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### SEPTEMBER 2007

- 29.....Rugby Union  
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- 30.....Hockey  
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### OCTOBER 2007

- 9 - 11....Academy Games  
Central Coast
- 21 .....Induction Day  
IAP, R/Union, Netball &  
Hockey  
Wollongong University

## MURPHY IN BLAZING FORM

Illawarra Academy of Sport cricketer of the year for 2005, David Murphy, has started the new Sydney grade cricket in blazing fashion. Now playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade for Sutherland, Murphy lined up without academy teammate Phil Jacques, who is overseas.



Playing in the opening one day match, Murphy started his innings with a massive six. This was a taste of things to come, as all in all he ended up hitting five sixes, including three in a row in one over. He ended up top scoring for his team with 64 and Sutherland were all out for 160. The North Sydney team then had no problems in scoring 7 for 164 to win the match.

After the game, Murphy flew up to Brisbane as a shadow player to join the train on squad for the Australian under 19 team. This team is touring Pakistan and Malaysia for the next three weeks. Although missing out on the tour he has gained a lot from his experience in the squad.

## GREGSON TAKES ON OLDER RIVALS

Fresh from his success at the Australian All Schools, Ryan Gregson ran in the prestigious 9k Bridge to Bridge run in Sydney last Sunday. Competing against older and more experienced rivals, Gregson put in a brilliant run to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> outright behind former NSW distance runner of the year Russell Chin. Gregson time of 27.24 saw him finish just over 100m from 2<sup>nd</sup> place and well clear of 4<sup>th</sup>.



Also competing in this race was former academy cyclist and one of the current sponsors of the cycling program Brendan Cato (Cato Constructions). Cato showed his versatility in finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place overall in 30.06.

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## FINALS MARCH FOR FORD

Emma Ford last week competed in the Head Masters Series Event 6 at Sydney Olympic Park. Seeded number 4 for the women's open singles, Ford won her first match against Chantelle Rigozzi 7-6, 6-3. She followed this with a devastating 6-1, 6-0 win over Natalie Barbir. This is where her run ended, as she lost her quarter final match to Mia Vriens in straight sets. Her one consolation from this match was that she lost to the eventual winner of the tournament.



This week Ford competed in the 2007 Nepean Open. After an early loss in the singles, Ford had better luck in the mixed doubles, as her team didn't drop a set all tournament in winning the final 6-2, 6-1. She also made the final of the open women's doubles, where they eventually lost 6-3, 6-1 to the top seeds of the event.

## HOCKEY GRADUATES IN FINE FORM

The Illawarra women's hockey division one championship was decided on the weekend. University won their 4<sup>th</sup> title in a row, with most of their goals coming from former academy athletes. Melissa Simpson, Arlie Ogilvie, Rachel Vaughan and Sam Gillard (pictured) all scored in their teams 10-0 demolition of Wests Illawarra. In other news, academy graduates picked up a number of awards at the annual presentation night. Steve Mayo won the first grade player of the year, Kurt VoOgilvie the representative player of the year and Kieran Govers the U21 representative player of the year awards.



## ACADEMY GAMES COMING UP!

The annual Academy Games event is approaching fast. The IAS is preparing to send 4 squads to the games in the Central Coast next month. Representing the IAS will be the Hockey, Rugby Union, Netball and Golf squads. The three day event sees the NSW regional academies compete against each other in a wide range of sports, giving athletes the opportunity to compete at a high level and be viewed by state selectors.