

## HOCKEY SQUAD SELECTIONS

NSW state hockey squads have just been announced by Hockey NSW. Former academy athletes Chris Hamer (Illawarra) and Graham Isedale (Southern Highlands) were named in the Country senior men's state squad.



Hamer and Isedale will play with the team at the Australian Country Championships in Berri, South Australia, from July 30 to August 6.

Current City Coast Credit Union hockey squad members Jemma Delamont (Bowral) and Esther Griffiths (Keiraville) have been named in the in the U15 girl's state preliminary squad.

They join Wingecarribee Talented Athlete program hockey squad members Megan Drapalski (Mittagong) and Alanna Smith (Moss Vale) who also gained selection.

The final U15 squad will be selected 9 and 10 July.

## ARMSTRONG CLOSE TO LAST CUT

BlueScope Steel scholarship holder Brendan Armstrong (*right*) from Albion Park competed in the U18 Country NSW Baseball titles in late June as part of the Illawarra team.



After limited preparation, Armstrong played in five matches for the side that finished the competition undefeated. Illawarra scored a total of 95 runs, with 25 scored against them in the eight matches that were played.

At the completion of the titles, Armstrong was chosen in a 27 player Country NSW squad. The number will later be cut to 18 and will contest the national titles in January 2006 in Geelong.

Before joining the squad for training in August, Armstrong will travel to the US as part of a combined Illawarra, Canberra and Sydney squad for two baseball tournaments. The tournaments will run for two weeks and will be held in San Diego.

## NETBALL GRADUATES ON SHOW

Wollongong will see two former academy squad members take the court this Friday with a Commonwealth Bank trophy match taking place in the city for the first time.



Elise Edney (*above*) from Dapto will play for Sydney Storm in the curtain raiser match against the Hunter Jays.

While in the main event, Sarah Barrett (Bowral) will take the centre position for the Sydney TAB Swifts in their match against the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers. Barrett was recently named in the Australian netball squad for the Australia vs. New Zealand Test Series.

A Sydney TAB Swifts match will now be played in Wollongong every season for the next three years. Fans can meet the Swifts today (Thursday) in an appearance at the Crown Street Mall from 6pm to 7pm.

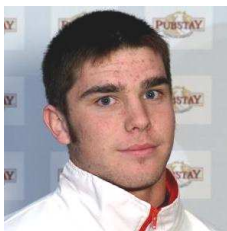
The matches will be played at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

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The Academy office has changed its email address. Please now refer any enquiries to [info@illawarracademy.org.au](mailto:info@illawarracademy.org.au)

## PAIR VIE FOR AUST ALL SCHOOLS

The recent NSW All School Rugby Union championships saw academy graduate Andrew Barrett (Kiama) selected in the NSW Schools team. The squad will compete in the Australian School Championships in July in Canberra.



From this selection, Barrett has a high chance of being named in the Australian school boys team. Along with fellow academy graduate Daniel Palmer (*pictured*) from Barrack Point, Barrett also has a strong chance to gain selection for the overseas School boys trip.

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