more the thinking scenes to be that at the Hent level, watching the young Townsville tolent compete and improve may be just as much a crawd pleaser.

My Swiling is that Townsville Backethull is heading towards a young and talented lifeat program that will win a State championship.

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UNDER-16 TOWNSVILLE HEAT... back from left, manager David Rowbotham, Michael Pappalardo, Matthew Kelly, Joe Girdler, coach Kerry Conn; front from left, Brendon Aubrey, Arthur Katthagen, Peter Sanders, referee Michael Cole, Ryar Carbis, Michael Barkley and Adrian Bagent

Townsville Heat take the gold

TOWNSVILLE scored a major victory recently when the under -15 Townsville Heut Busketball Team won gold against Chinese and Japanese teams in a tri-nation tournament.

The tri-nation tournament was organised between the Townsville City Council and the Sendai (in Japan) and Changshu (in China) councils, and was designed to better the relationships between the three cities.

The Townsville team played three games over 10 days against Changshu and Sendar in the Changshu Olympic stadium which held about 4000 spectators.

The nine Townsville Heat players

tought hard to defeat Changshu 84-82 in the final rounds to win the prestigious gold medul.

Adrian Bagent, one of the nine players, said the trip to China was an incredible opportunity both on and off the court.

Adrian said learning about the rare and unique customs of the Chinese people was culturally an awisome experience.

"For many of us this was our first expensation of living in another country," he said. "We are pigeon head, chicken feet, seaweed soup and octopus soup."

"This is something my team-mates and I will always remember, as well as winning gold." Dennis Russell, Townsville Basketball manager, said the players worked hard to fundraise for the tournament, with the help of a grant from the Townsville City Council.

Mr Russell said the nine players were selected after two competitive rounds of "play offs" from 30 potential players. The nine players in the Townsville Heat were Matthew Kelly, Brendan Aubrey, Adrian Bagert, Michael Barkley (Townsville Grammar School); Arthur Katthagen, Joel Girdler, Ryan Carbis (Townsville High School); Peter Sanders (Ignatius Park College); and Michael Pappalardo (Ayr High School).



"Arthur Katthagen"

One of Townsville Basketball's most vocal supporters, passionate coach, loyal sponsor and "all round good guy".

Pictured here in 1995 with Bouncer's U14 boys Champions.

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GEOFF SMITH MLA . MEMBER FOR TOWNSVILLE media release

14th February 1995

SPORT BOOSTED WITH \$1 MILLION STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Local sport would be boosted following the announcement today of \$1 million. funding for a Townsville Basketball Association facilities development project.

Member for Townsville Geoff Smith said today the funding was part of the Goss. Government's \$10 million annual National Standard Sports facilities development, Government's \$10 million annual National Standard Sports facilities development, and a commitment was made to support the project during the Mundingburra by-election.

"Each year the Goss Government has sot aside this funding to help organisations which have worthy major sporting facilities projects, many of which would not otherwise be built due to lack of community funds," he said.

Mr Smith said the development of three indoor courts at the Murray Basketball complex was an exciting project for Townsville, and the Goss Government was happy to provide a substantial amount of the total cost.

"The three courts will have spectator seating, change/shower areas and toilets as an extension to the existing single indoor court at Murray," he said.

"The facility will be suitable for Olympic training and hosting of National teams."

Mr Smith said existing courts could not cater for demand and old outside courts

"Townsville Basketball currently boast that they are the biggest regional centre in Queensland and have the largest membership per capita," he said,

"Fownsville Basketball's League team has played in all but two finals in the last ten years.

*Currently they have a 40% growth rate on participants over the past three years and the indoor facility will encourage day-time competition out of the hot North Queensland sun.

"Users of the facility will be 12 affiliated baskethall clubs, schools, Sporting Wheeles/Disadvantaged groups, the Defence Forces, Queenstand Academy of Sport, volleyball, netball, judo, boxing and children's theatre."

Mr Smith said the Goss Government was very proud of its funding for sport and recreation, which this year totalled more than any other State, and more than all States added together except Western Australia.

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"WILLING WORKERS" Captured during refurbishments to the stadium

"Eric-of-all-trades" IWANICKI and John "multitalented" BARRETT



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Glamour makes its return to the boards

'THERE'S no rest for the wicked with Patron's Cup finishing last week and championship season starting this week, in local club basketball.

sportsperson once said to me "I lost interest in women's basketball, when they stopped wearing sports briefs or as they were better known, bum shorts".

Will they be making a comeback as a spectator?

With fashion in the 90s once again changing, bodysuits are the latest trend and it's slowly creeping up the coast.

Last year in the Conti-nental League only one team. Southern Districts Brisbanc, wore bodysuits.

This year, five teams are wearing them, with talk of finals saw two upsets with



several more doing likewise next year.

The trend has hit Towns-ville's local basketball and tonight at Murray Stadium both Cannons and Giants. take the court in their new beaut bodysuits.

Rumour has it Carnons will wear shorts over the top until they get used to them but Grants are going the whole hog - all bodysuit.

Last week's A grade

in the men and Giants narrowly defeating Hyats in the women.

Blackstars hadn't been defeated by Hyats all season and Hyats women hada't lost a game all season.

Just goes to show that infinals anything can happen.

Hyars men played outstanding, never looking in doubt of a convincing win.

They passed the ball beautifully as stood back around Blackstars stood choosing to play a zone defense for the majority of the game, allowing Hyats to tun away with a winning. 22-point lead.

Keiron Mitchelhill had the hot hand for Hyats firing 29 points while Steven Boyd bucked to be finding Ms old form after

Hyats whipping Blackstars being out injured for eight weeks was next best on 15.

Fee Blackstars, Burdekin's Wade Eathorne top-scored with 18 and Nate Tate and Adam Simmons both sank 10.

Point guard Howard Chambers had his quietest game of the year, looking somewhat frustrated scor ing just eight points in the first half and the big donut in the second. However, I'm led to believe he was quite ill with the 'flu.

Shortest player in the league, Giams point-guard Leanne Deguara was the key to their success in the A grade women's final last Wednesday night.

Deguara was subbed on when Hyats were up by 11 points with only a few minutes remaining in the game.

New man at the mike

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up team for heikethall, both junior and renior.

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Sun sets on Froling's court days

By MICHAEL CRUTCHER

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Sunbirds chalk up 150th games before final CBA fling



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FAMILY AFFAIR ... Noels. Simone. Colin and Brenton Page tuck in Proc LOWALL SER

Looking back



SHOOTING STARS . . . John Device with daughter and former Sunbirds player Michelle Wasley

By DESBRE XINOS THE proofs of today reads the beginns for thinking benkerhall legen when their NSA and NSA hereon their NSA and NSA hereon their bids to the court, but the gener which has taken the world by steem was being played into the better heigh played has being height and the played has been also being along the few steem.

in the dept when three-pointers were wintshi filinking, and became a life member of the Townselle Man's Raskethell knociation in 1966.

"From then I want away for its months and decided to get so the contunitiess," sold McDavise.

No Device is still an active member of the backetted resembly, though novadays as a much and solves rather than a player.

What we know now as the

Davies played when three-pointers were wishful thinking

tegen at Corroran Park, whore in 1963 Mr Davies telped establish the amonthis block which is still in operation.

"I was also partly involved the new stadium at Murray 1975 and 1976, " To said.

"Elever som il (the Mucru) Complete) greer from floor Missione rimerte al Consuran Park to retast se have cut al

Marray."

Buskethall has evoked as marranes suscess of lettered from the world at large in mount years, but Mr Daviss.

We had a solutantial

assumed of people in the early days," he said. "Three there it has grown, and are everyone wants to be a part of the new

"When we first moved out to Microsy we had a great influx o people."

Me Davies has vitamend note major changes in huskefull ever the years, but accepts them as necessary to exhance the competitiveness of the game.

"The rules change every four years," he said: "Every time there is an Objection the change waterfaling, but the "It's very entertaining."

No Device has person on his interest in basis-rised to his doughter, Michelle Wasley, who was a persolver of the Clink.
Southern until the was sinkinged between the latest persons and the latest persons and the latest persons and the latest persons are latest persons.

"Ny ville in also the managerous of Glassis basketball clob," he said.

"Locally there are a marshes of families who do play, and I think a lot of other sports due? have that

"In baskettall everyone car to involved in either playing, referring or exacting,"

Even though the Towarville Some effectively per the rity on the basicabell map in 1995, Mr. Dorler person that we extreme into the NSE, is just a continuation, rather then the longituding, of what has declared the local sporting from the rity.

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TOWNSVILLE HEAT - 1997 QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONS

Back Row (L-R): Tim Duroux, Matthew Kelly, Shane Russell, Joel Girdler, Arthur Katthagen Middle Row (L-R): John O'Farrell (Coach), Watene Roberts, Judy Ede (Manager) Front Row (L-R): Kelvin Robertson, Michael Barkley, Zebedee Ede, Wesley Kelly

This team has played together, under 3 different coaches,

to win 3 Queensland Classics Championships:

1995 Under 14 John Shillam 1997 Under 16 John O'Farrell 1999 Under 18 Paul Gorriss

Blackout leaves Suns and Heat in the dark

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U16 team undefeated

TOWNSVELLE under 14 and 16 girls and boys stams did Townsville poud at the Queensland Classics.

The under 16 boys team went through undefeated in Beisbase a formight ago, win-ning the final against Mackey by 17 points.

Townsville was then re-Jownwise was tich et-wurde with nine players mak-ing the Quoenaland North Squad Joel Girdler, Matthew Kelly and Watma Roberta had outstanding classics and they should be rewarded this work by being named in the Queens-land North team, to play in the national championships in the September school holidays.

At the beins for the Queensland North side is Townsville coach Paul Gorris, who said: "all nine Townsville players stand good chances on making the team, after doing so well at



and when it went on a crossi-back, Townsville minsed out by just these points. Ipswich went on to win the tournament, which made Townsville that little more

envious, as they defeated them by five points in the rounds. Townsville were also strack

down with injury, when top player Belieds Flacher was sidelised from the tournament with a severe knot injury in their second match. But point guard Simone Page managed the classics". The team will be to keep her team together, named this Sunday.

The under 16 girls were unabschy to finish fifth in the Stata, after losing just one game in their pool.

gamet Sunose Fage managed to keep be team together, were though the was also to step of the properties of the prope

ping further down the ladder and Sura Conn, Sura Jung, Erin Falone and Catherine Lauskry did just that. Conn hit some well-timed three point bombs, when Townsville defeated Brisbane in a sail-biting finish. Lanskey played strongly inside the paint the entire weekend. All four players had excellent classics and stand good chances alongside Page to make the Queensland North side. The under 14 girls and boys teams finished second in both their Queensland Classics, played in Mackey and Brisbase last week,

and Brisbase last week.

The boys west down to Brisbase by Jost seven points in the grand fileal. After the under 14 Plasses girls side defeated Southern Districts by a corvincing 22 points the eight before, they went in as favourities in Sonday's final against Southern Districts.

Five minutes into the final

Five minutes into the final, the Flames lost Kethryn Hardy, after a hard fall left her with a badly twisted ankle. The girls fought on hard but

The girls fought on hard but their opponents were simply better on the day. Both under 14 mans have qualified for the national championships in the September school holidays. The girls' nationals will be held in Alice Springs while Townsville will host it's first national championship for the under 14 boys. under 14 boys.

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Sunbirds make first national final

SUNSERDS brought glory in Transcoille after winning the national unit fload on Sourchy sight at Munry Stadium against the Kleyth Colon's.

This is the first time in the Continental Busiceful Accordant trans will persicipate in the national pend final.

In pervious years two Verbotan manus have played off for the title.

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They continued their work.

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trate show with Trina Roberts, Ver Gara and Lynda Hamilton playing smart hus-kethall.

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Roberts and Gara polled down some hoge brands while Humilton controlled the temper up the floor.

fine Day and Hamilton were sent to the free throw line

The game will be a nearly the game will be a seatily different match up than fast weekend, with Frankston heatiling some exceptional inside players in Julie Olsocki and Soc Plaushie, who will rally it out with Roberts, Casa and Julia Harris.

They two, have some smart puzzle and evenishent per-meter shoulers as the Sushinds will have to be on their trea for the entire 48 minutes.

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They continued their war ing not, tracking by 11 goints early into the necroal quarter by 10 points.

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Winners are grimners - reigning Queensland Sammlary School shampions I greates Furk College

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Execution. Park, captained by Jacob Drowand, undeparked by brillians play from Ryan flowly who scored 22 points, dofuned Christian Outreach College 54-71.

Tuesconsidered de Ignatus Park side are no strangers to

Ayer Hewitt is an artist triablets, and a long serving member of Furecoville base thangion representative soles.

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At the 1999 May Day compval, Hawlet led amendor was solde auto the final ageinst Comm.

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al Hammen, Part Corein (eristor coa?), Jon Sallan (mach) , fauch Drawaul, Scent Corrins and Judy Shiller (managemen).

NORTH QUEENSLAND ZONE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOLS REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY

The inaugural championship was staged in Townsville in 1975 and each year thereafter due to its centralisation.

1975 saw only 12 teams participating with five in the boys section and seven in the girls section.

1976 saw an increase with seventeen teams competing with six teams in the boys section and twelve teams in the girls section

1977 saw a further increase and twenty teams participated with ten teams in both the boys and girls sections. The standard of play was impressive and there was not a great margin of ability separating the competing teams.

It was also evident in 1977 that the secondary schools now recognise this as a major sporting tournament as the teams were well prepared and organised and the detail given to uniforms which were outstanding shows great interest is being taken by the schools.

In 1997 the first carnival to be held in the newly completed indoor courts at Murray was the Queensland Schools Championship.

A large number of North Queensland schools competed.

Townsville Grammar, Ignatius Park College, Pimlico High School and Townsville State High dominated the carnival reflecting the intense rivalry that exists in the local competition. Townsville schools were placed 1°, 3° and 4° in Queensland with the Tropics boys being the defending champions.

The Tropic boys team was successful again in 1998 and went on to win the Champion School of Australia for the first time. 1998



TALENT FRICER ... Town High bankerball coach Claim Stump with the Tropics' letted tropics.

Stump aims high

BY ANDREW HUMPHINE

TOWNSTILLE State High School backeting much Clerco Storage has the mides touch when it remos to witning state thire.

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- 6. Mark O'Flynn
- Louis Beak
- James Bailey
- 10. Jordon Peters
- 12. Nicholas Burger
- 13. Samuel Cordon
- 14. Cedric Kato
- James Lidstone

Coach: Assist Coach: Michael Van Dongen

Tibor De Jong

Manager:

Wendy Brown



TOWNSVILLE

- Kevin Rowan
- Luke Turner
- Brendon McCully
- Brendon Aubrey
- Luke Harlen 8.
- Simon Page
- Kristopher Katthagen 10.
- Brendon Conn 11.
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- 15. Jason Grigg

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Coach: John Shillam Assist Coach: David Aubrey

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WELCOME



The organising Committee and members of Townsville Baskethall and Queensland Baskethall Incorporated are privileged and proud to host the Under 14 Boys Australian Club Championship. These National Championships are the first to be conducted in Townsville. A very exoting time

To all the participants - players, coaches, managers, officials and administrators, a warm verticese to Townsville. We trust you will enjoy our hospitality and what promises to be a exent enjoyable and action packed week of baskethall.

When the elite youth of any sport meet it is always an exciting time and it is even more to with basketball. We urge you all to compete farrorly on court, but always in the spirit of true sportsmanship that is characteristic of basketball in Australia.

To all participants we extend to you and your team, all the best for a rewarding Championship.

"OATH OF PARTICIPATION"

Deliumed by Simon Page and Brendon Asbrey, so captains of the Tournsville Heat Team

"We swear that we will take part in the Championship in fair competition, respecting the regulations that govern them.

We declare that we will participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship and for the honour of the game and the glory of our sport!



1997 NATIONALS

The new stadium complex was completed in time for Townsville Basketball to host the 1997 National U14 Boys Club Championships,

Townsville was represented by the team which won the silver medal at the Queensland Classics. They were placed a creditable seventh in Australia and were supported by a parochial crowd at all times.

Many friendships were formed during that week that will ensure the test of time - that's one of the wonderful things about basketball!!!



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DAVID AUBREY & ASSOCIATES PHONE 4725 5688

Wed. 1STQT 1997 Russell dominates court to win national relection top junior

By MICHAEL CRUTCHER TOWNSYILLE'S Kurt Russell has staked his claim as perhaps the best schoolboy basketball player in Aus-tralia with selection in the national under 20 liquad.

Russell was one of only two Queenslanders named in the 14-man squad on Monday which will meet for a training camp in Canberra in January.

The squad will be trimmed to 10 for a clash with New Zealand in Adelaide before a 12-man group in Germany next April.

Two weeks shy of his 17th birthday, Russell is the youngest player in the squad and, like Bris-bane's Andrew Lattimer, will juggle his school studies with under-20 duties

But unlike Lattimer, Russell received a bonus when he was added to an Australian Institute of Sport squad

to tour the United States from

"It was pretty thrilling," Russell

said last nightbecause I'm a tall guard so I can take

the smaller guards so the post.

'The other guys (in the squad) are pure guards but I can play the two or three spot as well."

Russell, part of the Town High Tropics state championship team, is also in line for an AIS scholarship next season.

The 196cm guard played with the leaves for an international tournament Townsville Heat in this year's Continental Basketball Association season.

No. 5 KURT RUSSELL

The sweet shooting guard joins the Institute in 1998 with the tag of being the next 'Andrew Gaze'. Possessing not only the athleticism of Gaze but also the exceptional perimeter game he will play an important part in the success of the team in 1998. With NBL interest already shown by Townsville, Kurt is likely to have a big

Abe: Height: Position Home Town:

17 196.0 Guard Townsville, Qld. Townsville U/12 - U/20 Queensland U/16 - U/20. 1995-96-97 - ITC Program 1997 & 1998 - All Australian Camp. 1997 & 1998 - Townsville Suns Squad

1998 - U/20 Australia Oceania Qualifying Series.

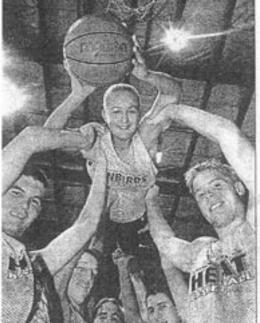
Russell

TOWNSVILLE baskets added another trophy to his cabinet on Saturday night when he was named the 100% In Control junior sportstar of the year.

Russell's crowning achievement last year was selection in the Australian under-20s squad. He also won an Australian Institute Of Sport scholarhship in Canberra.

He also led the Townsville under-19s team through the state titles undefeated, was co-captain of Town High Tropics, played a full season with the Townsville Heat in the CBA and represented the Queensland under-20 team.

Water skier Clifton Blackford won the encouragement award.



TEMPO James and Chris Novak lift Rena Went before embacking on the under-20 state titles in Sydney this wetkend. Full story - Page 46

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Kurt's career hots up with selection



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The Northern Australia Junior Basketball Challenge was initiated in 1995. The Queensland North Region Under 17 boys team won the first championship (above). Their success was repeated by the U17 boys in 1998 (below).



Robbo led his team to victory

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QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONS – UNDER 12 GIRLS FLAMES – 1998 Front Row: Sarah Gleeson, Amy MacKenzie, Letitia Ward, Jessica Clancy, Maurita Pansini. Back Row: Robyn Pansini(Manageress), Mengan Lindsay, Samantha Kupsch, Mikaela Smith. Courtney Smythe, Lisa Braunberger, Norma Connolly(Coach).

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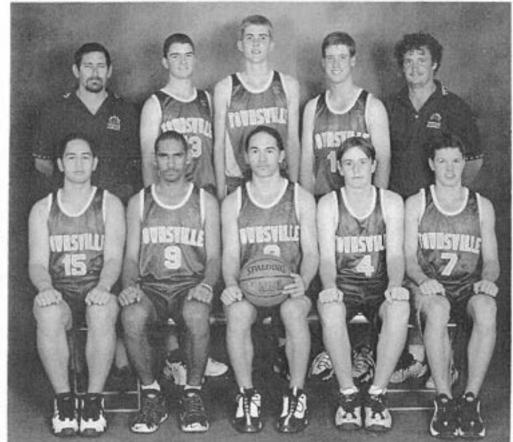
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QUEENSLAND RUNNERS UP – UNDER 16 GIRLS FLAMES – 1998
From Row: Tima James, Katherine Pender, Simone Page(Captain), Christina Paul, Rebecca James, Rack Row: Cherie Falcon(Manageress), Jade Leet, Jane Rudall, Kathryn Hardy, Erin Falcon, Leigh Myers, Annette Winton(Cooch).

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MCK THE 000 Chill Out . . . Townwite Busketball's majore Dusine the Dragon became the first entertological beload to turn his scales to help denoting the Standay riight. Durin plant of the popular downers from Noother's Pelacia in Township the during the last force entertainment. And while Durin bried his health to not provided. The Dead bill beload to the popular downers are not to the during the last two entertainment. And while Durin bried his health to enter the beload of the beload the benefitier. The popular downers are not required to the popular downers are not required to the popular downers and the popular downers are not required to the popular downers and the popular downers are not required to the popular downers and the popular downers are not provided to the popular downers and the popular downers are not provided to the popular downers and the popular downers are not provided to the popular downers and the popular downers are not provided to the popular downers are not provid

HISTORY OF TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR BASKETBALL DIRECTOR OF COACHING POSITION

Townsville was the first regional centre to appoint it's own director of junior coaching.

Phil Nolan was employed in 1984 by the Townsville Men's Amateur Basketball to initiate a Primary School program and to further the development of local and representative players and coaches. Charlie Doyle volunteered to assist Phil in his duties around the schools and soon became a regular, familiar face at most Townsville schools.

From June 1985 until December 1985, after Phil Nolan's resignation, Charlie continued the good work that had been started, in a voluntary capacity. Paul Pickering was then employed by TMABA to assist Charlie.

Mark Bragg took over as Manager of operations in 1986, working in the schools with Charlie continued his voluntary assistance. After Mark's

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move into the NBL, Henry McCaskill was hired as the JDC until 1990. In 1989 Charlie looked after the Primary Schools and Henry worked in the Secondary Schools.

Annette Winton commenced working as the part-time Director of Junior Coaching in 1993, and was employed full-time by Townsville Junior Basketball from 1994 until the present time, looking after the schools, representative players, coaches and local fixture programs.

The benefits of employing a local director of coaching have been enormous, reflected by the dramatic increase in the number of registered players over the period and the excellent results achieved by our representative teams. Credit must be given to the administrators of the time who could foresee such positive outcomes.

Queensland Baskethall began the competition known as the State Classics for under 14 and under 16 teams in 1985. Townsville teams have performed extremely well in recent years, proving the benefits of the wonderful coaches who have dedicated their time and effort to our children and the game of baskethall. Under 12 State Classics and under 15 State Classics were only introduced in 1997 and 1998 respectively.

Townsville Junior Baskeball Classics Results

	U12Boys	U12 Girls	U14 Boys	U14 Girls	U15 Boys	U15 Girls	U16 Boys	U16 Girls	U18 Boys	U18 Girls	U19 Boys	U19 Girls	Vince Hickey Memorial QLD Club Championship
1987			gn .	34			49	49	5*	76			
1988			1 =	24			34	34	129	110			
1989			1*	49			40	49	gn.	34			
1990			1 =	Se.			44	gn	5ª	70	34	49	Fourth
1991			2**	34			6%	4 ⁿ	79	34	See	4 th	Second
1992			5 th	24			6° 8°	8 ⁿ	34	34	24		Second
1993			24	40			5 ⁿ	2**	34	9*	5ª	5 th	Third
1994			6 ^m	6ª			70	4n	1#	34	34	5 th	Fifth
1995			14	5 th			2**	491	1 11	5*	Sat	6 th	Second
1995			1 10	24			40	6m	24	59	54	4*	Third
1997	14	1st	214	24			1st	5 th	1#	11*	Sat	49	Second
1998	34	1"	214	14	14	24	14	24	40	6 th	10	7*	First
1999									1#	1"	10	34	

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BOUNCERS BASKETBALL CLUB

"POINTS OF INTEREST"

In the beginning, basketball in Townsville was played in 2 seasons in the "Winter" and "Summer" of 1950. The games were for men's teams only in 2 divisions; "A" grade and "B" grade.

Team names included Giants, Dodgers, Pirates, Excelsiors, Commonwealth Bank, Commercials, Bouncers, Wolves, Shamrocks, Rebels, Brothers, Wests, Comets, Whirlwinds, N.F.C., Trotters, Celtics, Vikings, Devils, Q.P.L., Slazengers and Kangaroos.

An under 18 men's division was introduced in the summer of 1951 with Commercials I claiming the first championship. Minor Junior men started playing in the 1952 season but no winners were recorded until 1958 when Dodgers were victorious.

Townsville High School I were undefeated premiers in the U18M for the first time in 1961 winter season while Pimlico High School I were runners-up in 1962 Other

Team names to make the winners lists in the early 1960's were Wulguru, Oonoonba, Giants, Brambles, Nationals, R.I.P.s, Mormons, WEA's, Surfers, RAAF, Railways, Dolphins, Varsity, Bosuns, JP's, Shockers, Colts, Emeralds, Midgets, Techs and Blackstars.

Minor Junior Men made way for under 16, under 13 and under 11 age groups in 1966 with Pimlico High School, Giants and Colts I being the respective winners. These age groups didn't last long, being replaced by under 14, under 12 and under 10's in 1967 when Townsville Minor Junior Amateur Basketbull Association was born.

Blackstars were minor premiers for the first time in a C men's grade which was also introduced in 1966. The 4th Field Regiment made their presence felt by being undefeated premiers in this division in 1968 and 1969.

1970 saw a change from "winter" and "summer" seasons to a "pre-winter" season, "Championship" (winter) season and the "summer" season. Club Championships were awarded from 1972 onwards. The competition reverted back to 2 seasons in 1974, with the "pre-championship" (summer Feb-Mar) season, which was followed by the Championship (winter) season. The

'summer" season became known as the Patron's Cup in 1982.

The under 18 age group was replaced by an under 20 competition in 1974 and 1975, however this age group seems to have lapsed until 1983. It was about this time that the first Director of Coaching was appointed. 1985 saw beginning of the State Classics Championships in Queensland and the entry of the under 16 players into the Junior Association.

A mixed 'social' division was developed in 1990 and has been dominated by the Enzed team, which subsequently became the Pioneer Pensioners. It just goes to show that basketball is a great game for people of all ages, shapes and sizes and that participation and having fun are a major part of playing the game!

The ladies were not admitted into the Townsville Amateur Men's Basketball Association until 1958, however they did play in their own fixtures from 1950 at McInnes Courts.

Some of the teams playing in the women's competition over the years included Vikings, Dodgers, Comets, Celtics, Jets, Blue Hawks, Dazzlers, Kangaroos, Shamrocks, Techniques, Rebels, Limelites, Blackstars, Beechnics, Giants, North Stars, Cardinals, Surfers, Brambles, Opals, Brambles, A.S.As, Y.C.W., Tigers, Shockers, Dolphins, Demons, P.F.A, Hyats, Woolworths, Nationals, Hyats, Bouncers, Falcons, Graduates, Whirlwinds, Lakers, Varsity, Westeo, Cannons, Burdekin, J.C.U., Phoenix and Tropies.

A and B grades were played until 1962 when C grade was introduced. Under 12 girls competed in 1966 with Blackstars being the minor premiers. As with the boys other junior age groups were formed and eventually the Townsville Junior Baskethall Association took over the responsibility for the young players.

D grade was played for the first time in 1969 and in 1971 & 1972 E and F grades were established. These divisions have played on and off over the years depending on demand.

The under 23 age group was commenced in the Patron's cup season of 1990 and is still one of the most competitive divisions in the club championship.

A GRADE WOMEN'S WINNERS

		A GIIADI	L AAOIMITIA O	AAIIAIAFII		
		WINTER			SUMMER	
		(Patron's Cup)		(Ch	ampionship Season)	
YEAR	Minor Premiers	Premiers	Runners-up	Minor Premiers	Premiers	Runners-up
1958	Vikings	Vikings	Dodgers	Comets	Vikings	Cornets
1959	thongo	Vikings	Celtics II	0011010	Cettics II	
1960	Celtics I	Celtics I	Kangaroos	Celtics I (U)	Celtics I	Kangaroos
1961	Cetics I (U)	Celtics I	Celtics II	Celtics I(U)	Cetics I	Celtics II
1962	Celtics I	Celtics I	Dazziers	Celtics I	Cettics I	Celtics II
1963	Cettics I (U)	Celtics I	Celtics II	Celtics I	Cettics I	Dazziers I
1964	Celtics I	Celtics I	Dazzlers I	Celtics I	Celtics I	Dazziers I
1965	Surfers	Dazzlers	Celtics	Celtics	Dazzlers I	Celtics
1966	Dazziers	Dazziers	Surfers	Coits	Colts	Dazziers
1967	Dazziers	Dazziers	Celtics	Colts	Dazziers	Colts
1968	Colts	Lakers	Colts	Celtics	Lakers	Celtics
1969	Lakers(U)	Lakers (U)	Colts	Celtics	Cettics	Lakers
1970	Celtics	Dazziersi	Celtics	Lakers(U)	Lakers (U)	Celtics
1971	Lakers	Dazziers 1	Celtics I	Celtics II	Lakers	Celtics II
1972	Lakers (U)	Celtics II	Lakers	Lakers (U)	Lakers (U)	Celtics II
1973	Lakers	Lakers	Bouncers	P.Y.C.	PY.C.	Celtics
1974	P.Y.C.	PYC.	Celtics	P.Y.C. I	Bouncers	PY.C. I
1975	Celtics I	Lakers	Cettics I	Lakers	Lakers	Celtics
1976	Lakers I	Lakers I	Westco	Lakers I	Lakers I	Lakers II
1977	Lakers	Lakers	Bouncers	Lakers	Lakers	Bouncers
1978	Lakers	Lakers	Westco	Lakers I	Lakers I	Celtics
1979	Lakers	Lakers	Celtics	Westco	Lakers	Westoo
1980	Lakers	Lakers	Celtics	Celtics	Lakers	Celtics
1981	Cettics	Westco	Celtics	Celtics	Lakers	Celtics
1982	Lakers	Whirlwinds	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Cannons
1983	Bouncers	Bouncers	Cannons	Burdekin	Burdekin	Cannons
1984	Bouncers	Bouncers	Cannons	Lakers	Lakers	Cannons
1985	Lakers	Burdekin	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Whirlwinds
1986	Giants	Giants	Burdekin	Giants	Giants	Burdekin
1987	Burdekin	Giants	Burdekin	Giants	Giants	Burdekin
1988	Giants	Giants	Whirlwinds	Giants	Giants	Lakers
1989	Giants	Giants	Hyats	Giants	Giants	Hyats
1990	Giants	Giants	Bouncers	Giants	Giants	Hyats
1991	Giants	Bouncers	Giants	Giants	Giants	Cannons
1992	Bouncers	Giants	Bouncers	Giants	Bouncers	Hyats
1993	Hyats	Giants	Hyats	Giants	Giants	Hyats
1994	Giants	Hyats	Giants	Giants	Hyats	Giants
1995	Hyats	Hyats	Giants	Hyats	Hyats	Cannons
1996	Hyats	Giants	Hyats	Giants	Hyats	Giants
1997			Bouncers		Giants	Hyats
	Hyats	Hyats		Hyats		Cannons
1998	Whirtwinds	Whirlwinds	Hyats	Hyats	Hyats	Carmons

A GRADE MEN'S WINNERS

		WINTER (Patron's Cup)			SUMMER (Championship Season)	
YEAR	Minor Premiers	Premiers	Runners-up	Minor Premiers	Premiers	Runners-up
1950	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Giants		Dodgers	Dodgers	manners ap
1951		Dodgers		Excelsions	Dodgers II	
1952		Dodgers II		Laboratory	Dodgers II	
1953		Pirates I			Dodgers	
1954		Bouncers			Pirates I	
1955		Dodgers		Bouncers (U)	Bouncers (U)	
1956		Whirtwinds		Whirlwinds	bounces (u)	
1957	Dodgers (U)	Dodgers (U)		Whirlwinds I		
1958	Celtics	Celtics	Whirtwinds	Whirlwinds	Celtics	Vikings
1959	UCIDUS	Cettics I		Antiniminto		VINITGS
1960	Celtics	Celtics	Dodgers Whirlwinds	Calles AR	Vikings	Military
1961	Celtics	Cettics		Celtics (U)	Celtics	Vikings
1962	Celtics I		Vikings	Celtics (U)	Celtics (U)	Vikings
1963	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	Vikings	Celtics I	Celtics (U)	Celtics (U)	Vikings
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1954	Bouncers	Bouncers	Nationals	Bouncers	Bouncers	Nationals
1965	Nationals	Bouncers	Nationals	Bouncers	Whirlwinds	Bouncers
1986	Bouncers	Nationals	Bouncers	Bouncers	Bouncers	Nationals
1957	Nationals	Bouncers	Nationals	Nationals	Bouncers	Nationals
1958	Nationals	Nationals	Bouncers	Bouncers	Nationals	Lakers
1969	Bouncers	Lakers	Bouncers	Nationals (U)	Bouncers	Nationals
1970	Nationals	Nationals	Bouncers	Nationals	Bouncers	Nationals
1971	Bouncers I	Lakers	Bouncers I	Lakers	Lakers	Celtics
1972	Bouncers (U)	Celtics	Bouncers	Bouncers	Bouncers	Lakers
1973	Lakers	Bouncers	Lakers	Bouncers I	Bouncers I	Lakers
1974	Bouncers	Bouncers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Whirlwinds
1975	Bouncers	Bouncers	Lakers	Bouncers	Bouncers	Westco
1976	Bouncers	Bouncers	Lakers	Bouncers	Bouncers	Lakers
1977	Whirtwinds	Whirtwinds	Lakers	Bouncers	Whirlwinds	Bouncers
1978	Westco	Westco	Whirlwinds	Whirlwinds	Bouncers	Whirlwinds
1979	Westco	Bouncers	Westco	Lakers	Whirlwinds	Westco
1980	Bouncers (U)	Whirlwinds	Bouncers	Bouncers I	Bouncers I	Lakers
1981	Burdekin	Whirtwinds	Burdekin	Burdekin	Cannons	Burdekin
1982	Burdekin	Burdekin	Whirlwinds	Lakers	Lakers	Bouncers
1983	Bouncers	Whirlwinds	Bouncers	Lakers	Burdekin	Cannons
1984	Burdekin	Whirlwinds	Burdekin	Burdekin	Burdekin	Cannons
1985	Bouncers	Bouncers	Burdekin	Cannons	Bouncers	Whirlwinds
1986	Bouncers (U)	Cannons	Bouncers	Whirtwinds (U)	Whirlwinds (U)	Bouncers
1987	Cannons	Bouncers	Cannons	Whirtwinds	Cannons	Burdekin
1988	Lakers	Lakers	Bouncers I	Hyats	Whirlwinds	Lakers
1989	Bouncers	Lakers	Bouncers	Lakers	Lakers	Cannons
1990	Hyats	Hyats	Whirlwinds	Hyats	Giants/JCU	Cannons
1991	Whirlwinds	Whirtwinds	Bouncers	Whirlwinds	Whirtwinds	Lakers
1992	Hyats	Hyats	J.C.U.	Whirlwinds	Whirtwinds	Bouncers
1993	Hyats	Blackstars	Hyats	Hyats	Whirlwinds	Hyats
1994	Hyats	Hyats	Blackstars	Whirtwinds		Whirlwinds
1995	Hyats	Blackstars	Hyats		Hyats	
1996	Blackstars	Hyats	Blackstars	Hyats	Hyats	Whirtwinds
1997	Bouncers	Whirtwinds		Hyats	Phoenix	Hyats
1998	Bouncers		Bouncers	Phoenix	Bouncers	Blackstars
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1972	Lakers	1981	Lakers	1990	Bouncers
1973	Lakers	1982	Lakers	1991	Bouncers
1974	Bouncers	1983	Cannons	1992	Hynts
1975	Not competed for	1984	Hyats	1993	Bouncers
1976	Hyats	1985	Giants	1994	Cannons
1977	Westco	1986	Ginnts	1995	Hyats
1978	Giants	1987	Bouncers	1996	Hyats
1979	Lakers	1988	Lakers	1997	Hyats
1980	Hyats	1989	Bouncers	1998	Hyats

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DOUBLE GOLD



NUMERO UNO . . . the victorious Townsville Flames savour their first under-18 women's state championship since 1986 after claiming a nail-biting 54-50 win over Gold Coast at Murray Stadium Photo: USO HEITZ

Flames, Heat scorch rivals to take state crowns

TOWNSVILLE comented its position as the presider for the home crowd with a tight 54-50 victory — the city's first state crown in Michael Dasketballers with victory in both the men's and women's under 18 state clausics grand final division since 1996.

In Brisbane, the Heat presided on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a surge of home team's according rate capitalised on a 11-3 scoring with a 37-60 win.

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mighty Plames scorched a

The women's game of coach Noela Page, the

Flames, Heat scorch rivals

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The lead see-sawed through much of the second stanza, with each team refusing to back down amid a particularly physical period of basketball.

However, when a basket by point guard Belinda Fischer tied the score at 48-48 with one minute and 30 seconds left in the game, the parochial Townsville fans lifted their team home.

Flames forward Catherine Lansky showed strength inside to score a slick seven-footer, but it was the subsequent foul shot that gave her team a one-point lead with 30 seconds left and ultimately tipped the scale in Townsville's favour.

At the other end of the state, the Heat overcame a hesitant start to surge out to a six-point lead midway through the first half.

Led by guard Watene Roberts, centre Matthew Kelly and small forward Joel Girdler, Townsville maintained a strong scoring presence and looked comfortable at half-time, leading 29-23.

The second half saw a dramatic turnaround, and Southern Districts capitalised on a lack of tenacity by the Heat, and with three minutes to go the team had whittled the deficit down to two points.

However, a questionable charge call on Roberts seemed to fire up the Townsville team and they subsequently hammered their opposition in the dying minutes.

Women TOWNSVILLE 54 (B Fischer 15, S Page 12, E Falcon 7) d GOLD COAST (M Deigleish 19, J Abele 14, B Griffiths 7).

Men FOWNSVILLE 57 (W Roberts 17, M Kelly 12, J Sindler 12) d SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 46.



HIGH FIVE ... Townsville Lightning's Zane Grant is too quick for his rivals Photo UDO WEITZ





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The Future



NEW CROC ON THE BLOCK . . . impressive training form has earned Peter Crawford a contract with the Townsville Prote: SCOTT RADFORD-CHISHOLM

Stacker heaps praise on young recruit

By ANDREW HUMPHRIES

TOWNSVILLE Crocodiles' new signing Peter Crawford yesterday received close to the ultimate compliment from coach Ian Stacker.

In announcing Crawford's signing to the club's National Crocodiles. Basketball League roster. the NBL.

While that may seem a Crawford is yet to make his

NBL debut. Stacker said it meanour gives him the po- and held his own." was based on the 19-year-old's impressive training form.

In fact, he said the younglargely on his efforts on the training court with the

Stacker said he was already sonal development has im- Mackinnon and Jason Camone of the better defenders in pressed me and my coaching eron and I would put Peter in staff," Stacker said.

"Peter is a naturally gifted strange comment given that athlete, he is a North Queensland boy and his personal de-

tential to succeed at NBL level."

Stacker admitted he was ster's signing was based giving Crawford a big wrap, and joins Chris Novak as anbut it was praise the former Mount Isa player had earned.

"We've got some very good "Peter's attitude and per- defensive players like Sam with that group," Stacker said.

against Sam and Robert Rose next season".

Crawford was a member of the Townsville State High School's basketball academy other academy graduate to sign with the Crocodiles.

He plays with Bouncers in the Townsville competition and with the Townsville Heat in the Australian Basketball Association. Stacker said the club was now just "a couple of players away from forming a "He has matched up very competitive outfit for



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GHT...Phoenix under-10 player akon Yuen, left, and Whirlwinds' Zac Bourne contest possession



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