

STATE LEAGUE SQUADS SELECTED

With netball season getting underway many associations have had the difficult task of selecting teams for the 2007 State League competition beginning on April 14.



Several academy netballers have been chosen for State League teams. Selected to represent Illawarra are: Ashleigh Larsen, Morgan Davies and Stella Goodman. Whilst in the Shoalhaven, Nicole Moore, Kelly Ingram, Melissa Talent and Kia Westlake were selected.

As well as her recent selection to represent Shoalhaven, Melissa Tallent (*above*) was also recently selected into the NSW under 17 training squad, this involved many extra weekend and afternoon training sessions in Sydney. Unfortunately she just missed out on selection in the NSW final 12 to compete at the Athlete's Foot 2007 17U underage nationals in Melbourne in April.

FENECH'S 3RD IN U18 COMPANY

Last weekend saw sprinter Paige Fenech (*right*) from Albion Park compete at Sydney Olympic Park. Fenech raced in the under 18 400m event even though she is still only 14 years old. Paige ran strongly to record a time of 58.22 to finish a highly credible 3rd overall.



Another BlueScope athlete to race last weekend was Ryan Gregson (Bulli) who convincingly won the NSW under 20 mountain running championship. In fifth spot with 3.5k's to go, he raced away for an easy win.

GRADUATES SHINE FOR NSW 21'S

The NSW under 21 field hockey squad has been chosen. Three recent graduates of the Academy hockey program were selected. They are: Anthony Charge (Balgownie), Matthew Eastham (Albion Park), and Kieran Govers (Keiraville).



The squad will meet up at Bankstown in April for a session and players will be notified at a later date if they have made the team.

BUSY MONTH FOR HENNESSY

Ryan Hennessy (Wonoona) has had a very busy month of February. It started off with the Oceania under 23 championships at Penrith. Unfortunately there was a high speed crash on the cycle leg and he was unable to finish this race.



The following week Hennessy raced in the Pro tour race at Kurnell and had a solid all round performance to finish 8th overall.

Next stop was the ITU Junior Australian champs and Trans-Tasman cup in Hobart. After enduring one of the worst swims he has ever done, Hennessy then had to put in a strong ride on the bike to try and make up some lost time. Despite a strong run leg where he ran down many other competitors, the best he could finish was 21st.

Four days later Hennessy raced in the NSW all schools champs at Penrith. This time he had a good swim, coming out only 20 seconds behind the leaders. He managed to catch the lead group on the bike, but paid the price for his effort in the run leg and eventually finished 5th. Good news from this race was that he has qualified for the NSW team to compete at the Australian all schools in Canberra in March.

To finish his month off Hennessy raced in the Australian national junior series race in Huskinson last Saturday. He had a good swim, then joined the lead group on the bike and the race was now on. However a technical mistake in transition saw him lose 15 to 20 seconds in time and despite a tremendous run leg he narrowly missed first place just 10 sec.

CAVALIER LEADS SERIES

2005 Tobin winner Amiel Cavalier has finished his first season as an elite rider by winning the final round of the National Mountain Bike Downhill series held in Mt Beauty. Cavalier finished over 2 seconds quicker than the next rider.



This win saw him finish as the overall series leader and his first National championship as a senior rider.

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