



Time Out

Koonung Comets Basketball Club Newsletter

October 2006

Eight teams win finals

Koonung Comets ended the season in spectacular style with 15 teams playing in Grand Finals and eight teams ultimately recording a victory - four girls teams and four boys teams.

Last season 11 teams made the Grand Final, so this season's result is a significant improvement, particularly when you consider that so many teams are now playing in higher grades than previously.

This year's Presentation Day was well attended with many players, team mates and families enjoying the opportunity to share a drink and a sausage together to celebrate the end of a great season.

Our Grand Final winners

Girls U9 KN2 (9B-2)

Coached by Paula Crawford-Hall and Kyal Crawford-Lloyd.

Players: Laura Brown, Beth Cooper, Hannah Hillman, Rebecca Jackson, Ella Madigan, and Jessica Rowell.

Girls U11 KNI (A2-1)

Coached by Chris Hastings.

Players: Morgan Thomas, Melanie Bateman, Kirra Christensen, Molly Kenyon, Manisha Prasad, Victoria Bodo, and Nikola Jackson.

Girls U15 KN3 (C1-2)

Coached by Warren Knight.

Players: Cass Hodgson, Paige Tapa, Laura Bateman, Freya Curry, Rachel Knight, Merran Paice, Clare Taylor, Chivaun De Valle, and Nadia Grecco.

Girls U17 KNI (A)

Coached by Lloyd Doddridge.

Players: Alex Doddridge, Madison Taylor, Chantelle Gustus, Jess Wakeham, Rachel Gill, Cara Jeffers, Amy Taylor,



The Under 17 girls won their A grade grand final for the 3rd season in row.

Amanda Gammilonghi, Gaby Duncan, and Bianca Werkmeister.

Boys U11 KN2 (BB -2)

Coached by Tony O'Dwyer and Peter Davis.

Players: Hugh Davis, Nic MacFie, Charlie Thorn, Campbell Sedy, Declan Connolly, Patrick O'Dwyer, Nick Roberts, and Alex Bateman.

Boys U11 KN6 (DA -2)

Coached by Merryl Sertic.

Players: Josh Sertic, Kyle Elliot, Jack Whiffin, Michael Czermak, Oliver Main, Misha Vorstermans, and Tomas Walker.

Boys U13 KNI (BA -1)

Coached by Colin Cass.

Players: Sam Cass, Harry Thorn, Jacob Kenyon, Daniel Pearce, Matt D'Apolito, Nick Gazdowicz, Matthew Bodo.

Boys U13 KN5 (CD -1)

Coached by Hadyn and Matt.

Players: James Tucker, Luke Mallaby, Jaic Wright, Joseph Caldwell, Sam Webster, Phil Gay, D'arcy Grant, and Jack Tibballs.

Congratulations to all these players!

Our thanks to all our coaches, team managers and parents who provided such consistent reliable support to all our teams throughout the season.

We hope you have all enjoyed the school holiday break and are looking forward to the first game of the summer season on October 7th.

The first 6 games of the season will form the grading phase, with the regular season kicking off in Round 7.

Coaches will be in contact during the first week of term to advise you of the training times.

REMINDER: Visit our website for information on fixtures, results and ladders throughout the season. Put it in your favourites - <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kbc/> or Google search Koonung Comets.

New look club website

If you haven't visited our new look website yet, please do so as it will be the primary form of communication between the club committee, coaches, team managers and players throughout the season. The new site is more professional and easier to navigate.

The best way to find the website is to Google search "Koonung Comets" and it should appear near the top. Alternatively you could type in the address and then add it to favourites:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kcbcl/>

Anthony Munter has designed the website and will be updating it, but he emphasises that the site belongs to everyone and that it will only be as good as the information he is given.

Currently the site contains introductory information about the club, registration forms, newsletters, venue listings, maps, results, ladders and news.

At the moment there are no fixtures due to EDJBA restrictions but we are investigating alternatives.

What we need is more news from everyone to attract more traffic and give people in the club a lively forum to communicate with each other and the wider community.

Urgent announcements will normally be posted within 24 hours. Simply email the announcement to amunter@hotmail.com or **SMS 0425 764 210**.

Other less urgent newsworthy information will be posted within a week, and should be emailed to the same address. Please note pictures of players should only be submitted after seeking permission from all parents



and guardians. Any pictures provided will be posted on the assumption that this permission has already been given.

Any ideas for further pages or links will be cheerfully accepted. Let's build on our basic framework now and together fill it full of interesting information.

Big achievements in tournaments this season

During this season many Koonung players and teams represent their Friday night Association with pride on the National Level. As you may well be aware many Koonung players represent associations such as Camberwell, Bulleen, Nunawading, Hawthorn and many others; some of these players within their associations qualify for tournaments.

Superstar Sarah

We are proud to congratulate Sarah Mitchell who has qualified for the Australian U14 national Titles that are being held on the Gold Coast as this newsletter goes to print. Sarah is currently in our U13 KNI girl's team and is playing in the U14 1st team for the Nunawading Spectres on a Friday night.

Sarah has been playing with Koonung since she was around 7 years of age. This will be the 6th time over the past 7 years that we have been represented at Nationals, no other club within our EDJBA competition can

match that achievement.

National Junior Classic

Back in June the National Junior Classic was held in Melbourne. 16 of the best teams from around Australia came to fight to be National Club

Champion in U12s, 14s, 16s and 18s boys and girls.

This year we had several Koonung players representing us and their Friday night association at a National Level.

Congratulations to all these players who played a tough weekend of basketball.

U12 Boys - James Munter, Alex Gazdowicz, Kyal Crawford-Lloyd (All play for Bulleen on Friday nights)

U12 Girls - Melanie Bateman, Morgan Thomas (Nunawading rep teams)

U14 Girls - Sarah Mitchell (N'wading)

U16 Boys - Ben Doddridge (Bulleen)

U18 Girls - Rebecca Campigli (Nunawading)

Melanie Bateman even made the news as one of the smaller players in the competition - see article featured



Winter season trophy winners



Congratulations to all the players who received trophies at Presentation Day on September 10th.

We would also like to make special mention of two individuals who were recognized for their coaching commitment. Congratulations to Jeremy Tate and Sean O'Dwyer who were awarded the perpetual "Coach of the Season" trophy. Sean and Jeremy are two of our youngest coaches who together coached our U9 KN5 boys team. They are keen to contribute their time to coaching and have attended a number of coaching courses to develop their skills.

Special thanks also to Lisa Doddridge, our Awards Officer who organises the trophies each year.

GIRLS TEAMS		
U9 1	Most Determined Player Most Improved	Sarah Clark Jemma Hillman
U9 2	Most Determined Player Most Consistent	Beth Cooper Ella Madigan
U9 3	Best Team Player Most Improved	Alex Cunningham Abbie McNamara
U11 1	Most Consistent Most Improved	Mollie Kenyon Manisha Prasad
U11 2	MVP Best Defensive Player	Amy Clifford Rebecca Dickinson
U11 3	Most Consistent Encouragement Award	Amelia Dawborn Phoebe Stewart
U11 4	Most Improved Most Determined Player	Holly Denison Alice Endersbee
U13 1	Most Determined Most Improved	Charley Thomas Maddison Reidy
U13 2	Most Determined Coaches Award	Lauren Whalley Stacey Portelli
U13 3	MVP Best Defensive Player	Lauren Daw Georgina Hoven
U15 1	Coaches Award MVP	Natalie Tunstill Caitlin Noonan
U15 2	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Brittany Duncan Amy Lawther
U15 3	Most Determined Best Team Player	Cass Hodgson Paige Tapa
U17 1	Most Determined Player Best Team Player	Madison Taylor Cara Jeffers
U17 2	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Becky Parkins Kate Foster
U17 3	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Freya Newton Kaitlyn Taylor
U19 1	Coaches Award Best Team Player	Dani Abbas Chloe Garrett

BOYS TEAMS		
U9 1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Hugh Curtis Michael Minz
U9 2	Best Defensive Player Coaches Award	Harry Jacobs Jack Gazdowicz
U9 3	MVP Best Defensive Player	Curtis Hopkins James Reidy
U9 4	MVP Most Improved	Lachlan Richardson Eddie Dobson
U9 5	Coaches Award Most Improved	Avrin Ravindran Jamison Duncan
U9 6	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Charlie Clifford Scott Young
U11 1	Most Improved Coaches Award	Matthew Thorn Kyal Crawford-Lloyd
U11 2	Best Team Player Most Determined Player	Patrick O'Dwyer Alex Bateman
U11 3	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Kaine McNamara Tom Corboy
U11 4	Most Determined Most Improved	James Allen Melan Kurukulasuriya
U11 5	Coaches Award Most Improved	Stephen Piva James Zagame
U11 6	Most Improved Most Determined	Kyle Elliott Misha Vostermans
U11 7	Most Improved Best Team Player	Tom Kruyt Jack Plant
U11 8	MVP Coaches Award	Will Wilson Edward O'sullivan
U13 1	MVP Coaches Award	Daniel Pearce Jacob Kenyon
U13 2	Most Determined Player Coaches Award	Jordan Doddridge Will Cooper
U13 3	Most Improved Most Determined Player	James McGillivray Patrick Dillon
U13 4	Most Determined Player Coaches Award	Tae Bennett John Muston
U13 5	Best & Fairest MVP	D'arcy Grant Jaic Wright
U13 6	Most Consistent Coaches Award	Jamie De Maria Daniel Patience
U15 1	Most Consistent Shooting Star Award	Mark Jeffers Ben Doddridge
U15 2	Coaches Award Best Defensive Player	Peter Huynh Brenden Warren-Smith
U15 3	Coaches Award MVP	James Cope Peter Colson
U17 1	Most Enthusiastic Player	Jason Young
U17 2	MVP Coaches Award	Brendan Shelley Matt Roache
U19 1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Mark Saines Allister Loughran

Summer Season Update



Annual General Meeting

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on 14th November; please note that date in your diary. Venue and time will be advised via the website closer to the date. We hope many people will be able to make it and encourage people to consider getting involved by taking an active role on the committee or behind the scenes. At the AGM this year one of the topics to be voted on will be whether to have a number of paid positions to ensure the smooth running of the club and to ease the burden on our small group of volunteers.

Fees now due

Please forward outstanding fees or registrations to registrar Mike Denison to secure your position in the team. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website.

While on the subject of fee payment, it is important that Club members understand that placement of cash under the doormat or in the letterbox of a Club Committee member does not amount to receipt of that money by the occupant of the house or the club. In recent times the Club has experienced a case of lost funds due to a member leaving cash in a place that is accessible to the public. So be warned. The club will only take

responsibility for cash that is handed directly to the Committee member or officer concerned and for which a receipt is given.

New uniform coordinators needed

Clare MacFie and Jane Bateman are retiring as uniform coordinators after many years of service; we thank them for running the uniform "shop" so efficiently. So now we need some new volunteers. The job involves ordering and selling uniforms at the stadium and handling uniform enquiries. Please contact Clare 9899 6203 or Jane 9849 1950 if you would like to find out more or if you are interested in taking on either role.

Lost property

A lost property box (clothing only) will be placed in the stadium foyer each Saturday. Any basketballs left at the venue will not be in the box but stored in a cupboard. For access to lost property during the week contact Ray Foster who will be at the stadium twice a week. To help us to help you: please have a name and phone number on basketballs. Drink bottles will be thrown out. During the week the school caretaker closes the stadium and collects lost property so there are no guarantees it will end up in the lost property box.

New referees

Congratulations to our new Koonung referees who have qualified this season: **Ben Doddridge, Matthew Foster, Mark Jeffers, Theresa Jeffers and Brendan Warren-Smith**. You may have noticed them "in training" at Koonung or THT. Please show them your support; even a nice comment about how well they refereed a game can go a long way to boosting a person's confidence!

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Diary Dates

7 October	Summer Season commences Grading Games
3 November	Melbourne Cup Weekend No Games
14 November	Annual General Meeting
19 November	Fixtures Day
25 November	Regular season commences
16 December	Last game for 2006 School holiday break
3 February	First game for 2007 Season recommences
3 March	Semi finals
17 March	Preliminary finals
24 March	Grand finals
25 March	Presentation day

REMINDER: First game for the season is October 7th.