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2024 PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

The 2024 WABL season has been a great season of basketball for the Wanneroo Basketball Association. For me personally, as the Player and Coach Development Manager, now closing my third year in Perth at Wolves, I have truly enjoyed every step of the journey at this club, and I am very excited to continue in 2025 and beyond. Every year at the club I discover more wonderful people who love this club, want to see it thrive, and care about the community.

We have terrific coaches who volunteer huge amounts of their time every week to help the players develop. They not only coach their WABL teams, but many of them coach domestic teams as well, and many volunteered to help coach programs that we run for increased skill development opportunities for our players. This is all out of their desire to improve and learn as coaches, and to help the kids.

Thank you to all the Wolves coaches. They have made this such a great place to work because so many coaches are hungry for information and to improve, and that makes my job fun. Additionally, I am proud of the fact that we have had great retention of coaches at Wolves. So many of the coaches that were coaching teams or assisting in 2022 in my first year, have remained with the club and keep getting better and better. I think that speaks to the community of coaches and the culture we have at the club.

We continue to grow our program. This is the second straight WABL season of Wolves having the maximum number of teams that we could possibly nominate. After two seasons straight of doing this, we are still the only association to have done it even once with the 4-team limit per division.

This season, we were a top two club in Perth in our grading results. We were one of only four associations that had all 10 Champs teams qualify for Champs Division, and one of only two associations that had all but one Team 2 qualify for Division 2. Across the club, I feel like we are seeing a better and better quality of basketball being played each year, and that is a credit to our coaches and the work they have put in.

Thank you to everyone for all their efforts in 2024! Go Wolves!

David Morrell

Player and Coach Development Manager





2024 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The 2024 WABL season saw us take a slightly different approach to success of the program. We decided to make it a focus of our club to try and have as many teams qualify in the highest possible division. We believe that the benefits of playing in higher divisions against better teams and players are far more beneficial long term for the development of our players. We recognise that this means we saw a slight decline in the number of teams in finals as opposed to last year. However, this aligns to our “development over winning” ethos and although the results may not be there this year, I expect we will see a greater improvement in our players because of it. We do not want to be a club that stacks our teams in lower divisions just for the sake of winning.

I am extremely proud of our players, coaches, and managers for the effort and commitment they each put into our WABL program. I am proud of how you all represented the Wolves in a positive manner and made the Wolves one of the most desirable associations in the WABL competition.

I would like to thank the staff, board members, and volunteers of the WBA for the endless hours they contribute to our program.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Player and Coach Development Manager, David Morrell, our Coaching Coordinator, Jesse Pence, and our Operations Coordinator, Alyssa Savill, for the work they have done during the 2024 season. Special thanks to Fraser Brown, for the work and time he puts into the program as a volunteer.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our successes this year:

- We, again, had the most WABL teams of any association in the state.
- Most number of female teams in the competition.
- Every age group qualifying for the Championship Division.
- Record number of teams qualifying in higher divisions.
- 4 WABL Championships.

Finally, a massive thank you to the coaches and managers who give up their time for the program and do their very best to ensure the players have a great season. It is not easy and it is extremely time consuming, so thank you very much for everything you do for the Wolves WABL program.

See you all again for the next season.

GO WOLFPACK!

Andrew Summerville

Chief Executive Officer





U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS

After a tough selection process for both the players and the coaches involved, we finally named a group of players who had busted their butts throughout, and who thoroughly deserved their place on this team, so we looked forward to the 2024 WABL season with some optimism!

Fast forward through a heap of practice sessions, and 16 weeks of WABL competition, and we finished with a respectable 11-5 win-loss record in the regular season. This got us to 3rd place overall and a quarter-final match-up with Warwick that we won by 26pts. Next was a semi-final against a huge Lakeside team, and after being 10pts down late in the game, we came out on top by 2pts thanks to some incredible full-court pressure.

Next came the championship game against a talented, well organised, and undefeated Willetton team, and what a cracking game it was! The kids played their hearts out in another amazing game in front of a great crowd, and gave Willo all they could handle, only to fall short by 6pts on the back of a brace of three pointers. It certainly didn't help when we lost Aya to a bad head knock with 3 minutes to play in the game.

To say I was gutted was an understatement, but I was also so unbelievably proud of the way the kids stuck to our game plan, and played with aggression and intensity, and I couldn't have asked any more from them.

I was also very pleased after the championship game when several current and former Willetton coaches came up to me and told me how much the kids had improved during the season, and how unlucky we were. They really deserved this recognition!

The kids are probably glad they don't have to put up with my ranting and raving any more, but I would just like to leave them with one last thought (or a couple, actually).

While we had a heap of talent in the team, to get better and to give your dreams a chance of becoming reality, it all starts with good habits.

One thing that I really emphasised to the team was that you don't just get good, and that there is a price to pay to be the best, and that price is hard work, dedication, commitment, and a singular focus.

I am 100% certain that each of these players has the potential, athleticism, and skills to go as far as they would like, but it will take a lot of sacrifices to get to where you want to be. You have a lot of people who are prepared to help you on this journey (and I'm one of them), and I look forward to seeing you grow into the great players I know you can be!

Coach: Mark Loxley
Assistant: Deb De Mello
Manager: Jo Viegas
PLAYERS

4 Sienna Irving
6 Madelyn Wallace
7 Ava Turner
8 Aisling Fernandez
9 Piper Viegas
10 Alyssa Grosvenor
11 Makayla Carr
12 Miyavi Arigore
13 Aya Moustafa
15 Isla Kelly





The one thing I will take away from this season is that I got the opportunity to spend a whole heap of time with a bunch of funny, crazy, unpredictable, entertaining, and loveable kids that might have driven me crazy, but who also kept coming back for more, and I thank them all for that.

You guys were, and are, amazing!

Now, it's time to thank a heap of people who contributed so much to getting us through the season, and who were a key part in our successes this season. First up, I must thank our Manager, Jo, for looking after us so unbelievably well. I have never had anyone who was so well organised, who kept everyone in the loop, and just operated in the background, keeping everybody happy, including me! Your only downfalls are you left us mid-season to go to some place called Portugal for a holiday and, even worse, you are a Docker supporter!!!

Just joking... You are one in a million and I loved having you on the team with us!

Not every Coach gets the opportunity to work with a Wolves 'fixture' as their Assistant Coach, but that was the fortunate position I was in with Deb De Mello. Deb did a great job on game days and at practices, where her knowledge and drive really helped us get to where we did. I hope the kids reflect on what Deb provided them, because I know that if they did, they are going to be better players for it!

Thanks also go to Seb for helping to baby-sit the team and helping us out during the finals series when I was laying by a pool in Bali for three weeks on my annual WABL sabbatical. The players were in great hands! I'd also like to thank Wayne Hardman for our regular Wednesday practice scrimmages, as I'm sure they played a big role in our successes against bigger and stronger opposition.

As much of a roller coaster as the year was, I would also like to thank all the parents for recording our games. Although they didn't always make great viewing (because of the way we played, not because of the quality of the recording), it was a great tool to have to help identify areas we needed to address!

We were very lucky to have a great group of parents, whose support and encouragement never wavered throughout the season. This is a rare thing these days, with most parents locked in on their child's performance at the expense of the team, but you guys played a big part in our success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Well, that's a wrap from me. Hopefully we won't be strangers, and I look forward to seeing you all around the traps at some stage!

Mark Loxley





U/12 GIRLS TEAM 2

As always, every season brings new opportunities and challenges, and this season certainly had both. Following selections, I entered the season full of optimism with a great group of girls who looked up to any challenge that was thrown at them.

We showed up to State Champs ready to make our mark and measure ourselves against our fellow Div 2 teams. With a strong showing and a 3-1 record we made the semi-finals, meeting a strong Hill Raiders Champs team. The girls battled hard but unfortunately, we fell victim to our own mistakes on the home stretch and ended short of a grand final berth.

Following State Champs and some roster changes, we re-focused for grading where we matched it with the Div 1 teams by playing hard aggressive basketball. The girls were amazing and ended up grading into Div 2, and I couldn't have been prouder with the way the girls started out.

Heading into the season we knew the challenge that lay ahead, with most of our opponents being Champs teams. Throughout the early part of the season, we found ourselves in good positions to win multiple games, but lapses in our execution led to several close loses against some very good Div 1 teams.

We continued to work and finally got the reward for our work with a hard-fought win against East Perth in some of the most bizarre circumstances. The girl's ability to regroup and rise above the situation was a fantastic learning opportunity.

I am really proud of the effort the girls put into every game with some of the highlights of the season including a tight double overtime loss to Hills Raiders, holding East Perth 1's to their lowest score of the season in a big win in our revenge rematch followed up by a determined team effort to beat a highly rated Rockingham team in a tight overtime win.

We saved our best game for last in our quarter final against a 2nd place Willetton team, fighting back from a poor start to mount an amazing comeback only to fall short, ending our season on a positive note.

A huge thanks goes to my amazing team of girls. Aeris, Azalea, Eden, Hazel, Maita, Matipa, Shaina, Smithy, Tahlee, and Tess you have been a blast to coach, and I have enjoyed watching your progress. Thanks for your commitment and I wish you all the best of luck over your time playing basketball and I hope to have a chance to coach you girls again.

Coach: Seb Miraudo

Assistant: Shannon Keating

Assistant: Alex Roach

Manager: Sol Campbell

PLAYERS

5 Eden Maratos

6 Matipa Munjodzi

7 Hazel Roach

8 Maita Munjodzi

9 Tahlee Hall

10 Shaina Grace Sandhu

11 Tess Campbell

13 Eden Smith

14 Aeris Edmonds

15 Azalea Keating





A huge shout out must go to my two invaluable Assistant Coaches, Alex and Shannon. I have learnt a huge amount from both of you and your support during training and games has been fantastic. I also appreciate the huge time commitment on both your parts and would jump at the chance to work with both of you again.

I would also like to thank all of the other coaches in the extended Wolves family who continue to provide guidance and advice whilst I continue to learn on the job, especially my fellow U/12s coaches Mark and Deb, Tim, Isla, Kaitlyn, and Jake.

A very special thanks to Sol, who stepped in as Manager and did an amazing job all season. It was fantastic to have your support on the bench for the girls, as well as your help stepping in as assistant coach when required. Having such a good team manager makes everything so much easier for a coach and team, and makes a huge difference to the girl's experience. Thank you.

Once again, I couldn't have been blessed with a better group of parents this year. The constant support you guys have given us through this learning season was fantastic and made for a great environment for the girls to continue even when things got a little tough. A big thanks goes to Harry and Mark for your support with videoing the games, as well as Torryn for stepping in as manager when required.

Good luck girls with the rest of your basketball journey and I hope to get a chance to coach you girls again.

Go Wolves!!

Seb Mirauda





U/12 GIRLS TEAM 3

As WABL finals approach and the end of the season is only weeks away, emails from the Wolves start to land in my inbox... "WABL 2025: Coach EOI." Every coach struggles with this decision. Am I coaching again next season?

Saying yes is a huge time commitment. Trials in October, State Champs in November and December, and by the end of January you're into it. Saying no gives you that time back to explore other things. But if I say no, will I miss it?

My answer is yes and looking back on our 2024, I'm so glad it was.

After an encouraging trials period was completed, I was lucky to be appointed coach of the Under 12 Girls Team 3. A group of young ladies whose nerves and potential were high. We got straight into a short training campaign before State Champs and a level of competition most hadn't seen before. The weekend itself was touch and go due to the heat, however we were lucky enough to play and ended with two good wins from the four games.

There were a couple of changes to the State Champs line up and on the 21st of January, our new look team came together and it was time to prep for grading.

Our players were slowly introduced to my silly analogies with references to Finding Nemo, being told to get off the couch, stay out of the rose bushes, and show their tea towel hands – it makes sense to us!

A hard fought Grading tournament saw us make the crossover game and placed us in the highly competitive Division 3. A competition of eight teams, including five second teams and three third teams; us, Willetton, and Cockburn.

Our team of four top aged players, five bottom aged, and one double bottom aged player knew they were in for a tough season. Our focus for the season was to get better every week, at every training session, and every game.

There were plenty of highs and quite a few lows along the way and our season ended with a 4 and 12 record. We dropped a couple of games we should have won and came ever so close to an upset losing by just one point to the third placed Tigers in Round 13. A team we lost 53-32 just eight weeks earlier.

This dedicated group of players decided they didn't need any time off over the mid-season break and entered themselves into the inaugural Winter Classic weekend. With a shortened (state champs)

Coach: Tim Tolley
Assistant: Kaitlyn Tolley
Assistant: Mitchell Walmsley
Manager: Jody Growden
PLAYERS
4 Lily Kalbermatten
5 Evie Mills
6 Hallie Stanes
7 Mia Pomare
8 Taylor Warne
9 Poppy Growden
10 Parker Francis
11 Lucy Furness
12 Lila Goosen
13 Maddison Walmsley





style game format we were seeded in the top division and continued on as the underdogs. While we walked away without a win, we used the five game weekend as an opportunity to work on our physicality, intensity, and implement a couple of new ideas.

Fast forward to the end of August, the WABL season has come to an end and we have finished 6th overall. Maybe one spot lower than I had hoped, but it had set us up perfectly for a quarter final rematch with 3rd placed Willetton (12 and 4.) Their up-tempo style of play matched ours and while still taller than us overall, they didn't have the height advantage the other top teams had in their arsenal.

31 weeks on from our first WABL training session in January, the rematch we hoped for is on neutral ground in Cockburn.

Spectators lined every wall in the stadium and as the jump balls went up the noise across all four courts erupted. It took us a little while to steady ourselves and settle into the game, and we went into the first break down by 12. A great second quarter of sound defence still had us down by 12 but we drew the quarter. We came out firing in the third and were down by just 4 in the final break. The game was in the balance throughout the final quarter, the gap getting out to 9 points at one stage and as close as 3, before we were eventually defeated by 6.

In our post-game chat, one of our players pointed out that each time we have a great game, I tell them that it was their best game of the season. And it's true, it was!

With a focus on getting better every week, we achieved our goal. I was extremely proud of the game they had just played and how far each and every single player has progressed.

A successful season doesn't come without the support of others. A very big thank you to Jodie for taking on the role of Manager. From our post training check ins to make sure all was in order and that things were running smoothly, your discrete yet efficient game day support of myself and the players, as well as the ongoing administration of the team from day one right through to our upcoming social event hasn't gone unnoticed. On behalf of our everyone involved in Team 3 – thank you.

Thank you to my Assistant coaches for the year. Firstly, to my daughter Kaitlyn, whose love for the game and team equalled my own and who bore the brunt of my passion in the heat of the moment. The special relationship you built with each of the players throughout the season is something they all will cherish. And to Mitchell Walmsley, who came into the coaching fold as a domestic coach wanting to learn more. Your ability to see the game from the bench and provide me with a different perspective was greatly appreciated. I hope you learnt as much from me as I did from you.





Special thanks to Russell for co-ordinating the videoing and uploading of our games each week.

Finally, I would like to thank our parent group for their support and faith in allowing me to coach your daughters. WABL is a family commitment for a large portion of the year, and each and every week players were where they needed to be on time, dressed, and ready to go. I look forward to watching your daughters continue their journey with the Wolfpack and hope that together we have set the foundations for a long and successful playing future.

Tim Tolley





U/12 GIRLS TEAM 4

What an amazing season with such an awesome group of players. With this being every player's first experience with WABL basketball (and my first experience in the head coach seat), we were excited but had a lot of work to do to be ready for the challenge of State Champs, Grading, and the season ahead. Thankfully, these legends hit the ground running and put in so much effort from day one.

A couple of wins and a couple of losses in State Champs were a good start, a good indicator of what we were already capable of, and what we needed to work on. At Grading, the odds were against us to get out of the bottom division, but a long day with 3 disappointing losses definitely helped set out the homework required to prepare for the season.

With all credit to the players, they worked and worked to get ready for the season, then came out firing, with a 70-13 win in the first game. After a few early wins, a slow first half against a much weaker team was the eye-opener they needed to focus on unselfish team play. Thankfully, the girls only needed little reminders from then on. The season proceeded with a few games we are happy to forget, but many more great outings by the girls, ending the regular season in fourth place with a 10-6 win-loss record.

The most memorable win came in the final round of the season where we managed to be the only team to beat the top of the ladder. Quite convincingly, I must add. Playing against a team who averaged over 40 points per game, we kept them to 13, and didn't let them score at all in two quarters.

The girls have been an absolute pleasure to coach. I may have likened training sessions to herding kittens more than once, but fun-loving, hardworking, talented kittens. It seemed unfair that I could only award two trophies at the end of the season, because anyone could be the MVP on any day, and they all definitely exhibited the Wolfpack Way attitude. Some scored more points than others, but everyone contributed so much at both ends and in transition, every game.

With most of the team remaining in U12 next season, and some the season after that, it's easy to see that there is going to be a lot of fun, competitive, and dynamic basketball coming from this group of future stars. I'm really looking forward to seeing it and recommend anyone reading this to keep their eye out for all ten of these girls as the years roll on.

Thanks to the club for the opportunity to coach these legends. I consider myself so lucky to have had the opportunity at all, but especially with this group. Thanks for the support, with resources,

Coach: Jake Dawson

Assistant: Kim Antonio

Manager: Aisha Alwan-Arab

PLAYERS

5 Amelia Gorton

6 Kiannah Antonio

7 Darcy Priddis

8 Maddy Hazell

9 Monica Sintema

10 Annabelle Alwan-Arab

11 Callia Au

12 Kiara Keep

14 Bella Gaskell

15 Asha Boehm





certification, coaches club, etc. It was amazing to have NBL1 players Christian Jurlina, Hannah Duncan, and Keisha Chng join in on training sessions, and Hannah and Keisha joining us on the bench for a couple of games too. Thanks to all the other WABL coaches who actively helped us out too, with special mention to Tim Tolley, Mitchell Walmsley, and Nathan Albrecht.

Thanks to Kim, who stepped up into the Assistant Coach role. The girls and I learnt so much from you and benefited so much from your experience, efforts, and dedication. The team couldn't have developed and played the way they did without you. I couldn't have planned and coached those games and training sessions as effectively or as patiently without you.

Thanks to our Manager, Aisha. You've been so helpful since State Champs. It can't have been easy managing two teams at once, but we could never even tell (except that one time the girls played in those massive singlets). The towels, lollies, drink bottles, laundry, organization, and extra assistant-coaching didn't go unnoticed.

Thanks finally to the families (including grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, au pairs, etc.) of the team. It is a big commitment when your child is on a WABL team. Fees, uniforms, time, travel, shoes, mouthguards, emotional support. Thanks to all of you who stepped up to help manage, coach, run the clock on a broken court, provide first aid, and herd kittens. You have all been so amazing, and so supportive of us coaches, our manager, the team, and your wonderful kids.

Jake Dawson





U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

Record: 16-3 (19-3 w/ finals)

Leading in with no grading and no warm-up games meant we headed into the 2024 season with great excitement and anticipation, but also some uncertainty around what to expect and how well we had prepared. That uncertainty was put to rest in the first two weeks as we started out 0-2 coming up against what would end up being two of the top teams in the league in Cockburn and Willetton and losing our starting point guard and floor leader in Josh Epple.

But the character of a true team is built through learning how to handle adversity, adapt, and build the type of resilience and character that I knew would serve us well later in the season. We certainly didn't plan to start that way, but we learned a lot as a team around the level of play that was required at the Championship level and the dedication, trust and discipline that we had to build in order to be the best and beat the best.

In one of the most memorable games and defining moments of the season, we found ourselves down 27-8 against Perry Lakes at Bendat Basketball Stadium in the closing minutes of the 2nd quarter to end up winning the game by 8 points. It was amazing to see such a young group of boys show steadfast confidence and poise.

In the end, in some ways our record belies the fact that we had some really tough games, and some really amazing learning moments throughout the season that crafted the heart of this team and put us in such a great position to succeed come finals time. While Willetton undoubtedly deserved top spot on the ladder after the end of the regular season, playing them in the last game of the season we managed to sneak out a one point win, albeit with their best player missing, to end their perfect season and give us the confidence leading into the finals that anything was possible.

And indeed it was. Winning the Grand Final against Willetton 78-69 really demonstrated how much this team developed over the course of the season. While we led by as much as 15 points, from start to finish we were challenged by Willetton in every quarter and held strong. The mental toughness, team play, trust, and execution against the best talent in the State, in the biggest game of the season, was the best way to cap off an amazing year.

It would be remiss of me to mention a few special contributors:

Kent Grincer, Coach Kent! Shortly after my appointment as Head Coach was confirmed the first

Coach: Damian Matacz
Assistant: Kent Grincer
Manager: Leigh Mahoney
PLAYERS
4 Kamron Makawa
5 Magot Magot
6 Heath Grincer
7 Joshua Epple
8 Sidharth Ramavarman
10 Micah Matacz
11 Blake Waycott-Alalid
12 Carter van der Westhuyzen
14 Bryce Mahoney
15 Andre Kallis
TO Kenzo Deng





order of business was to convince Coach Kent to come on board as Assistant again. He has gracefully stepped in during my absences for work commitments, runs the team substitutions in such a balanced way that it made coaching for me so much easier. I valued his counsel, advice, and great basketball knowledge - any success of mine is equally attributed to him. It's been a real joy to share the sidelines with you.

Leigh Mahoney, Manager extraordinaire! For your tireless work in keeping us organised and the team running smoothly. We couldn't do it without you and thank you for taking such good care of us always with a smile on your face!

Parents! What an amazing group of boys that are without a doubt a true reflection of the parents and how they represent themselves. The small gestures, greetings before training or thankyou's after really reflect on how they've been raised. As coaches it's a privilege to play a small role in their development. I hold them to a high standard on how they train, how they play the game, and how we conduct ourselves. I hope that stays with them long after the game ends and thank you for trusting Kent and I in that regard.

Finally, my own son Micah. I'm without a doubt the hardest on him because he is my son and I expect him to be the standard I set for the whole team. Because of him I've had the opportunity to coach and be involved in a coaching capacity and give back to the Club that has given so much to me. He plays the game in a way that I couldn't ask for more - team first, doing all the little things, and most importantly with a pure joy and love for the game. This season has been one that I will cherish for those memories.

And the team:

4 Kamron Makawa: Fierce competitor and relentless on ball defender with great scoring ability.

5 Magot Magot: Who could forget the unstoppable 'Magot signature move'! Provided us with explosive scoring punch and a pressure on ball defender.

6 Heath Grincer: Always took on our toughest defensive assignments and was always such a strong finisher at the basketball with his left or right hand!

7 Joshua Epple: The ultimate leader with a natural ability to know when to get his team involved and when to find a basket.





8 Sidharth Ramavarman: Delivered when we need him most! Shot maker and great finisher at the rim in the open court.

10 Micah Matacz: Developed an uncanny ability to block shots, grab big rebounds, and make the right pass or play at crucial times.

11 Blake Waycott-Alalid: Took on every assignment we asked and could do it all, whether it was defending the best player, shooting the ball, rebounding, or playing big!

12 Carter van der Westhuyzen: Developing into a fierce finisher at the rim and one of the best rim protectors going round.

14 Bryce Mahoney: Great ability to finish strong both at the basket and with a reliable mid-range jump shot.

15 Andre Kallis: Our anchor inside who has both unrivalled strength to get to the ring coupled with amazing finishing finesse. One of the best big men in the league.

* **Kenzo Deng:** Player to watch next year! Unwavering dedication, great attitude, and fierce competitor! Look forward to seeing him shine next season!

Damian Matacz





U/12 BOYS TEAM 2

What an incredible season! I was late into the Head Coach role for this team, only taking the boys just before grading as coach Peter moved on to further his work career. I could see straight away we had some real weapons in the group. Although not the biggest team, we had pace and I could see we would be able to have elite ball pressure. Stepping in as Head Coach was quite seamless as the team retained our amazing Assistant Simon, who is a master at creating a great culture within the group.

We went to grading unsure of exactly where we would grade with the new divisions being a bit stronger due to having less teams. I felt quite wary of over performing at grading but could see we had room for improvement in our systems and having Simon firmly believing we were good enough to play in Div 2, it allayed my concerns and the boys got the job done to land us into Division 2.

This group of boys have been amazing to watch. Week after week, we outlasted, outran, and even outrebounded some much bigger opponents. The way they worked together and played as a team, believed in their coaches and each other was first class. We ended the season in second position on the ladder, only percentage behind the Lakeside Champs team. We had a 14-2 win loss record.

The best thing this season was seeing the team continue to improve each week. We had no ceiling as to how good we could get. Even in the last trainings for finals we were still adding new elements to our offensive sets.

Our first final was against the South West Champs team and we were clinical. Winning every quarter to win by 29 points. The second final was against the Willetton Team 2 boys. After losing to this team convincingly at State Champs in the grand final, we bounced back in the season taking a 2-1 winning record over them. The day did not go our way and our season ended one game short of a grand final appearance. Finishing 3rd overall in our division was a great outcome. I believe the team exceeded expectations and everyone involved should be proud of this season.

I'd like to thank the Wolves for having me on as Coach for this season. I'd also like to thank the parents for all your efforts running the boys around, helping each other out with lifts, and raising such respectful young boys. Kate, your efforts as Team Manager were superb. It allowed me to focus solely on coaching the team, thank you! Simon, thank you for your support through the season. The way you made me laugh every day was perfect to help me relax and get the best out of myself and the team. The boys got so much enjoyment having your infectious personality there and will remember some of the laughs we all had from the season. Your leadership was second to none mate!

Coach: Jed Veljacich

Assistant: Simon Zulberti

Manager: Kate Dytlewski

PLAYERS

4 Titus Malay

5 Angus Mills

6 Alexander Ham

8 Leandro Machado

9 Harrison Zulberti

11 Dau Mabok

12 Damon Veljacich

13 Raphael Munikah

14 Riley Millar

15 Harrison Dytlewski





The boys!!! I know you all enjoyed the season! We were the best team at times and we beat every team in our division at least once! We couldn't get all the way this time but there was some huge development and a lot of talent to work with! Keep working hard and improving as there is a big future ahead for all of you!

Jed Veljacich





U/12 BOYS TEAM 3

My favourite WABL season so far! I'm privileged to have had the opportunity to have coached an amazing group of kids. The fight in these boys never went unnoticed, and the chemistry they had built together over the course of the season was great to see. I was quite lucky in fact as I could see many of the boy's positive mindsets were a great reflection of the parent's attitudes towards the game and team.

Each parent's positivity, understanding, and acceptance of feedback made my role so much easier. Having an Assistant Coach extremely willing to learn and have the same end goals in mind made our trainings flow and helped build that team comradery. Along with having a great Team Manager who constantly had everything outside of the coaching space under control, really gave us a season to remember.

We went into the WABL season with only one boy having WABL experience previously, so safe to say we were like deer in headlights to start out. For the majority of the season, our team comprised of five top age boys, three bottom age, and two double bottom age boys battling in a tough 3rd division that had only one other 3rd division team. All other competitors were either the clubs Champs or 2nd division team, which meant we faced a lot of big teams with much more development on their side.

We started out slow going 0-5 to start. We came close in round 5 losing in an overtime thriller by two points to Hills Raiders but I could see the progression and things started to click so I knew our time was coming. The following week we went on to win our first game in round 6 and then beat the 2nd placed Rockingham in round 7. After a couple more losses, we went on to beat the top placed undefeated Eastern Suns leading us into a 4-game win streak beating several teams we previously lost to. We also went on to beat the top placed Suns again at home handing them their only two losses of the season, we ended up 7W-9L to finish the regular season.

I was comfortable with our lead up into finals as we would be playing a competitive Rockingham team who we had beaten once before. We started out explosive, our defensive pressure caused the Flames issues and held a lead for the best part of three quarters. A couple of errors and shift in momentum gave the Flames an opening which we couldn't contain and lead to our season being over.

For this group, our win loss record was not a real indication of how successful it was. From where this team began, to where they are now is out of sight. From our floor spacing, ball movement, and ability to run various sets, to understanding help defence concepts, on ball tenacity, and ability

Coach: Chris Staltari
Assistant: Gus Pugliese
Managers: Aleisha Hunter
PLAYERS

4 Joshua King
5 Noah Staltari
7 Cody Thomas
8 Nikalis Coetzee
9 Noah Jochimsen
10 Jaxon Smith
11 Harris Hunter
12 Jaxon Di Fulvio
13 Jesiah Ochieng
14 Jack Dudley
15 Jayden Bhatti



to fall into various half court and full court defensive traps on my call, really made me marvel on how much these kids actually took on and excelled in for a bunch of eight, nine, and ten year olds.

All the above factors are profound, although my end goal was to leave a positive impact on these boys that they will remember. Over the course I felt we were able to build a competitive group who trust and challenge one another, who never back down, and to always believe in yourself. I made sure we had fun whilst building good habits, so they never lose their love for the game.

Thank you Team 3 for this season. I learned valuable lessons myself this year. I feel like I have become a better coach and a better person for this experience!

Chris Staltari





U/12 BOYS TEAM 4

What a season! My first WABL season as a coach was an emotional roller coaster. I did though, enjoy every minute of it and couldn't have asked to share it with a better group of kids and families.

State Champs set the expectations for the season. Being WABL Team 4, I expected we'd end up with a mixture of State Champs Teams 4 and 5, and pleasingly both teams had an excellent competition, with a combined record of 10 wins and 3 losses across the weekend. They met in a hotly contested semi-final where the standard of play on show gave me the confidence that we would have a competitive WABL team.

WABL grading went well, securing a place in Division 4 in the first week. This meant however, we would play team 1's and team 2's in the second grading week. It was satisfying to see the boys holding their own in those games, coming close to a couple of wins, and if it wasn't for the opposition making a couple free throws after the buzzer in our final game, we would have got a win against Hills Team 1 and made it to Division 3!

We set the goal of finishing in the top 4 of our WABL division. This was tough ask. Our entire team were WABL first timers, and we only had two top agers in the squad, with five players being double underage. It was amazing to see the boys set to it, train hard (most of the time!) and they were soon playing an exciting brand of basketball. The development week to week was on show and the improvement over the year was immense.

The season wasn't without its tests. We lost our top points scorer from grading and from the first four ladder games when they got elevated to Team 3. This could have had a detrimental impact on the team, but the boys took it as a huge opportunity to step up and step up they did! Victory away from home against a tough Willetton team in the very next game was one of the season highlights, and gave the boys confidence that we would continue to be competitive with the nine players we had remaining, in a division with mostly team 2's and 3's.

We achieved our goal and finished 4th in Division 4 with a record of 9 wins and 7 losses, which was amazing. Due to the age of our team, the boys were regularly playing against taller and stronger opposition, but the boys never backed down and never gave up. A comprehensive win against Perth Team 2, and victory against Cockburn when we only took the lead with three seconds to go will live long in the memory!

Onto finals and for most of the boys it was their first experience of finals basketball at any level. Unfortunately though, it didn't go our way, with our team going out in the quarter finals. For us, the season seemed 3-4 games too long and we just ran out of steam. I am immensely proud of the

Coach: Gav Douglas
Assistant: Ryan Geel
Manager: Philip Steyn
PLAYERS

4 Jay Geel
5 Lucas Hutchinson
6 Tatum Moriarty
7 Mitchell Lozey
8 Flynn Howe
9 Andrea Nasri
10 Leo Douglas
11 Jaxon Smith
12 Oliver Steyn
13 Leo Wallace





boys' achievements, and they gained a huge amount of experience that will put them in good stead for their future basketball careers.

Onto my thank you's...

To the Club, thank you for giving me the opportunity to coach and for all that goes on behind the scenes to make the season happen.

To the parents and families, the commitment to take on WABL is huge so thank you. I couldn't have asked for a more supportive group. Thank you for continually getting the boys to training and games, helping out on game day, the backing you gave me, but most importantly, the loud and positive encouragement you gave the boys during games.

To Phil, our Manager, thank you for keeping us organized. Everything went without a hitch all season. It all seemed effortless, including taking all the stats and video which was instrumental in identifying areas of focus.

To Ryan, my Assistant Coach, thank you. The season wouldn't have been such a success without you. Your insights and knowledge were key and I was glad to have you with us every step of the way.

Finally, to the boys. Thank you and well done, you are a special group of players and it's been a pleasure to be your coach in your first WABL season! You have been an amazing group to work with, you all played far beyond your ages and developed beyond expectations. I hope you take the team values we had forward – whether in basketball or in life – always give your all, always support your teammates, train as you want to play, and most importantly never give up.

Gav Douglas





U/14 CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made this season. Every victory, every lesson learned, every moment of growth, and every goal achieved was a result of the collective effort of this entire team.

2024 U14 Girls Championship season Goals recap:

1. Enhance Basketball Fundamentals (never-ending)
2. Qualify for U14 Championship Division (accomplished)
3. Qualify for WABL Finals (accomplished)
4. Win WABL U14 Championship (quarter final loss)

Our primary focus this season was on enhancing basketball fundamentals in alignment with the club curriculum. The coaching group aimed to develop smarter thinking and game intelligence, and to improve the players' ability to read and respond to what is happening on the court in real time.

This approach addressed gaps that were identified in previous tournaments, and it emphasised the importance of game understanding and teamwork.

Through all our hard work we made the Championship Division. Climbing from last place to finish in fifth place, and just missing out in the quarter finals.

Congratulations ladies. I am immensely proud of how you matured as a team and became a threatening force over the competition.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this journey possible.

To my Assistant Coaches, David Goldsmith and Alison Benich: your exceptional support, guidance, and enthusiasm this season have truly made a difference. Your deep knowledge of the game has been pivotal in developing our players' fundamental skills, their ability to read and react during play, and most importantly, their approach to the game with the right attitude. Thank you for everything, your dedication to our players, and the team's success has been outstanding,

To our fantastic Team Manager, Sophie Lavoie: Your exceptional ability to manage all the team requirements, keep us organized, and ensure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed. And let's not forget the delicious cupcakes and cookies!

You are truly the backbone of this team. Your dedication and professionalism are deeply appreciated, and I am incredibly grateful for everything you've done throughout the season.

Coach: Josh Walsh

Assistant: Dave Goldsmith

Assistant: Alison Benich

Manager: Sophie Lavoie

PLAYERS

4 Heidi Harris

5 Elisabeth Leboeuf

7 Emily Epple

8 Zoe French

9 Asha McClelland

10 Olivia Kalbermatten

11 Ruby May Coolican

12 Claire Furness

14 Hannah Benich

15 Emily Harrison





To the parents: a big thank you for your support throughout the season. Your understanding of our "loud" coaching style and high expectations, along with your patience through both triumphs and challenges, made a significant difference.

And to the players: although we did not start the season strong and found ourselves in last place midway through, your resilience and character shone brightly. Despite injuries, illnesses, and narrow losses, your commitment, teamwork, and Wolfpack spirit never wavered. You rallied together, supported one another, and became a formidable team taking down some of the top opposition. Your growth and improvement were recognized and praised by many of the opposing coaches, a testament to your hard work and dedication. I am incredibly proud of how you came together and pushed through.

Thank you all for your dedication and for making this season unforgettable. I am excited about the future and eager to see where your hard work and growth will take you next. I wish you continued success and hope that all your efforts lead to achieving your goals.

Josh Walsh





U/14 GIRLS TEAM 2

What an amazing group! It has been an absolute privilege to coach for the Joondalup Wolves and to be involved with such a talented and dedicated team. The support from our parent group has made this experience truly memorable for all the right reasons.

A heartfelt thank you to my Assistant, Hannah Mortimer. Despite juggling her own basketball commitments and schoolwork, Hannah provided invaluable support throughout the season. Her efforts and insights were deeply appreciated, by both myself and the girls, and will be remembered for years to come.

To our wonderful Manager, Jenny Franceschi, thank you so much for all your hard work this season. We couldn't have done it without you. A special thanks also to Bronson Franceschi for stepping in as my assistant when needed — it was a pleasure working with you.

We began the season at State Champs and then faced a tough grading period against some very strong teams. Although the results weren't always what we hoped for or worked hard towards, the girls showed incredible determination and resilience. They stayed upbeat, fought hard, and embodied the Wolfpack spirit throughout.

Our placement in the third division proved to be just right. The level of competition pushed us to showcase both our strengths and areas for improvement. On the days when everything came together, we felt confident and capable of winning it all. Conversely, when we fell short, we recognized the need for further development and consistency. Despite the challenges, one thing was never in question — our team's effort, which was always evident.

We started the season with a loss but quickly turned things around, going on a six-game winning streak and finishing with a 10-6 win-loss record in 4th place. The highlight of our season was undoubtedly our first final. Facing Willetton Blue, we had a slow start but came alive in the 3rd quarter, dominating with a 28-14 performance and sealing a well-deserved victory. The energy and passion the girls displayed in that game were unforgettable.

Unfortunately, we couldn't replicate that performance in the following week's match against the top-seeded Senators and were eliminated.

To the players of U/14 Team 2, a massive thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the energy you brought to every training session and game. Your commitment and improvement throughout the season were a joy to witness. The development of your fitness, confidence in crucial moments, and the adoption of our game philosophy were standout achievements. I hope the skills and style of

Coach: Ben Watson
Assistant: Hannah Mortimer
Manager: Jenny Franceschi
PLAYERS
4 London Franceschi
6 Nala Priddis
7 Ella Augustin
8 Amelia Franklin
9 Amelia Weaver
10 Layla Potter
11 Ella Sherwin
12 Rose Ponosh
13 Imogen Young
15 Kyona Nelson





play we've developed together will serve you well as you continue to advance through your age groups.

This season will be one I won't easily forget. Thank you all for making it so special.

Ben Watson





U/14 GIRLS TEAM 3

'Effort & Determination'

Entering the 2024 WABL season, I was expecting to coach within the U/16 cohort, but then I received a call from the Wolves asking me to coach the U/14 Team 3. I wasn't sure what to expect; I had never coached younger WABL players. Would they handle my tough no nonsense style of coaching? Could they execute structure? Could I tailor my message to this younger cohort? I was soon to find out that not only could the players handle my style of coaching and execute structure, but they would excel and make it one of the most enjoyable seasons I have coached.

Having not been involved in the trial and selection process for the U/14 cohort, I came into the season not knowing what to expect. I had no preconceived ideas on the players. Everyone had an opportunity to show what they were capable of and craft a role for themselves within the team. The one thing we knew right away was we lacked height; we were going to be one of the shorter teams in the competition. We knew we weren't going to win the battle of giants any time soon, so we were going to have to win through effort and determination.

The first training session I am sure some of the players were wishing someone else was their coach, because we set a marker down that we were going to be the fittest team in the competition, as the late great ice hockey coach Herb Brooks coined the phrase "the legs feed the wolves". In essence, if you can outrun your opponent, you, more often than not, will win the fight. To the players' credit, I never heard a complaint, they just put their heads down and worked their butts off and this kind of positive attitude continued throughout the season.

We had a great State Champs where we gelled as a team and put in some hard-working performances. We just missed out on finals by some untoward shenanigans on the score bench costing us our final spot by two points, but we came away with confidence and hope for the upcoming season.

Grading was a tale of two weekends. The first weekend we showed that we were one of the better Team 3's in the competition and secured our divisional status before entering the second weekend of grading. In the second weekend, we had the chance to face off against some tough Team 2's and although we didn't get the wins, we came away with a lot of credit for pushing teams much larger than us all the way with some very close losses.

Entering the regular season, we knew we were going to be very competitive. We went on to have a

Coach: Dan Beasley
Assistant: Alex Roach
Manager: Candice Grincer
PLAYERS

5 Harriet Kendall

6 Ruby Hall

7 Lexi-Rose Thurstans

8 Mya Pasic

9 Kaila Dodunski

10 Arya Grincer

11 Scarlett Gaskell

12 Florence Roach

13 Eve Kallis

14 Olivia Becker

TO Willow Crowley

TO Lily Stefanski

TO Ella Pearcey





tremendous regular season going 11-5, with three of those loses due to the quirk of the schedule, or we were against the top of the ladder, Kalamunda Suns, who only lost one game all season. We were giving up height in the vast majority of our games, but we were never out worked and through our stingy defence and willingness to do the things that don't show up on the stat sheet, we were competitive in every game. The players were like sponges throughout the season, eager to learn new things and broadening their ability to read the game and execute strategy. They are a great bunch of players who liked to have a joke or two, but knew when it was time to work. They put 100% of their effort and determination into their basketball and as a coach that is all you can ask of your players.

When it came to finals, we went up against the Lakeside Lightning who we had split the regular season games with. Unfortunately for us, they had more height across their team than anyone we had faced all season, and it paid off for them as they eked out a two-point win to end our season, thanks much to their domination on the boards. Our season came to an end, but our season was still a successful one, because the true mark of success is if every player improved from when they first joined the team, and in this case, it can honestly be said, that everyone did.

Thank you to the Association, Andrew, David, and Jesse for giving me the opportunity to coach this team.

I want to say thank you to all the players' families for your support during the season, for getting involved, taking the players to home and away games, practices, and table officiating during games. We really heard your voices out there on the sidelines, and sometimes on the game tape too.

Our Manager, Candice, did an amazing job. Making sure everything ran smoothly, that the players were ready on game day, and ensuring everyone was up to date in our WhatsApp group. It was great having a manager who has experience in coaching. Candice provided advice and support to the coaches throughout the season, and it was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to our Assistant Coach, Alex or Roachy, as the players like to call him. He provided invaluable support and insights throughout the season and his ability to engage with the players was a huge benefit to the team. Roachy was my sounding board and his insight into a cohort of players that I was unfamiliar with was invaluable. Roachy you are a legend, and I wish you luck for your coaching future, you have a great basketball mind.

Lastly, thank you to the players, you have been a fantastic group. I didn't know what to expect when dropping down to coach U/14s, but your willingness to learn and work hard, made this year a very rewarding one. I had a lot of fun coaching you, even when you were making fun of me for being so old that I should be in a museum! You are all so talented, remember that it is not the mistakes that





define you, but how you recover and push forward that shows your true character. I truly believe that each and every one of you have improved so much since we started together. Continue the hard work we started this year, put in the same level of effort and determination, and I know you will find success in your futures.

Dan Beasley





U/14 GIRLS TEAM 4

I would like to firstly thank David, Jesse, Fraser, and Andrew for the great job done again this year for the WABL program and for again giving me the opportunity to coach at this level. The hard work behind the scenes and the support given to us coaches is great and does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

After a tough selection process before Christmas and State Championships, we picked our teams ready for the 2024 WABL season. Team 4 consisted of some top age and lower age players, and the girls all jumped at the opportunity to play the Wolfpack way of basketball. Once preseason started in late January, the girls all trained very hard to learn the teams plays and all became very good friends quickly. We tackled Grading in March with enthusiasm and the girls did a great job by making Division 5, only marginally missing out to make Division 4 by playing a draw against Bunbury Slammers. Once we knew our pathway to WABL 2024, the girls worked hard to be ready for the start of the season and it showed winning three of our first four games. The girls were showing good signs with them all embracing the concepts of the game we were working on weekly at training and at the halfway mark of the season we were looking in good shape in 4th position.

Unfortunately, as the second half started so did some injuries and sickness. Kara, our number one point guard went down with a bad virus resulting in pneumonia and a long stint on the sidelines. Then, with the flu hitting the team hard, we fell away slightly in the middle part of the season losing some close games but as always the girls gave 100% in all their games. Once all the girls came back, we again worked hard to regain our early season good form and finished winning two of our last three home and away games. One memorable game against the 2nd placed Redbacks Team 2 where we held on to have a three point win. The girls defence was played at a very high level, something I had been working on all season and we were named Wolves Team of the Week after that game. After winning our last game against Cockburn by 25 points, we were a chance to finish as high as 4th, but a top of the table upset by Redbacks Team 3 saw them jump ahead to 4th and we ended up in 7th spot, ready to again clash with the 2nd placed Redbacks Team 2 in the first final.

We went into the first final in good form, and I was quickly confident we could cause a major upset and progress through to the next round of finals. We sadly lost Leila before the game because of a stomach issue but the team lifted brilliantly. We led the whole game, except for the last two minutes where we just made a few turnovers that let Redbacks into the game and they snuck past us for a close win. I was extremely proud of the girls for the courage and defensive determination they showed in the finals, and the improvement from game 1 in grading to that final was outstanding.

Coach: Wayne Hardman
Assistant: Renanka O'Shea
Assistant: Dean Bergerson
Manager: Jackie Lock

PLAYERS

4 Kennedy Bergersen
7 Indiana Stephenson
8 Chloe Van Niekerk
9 Kara O'Donoghue
10 Georgia Lock
11 Alysia Lock
12 Addison O'Shea
13 Leila Kasemets
14 Eva Goodge
15 Eden Sweeney





Their defensive work individually is something I always work on as I believe it is such an important skill to have at this age level and something they need as they get older.

As a team, we were very well led by our Captain, Addi O'Shea. Addi was always vocal at both training and in our games. She also added much fun and laughter to the group. Her own game improved so much during the year, also with the extra responsibility that she seemed to thrive on. Indi Stephenson, in her first season of WABL was brilliant all year. Not a big girl at all but she was not only scoring and playing as our second point guard, she was brilliant in defence and rebounding at both ends of the court. She played with knee soreness for most of the season which made her efforts even more brilliant at times. Along with Addi and Indi, I especially want to thank Eden, Eva, Chloe, Lyssy, Georgia, Leila, Kennedy, and Kara for your outstanding commitment to our club for this WABL season. As a team, our improvement all year was so good to watch. You are all a credit to your families. The respect you gave us as coaches was so appreciated and you should all hold your heads high. As a coach, I am very honoured to have been your coach.

Special thanks to Rennie, my first Assistant. Your commitment again this year to help make the team environment a great place to be did not go unnoticed. Your game day assistance was really appreciated, always keeping me on my toes, and ensuring the girls got the correct court time. The pre-training warmups were always fun.

Also, to my second Assistant, Dean. Your first year at WABL level and you never missed a season, always encouraged the girls, and made sure everyone warmed up and was ready to go before games. You also gave valuable feedback weekly so we could be ready for the next game.

Our wonderful Manager, Jackie. Again, this year you had everything organised. You know you have a great Manager when you never have to worry about anything other than coaching. Jackie is always super organised; so organised we always had time to talk about her beloved Magpies while the girls warmed up.

Special thanks to all three of you for your help and most importantly, your friendship all year.

Thanks to my beautiful wife, Katie, for never complaining of my coaching time. She has had a tough year herself this year, but never wavered in her support for me in a job she knows I love doing.

Finally, to our parent group. You have all been so supportive in everything I've done this year, even at times when I've got frustrated on the bench. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your daughters lives this year. I know you are all very proud of them, as you should be proud of yourselves for bringing up such wonderful young ladies who always gave us great respect and manners. That comes from the home front and shows you are doing a great job in bringing up your girls.

Wayne Hardman





U/14 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Up Down, Left Right, Over Under, In Out, North East South West is one way to describe this season.

The selection process was defiantly not an easy one and going into State Champs we looked to have an okay balance of Bigs, Mediums and Smalls, and as coaches and players we were quietly confident we could give the tournament a good shake and be a dark horse of taking it out.

Fast forward to the Friday of our first game and I woke up off night shift at two in the afternoon to see a message that - arguably our most important player - is out sick. So that rattled the team from the start and we found ourselves getting a quick lesson of how far off we were, going down by 30ish to what turned out to be the best team of the age group - and eventual WABL grand final winners. Having also missed our sick player for all three of Saturdays games we dropped all games by the margins of ten, three, and two points. For our last game on the Sunday, we had a full team and now we would get a real look at what we could put out there and we had a much better performance, winning by 26 points, handing that team their second biggest loss for the tournament. So off that we grew confidence and came together as a team, recognising had we been full strength we would have made that final four we had hoped for.

But the truth was off those performances we were still way off as a team unit and it was unfortunately going to have to be back to basics of how we wanted the ball to move up the court and get our structures in place because we really had slim awareness of that, and if we were going to beat the whispers that we weren't going to make Champs Division, we had to fix it quick before grading.

Lots of repetitive trainings into grading and I thought we were ready but what looked to be our toughest matchup first up, we were tested from the tip and our inability to finish at the rim we found ourselves down 12 with 4:30 left in the game but out of a timeout we changed the defence to a full court press and went on a 17-2 run to finish the game and win by 3! Next up was an easier looking matchup on paper but we again found ourselves with a slow start once again not finishing and the opposition dropping four early threes, this time we found ourselves quickly down 18-4 but with more time up on the clock we chipped away at the scoreline and got it back to 8 at halftime. Another change to the game plan and we won the second half 11-2 to win by 1. A thankfully easier third game win and it was on the qualifying game for Champs Division as the top seed from our pool getting us the match up we liked, and after a bit of back and forth early we went up 9 at the half to

Coach: Robb Hobbs
Assistant: DJ Peroomal
Assistant: Chris Staltari
Manager: Katherine Simon

PLAYERS

6 Elijah Staltari
7 Matteo Commisso
8 Taj Peroomal
9 Tyler Simon
10 Mason Nugent
11 Jass Samardali-Habaybeh
12 Dariuz Birch
13 Ezekiel Vose
14 Tomas Lackovic
15 Sandile Magaisa





go on and have a massive second half outscoring the opposition 31-3. Very proud of the boys and their ability to stay in the games when tested and most of all we made Champs Division!

The first half of the season saw us come away with two wins from the first seven games. A very challenging time for myself battling pneumonia for six weeks in that time, but it didn't distract of our results that was about where we were at. Our inconsistent finishing at the rim was very costly and it very evident what looked like an okay team balance was way off in comparison to the opposition above us. Having said that we were still in every game we played but having a small stretch of a couple of minutes in one quarter would cost us most games.

The halfway break found us competing in Nationals Qualifying Tournament, something I knew we weren't ready for but at the same time was slightly bullish that we could still have that chance of causing some upsets. After the bye in the first round, we were touched up by a firing top seed Willetton leading to a Warwick matchup which all knew the winner of this game would go onto the qualifying game for the final place in the Nationals tour. And we came out and looked great in the first half sharing the ball well and getting good looks and baskets and scores were level at halftime. Unfortunately, we fell to our lapse period at the start of the second half with several consecutive turnovers giving them all the momentum and we could not recover. We enjoyed our next two wins but it was clearly evident we needed to change our offensive structure for the second half of the year.

And that we did, playing higher in our half to open up space to basket and two rounds in we bumped back into 2nd place Warwick who we were just competitive with for a half of basketball at the Nationals. We came ready and although our new offensive structure gave us the space we needed to get cleaner finishes, it was predominantly our defensive focus from start to finish that got us our best win of the season coming away 10 point victors!

Unfortunately, it wasn't the turning point of the season I thought it was going to be and the second half of the season, we continued to be an inconsistent team finishing around the rim, struggling to get the right balance on court of players who could consistently stick game plan some structure. It seemed an endless round-about of fixing one thing and the next would arise or we'd get right what we'd been working on but everything we'd previously done before it and still needed to do would go out the window.

I found myself quite often saying "we don't do a lot wrong, but we do so much wrong".





And of course that's how our final game would play out. We got the matchup we wanted vs a 3rd place Cockburn (who were a National Qualifier) and although it fell on their home court it didn't really faze us, as our results there throughout the season were a loss by six and a loss by two. Unfortunately, we did as we had done throughout the year on the wrong end of consistency and found ourselves down 7 at our seasons final siren.

It was a disappointing end to what wasn't a disappointing season. I didn't quite get the boys to where I thought I could but that was probably a little/a lot naive on my part. Two new kids at the WABL level and two others new to the club. This team didn't go backwards for the age group but unfortunately this year we didn't take that next step. I look forward to seeing what these boys and this age group does when back top agers at under 16's level.

Quick thank you to parents for the support to myself but most of all the team! And to Assistants DJ and Chris who both had big inputs on the season and to Kat who was amazing at the Manager role and highly recommended to any coach going forward :)

Lastly a BIG thank you to the club for the opportunity of coaching such an important team! Let's go Green!!

Robb Hobbs





U/14 BOYS TEAM 2

As a rookie Head Coach, I was assigned a squad with both promise and challenge. There was an expectation of success, however, I also didn't have a feel for how we would compare to our competition in terms of size, strength, and teamwork.

I was very relieved when we cruised through our first three rounds of State Champs. As we progressed to more challenging opponents, we showed resilience and grit in coming from behind and scraping out hard fought wins. This ultimately resulted in our team qualifying for the Division 2/3 Grand Final! While we weren't able to bring home the trophy, (going down to an Alan Black coached Willetton squad) I was much more comfortable with my understanding of our strengths and opportunities for improvement, and was hopeful for the 2024 WABL season.

Heading into Grading we had an internal expectation of qualifying for our nominated division (Div 2). This meant competing against nominated Championship teams and higher ranked Division 2/3 teams. Grading weekend one gave the team a reality check regarding the size and skill of our opponents and how hard we needed to play to qualify. Weekend two was different. The team had steely focus and determination to win. This spark was ignited when a Phoenix Martin 3pt dagger in the dying seconds secured victory in the first game of the day! That shot put us on a perfect winning path eventually securing a Division 2 place.

The first half of the season was a mixed affair. Our best was good enough, but being largely undersized meant we had little room for error, particularly defensively. Our collective maturity, resilience, and teamwork was a work in progress and players were settling into roles. The coaching team were also settling in, with a focus on finding the right way to communicate with this group of boys for maximum effect.

Halfway through the season, things clicked. Players started to trust each other on the court, ball movement and shot selection improved, as did transition offense and bench support. After starting the season 3W – 6L, we won six of our last seven games to finish 3rd. The Wolves had the highest place finish of any non-Championship team in Division 2! Sadly, our season came to an end in the semi-finals after an emotional game against our nemesis – the Willetton Tigers!

That loss hurt. And it's easy to remember our season based solely on that performance. But on reflection, I feel we overachieved based on our relative size, maturity, and strength of competition. The boys should feel fantastic about putting themselves into a position to compete for the trophy, even if we ultimately fell short. Our best was good enough.

Coach: Richard Watt
Assistant: Heath Gardiner
Manager: Sara Naylor
PLAYERS

4 Phoenix Martin
5 Griffin Gardiner
7 Hudson Francis
8 Zachary Heppard
9 Hayden Montgomerie
10 Noah Growden
12 Hamish Watt
13 Michael Van Blitterswyk
14 Charlie Killoh
15 Ashton Naylor





The boys all showed great skill, personal growth, and determination throughout the year. Their passion and drive to win was evident.

Thanks to Heath Gardiner for supporting me as Assistant Coach during the season. I felt our complimentary skills worked well together and I was always grateful to learn from his wealth of on court and off court experience. Thanks also to Jarrad Montgomerie who filled in as assistant coach, technical liaison, and emotional support for the boys from time to time.

Appreciations to Sara Naylor who makes team management look easy. When the coaches can focus on basketball and everything else runs like clockwork, you know that a fantastic job is being done. Also, no amount of thanks can make up for Sara dealing with those sweaty singlets all year long! Your management skills and friendly, professional approach to all things WABL is commended. Thanks also to Russell Growden for his Spielberg like camera skills throughout the season and collation of statistics.

Thanks for the support from parents. I particularly appreciate the personal feedback and kind words from many of you throughout the season.

I wish all players the best of success in 2025 and beyond. But remember to have fun. It's only a game after all.

Richard Watt





U/14 BOYS TEAM 3

Thanks to all of the parents. No level of junior sports can operate without you guys. A massive thanks and plenty of appreciation being sent your way.

Thank you to Selma for keeping us organised. All your work is what kept us afloat with jerseys, schedules etc. Every team needs a Manager and I'm glad we were able to have one as good as you this season.

Big thanks to Marco for being so cooperative and assisting me with coaching. You were always there to bounce ideas off of and guide the team and players in areas I sometimes overlooked.

Lastly, thanks to the boys for seeing the season out. It's certainly not easy to do with all the ups and downs but you all showed real resilience to stick with it and give it your all.

Go Wolves.

Harrison Parker

Coach: Harrison Parker
Assistant: Marco Agostini
Manager: Selma Adeline
PLAYERS

4 Daniel Norberger

5 Liam Adeline

6 Aiden Angus

7 Zack Snart

8 Zion Ochieng

9 Alessandro Agostini

10 Godfrey Santos

12 Charlie Connolly

14 Ethan Blood

15 Andrew Dunstan





U/14 BOYS TEAM 4

Our season commenced at State Champs, where we came away with a 2-4 win loss record against some very formidable opponents. After a tough grading stage, we again came away with a cross-over game loss, narrowly defeated by a very physical Kalamunda Suns outfit in our final game. Even after this defeat, I knew then that the boys had character, resilience, and a desire to battle to the end regardless of their opponents.

Our WABL season was 9-7 win loss record. As a team made up of three top-agers and seven bottom-agers, our primary focus throughout was on the refinement and development of skills to succeed at the next level. Therefore, our clear emphasis for the season was around teamwork, commitment, maintaining work ethic, attitude, and enhancing the fundamentals to advance each players ability to positively impact on the game, which is something we successfully achieved.

As a coaching team, we were always challenging the team, pushing players to confront the areas they needed to develop in their own game, including effort areas like running lanes, execution of our offensive systems (Flow and Chins), defensive strategies, responsibilities and accountability, communication, and perhaps most importantly understanding why these areas of basketball are important.

'One of the standout moments of our season was the thrilling one-point victory against Perry Lakes Hawks Blue': the energy, determination, and teamwork you all displayed in that nail-biting win was nothing short of remarkable. The reaction from the team after that game was unforgettable and will always remain a special moment in my basketball journey—it showed just how much heart and spirit this group possesses.

'But without a doubt, our proudest achievement came when we faced off against Cockburn Cougars': having been defeated by them twice before and knowing they hadn't lost a game all season, the odds were stacked against us. Yet, you rose to the challenge, made the necessary adjustments, and stayed committed to the process. The way you turned the tables and secured that victory was a testament to your resilience and growth, reinforcing that we could compete and succeed against any team within our league.

This season has been a journey of highs and lows but that is just part of the WABL process. The coaching team and I could not be prouder of the progress and accomplishments you've all made. You have proven that with your continuous growth and improvement, concentration on the fundamentals, playing with poise, control and perseverance, teamwork, a belief in each other and the coaching process, anything is possible, and I and the coaching team are incredibly proud and honoured to have been part of this journey with all of you.

Coach: Jason Palmer
Assistant: Doug Gates
Assistant: Ben Edwards
Manager: Justin Lowson

PLAYERS

5 Kobi Bunt
6 Dylan Gates
8 William Scott
9 Mitchell Zulberti
10 James Fairhead
11 Jeremy Lowson
12 Lucas Barron
13 Jack Bisland
14 Felix Vainu
15 Ethan Edwards





Thank you – Mitch, Will, Jeremy, James, Jack, Dylan, Lucas, Felix, Ethan, and Kobi for your continued learning and motivation, your effort, and your unwavering commitment to this team and embodying the ‘Wolfpack Way’. I wish you all the very best in your WABL and basketball journeys.

I want to take a special moment to acknowledge and extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible Team Manager, **Justin**. His unwavering commitment and tireless efforts behind the scenes have been invaluable to the success of our team.

Justin, your dedication to keeping parents and us informed about schedules, financial obligations, and other administrative details has made a huge difference. You've not only managed the essential logistics but also played a crucial role in mediating and supporting parents throughout the season, ensuring that any concerns were addressed with care and professionalism. Your continuous support and motivation has been felt strongly by the coaching staff and the young players on our team. Your continued positive influence, motivations, and basketball knowledge has helped to create an environment where everyone could thrive, both on and off the court – **thank you**.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our incredible coaching team, **Ben and Doug**. Your time, effort, and unwavering support have been instrumental in the growth and success of our team.

Ben and Doug, the wealth of expert coaching experience, skills, and knowledge you both bring to the team has been invaluable. Your ability to impart technical and tactical understanding of the game to our young players has truly elevated their performance and deepened their appreciation for basketball.

Personally, I have learned so much from working alongside you both this season. The insights and strategies you've shared have not only enhanced my own coaching approach but have also played a crucial role in our team's development. I deeply value your support, both on the court and in our broader efforts to build a strong, cohesive team – **thank you**.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the **parents** of our basketball superstars here at Joondalup Wolves U14's Boys - Team 4. You have played an absolutely crucial role in supporting and valuing the development of our players and the overall coaching process.

Your continuous support, patience, and understanding—both on and off the court—have been invaluable. Whether it's getting the players to practice on time, travelling many km's to get to venues, helping them navigate the ups and downs of the season, or standing by us through every challenge, your positivity and commitment has made a world of difference.





Your loud and enthusiastic voices have filled the venues, positively representing the Wolves franchise week in and week out – the *'Wolfpack Way'*. Your energy and passion have not only fuelled the players but also created an environment where they could thrive and grow.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our team this season. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and supportive parents by our side. Your contributions have made this season a truly special one.

Finally, a very big thank you to both **Dave and Jesse** for giving me this opportunity. I really appreciate the continued expert support, advice, and knowledge that you have shared throughout my WABL process. Furthermore, much appreciation and respect to the rest of the team behind the scenes that all make this magical journey happen for all our basketball superstars. I am so proud and honoured to be a representative of the Wolves franchise and what it stands for.

Thank you - 'work hard, play hard, believe, and achieve'.

Jason Palmer





U/16 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

A season that started with a great run at State Champs, courtesy of a great pre-tournament training regime from Ben Davis, who stepped up whilst I was recovering from hip surgery. This run saw us gain direct qualification to the Champs Division when grading was cancelled due to heat, proving that occasionally, a coach gets it right about making every game count and making cross overs.

We demonstrated we could compete with everyone in the league, including handing the top team their only loss. The biggest hurdle over the course of the season was consistency as throughout we struggled for numbers at training. I had a full team for only four training sessions and had nine players for only seven, which made it tougher to get everyone on the same page. The plus side was that allowed us to demonstrate the strength and depth of the team, where just about every player started at least one game and everyone had a game that they could point to and say I was the best today, every player showing they deserved to be there. In a tight league, having a team like this is a privilege. With a player selected leadership group of Cameron, Aisha, and Alize leading the hard work and effort, I was often forced to get the ones at training to restrain their exuberance, but the plus side was they all developed and grew as players.

A focus was players taking a greater personal responsibility to stay involved, step up, and not expecting someone else to do the heavy lifting. Being prepared to step up has many levels, but one way to describe it is it being prepared to try and impact the game in a positive way, filling your role and working. This could be demonstrated in two key aspects with this team. The first was that defensively over the season we showed we could limit the scoring of teams, generally averaging around 60 points conceded per game (even better if you took out a few anomalies). This was done by team rebounding and defensive rotations with everyone committed to the cause. Even in the semi-final loss we held the highest scoring team in the league to less than 60.

Offensively for us, it was about working as a unit to help each other and improving our spacing, leading to less turnovers, and better shot selection. When we committed to running our structures, sacrificing for the team, pushing to space and corners, and just generally working for each other we showed that we could match it with everyone.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Davis for his involvement this year. When I was out of action, he really stepped in to help and I can only wish him and his family all the best. I would also like to thank Liane Brown for being brave enough to step forward and do a fantastic job as Manager (so who is on the sweeties this week?) and Tom for sorting out the videoing of games and taking the

Coach: Heath Bradley

Assistant: Ben Davis

Manager: Liane Brown

PLAYERS

4 Marie Chloe Lea Mirthil

5 Rose Wheeler

8 Grace Tomazin

9 Cameron Brown

10 Shae Grincerri

11 Luca Kuhn

12 Sara Davis

13 Aisha Allen

14 Alize Smith

15 Lucy Corden





time so we could watch and review. I must also thank the whole parent group for their support, passion, and commitment to the team. The season would not have been as positive as it was without your efforts and dedication.

Finally, thank you to the girls for an entertaining season, where at time I felt the games were designed to send me bald or give me a heart attack. Throughout the season, I said if you trust the process, concentrating on the fundamentals, playing with control and focusing on your ability, we could match any team in the league and we did.

The team really does deserve individual comments so here goes:

Aisha – A frequent flyer at emergency, we were a much better team when she played and is arguably the most ferocious competitor I have even seen. Showing an increased maturity, she has improved her ability to impact positively the game on both ends. A pleasure to coach, although I do wish she would avoid netball at school and take better care walking upstairs!!

Alize – Strong, skilled, and talented. When Alize puts her mind to it, I don't think anyone can stop her. One of the most supportive teammates I have ever had the privilege to coach. She was shocked by the team choosing her to be in the leadership group, but how could she not be with everything she does. Keep working on your casual "wasn't me/nothing to see" look when something goes wrong!!

Cameron – A consummate team player who led the team in just about every stat category. A beast at training, her desire to improve paid off by making the state team and was continually demonstrated by dominating games and forcing teams to figure out ways to limit her involvement. A real coaches' player she helps her teammates look good and doing everything to win. I told you coaches notice the little things so keep doing them, but maybe limit the stories to one a training!

Lea – A truly gifted athlete who improved her output over the season and really stepped up when others were out. A season where she showed how good she can be at both ends. Driving with a with a silky smoothness that belies how quick she can be, it was pleasing to see the same effort running back into trans. Remember your ball and keep the singing down!!

Luca – One of the hardest working players I have seen who constantly strived to improve throughout the season. Worked incredibly hard on her shooting and became a consistent perimeter threat. Worked hard in D and ran the floor, should be proud of how she developed. Keep your head up as I think you went close to a record for eye pokes and head knocks!!





Lucy – Worked hard at training and gave 100% whenever she was on the floor, demonstrated by being second in the “getting picked up off the floor” count. Possessing a great array of offensive skills, it was her defence that impressed. I love those hands straight up blocks and tough boards. You deserved your spot and I look forward to watching your continued development, but like Alize, that “wasn’t me” look needs some work!

Grace – Has some silky skills and a player that could and did turn games on their heads. Has the ability to impact in so many ways. Over the season her defence improved, allowing her to contribute at both ends. Keep that focus, stay in control, eat those lollies, and remember to have spare tape in case a piercing breaks free!

Rose – A real quiet achiever. Does every little team thing that coaches love - screens, boxes out, and always gets back in transition and just as importantly worked hard at training. Over the season we saw a player that displayed a greater confidence and willingness to “grab” a game. Should be happy with your development and push for greater things. Don’t try and hide (even with spots)!!

Sara – A limited season due to illness. One of the hardest working players I have come across and a delight to coach. It was great to see you at the finals and I cannot wait to see you back up and going 100 miles on the court. Plus, you are welcome on my bench anytime.

Shae – Started off as one of the quietest players on the team, finished not so much that way. One of the few constants she trained and worked every week, and I always knew what I was going to get. Sometimes too deferential but when she got her groove on no one could stop her. Remember stop dribbling to the corner and lace up those shoes!

Heath Bradley





U/16 GIRLS TEAM 2

The 2024 WABL season proved to be a rollercoaster season for the 16-2 girls with inconsistency in games proving to be our Achilles heel and turnovers being our worst enemy. However, our effort and fight always kept us in games and was highlighted in our wins.

Our season started with high ambitions trying to grade up to the Championship Division but falling short in Week 1. We managed to hold our position in Division 2 in a revamped WABL system with a solid week 2 at Grading.

Our season started with a few close losses with turnovers costing us the opportunity to win those early games despite hard work and great effort by the girls. It took us a few weeks before we started to gel as a team and as the season progressed, our best basketball was looking very good. We started to knock off the teams that had beat us early in the season and we managed to put in some solid performances against the top two teams but one quarter in each of those games cost us the victory against those teams. We were consistent at being inconsistent throughout the whole season. With our best basketball, we looked like the Harlem Globetrotters, but we could also look like the Washington Generals with our worst. This would not only change from week to week but would change in games from quarter to quarter. We just couldn't string together that solid four quarter performance on a consistent basis.

We did however put in a defensive masterclass in our Elimination Final that held Willetton 2's to just 40 points, being the lowest score any team had in all of Div 2 for the season. This was also with two girls missing. The effort and commitment to the plan was executed perfectly and despite the WABL recap calling it an upset win, it was never in doubt.

Our Semi Final game was a close contest from beginning to end with multiple runs from both teams throughout the game. It was a free-flowing offensive game, but costly turnovers and the ability of their big late in the contest proved to be a little too good in the end. I could not fault our endeavour and effort, and the girls could walk off with their heads held high despite the close loss.

I would like to thank all the girls (Bethany, Layla, Lily H, Lily N, Jamima, Jaylyn, Jorja, Milla, Quinn, and T'yanna) for making this an enjoyable season, and despite not coming away with the trophy, it was still a success. There was improvement across the board and the basketball we played at the end was a much improved brand from the start. Each girl brought their own strength to the team, and I look forward to seeing the girls continue their basketball journey next year and beyond.

I would like to thank the parent group who were amazing once again and allowed me to coach their

Coach: Aaron Hirniak
Assistant: Michelle Ralph
Assistant: Troy Georgiu
Manager: Natalie
Montgomerie

PLAYERS

4 Jorja Ralph
5 Lily Hirniak
6 Layla Montgomerie
7 Lily Nimmo
8 Jamima Jacob
10 Quinn Beasley
11 Bethany Georgiu
12 Jaylyn Basaran
14 T'yanna Keating
15 Milla Yates





girls the way I think basketball should be played without interruption or disruption. It's great when parents come and cheer and support the girls the way our group did this season.

A massive thanks to Assistants, Mich and Troy, and Team Manager Nat, who helped the girls and I throughout the season. It's never easy dealing with 10 teenage girls, especially when things aren't going the way we were hoping but they prepared and gave valuable feedback and amazingly kept the girls on the straight and narrow. We were a team that won together and lost together which is all a coach can ask for. It's great for a coach when you have such great support with you making life easy and to me, the season just flew by and before I knew it, it was finals time.

I wish all the girls the best on their basketball journey and if I don't get the chance to coach them again, I will be proudly watching their games and progress from the stands.

Aaron Hirniak





U/16 GIRLS TEAM 3

This season was full of highs and lows, but overall, it was an incredible journey.

First and foremost, I want to thank the WBA for giving me the privilege of coaching such an outstanding group of girls. Watching this team come together and form strong bonds so quickly was truly a pleasure. The camaraderie and teamwork were apparent from the start, which made coaching all the more enjoyable.

Coming into the season was a bit different for me. Transitioning to a new age group after selections meant I didn't get the opportunity to fully assess the girls' skill levels before we began training. Being away for State Champs also added some challenges leading into the regular season.

Throughout the season, we experienced a mix of games. Some were tough losses where things just didn't go our way, while others felt like we could throw anything up at the basket and score. But in every game and training session, there was one constant: progress. The girls worked hard, and we saw improvement in both individual skills and team dynamics. This season, a big focus was on awareness and overall basketball IQ, and it was rewarding to see those lessons come to life in our final games. The girls made smart decisions, read the opposition well, and played with great confidence.

Though the final results didn't reflect just how much effort the girls put in, their dedication and hard work were always evident. They gave their all in every game and continually pushed themselves to improve.

I also want to take a moment to recognise our amazing parent group. Your support throughout the season was exceptional. Whether it was helping out on game day or cheering on the team, you were always there. I'm grateful that none of you were ever "that parent" — the one who yells from the sidelines, questions every referee's call, or puts unnecessary pressure on the players. Instead, you were all positive and encouraging, creating a great atmosphere for the team. A special thank you to Darryl and Ben, who stepped in when needed and offered valuable insights and support. Having your extra eyes and ears was invaluable.

A huge thank you to our Assistant Coach, Nathan. Your eagerness to learn, willingness to support the team, and ability to offer fresh perspectives made a big difference this season. You were a great sounding board for ideas and provided fantastic encouragement to the players. I couldn't have asked for a better partner to coach alongside.

Coach: Julien Tickel
Assistant: Nathan Albrecht
Manager: Natalie Baxter

PLAYERS

4 Chloe Befumo
5 Charlotte Watson
6 Andi Morris
7 Amelia Albrecht
8 Taliyah Baxter
9 Asha Jennings
10 Ziva Bunt
11 Naomie Verheyden
12 Indiana Hobbs
14 Maya Liesis





To Natalie, our Team Manager, a heartfelt thank you. Your experience truly shone through. You were always two steps ahead, ensuring everything was organised and running smoothly. Your hard work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed, and it made a big impact on our season.

And finally, to the players: You are the reason I love coaching. Even on those cold, late Monday night trainings after a tough loss when all you probably wanted to do was go home and relax, you showed up with smiles on your faces and ready to work. You may have driven me up the wall a few times, but every single moment was a blast and totally worth it! Coaching you all was a joy, and I'm incredibly proud of how far you've come.

Julien Tickel





U/16 GIRLS TEAM 4

What a great group we had this year. A bunch of kids that were happy to work hard and be coached. Every coach's dream! It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them develop and improve through the year. A reminder of the joy that coaching can bring. So, thank you girls for listening, working hard, and playing for each other.

Firstly, a massive thank you to our committed and energetic Assistant Coach, Scott Crowley. You have been a massive support to me and the girls and helped develop and guide them through some tricky times. On top of this, you're just a great bloke to have in the corner. I hope you continue to coach as you have a lot to give.

A team doesn't work without a Manager and we had one of the best. Thank you, Sophie Dawson. Again, so committed and behind the girls and the coaches. Sometimes it was like having another player on the bench. Things were seamless and everything just worked as it should. It was also really valuable for the girls to have your emotional support on game day.

To the parents, thank you for your support and also thank you for raising such wonderful girls. They are truly a credit to you. I felt privileged to be their coach and was motivated and driven by their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. I honestly couldn't have hoped for a better team.

Our season was tough and the division competitive. We started strongly but then began to lose players to other teams and injury. We lost five of our team from State Champs through the season; basically all of our starting 5 and all of our talls. To our credit we kept working hard and improving and even with our injuries actually improved our results in the last six weeks. Playing small and playing hard was our way. Hard, team ball was our focus, and you did this and fought through the challenges together.

I hope you all play on with the same values you brought to our team this year and look forward to seeing you around the courts.

Ryan Sudano

Coach: Ryan Sudano
Assistant: Scott Crowley
Manager: Sophie Dawson

PLAYERS

4 Matilda Crowley
5 Jovie Boehm
6 Neve Dawson
7 Stella Hudson
8 Lucy Knights
9 Grace Jeffrey-Forward
10 Lily Henderson
12 Kiiana Nelson-Graham
13 Rianna Sudano
14 Sofia Henderson
15 Sydney van der Westhuzen



U/16 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Unfortunately, the basketball gods weren't kind to us this season. After such a fantastic grading tournament, the gods decided to give us all the injuries and sickness that could be dished out in one season.

This group is a very talented bunch of boys but the lack of numbers at training really hurt the groups development, but to their credit, they chipped away and stayed positive each week.

The season turning point for us was the winter classic tournament. From this point on we played a fantastic brand of Wolfpack basketball.

Over the course of the season, the team showed an amazing level of resilience and growth, and most importantly mental flexibility which is a credit to them.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank a few people.

Jason B, coaching is always easy when you have an Assistant that is always pushing in the same direction. We had a difficult season but your input into our training session planning and scouting the opposition has been first class.

Jason P, was more than a Manager to this team. He was our sounding board on our game plan and team direction.

Mike L, the stat man! Every week you supplied the stats which really guided us to areas of our game that needed work.

And thank you to the club, Andrew, David, Jesse, and Fraser for allowing me to coach this team.

Go Wolfpack.

John Kingswood

Coach: John Kingswood

Assistant: Jason Baker

Manager: Jason Ponosh

PLAYERS

4 Oscar Ponosh

5 Daniel Lynn

6 Xavier Viegas

7 Maximus Haley

8 Owen Baker

9 Joseph Lolham

11 Rafael Viegas

12 Johk Atuer

13 Makai Clarkson

14 Oliver Fisher





U/16 BOYS TEAM 2

Boys, I just want to start with thank you! Thank you for the opportunity to coach you guys this season and taking everything in your stride.

We had our good times, our bad times, and our great times I won't lie and it's great to see you guys really dig in and keep fighting through it all.

All of you developed in your own way and it's brilliant to see. I'm looking forward to watching you guys play your hearts out for yourselves as well as your teammates and always remember 'why do you play basketball?'

Although the season didn't go the way we wanted it, don't let that stop you from achieving what you want to achieve, both in basketball and in life.

Good luck to you all on your journeys and I know Dean, Steven, and myself look forward to seeing just how far you guys can go.

Jackson Pickett

Coach: Jackson Pickett
Assistant: Dean Bradley
Assistant: Steven Harris
Manager: Shelby Fisher

PLAYERS

4 Tom Harries
5 Rhys Weir
7 Kade Cavanagh
8 Chase Peroomal
10 Taj Jeffery
11 Harrison Connolly
12 Zak Ryan
13 Nathaniel Harris
14 Oscar Richards
15 Hudson Dimond





U/16 BOYS TEAM 3

First thing I want to do is thank Andrew, Dave, Jesse, and Fraser for all you do to keep us all putting our best foot forward in the club! From organising coaching catch ups in the Den, to dealing with everything that comes along with running a club as big as ours. It is appreciated by all of us.

Well, what a start to the season for the boys! After doing well in State Champs against 1s and 2s teams, we went into grading full of enthusiasm and confidence. After all was said and done, we graded in the 4th division for the year.

The season started and the team went from strength to strength, dispatching all teams in front of them and starting with a 9-0 win streak. The streak ended against a hungry Mandurah Magic with some questionable decisions made by myself down the stretch....no excuses. By the end of the 16-game season, we managed to finish on top of the ladder with a 13-3 record.

The commitment from every one of the boys to buy in to everything we threw at them (and there was a lot) was absolutely first class and the main reason why we won 13 games for the season. In terms of teamwork, this group was hands down the most unselfish bunch I've ever worked with. Their passing was elite all season and the willingness to play for each other every game was refreshing.

Ok, the thank you part....

My Assistant, Kobe Lekias: I cannot thank you enough for answering my text messages to come have a crack at coaching WABL! The kids all absolutely loved having you on board and instantly respected what you were teaching. You were a calming voice in the tense moments and gave great feedback to the boys on the bench or coming for a rest at all times. I can't wait to see what the future in the Wolfpack family holds for you mate, and whoever you coach or help will be better off for it.

Our Manager, Dan Kiely: The consummate professional who had us all in line week in week out with scheduling etc. But more than that, an extra set of eyes and ears for myself, Kobe, and the boys. Appreciate you endlessly mate.

The Parents: Thank you so much for getting the boys to training and games every single week! I don't think people realise how important it is to get the boys to trainings and how disruptive it is when they don't. I'm absolutely positive our wins were because of the boys turning up to every training.

Coach: Steve Simon

Assistant: Kobe Lekias

Manager: Daniel Kiely

PLAYERS

4 Harrie Kuhn

6 Dwight McPhee

7 Ashton Thorpe

8 Levi Simon

9 Aiden Jones

10 Aidan Kiely

11 Hudson Hall

12 Oliver Toms

13 Benjamin Mcshane

14 Gabriel Anain





Our Boys: What a ride it has been lads!!!! Never had a closer team than this one and it showed on the court. Massive thank you to BennyMac, Olly, and Huddy for leading by example as top agers and being leaders on the floor. To Gabe, Dwight, AK, AJ, Hazzard, Ash L, Ash T, and Levi, keep working hard boys because you've all developed massively this season and can't wait to see you all continue to do so for the Wolfpack #bleedgreen!!

Steve Simon





U/16 BOYS TEAM 4

It has been an absolute privilege to coach this incredible team throughout the season and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. Thank you, David and Jesse, for allowing me this opportunity.

Behind every great team, there is an even greater support system and I have been fortunate to have one of the best:

Will Thomson, our incredible Assistant Coach. You have been invaluable week after week, whether at training or on game days, you have been right there, offering insights, bouncing around ideas, and of course, those legendary buzzer sounds when needed. Thank you for your commitment, and for always bringing your best.

Michelle Lucas, our extraordinary Team Manager. You did not miss a single beat all season. From team communication, making sure everyone knew exactly where to be, ensuring things ran smoothly on game day, and bringing our dilapidated game ball every week even though it was never used. I can't thank you enough for your dedication and energy.

And to our extended team — the parents, the siblings, the tireless supporters who cheered us on game after game — you were the heartbeat of the team. Your encouragement fueled us, especially during the tough games. Thank you for your passion and for being there every step of the way.

At the start of this season, I had no expectations, just one simple goal: to work hard every time we hit the court. What you boys have achieved exceeded anything I could have hoped for.

From the very first grading game, it was clear we were a team destined for something special. We took to the court with energy, determination, and heart—winning all three games in the first weekend and going on to win three more the following weekend.

That early success set the tone for what was to come.

We had a fantastic start to the season, winning five out of our first six games and for a brief moment, we sat on top of the ladder. Even when things got tougher from Round 7 onwards, as we introduced new offense and defense strategies, you never gave up. Despite a couple of close losses, you kept pushing, kept fighting, and kept believing.

The BWA Winter Classic gave us a chance to test ourselves against not only WABL teams but also the best players from Esperance, Margaret River, and Karratha—proving once again that this team could stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the best. And though we fell just short in the Grand Final by five points, we left everything on the court and I couldn't be prouder.

Coach: Craig Arnatt
Assistant: Will Thomson
Manager: Michelle Lucas
PLAYERS
4 Jesse Meakes
5 Andrew Aubrey
6 Derek Deng
7 Anthony Stawowy
8 Alexander Wood
9 Dylan Thomson
10 Marcus Bower
11 James Arnatt
13 Caleb Lucas
14 Jordan King
TO Corey Ryan





The final stretch of the season had its challenges, with three out of our last five games being decided by just four points or less. Yet, you continued to fight, showcasing your drive and unwavering commitment.

We finished the season with 10 wins and 6 losses, securing a well-earned 4th place on the ladder.

Then came the finals—a time for us to rise and bring out the best in ourselves. Our quarter-final against Perry Lakes was nothing short of a battle. They had beaten us by 14 points the week prior, however this was our day, we had a sensational first half, up by as much as 19 points, we held off a fierce comeback to win by two. It was a testament to your resilience.

In the semi-final, we faced East Perth, the top team, and though we had both beaten and lost to them during the season, they were just too strong this time around and our season came to an end.

Watching your growth—both as athletes and as a team—has been truly rewarding. You began the season as individuals, but through hard work, dedication, and the power of camaraderie, you transformed into a united force. Together, you lifted each other up, pushed each other to new heights, and created moments where every player had a chance to shine. You've shown what it means to embrace the spirit of the game we all love - Basketball, by giving your best to each other and to the team.

It has been an absolute honor to be part of your journey. Thank you for your hard work, your passion, and for allowing me to walk alongside you this season.

Craig Arnatt





U/18 WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

As we look back on the 2024 season, I feel incredibly proud of what the Under 18 Women have accomplished. Not only did we make it all the way to the semi-final, but we also improved immensely. Each and every one of you has stepped up your game, both physically and mentally. But more importantly, I saw a huge improvement in all of your team basketball skills. Each of you has demonstrated a strong commitment to the team, and that's something to be proud of.

Zoë and I have really enjoyed coaching this group of girls. No matter the results, we always had a fun time and a few laughs at training and games were routine!

The season didn't end exactly as we hoped, but we shouldn't let that define our year. Zoë and I had a goal to win a championship, but also to have a focus on developing the girls' skills that will help them succeed at the next level, like team defence, communication, and leadership. We are so proud to have seen this goal achieved, and the improvement was shown clearly in the second half of our season. I truly believe that all of you are on the right path to playing at a higher level if you keep up the hard work.

A huge thank you to our amazing manager, Nic. She went above and beyond in making sure the girls had everything they need on game days, and was never late in giving the girls and parents important information.

Thank you so much to the girls and the parents for an incredible season, and for allowing Zoë and me to coach. Well done and keep pushing forward. The future is bright!

Chris Bassett

Coach: Chris Bassett
Assistant: Zoe Bassett
Manager: Nicole Goldsmith

PLAYERS

4 Chloe Goldsmith
5 Isabelle Bassett
6 Jorja Montgomerie
7 Teaghan Walsh
8 Grace Gardiner
9 Rosie Willison
11 Shelby Holl
13 Mya Haley
14 Hannah Mortimer
15 Jaeda Conratt





U/18 WOMEN TEAM 2

Wow! What a season it has been with an amazing group of young ladies. With the State Champs through to grading period, we had a wicked start and just fell short of making the Champs Division. To start the season off, we fell to nine players and played our first three games with that and then the week of the 4th round we finally had our full squad of ten.

Going into the first round I knew what an amazing and talented bunch of young ladies I had and was excited to kick off the season. The first two rounds we played well and came away with a 2-0 winning streak. Feeling positive and strong, we then had our longest road trip down to Bunbury where we endeavoured our first loss of the season and a major one at that with the final score being 97-56. With that hard loss so early on into the season we knew we needed to work harder and aim high to catch them again when we versed them next. The rest of the season we had our ups and downs, wins and losses, and even a couple close games but in the end, we managed to secure 3rd spot on the ladder and only had four losses the whole season, even with a few bumps in the road with injuries.

Going into the first round of finals we had Hills Raiders who were a team that we had beaten 2-0 and the most recent time we matched up with them came away with a 25-point win. As a team, we knew it was possible to win, however we also knew that it was even more possible to lose and we had to put our all into this game. The game started off well with a 7-0 lead to start. Unfortunately, with only nine players going into this game and having foul trouble we came away with the loss at 57-45. Whilst we didn't make it to the semi's, I was still proud of the girls and the season we had. Even with the ups and downs we had some incredible games, and these young ladies have some amazing talent.

To start off, I would like to thank my Assistant Coach, Aaron. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to helping me and the team this season doesn't go unrecognised, and I have been so lucky to have had you be a part of this team and help me during games and trainings. Whether it was giving myself and the girls advice, helping at trainings and games, or keeping me in check you really did it all and I couldn't have asked for a better assistant. Thank you for all your help with my coaching, I truly appreciate it.

Next, I would like to say a huge thank you to my amazing Manager, Dannie. You always managed to keep the girls in check and made sure everything was always ready to go and organised for game day. Managing a team of teenage girls isn't always easy but having you as the manager made it one. So, I thank you for everything you have done for myself and the team this season.

Coach: Anisa Hadji
Assistant: Aaron Hirniak
Manager: Dannie Kemp
PLAYERS

4 Rhiannon Rowley

6 Beatrice Yu

7 Zoe Liesis

8 Holly Kemp

9 Saarah Hadji

11 Ava Tomazin

12 Jay Gates

13 Dayna McLaughlin

14 Amaya Evitt

15 Jorja Herman



Another thank you to the amazing group of parents I had this season. Thank you for supporting me and the girls throughout the season. Being a coach who is not so far from these girls age, I always get quite nervous. However, the amazing group of parents I have had were always so supportive of myself and the girls and made my job as easy as it gets. So once again, thank you all.

Last but definitely not least, to Rhiannon, Beatrice, Holly, Saarah, Ava, Jay, Dayna, Amaya, Jorja, and Zoe. Thank you for the season we got to share together. Coaching you all this season was amazing, and I know the season didn't turn out how we hoped but I am truly proud of you all. Seeing you all grow and develop as a team this season warms my heart and you should all be proud of yourselves for the season you had together. I had a blast coaching you all and I hope to see you all around. To those who had their last season this season, I hope it was as enjoyable for you as it was for me. You are an amazing group of young ladies.

Thank you all, it has been a great pleasure!

Anisa Hadji





U/18 WOMEN TEAM 3

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2024 WABL season a success. Especially to the club and referees for making game days happen. The parents for your constant cheering, turning up every week, and making sure whatever the situation our team was in, we were fully supported.

Thank you to our managers. Matt, your energy and game day reminders were legendary and Hayley, for being alongside us every week, making sure everything was in order, and the girls were well looked after.

What a season it was. It started as a successful and stable year but quickly turned. We began with a successful State Champs outing with some solid wins and an identity of how we can play. This led to the grading tournament in which the girls turned it up a notch and graded up into Division 2. Such a great achievement and with all in agreeance that we may not get many wins after grading up, but it would be well worth it.

The season started with an early injury blow and we lost Anyang to a season ending injury. Such a devastating loss after a very promising start to her year. We would certainly miss her presence throughout the year. Not long after this, we lost another two players who pulled out of the team, however we were fortunate enough to have them replaced with Maddi and Jemma from Team 4 (Thank you Damion for being so understanding and helpful in our time of need). I must commend them both on their ability to quickly learn our style of play and fit into the team seamlessly.

We did struggle for wins throughout the season, although we never struggled for endeavour and energy. Most of the games, we could match the better teams for three quarters of the game, we just couldn't keep the scoring going for long enough periods. What made me so proud was the way the team stuck together, looked out for each other, and continued to enjoy the game week in, week out.

It was an absolute pleasure to coach these girls, and I hope to see them back on the courts next year to have another crack because they all have so much to offer the game of basketball.

Luke Stein

Coach: Luke Stein

Manager: Hayley
Coulson

Manager: Matt Didmon

PLAYERS

4 Charlotte Didmon

6 Emie Stein

9 Maddison O'Sullivan

9 Anyang Manyang

10 Ruby Coulson

11 Holly Evans

12 Ava Jeans

13 Abook Chol

14 Jemma Crock

15 Jannali Nelson





U/18 WOMEN TEAM 4

I would like to start with saying, what a pleasure it has been coaching these fantastic ladies. We definitely had some high's and low's during the season.

I am very proud of the 18 Team 4 Girls. We only had three divisions in our age group, so our girls had to step up and play in a very competitive league. There were 12 teams in our division and I was very impressed when we made the quarter finals.

Unfortunately, we didn't progress but the girls should hold their heads up high. Their effort and intensity was first class. I would like to thank Julien Tickel for being my Assistant on game day. His support and coaching haven't gone unnoticed. I would also like to thank Paul Vukman for filling in when Julien was unavailable. Paul was terrific to work with also.

I would also like to thank my Manager Lyndon Rice. He has done a fantastic job this season. Big thank you to all the parents. They have been super supportive during the season.

Thank you Dave, Jesse, and the Wolves organisation for the opportunity.

Damion Harris

Coach: Damion Harris
Assistant: Julien Tickel
Assistant: Paul Vukman
Manager: Lyndon Rice

PLAYERS

4 Jordan Tickel
7 Jemma Crock
8 Summer Gallivan
9 Emily Vukman
10 Tahlia Ashwin
11 Caitlin Przybyla-Swannell
12 Aayah Jabado
13 Allegra Tibbits
14 Charis Rice
15 Eva Thompson





U/18 MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

WABL 2024 was always going to be a challenge with the new division structure making grading a true lottery, throw in a hot weekend and some injuries, and it became even harder. However, to the credit of the group they stayed together and battled their way through the grading weekend, going undefeated and securing a Champ Division spot.

The season really was a story of two halves. All year we struggled with consistency through games, we would have quarters where our defense was on point, which allowed us to play offence on our terms and teams struggled to contain us, the break would come and the next quarter would be a completely different story and it would cost us the win.

Being 0-8 at the midpoint was certainly not the plan, but from the start of the year my constant message to the team was that the season was always about building and developing for the second half of the season and we improved as a team in so many areas. Our team D lifted and we were able to stay in games, without the drop off, leading to some fantastic 3rd and 4th quarter offensive performances leading to a 5-3 record for the second half of the season jumping up the ladder from 8th to 5th.

Considering where we were at the midpoint of the year, it would have been easy for the group to drop their heads and give up, but to their credit they showed true character, continued to fight and improve, continued to believe in one another, and stayed together as a team. While we unfortunately could not progress to the 2nd round of finals, I am super proud of the group and the resilience they showed this year. They are a great group of young men to be around and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Thanks for another memorable year.

As always, teams don't exist without Managers so a huge thanks goes to Mary-Anne for looking after the boys for the year. Lollies, washing, organizing scoring and video, the list goes on. Also, thanks to Cazandra for filling in when Mary-Anne was away.

To my Assistant Corey, thanks for being the calming voice at times and for being such an inspiration, with all that you do in and around the community to also give up time to support and encourage these young men for the year is true dedication and what community sport is all about. Thank you from the boys and myself for all your help and assistance.

Thanks to all the parents as always for scoring, videoing, ferrying the boys around, and all the general support you give. It is appreciated by every Coach at the club.

Fraser Brown

Coach: Fraser Brown
Assistant: Corey Dalton
Manager: Mary-Anne Kersey

PLAYERS

- 4** Taj Gleeson
- 5** Liam Kersey
- 7** Evan Grincer
- 9** Tyler Jarvis
- 10** James Dalton
- 11** Teawaitaia Herewini-Kapea
- 12** Lucas Kingswood
- 13** Thomas Greene
- 14** Wieu Ater
- 15** Kayne Ferguson





U/18 MEN TEAM 2

Season '24 represented a series of challenges on and off the court for our group. An early season injury and subsequent injury to one of our co-captains, provided a challenge to our roster. Luckily, we were able to acquire a replacement late in the season and a credit to him for settling in seamlessly.

A very evenly matched division of eight teams, where on any given week, 1st through to 8th position no-one was a certainty for a win.

We developed a brand that was grounded on a great defensive effort week in week out, proving our defence created our offensive opportunities.

The narrow first final loss by two points was to the eventual Grand Finalist. With an opportunity to tie the scores with the last play of the game defined our season, with 10 games decided by single figures.

Big thanks to Aisha for the primary role as Manager and Kristy for taking the reins late in the season.

To our wonderful parents, thanks for your enthusiastic sideline support, even though it may have been misconstrued on occasions 😊.

To the players, a great group of young men who bought into our program and challenged each other week in and week out to improve. I look forward to watching your progress and hope the lessons of this season can help you achieve your goals on and off the court.

Lastly, big thanks to Assistant Coach Joe Plummer. A former U20 Wolves player from last year, now giving back to the club with his time and experience relating to the players with his firsthand experience.

“The way you do Anything is the way you do Everything”

Ray Baker

Coach: Ray Baker

Assistant: Joseph Plummer

Manager: Aisha Alwan-Arab

PLAYERS

4 Presley D'Souza

5 Luke Owens

6 Jeremiah Gatluak

7 Luis Pibworth

9 Sam Geel

10 Jake Feist

11 Jarrid Alwan-Arab

12 Kau Nak Nak

13 Kai Starr

14 Zachary French



U/18 MEN TEAM 3

What an amazing group of young men I was privileged enough to spend the season with. A huge thank you to Nathan Colgan (Assistant Coach), Arno Goosen (Team Manager), all the players, and the parent group who made this an unforgettable season.

The Under-18 Division 3 was exceptionally tough this year – having to face off against two ‘Champs’ teams and two ‘2’s teams. Finishing the regular season with a record of 5 wins and 11 losses, but 5 of those losses were by 8 points or less.

While we may not have gotten the results we wanted, we were up for the challenge and showcased how talented and hardworking this group was. Highlighted by the fact that we had the divisions 5th top scorer in Hudson Rampling and three players, Chad Jarvis, Jack Goosen and Hudson Rampling, in the top 10 for made 3’s.

I believe our job as coaches in junior sport is to create an atmosphere and culture that contributes to producing high class athletes, as well as high-class young men that win at life not just games. This season didn't produce the championship we were hoping for, but the success of the season was watching nine young men grow as individuals, find their confidence, voice, love of the game, and come together as a team like no other I've ever seen. They played for each other, their coaches often sacrificing their own wants for the betterment of the team, and I couldn't have asked for anymore.

Both Nathan and I are exceptionally proud of this group and believe wherever they individually end up next, that team will benefit from having them there.

Derrick Jarvis

Coach: Derrick Jarvis
Assistant: Nathan Colgan
Manager: Arno Goosen
PLAYERS

4 Hudson Rampling
5 Chad Jarvis
6 Jay Brewer
7 Tristan Lowson
8 Tyler Meakes
11 Angus Bacon
12 Jack Goosen
13 Plok Magot
14 Matthew Paine
15 Jake Colgan



U/18 MEN TEAM 4

CHAMPIONS 🏆

I took over the head coaching role after the State Champs weekend and we started our preparation for the upcoming grading. Unfortunately, we were hit with multiple injuries in the lead up and at the grading tournament which left us with seven players going up against teams of 12 and unfortunately, we weren't able to make the division we were aiming for.

Our first training back from grading was one of disappointment but also one of optimism. We set a goal for ourselves to win the division but also go undefeated, a task that would help push us the whole season long. And to the boys credit, they knuckled down straight away and put in the work.

We started the season strong with a win against Rockingham by 55 points, we then backed that up with a 103 point win against Hills raiders. We played Warwick at home in round 4 and it was a close game all the way through going into overtime where we came away 2-point winners. We finished out the first half of the season with wins against Cockburn and Bunbury at home and then Mandurah away, and looked forward to the second half of the season.

As to be expected, other teams were now gunning for us and we had to step up to match the pressure. Round 10 saw us on a road trip vs Mandurah. Our game was scheduled at 9am but due to the storm there was a leak on our court so we had to make a choice; wait around until 12.30pm and play on another court or try to reschedule the game at a later date. We decided to play at 12.30pm, which was a credit to our players and parents who were willing to wait through it and we came away with the win.

We matched up against Warwick in round 11 away, and for the first time found ourselves trailing at half time by 9 points, we made some slight changes and by the end of 3rd had tied it up. The fourth was anyone's game and in a back and forth struggle and it was all tied up, with 37 seconds to go we hit a 3 ball. They got a good look at a 3 to tie but just rimmed out, we rebounded so they had to foul sending us to the line where we capitalized on both and won by 5. We now had a 2 week break to recharge.

After the break we were a bit hot and cold in our games as we were trying out different offences and adapting to the defensive pressure. Mainly zones to stop our bigs in the keyway, and full court presses to slow down our transition. We had road trips to Cockburn, Bunbury, and Mandurah and remained undefeated. We ended the season with a 78-point win over Hills Raiders at home completing one of our goals and would match up against them again in the quarter finals.

Coach: Adrian Carroll
Manager: Adam Murphy
PLAYERS

4 Daniel Andre Chapman
6 Kai Walsh
7 William Parker
8 Ethan Jongsma
10 Samuel Parker
11 Cooper Murphy
12 Jett Reiss
13 Caleb Oregon
14 Samuel Coleman
15 Bruno Woolston





It was a close game in the Quarter Final with us leading by 4-points at three quarter time. They were shooting the lights out. In the 4th we got going and had runs of 8 to 2, then 15 to 3 which set up the win.

We then matched up against Slammers in the semi-final. We had a great first quarter which would ultimately put Slammers on the back foot for the entire game. The boys worked hard in defence and moved the ball well in offence and we came away with a 25-point win.

Onto the Grand final where we would match up against Warwick. Warwick came out aggressive in defence, and pressed us right from the start, which was to be expected. They were able to get a run on us towards the end of the quarter and were up by 5-points. It was much of the same in the second and they got out to a 12-point lead at half time. The 3rd quarter we came out a different team, a team that wasn't going to give up. We were strong in rebounding and locking down the middle in defence, we shot the ball well from beyond the arc hitting five 3s and clawing it back to 3-points at 3 quarter time. In the 4th, Warwick got into foul trouble early and were showing signs of fatigue, one of their bigs fouled out and the other was having calf cramps, and we were able capitalize on that. The boys worked hard creating turnovers moving the ball in offence, cleaning up the boards and converting from the foul line. We ran away 15 point winners, completing our goals that we set at the start of the season. Ethan Jongsma was outstanding and won the grand final MVP.

I would like to thank the club, David, Jesse, Fraser, and Andrew on giving me the opportunity to coach these young men this season. It was an honour and privilege.

I would like to thank the parents who brought their children to and from training and games each week as it is a massive commitment and takes up a lot of time. Thank you for all your support we could not have done this without you.

Thank you to Blake Carroll and Darren Walsh who filmed games, which in review were extremely useful in targeting our strengths and weaknesses.

I would especially like to thank our Team Manager, Adam Murphy on all the hard work he did throughout the season, not only as the Manager but also as an assistant at training, extra eyes on game day, and also Uber driver each week for the extra players he took, to and from training. You took a lot of pressure off me, you were a valuable asset to the team, and I valued bouncing ideas off you in an aim to achieve our teams goal.

Lastly, I would like to thank the playing group on an incredible season. It really was a pleasure coaching





you all and getting to know you as young men. We were so fortunate to have a team where everyone got along, and you played for each other. The way you guys never gave up when we were down is a true testament to you as a team but even more so as individuals.

For me, it truly was a season that I will never forget. I've enjoyed every minute of it. To be able to bring home a championship to the club that I love is a dream come true. I am so incredibly proud of our team and what we achieved. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours, not only as players but also as men. Keep pushing yourselves and you will achieve your goals.

19-0 the perfect season.

Go Wolves!!!

Adrian Carroll





U/20 MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

We began our season with a strong showing in the grading tournament, successfully securing a spot in the Champion Division—a great baseline for what was to come. Throughout the season, we experienced both highs and lows, demonstrating the intensity the boys are capable of bringing to the court.

By the end of the season, we finished in 5th position, having previously defeated two of the top four teams. This gave us the confidence we needed heading into the finals. In the first week of the finals, we delivered a solid performance, securing a victory against the Suns with strong contributions from everyone on the team.

In the second week, we faced the Cougars, the top-ranked team who ultimately went on to win the grand final. Unfortunately, we were no match for them on the day, and our journey in the finals ended there.

A special thank you to Jacqui Tibbits and Paul Vukman for your unwavering effort and passion throughout the season. Your knowledge and experience were invaluable to our success. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to Kelly McNamara for stepping into the Manager role and for all the hard work you put in behind the scenes.

To Liam Young and Logan Harris, who played their final WABL season, I wish you both all the best for the future. Good luck to all the boys returning next season, and to Rory Coplin, best of luck at college. A big thanks to Callum Hutchinson, who trained with the group all season, your effort and growth did not go unnoticed.

To the 11 boys on the team, it was a privilege to coach you all this season and witness your development both on and off the court. Keep working hard, stay committed, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for each of you.

Craig Harris

Coach: Craig Harris
Assistant: Jacqui Tibbits
Assistant: Paul Vukman
Manager: Kelly McNamara

PLAYERS

4 Stephan du Toit
5 Max Bennett
6 Caleb Power
8 Kieran McNamara
9 Logan Harris
10 Martin Nyaundi
11 Chayce King
12 Alex Vukman
13 Rory Coplin
14 Liam Young





U/20 MEN TEAM 2

The 2024 season was a journey of perseverance and growth for the Wolves Boy's U20s - Division 2 team. What began as a typical pre-season quickly turned into a test of character and resolve for both the players and coaching staff. Our pre-season was marked by significant challenges, beginning with the Division 3 team, who we were originally coaching, being cut due to WABL regulations. With this change, we were moved into the Division 2 coaching role. These changes disrupted the original Division 2 lineup and left us starting pre-season behind our competition.

Despite the setbacks, our players showed incredible dedication and commitment, working hard to learn and adapt to a new system that was vastly different from what they had been accustomed to.

Competing in the toughest WABL Division, which featured five Division 1 teams, we faced an uphill battle from the start. Our early struggles were evident as we lost our first five games, four of which were decided by single-digit margins. By Round 9, we found ourselves with a challenging 1-8 record, yet the tide began to turn as the boys started to find their rhythm.

We managed to string together two consecutive victories, bringing a much-needed boost to team morale. Unfortunately, the season continued to be a rollercoaster, with a final stretch of 1-4, including seven heartbreaking losses within 10 points. The season ultimately came down to the final game, where we needed a win against a Division 1 team to secure a spot in the finals. In a fiercely contested match, we fell just short, losing by two points. This left us with a 4-12 record, missing out on finals due to head-to-head. Despite the loss, the heart and effort the boys displayed in that game made us immensely proud.

Throughout the season, our team faced numerous obstacles, including injuries, illness, and players being away on holidays. Yet, these challenges only strengthened our resilience. Every player on the team showed significant improvement in their individual skills, and as a unit, we grew stronger and more cohesive. Most importantly, these young men matured both on and off the court, embodying the spirit of perseverance and teamwork.

We want to thank everyone who supported us throughout this season. To the players, thank you for your effort, dedication, and commitment to the team. To the parents, your support and encouragement have been invaluable, and you should be proud of the incredible young men you've raised. A special thank you to Chris, who filmed each game and provided in-depth statistics, dedicating countless hours to the team's success. We are incredibly grateful for your contributions.

Coach: Alessandro De Pasquale-Gentelli

Assistant: Matt Hutchins

Manager: David Butler

PLAYERS

4 Cade Vassallo

5 Julian Lyttle

6 John Oliver Rudolphi Millfors

7 Oliver Beerens

8 Ewan Butler

9 Benjamin Becker

10 Ousseynou Watt

11 Wayne Beier

12 Sam Malcolm

13 Samuel Beech

14 Matthew Gibbs

15 Frederick Maddison





Thank you to David, our outstanding Team Manager, whose organization and support were vital to our operations. And to Matt M., your energy and assistance on the bench whenever possible made a significant impact. Lastly, a big thank you to my Assistant Coach Matt, for all the support you provided me as Head Coach and for the time and effort you put in throughout the season.

While the season may not have ended the way we had hoped, the growth, improvement, and heart displayed by this team are things we will cherish. We wish all our players the very best for the future, particularly our top-age players, as they either progress to higher levels of competition or choose to focus on life beyond basketball. For the half of our squad that are bottom-age players, we look forward to seeing what they can achieve next season, especially with what we hope will be a full, uninterrupted pre-season. The foundation we've built this year sets us up for a successful 2025 season.

Alessandro De Pasquale-Gentelli





U/21 WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

A Privileged Beginning...

It was an honour to be asked by David Morrell, with the support of Andrew Summerville, to be the Head Coach of the inaugural U/21 Girls team for 2024. We had a few weeks of training before State Champs, and the girls were locked in and trained the house down. Every training session was like they were playing in a finals game.

State Champs...

State Champs was our first outing as a team, and the girls did not disappoint. We went 5-0 in the pool games to set up a semi-final game against the blue team down the road. With a 15-15 first half, the girls then locked in on the defensive end to win the second half 23-12 and set up a grand final game against Cockburn.

Cockburn were also undefeated up until this point and had only given up an average of 12 points per game. The girls played their hearts out but ended up as the runners-up, going down 25-39. The positive being that this was the highest score anyone had scored against them all tournament. The girls now had a reason to put in the hard work and push themselves to a higher level.

NBL1 and D-League Challenges...

With some of the players securing NBL1 contracts and D-League selection, training days became very difficult to fulfill enough players to make it viable, to where we suspended training for a few weeks until we could sort out a suitable roster.

This is where a massive THANK YOU goes out to Coach Chris Bassett, as he allowed his U/18 Champs team to come and train and play games when needed. This enabled training to start again, and the girls that needed to be on the NBL1/D-League court could be.

The Season Begins...

The season was upon us, and all of the structures and schemes we had been working on during the preseason, the girls were starting to really nail them down and execute them with conviction. This was evident in our first four games of the season, with the team averaging 107 points a game and only giving up 56 points. The highlight was scoring 126 points against Cockburn on their home court.

Overcoming Adversity...

Our fifth game of the season was our biggest challenge as we only had five players available, and the U/18 Champs game clashed. So, another shout-out needs to go to Coach Anisa Hadji for allowing her

Coach: Darryl Baxter

Assistant: Matt Shaw

Manager: Natalie Baxter

PLAYERS

5 Allanah Purser

6 Bridie Le Cornu

7 Ty Bolland

8 Josephine Odude

9 Ananya Tushir

10 Grace Conradt

11 Kyah Nichols

12 Janah Jabado

13 Charlotte Graziano

14 Keisha Chng

22 Jasmine Kirby





U/18 Team 2 players to come and fill in to ensure we had a bench to call on when required. The girls dug deep and grinded out a 78-71 win against the Suns.

We entered Round 7 as one of two sides undefeated, and who was our opponent? The Slammers. The winner took the top spot. The game was a defensive masterclass by both teams, and we entered the 4th quarter down 44-47. The girls fought hard in the last quarter, and Gadget went to the free-throw line with six seconds left on the clock. She iced the first free throw to put us up 64-62. She then purposely missed the free throw so the Slammers couldn't call a timeout. The clock ran out, and we were top of the table.

The Only Loss...

Round 8 was the round that we suffered our only defeat of the season against the Eagles. Again, we were short of players and required two of the U/18 Team 2 players to give us seven players for the game. Unfortunately, an offensive rebound and quick putback on the buzzer cost us the game, going down 56-58.

Finishing Strong...

This loss kicked the girls back into gear and with a new determination and focus to get back to playing our style of basketball. Our last seven games of the season, the team averaged 91 points a game and only gave up 58 points to finish the season strongly.

The last game of the regular season was against the Slammers on their home court to determine who would be minor premiers. The first half, again, was a defensive grind, and we went into the second half with a 31-28 lead. The third quarter, the girls again held off a charging Slammers to take a third-quarter lead of 51-43.

The last quarter, the girls locked in, and the floodgates opened, delivering a 30-14 quarter and securing the top spot and the **MINOR PREMIERSHIP**.

Finals & Championship Glory...

Finals were now on us, and we had a squad of 22 players throughout the regular season with 12 players that had qualified for finals. So, we locked in all 12 of them to play.

Our first final was against Cockburn, and we owed them from State Champs. The girls put on a defensive masterclass over four quarters, not allowing them to score more than 12 points in any of the quarters and ran out with a big victory 100-42, with the Cockburn coach saying that we are the best team in the competition and she really hoped we would win it all. But we knew the job was not done, and we were focused on our next opponent, which happened to be the Eagles, the only team to beat us this year.





This game became known at our training as the "redemption game." We took the loss personally and wanted to win this game more than any other game we had played this season. The girls were locked in from the start, and we jumped out to a 12-1 lead early in the first quarter, and we finished the quarter with a 25-10 lead. The second quarter was an even tussle, and we only extended the lead by a point, 49-33. The third quarter, the girls just would not allow the Eagles to score, and we held them to 5 points for the quarter and jumped out to a 67-38 lead. The girls didn't let up, and we held off the Eagles to win 91-65 and secured a spot in the Grand Final.

The Slammers also made it through, and it was the top two teams playing each other to be the first team to win the inaugural U/21 WABL competition. This game for us was about showcasing everything we have learned over the season and executing our defensive and offensive principles with precision and intent, with a team focus on everything that we do.

The girls were locked in from the start, and our defensive pressure was high, and the Slammers felt it from the start of the game to the finish. Every single player came out and defensively did their job and did what the team needed. On the offensive end, the girls played amazing basketball. They pushed the ball hard in transition, they attacked the paint, they found open players at will, and they made unbelievable passes and plays time and time again.

I have to honestly say that this was one of the best **TEAM** games I have ever been involved in. The team hit an astonishing 18 three's for the game and ran away with a 103-58 victory to solidify their dominance of the competition and make it no doubt that we were deserved of being crowned the Inaugural Champions of the first-ever U/21 Girls WABL competition.

Thank You's...

A massive THANK YOU goes to my manager Natalie, who just does all the things on game day and behind the scenes that makes our lives easier. To manage three State Champs weekends in a row and then two WABL teams is just unheard of and is an unbelievable effort. I would also like to thank Claire Murphy, who stepped in for a game or two to help with the manager duties when a couple of games did clash for Natalie.

To Matt Shaw, my Assistant Coach, your advice and perspective of the situations as they unfolded in the game was invaluable and helped me at times to see things differently. Cheers, mate.

Lastly, a massive thank you goes out to Coach Jesse Pence or Bossman, as I like to call him. Your support, guidance, trust, and confidence in allowing me to coach the team and do things my way was super important to my growth as a coach.





To the girls...

You did it!! You can now say you are the OG's and have gone down in history as the first-ever winners of the WABL U/21 Girls Competition, and you have a nice big sparkly ring to prove it. I'm so proud to be a part of this group, this journey, to see the growth of players, and be a part of one of the most dominating performances of a WABL team in a Championship Division!!

Darryl Baxter





2024 WABL AWARD WINNERS

U/12 Championship Girls

MVP Aya Moustafa | WOLFPACK WAY Makayla Carr

U/12 Girls Team 2

MVP Azalea Keating | WOLFPACK WAY Tess Campbell

U/12 Girls Team 3

MVP Parker Francis | WOLFPACK WAY Lucy Furness

U/12 Girls Team 4

MVP Kiara Keep | WOLFPACK WAY Amelia Gorton

U/12 Championship Boys

MVP Andre Kallis | WOLFPACK WAY Bryce Mahoney

U/12 Boys Team 2

MVP Damon Veljacich | WOLFPACK WAY Dau Mabok

U/12 Boys Team 3

MVP Jaxon Smith | WOLFPACK WAY Jack Dudley

U/12 Boys Team 4

MVP Leo Wallace | WOLFPACK WAY Jay Geel

U/14 Championship Girls

MVP Emily Epple | WOLFPACK WAY Zoe French

U/14 Girls Team 2

MVP Amelia Franklin | WOLFPACK WAY Amelia Weaver





U/14 Girls Team 3

MVP Olivia Becker | WOLFPACK WAY Kaila Dodunski

U/14 Girls Team 4

MVP Indiana Stephenson | WOLFPACK WAY Addison O'Shea

U/14 Championship Boys

MVP Mason Nugent | WOLFPACK WAY Taj Peroomal

U/14 Boys Team 2

MVP Hayden Montgomerie | WOLFPACK WAY Hamish Watt

U/14 Boys Team 3

MVP Ethan Blood | WOLFPACK WAY Aiden Angus

U/14 Boys Team 4

MVP William Scott | WOLFPACK WAY Dylan Gates

U/16 Championship Girls

MVP Cameron Brown | WOLFPACK WAY Rose Wheeler

U/16 Girls Team 2

MVP Jaylyn Basaran | WOLFPACK WAY Lily Nimmo

U/16 Girls Team 3

MVP Andi Morris | WOLFPACK WAY Chloe Befumo

U/16 Girls Team 4

MVP Sydney van der Westhuyzen | WOLFPACK WAY Lily Henderson





U/16 Championship Boys

MVP Joseph Lolham | WOLFPACK WAY Owen Baker

U/16 Boys Team 2

MVP Kade Cavanagh | WOLFPACK WAY Taj Jeffery

U/16 Boys Team 3

MVP Oliver Toms | WOLFPACK WAY Levi Simon

U/16 Boys Team 4

MVP James Arnatt | WOLFPACK WAY Andrew Aubrey

U/18 Championship Women

MVP Isabelle Bassett | WOLFPACK WAY Grace Gardiner

U/18 Women Team 2

MVP Ava Tomazin | WOLFPACK WAY Beatrice Yu

U/18 Women Team 3

MVP Jannali Nelson | WOLFPACK WAY Emie Stein

U/18 Women Team 4

MVP Emily Vukman | WOLFPACK WAY Charis Rice

U/18 Championship Men

MVP Lucas Kingswood | WOLFPACK WAY Kayne Ferguson

U/18 Men Team 2

MVP Jake Feist | WOLFPACK WAY Luis Pibworth





U/18 Men Team 3

MVP Hudson Rampling | WOLFPACK WAY Angus Bacon

U/18 Men Team 4

MVP Kai Walsh | WOLFPACK WAY Caleb Oregan

U/20 Championship Men

MVP Logan Harris | WOLFPACK WAY Caleb Power

U/20 Men Team 2

MVP Ewan Butler | WOLFPACK WAY Oliver Beerens

U/21 Championship Women

MVP Ananya Tushir | WOLFPACK WAY Keisha Chng





2024 WOLFPACK AWARDS

FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mya Haley

MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lucas Kingswood

COACH OF THE YEAR

Damian Matacz

VAN & MARY KAILIS AWARD

Heath Bradley





2024 WOLFPACK WABL GRAND FINALISTS

U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS

Wolves vs Tigers

38 – 44

U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

Wolves vs Tigers

78 – 69 (MVP – Kamron Makawa)

U/16 BOYS TEAM 3

Wolves vs Senators Green

77 – 62 (MVP – Oliver Toms)

U/18 MEN TEAM 4

Wolves vs Senators

85 – 70 (MVP – Ethan Jongsma)

U/21 CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN

Wolves vs Slammers

103 – 58 (MVP – Kyah Nichols)





2024 STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U/14 SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

GIRLS

Emily Epple

U/14 SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

BOYS

Mason Nugent

Harrison Connolly (Reserve)

U/15 HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL METRO

GIRLS

Bethany Georgiu

Grace Tomazin

Jamima Jacob (Reserve)

Shae Grincerì (Reserve)

U/15 HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL COUNTRY

BOYS

Jesse Meakes (Reserve)

U/15 HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL HEAD

COACH GIRLS

Jacqui Tibbits

U/16 STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM GIRLS

Aisha Allen

Cameron Brown

Grace Tomazin

U/16 METRO GIRLS STATE TEAM

Cameron Brown

Aisha Allen (Reserve)

Grace Tomazin (Reserve)

U/16 METRO BOYS STATE TEAM MANAGER

Candice Grincerì

U/18 STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SQUAD METRO WOMEN

Mya Haley

U/18 STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SQUAD COUNTRY MEN

Tyler Meakes

U/18 METRO MEN STATE TEAM HEAD COACH

Mike Van Lit

U/18 METRO MEN STATE TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

Nicholas Vlahov

U/18 COUNTRY MEN STATE TEAM MANAGER

Jacqui Tibbits

U/20 METRO WOMEN STATE TEAM

Kyah Nichols

Ty Bolland





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Hudson Rampling	Rohan Toomer
Hunter Kerr	Samuel Coleman
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