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Newsletter of the Junior Representative Program
SCJ Playoff Edition



Semi Final

U12M3

Manly 40 Def Norths 29

By Karen Hughes – Team Manager

The boys were excited with their qualification for the semi finals. Preparation had been solid this week with an extra training session to get all the holiday feelings behind them and have focus on the game.

North's opened the scoring with a great basket from Connor Yetman. Sebastian Hughes added to the first quarter tally with two baskets to match Connors. Manly were quick to respond and nudged ahead in the first quarter. Manly had come to play tough and were hungry for the ball.

Solid play by Zane Kosovich and his contribution to the points tally helped keep North's in the game. Angus Carre continued with his great bursts down the court along with Taylor Hodgkinson, Sam Merrick and Harry Potter all running the ball down the court trying hard to get to the basket through rock solid defence by Manly. Jack Sullivan and Cameron Vick put their bodies on the line with some great defence work. Cameron once again had his trade mark 'flying shot block' on display.

After half time with Coach Ed Springer encouraging the boys to try their best North's were back in the game and within a couple of baskets of Manly. However, Manly got ahead again because of North's loose play and never looked back.

In the end sadly a loss to North's but overall a great season boys, Coach Ed and Assistant Coach, Kevin Kosovich. Well done.



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U12W1

Sydney Comets 52 def Norths Bears 43

Elle Carroll 20points, Catherine Miller 8 points, Elise Dixon 5points

Patrick Carmody – Team Manager

North U12W1 met up with their arch rival the Sydney Comets in the SJC Grand Final. The Comets and Bears have played each other four times this year with the series tied 2-2.

Norths got off to a good start and held a 4 point lead after the first quarter and a 2 point lead at halftime. In the second half, the Comets started to pull ahead and had a 9 point lead with 4 minutes left to play in the 4th quarter. This seemed to inspire the North girls. The girls then ran a full court press, got a few quick steals and a few quick baskets. With 2.30 left to play the Bears were behind by 3 points. Unfortunately, the Comet then made a few baskets and North ended up losing by 5 points.

The U12W1 have qualified for the next round of the State playoffs and will be looking to meet the Sydney Comets again in the State Finals.

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U12W2

Norths Bears Black 38 def Norths Bears Red 33

Norths Bears Black: Gabi Toranto 11points, Holly Stawyskyj 7points, Phoebe Coogans 6points, Grace Hrycek 6points

Norths Bears Red: Erica Martin 12points, Lucy Kimmer 8points, Jazlyn Burke 5points

Game MVP: Lucy Kimmer - Norths Bears Red

The Norths' coaches, players and supporters knew this was going to be a fantastic, hard fought game. With the Black Bears undefeated throughout the season and the Red Bears having only lost to the Black Bears, these 2 teams were standout performers all season. Having trained together under the brilliant leadership of Daniel Fischer ("Fish"-Black Bears coach) and Jarrod Moore ("J-Rod"- Red Bears coach), the girls knew each other well but this was not going to stop a spirited, determined and skilful game.

The Black Bears scored the first points of the game but the Reds soon retaliated. And so it was to be all game. Each time the Black Bears appeared to be getting away, the Red Bears fought back to within 1 point. By part way through the third quarter, the Red Bears had taken the lead for the first time. The Black Bears' supporters started to look worried but Fish continued to build up confidence in the team, noting their great teamwork, training and game history. The quarter time scores 8-5; 18-15; 27- 26 show just how tight this game was. The girls responded to Fish's call to play like the tough Black Bears that they'd been all season and they went on to win 38-33 despite the determination of the Red Bears.

All the girls in both teams contributed to such a high standard grand final game. Congratulations to the mighty Black Bears (in number order) Holly Stawyskyj, Claudia Mee, Phoebe Coogans, Ella O'Halloran, Hana Pejar, Maddie Dempsey, Georgie Drinnan, Grace Hrycek, Gabi Taranto and also Charlotte Gorman, the player reserve, who filled in many times during the season to help the team make it to the Grand Final. A huge thank you to Fish from the Black Bears and the parents for giving up so much of his time for normal and extra training sessions, building up the girls' confidence and bringing out the best in every girl. You are a fantastic coach and show great sportsmanship and leadership.

Special congratulations to the Red Bears' Lucy Krimmer, who was MVP in the Grand Final. Also congratulations to the other team members, Mahlia Garay, Isabel Snelgrove, Amy Dyer, Mya Carmody, Jazlyn Burke, Mia Andersen-Cooke, Grace Malin, Erica Martin and Anna Bonadeo on a great game and basketball year. Jarrod Moore is to be congratulated as coach. The girls responded all season to his coaching. He inspired the girls in the final to play to their best, at the same time showing great composure under pressure.

Good luck to both teams as they head to the State Cup on 28 & 29 August. Perhaps another grand final between these two champion teams!

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U14W2

Norths Bears 46 def Sydney Comets 41

Sarah Thomas 12points, Shaina Marsh 8points, Siena Crisafi 6points, Lisa Kavanagh 6points

Pat Wilson – Head Coach

Bears vs. Comets – yet another layer was added to this ancient basketball rivalry as our North girls emerged victorious in a hard fought affair last Sunday on the backcourts of Penrith Stadium. Evenly matched throughout the season the Comet team had convincingly beat the Bears the previous weekend in the semi-final game, on the back of some unbelievable outside shooting, and perhaps felt a bit overconfident heading into the grand final! The Bears – focused, composed and with revenge firmly upon their minds – leapt out to an early lead and throughout most of the game looked more or less in control. A combination of great toughness in defence, rebounding dominance and easy transition baskets enabled Norths to weather all of Comets' comebacks. The final 6 point margin of triumph did not entirely reflect the high level of play with which the Bears had functioned for every quarter.

Every single player contributed something to the triumph – Zara Olsen dished out a season record 9 assists in a gritty point guard performance, with a determined Sarah Thomas and Shaina Marsh top scoring on the back of a series of high-impact drives; Lisa Kavanagh and Siena Crisafi also stepped up, supplying some key baskets and wrecking much havoc in defence. Much fuss has to be also made of Norths' bench, who again and again provided timely spurts of energy and scoring; Katya Triantis and Rose Georgiou were constant threats in offence and proved way too big and strong under the ring, while Maya Jurlina, Hannah Dirou and Annabelle Holden played hard and smart every minute they were on court, contributing not only points, steals and rebounds but a great deal of enthusiasm and oomph! Mention must also be made of team manager Gina Georgiou, assistant coach Nicola Shaw, statistician Bruce Olsen and the wider parent group – they deserve a great deal of this season's credit; doing a amazing job at keeping the players motivated and happy. A very enjoyable season and a well-deserved win for a group of hard working Bears. Bring on State Cup!



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U16M4

Norths Bears 81 def St George 64

Beau Jaco 19points, Christopher Georgiou 17points, Jordan Cook 16points

By Danny Flynn – Team Manager

Finals day and the boys although nervous had to be confident due to the effort they had been putting in at practice. Norths had met with St. George three times with only one win by 2 points and the prediction was that the game was surely going to go down to the wire.

At the first time out St. George was ahead 15-5. This had never been the case in previous encounters. St. George had always closed the gap on a Norths lead. This time Norths were faced with having to carve out a win from behind and this was venturing into new psychological territory.

Our big man Mark was being targeted and was on three fouls before the first quarter was over. Evan came in to protect the boards with his expert offensive and defensive rebounds. This gave Mark time to collect his thoughts and come back to play brilliant offense and defence under the boards. Chris was able to take some big strides to the basket and nudge the score up by drawing fouls and making hay at the free throw line with three point plays.

Jordan foxed the opposition and sent many curly overhead shots that hit the mark or gave him opportunities at the free throw line. Scott put up his own respectable score including a three and kept feeding the ball expertly to Beau who converted many with a soft touch. Lachlan secured the lanes and directed the ball to the key plus put points up when he snuck into the back court and took St. George by surprise.

Fearless Will and Matt did a great job defending the ‘biggs’ of St George and gave them no space to breathe. This played a huge part in Norths being able to gain the ascendancy on the score board because they effectively foiled the efforts of St. George to get ahead. The speed and ball handling of Saxon down the middle gave the trailing board players a chance to set up the zone. Injured player Mitch, supported his team mates from the bench with his presence at every practice and game for three weeks - that must have been hard!

We have had superb support from our team of parents on the bench throughout the season but today our thanks go to veterans of the bench on grand final day when we were in the safe hands of Jill Pioch and Gina Georgiou. Thank you to the many camera dads on duty and also to the U16 Div 1 boys who came along to our final practice session to give the team some opposition. Final thanks to our wily coach for his endless bag of strategies and our manager for his constant support of our coach in motivating the boys to believe in their abilities. It all came together with the boys bringing home a well deserved and convincing victory for themselves and Norths.

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Saturday 25th September 6pm

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