



Time Out

Koonung Comets Basketball Club Newsletter

April 2006

Eleven teams made finals

What a fantastic end to the Summer 05/06 season for Koonung Comets with eleven teams making it through to the Grand finals.

All teams played with fierce determination and 7 teams succeeded in becoming premiers, including 5 boys teams and 2 girls teams.

In particular, the club would like to acknowledge the outstanding performances of two teams.

The **Girls U16 KNI** team, coached by Lloyd Doddridge, won A Grade once again making them back to back champions - a first for the club. Their victory was an amazing accomplishment as they were playing Eltham 1 again. With 2 minutes to go they were down by 5 points, but managed to fight back to win by 3 points. These girls never give up and very much play as a team!

Congratulations to: **Alex Doddridge, Jess Khera, Chantelle Gustus, Madison Taylor, Jess Wakeham, Cara Jeffers, Rachel Gill, Amanda Gammilonghi** and coach **Lloyd Doddridge**.

The other team the club is particularly proud of is the **Boys U20 KN 1** team, who won the B Grade Grand Final. Coached by Ray Foster, who was deservedly awarded Coach of the Season at the club's recent presentation day, the boys played brilliantly on the day.

Ray explained, "After 4 seasons in A Grade and having coached 5 of the players since starting with them, my aim was for them to win a Grand Final before they finished their playing days at Koonung Basketball Club."

Congratulations to: **Harley Clark, Ben Dillon, Mitch Staley** and **Drew Carpenter**, who have a great memory



The victorious Boys U20 KN1 team, 4 of whom played their last game for Koonung.

of their last game played for Koonung, and to the other members of the team - **Shane Tolsma, James Cullinan, Alister Loughran, Adam Dillon and Simon Baird**. (The last two were eligible to play U18 but as the club did not have a team in that age group were welcome additions to this team.)

The boys also played in an U21 tournament at Kilsyth over the March long weekend and represented Koonung proudly to finish runners up to Eltham.

Ray would like to thank the boys for their efforts during the season and for giving up that weekend to play in the tournament. "It has been an absolute pleasure to coach them," said Ray, "They have rewarded me with the most enjoyable season that I have ever had coaching. Well done to a great bunch of boys. Their parents should be proud of them."

Our other premiership teams are equally deserving of acknowledgement for their great wins.

Congratulations to all players and coaches in the following successful teams.

Boys U8 KN 2

Coached by Peter Hopkins

Boys U10 KN2

Coached by Greg Jeffers

Boys U10 KN6

Coached by Ben Collins and Jordan Doddridge

Boys U12 KN6

Coached by Mike Denison

Girls U8 KN 2

Coached by Freya Curry, Shivaun Devalle, and Laura Bateman.

Thanks to all the coaches, players, parents and helpers who made this such a successful season.

REMINDER: Uniforms will be available from the Stadium on Wednesday 26th April and 3rd May from 4:30pm to 6pm. Call Jane (Ph: 9849 1950) or Clare (Ph: 9899 6203) for your uniform enquiries.

Success for new young coaches

At the start of the season one team was without a coach - the U10 KN6 boys team.

Two young players, Ben Collins and Jordan Doddridge, decided to take on their first coaching role and met the team, which had quite a few players new to the game as well.

What a success story unfolded over the season. Their team made it to the Grand Final and, to cap it all off, became premiers.

The growth in confidence in our young coaches, Ben and Jordan, has been amazing and their players have just been so enthusiastic and responsive, never giving up and hardly ever missing a game or training.

I tell this tale because it illustrates what basketball is all about.

It is not just about A Grade winners, much as we like to hear about that.

I hope this story encourages other young players to try coaching and see



how rewarding it is. This team has also had a wonderful group of parents who have supported the coaches and players each week.

Thanks to Jordan and Ben, the players and their families. It has been a great season and what a way to cap it off with a premiership flag!

Team managers are vital

Every Koonung Team must have a team manager, but it is especially im-

portant in cases where the coach is young.

If the team manager can look after the rosters, act as a contact point and ensure there is an adult there to attend training, our young coaches will have more time to coach, and not have to be worried about the other things which can often seem a big deal to them.

Please don't hesitate to volunteer!

Whittlesea basketball tournament

Tournaments are a great chance for teams to get extra practice and build their skills against often tougher opponents than in their usual competitions.

On the weekend of 24th - 26th March a number of Koonung teams entered the Whittlesea City Basketball Tournament with great results. Greg Jeffers and Lloyd Doddridge, coaches of teams that entered the tournament, gave us updates on how their teams fared.

Lloyd writes: "The U14 Boys entered A Grade and were undefeated in their pool all the way through, finally defeating Bulleen in the Grand Final. Congratulations to David Burgess, Daniel Pearce, Jordan Doddridge, Matthew Bodo, Darcy Taylor, Ryan Thorn, Sam Cass and Luke Ockenden.

The U18 Girls A Grade were also undefeated and then went on to win a tough grand final against Whittlesea. Congratulations to Alex Doddridge, Maddy Taylor, Rachel Gill, Mandy Gammlonghi, Chantelle Gustus, Cara

Jeffers and Amy Taylor.

The U16 A Grade Boys had a very tough tournament as 3 players pulled out at the last minute so we only had 5-6 players per game. They fought hard and lost 2 matches by under 10 points and therefore were unable to make the finals.

All involved enjoyed the weekend of basketball and look forward to another tournament possibly next season."

Greg writes: "The U10 KN2 boys were looking forward to the challenge of competing in the U12 Whittlesea competition. In the first game they defeated Kinglake by over 20 points. They continued winning most games, and had a draw with Eltham. With a final preliminary game against Whittlesea, the team had a disappointing loss and finished up in second place within the group.

In the semi final we played Apollo, who had several Championship play-

ers. Our boys played a brilliant first half and were winning by 10 points, only to fall apart in the second half, with the game coming down to free throws. Making the semis was a great surprise and I want to thank the boys for some great performances.

The U12 KN2 Boys entered the U14 competition and were absolutely awesome, going all the way to the Grand Final and destroying Whittlesea. At half time the scores were 14-9 with us in the lead. After coping a baking at half time they played aggressively resulting in an amazing final score of 52-14. Well done boys!

The U10 KN1 Girls played in A Grade U12, the strongest competition in the tournament facing off against all Friday night teams.

On Friday night we faced a couple of losses against some big teams, and on Saturday defeated Bulleen and Bendigo, the champions of country Victoria, for a 3rd place finish. Well done girls!

REMINDER: Don't forget to visit our website for information on fixtures, results and ladders throughout the season. Put it in your favourites. <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kcbc/>

Summer season trophy winners



We can't let the summer season draw to a close without letting you know about our proud award winners.

Congratulations to the following players who received trophies at Presentation Day on 9th April and many thanks to all those who attended. Special thanks also to Lisa Doddridge, our Awards Officer who organises the trophies each year.

This season we were pleased to award 82 individual awards.

Congratulations also are extended to Ray Foster who was awarded "Coach of The Season."

GIRLS TEAMS

U8 KN1	Coaches Award Best Team Player	Sian Gillam Jessica Rowell
U8 KN2	Most Improved Coaches Award	Ursula King Laura Brown
U10 KN1	Most Valuable Player Most Improved	Melanie Bateman Katrina Dickinson
U10 KN2	Most Determined Most Improved	Molly Scott Maddison Hopkins
U10 KN3	Coaches Award Most Determined	Taylah Snell Emily Holding
U12 KN1	Most Determined Coaches Award	Nikola Jackson Morgan Thomas
U12 KN2	Best Team Player Coaches Award	Stacey Portelli Hannah Bevis
U12 KN3	Coaches Award Most Valuable Player	Brooke Clarkson Louise Almeida
U14 KN1	Most Determined Coaches Award	Cheianne Christianson Sarah Mitchell
U14 KN2	Most Improved Coaches Award	Sarah Newton Caitlin Noonan
U14 KN3	Coaches Award Most Valuable Player	Julia Hart Helen Pape
U14 KN4	Best Team Player Most Consistent	Laura Bateman Rebecca Jewell
U16 KN1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Rachel Gill Amanda Gammilonghi
U16 KN2	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Rachael McNeil Roxie Adam
U16 KN3	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Natalie Fallaw Phoebe Garrett
U16 KN4	Most Determined Most Improved	Sally Richardson Lauren Morrison
U18 KN1	Most Improved Most Improved	Amy Taylor Claire Freemantle
U18 KN2	Best Team Player Most Valuable Player	Laura Stampa Madura Rajkumar

BOYS TEAMS

U8 KN1	Most Valuable Player Most Consistent	Toby Davis Hugh Curtis
U8 KN2	Most Determined Player Coaches Award	Joshua Holding Sam Cook
U8 KN3	Best Team Player Most Determined	Billy Munter Liam Hapke
U8 KN4	Most Improved Coaches Award	Bailey Gay Matthew O'Dwyer
U10 KN1	Coaches Award Most Valuable Player	Hugh Davis Peter Wilson
U10 KN2	Coaches Award Most Improved	Declan Connoley James D'Apolito
U10 KN3	Coaches Award Most Determined	Steven Clark Tom Clifford
U10 KN4	Coaches Award Most Valuable Player	Cameron Warren-Smith Joshua Sertic
U10 KN5	Most Determined Most Improved	James Corboy Ethan Mountney
U10 KN6	Most Valuable Player Coaches Award	Liam Orr Nathan Portelli
U12 KN1	Most Determined Player Coaches Award	Darcy Taylor Sam Cass
U12 KN2	Most Valuable Player Coaches Award	Harry Thorn Alex Gazdowicz
U12 KN3	Most Improved Coaches Award	Chris Turner Chris Jackson
U12 KN4	Most Consistent Most Improved	William Cooper Joel Sanson
U12 KN5	Most Improved Most Determined	Joshua Snell Lachlan Power
U12 KN6	Most Improved Coaches Award	Michael Czermak Sam Webster
U14 KN1	Coaches Award Best Team Player	Glen Pearce Matthew Barr
U14 KN2	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Stephen Dent Sean O'Dwyer
U14 KN3	Most Improved Coaches Award	Jaic Wright Andrew Goslin
U16 KN1	Most Improved Most Valuable Player	Josh Bevis Will Cheshire
U16 KN2	Most Improved Best Team Player	Roy Pearce John Frattin
U16 KN3	Most Determined Most Potential	Brendan Shelley Joseph Billings
U20 KN1	Most Valuable Player Coaches Award	Ben Dillon Adam Dillon

Winter Season Update



Thankyou from our club president

It was not just the Commonwealth Games that had wonderful volunteers. We did too! Thanks to all the people who helped out over the finals period. They are too many to mention personally. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes each week. There are rosters to prepare, doors to man, trophies to organise, speeches to make, barbecues to cook, results to process, new teams to register and select, fees to collect ... it goes on and on. It is great that so many of you offer help and willingly agree if approached to take on a job. Please keep doing that! We do appreciate your help.

It is not fair to leave out our regular hard workers when saying thank-you. This includes all the people on the committee who put in a huge amount of time and energy, our uniform officers, stadium openers and manager, coaches, team managers and EDJBA Liaison officer. Last but not least, I am going to mention names - Lenore Harris and Nick Bateman who respectively produce and print this newsletter. I think I have mentioned everyone here but so much goes on and so many people just do their job quietly that it would be easy to miss someone. It is not intentional if I do and I apologise. **Thankyou all of you!** *Norah*

Koonung referees wanted

From the beginning of this season Koonung will be responsible for appointing referees at their own venues. In the past, the referees at Koonung have been within the Camberwell Referees Association which appoints referees to BHS, BWN, WHH, KN and THT. Beginning this season a selection of referees with ties to the club will be refereeing at KN and THT each week. They will still be classified within the Camberwell Referees Association, however, they will no longer be appointed to BHS, BWN or WHH. The use of referees known to the club will overcome some difficulties we have experienced in the past few seasons and give us greater consistency.

Anyone over the age of 14 who is interested in becoming a referee can contact either Chris Hastings (0401 623 418) or Greg Jeffers (0401 025 972), the new referee coordinators. They can advise about courses etc.

Avoid walkover fines

A walkover occurs when a team is unable to field at least four players within 10 minutes after the scheduled start time. The offending club pays a \$60 fine to the other club and if they have 3 walkovers in a season the fine becomes \$100 and the team risks disqualifications.

Avoid walkovers by:

- Arranging for a Koonung player from a younger age group to play
- Arranging for the game to be rescheduled
- Playing a forfeit game

Contact Greg Jeffers or Bruce Perham for more information about these options, particularly with school holidays coming up.

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Diary Dates

27 May	Final date for payment of fees
10 June	Queens Birthday weekend No Games
17 June	1st weekend school holidays All games on
24 June	No games
24-25 June	Melb. Tigers Tournament
1 July	3rd weekend school holidays All games on
13 August	Registration and grading day
26 August	First semi finals
9 September	Grand finals
10 September	Presentation Day
24 September	Team lists distributed
16 October	Annual General Meeting

REMINDER: Last day for payment of outstanding registration fees is May 27. Players who have not paid will be de-listed.