

# LIONS NEWS

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### JUNIOR AND SENIOR COMPS ARE BACK!

It is great to see all junior and senior competitions getting back to the court.

Remember this is a short season will fit in with term 1 and only run for 9 weeks with **ALL GRAND FINALS** to be played on **Sunday 28 March**.

We hope to create a big GRAND FINAL day with a lot of basketball and fun to be had by all.

Don't forget to download the Team App and search for Bacchus Marsh Lions to access fixtures and news updates.

It's great to see **Covid-19** restrictions eased but please remember to sign in, follow the displayed venue capacity limits, remain outside the venues until the previous teams have exited, and leave the venues straight after your match.



## Q&A WITH REFEREE PROGRAM MANAGER, EMILY TODOROV

**What are your goals for the new BMBA position?** My main goal will be quality referee development and improved knowledge for everyone involved.

**What experience do you bring to this role?** I have over 23 years of refereeing experience and the past 4-5 years of refereeing coaching/training experience. Currently I actively referee NBL1. My passion is to pass on my knowledge and to mentor all referees to reach their full potential. I am a graded referee coach, so I'm able to grade local referees within our association and work with them to reach their full potential.

**What are your personal achievements in basketball?** I have been awarded the 2019 Victorian Metro referee of the year, 2017 Division 1 Woman's referee of the year, Victorian Metro Under 21 female referee of the year, I have represented Victoria at Junior Nationals, New Zealand camp, and attended the AIS. I was also a part of the Referees National Development Program. I enjoy all levels of basketball and have been a grand final referee for the Prahran Summer Jam for the past 3 year and involved in 3x3 state-wide comp. I was also fortunate enough to referee the NBL 3x3 pr game to the Boomers v USA.

**What are your other passions ?** I have two young boys, who love basketball. I run a small business that helps children aged 3-5 learn about the fun of gaining fitness through movement. In regard to basketball, I want to be the best referee example and role model that I can possibly be. I enjoy conducting various types of development workshops with quality guest speakers from the NBL and WNBL.

**Final comments?** I look forward to being a part of the BMBA Community and doing my bit to grow a bigger and better Association.

## NEW BMBA APPOINTMENT



### Assoc Referee Program Manager

Emily Todorov

This Senior position has been identified as a critical long term appointment, assisting the BMBA to achieve its objectives as part of an ongoing Association development program, whilst also ensuring we can move forward with a positive position in both numbers and the quality of the referees involved.

In simple terms this position plans, oversees and manages all things involved in the sourcing, training, educating and development involved with the entire BMBA Referee Program.

Emily comes to us with significant experience in the management, training and development of quality referees, and her reputation in the world of refereeing is outstanding. Therefore we are really pleased she has chosen to join our BMBA Family.

Further, we are extremely confident that Emily's sincere and interactive approach will foster the educational and positive environment that the Association strives to provide all members.

So on behalf of all our members, we do take this opportunity to sincerely welcome Emily aboard.

# ROUND 1

It's great to see our kids back playing ball!

If you have any pictures you would like to see included please email them through to [secretary@bmbasketball.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmbasketball.org.au)





# LIONS HEAT UP IN BENDIGO



The Bacchus Marsh Lions squad teams (except U21s) got warmed up for the VJBL season on the Australia Day weekend with the annual Bendigo Junior Classic tournament.

After commencing grading games on the Friday night, Lions families packed their gear and headed up the Calder Freeway for 3 days of basketball action in venues around Bendigo. They were greeted by 3 scorching days with temperatures up around the 40 degree mark!

With COVID protocols in place, families spent more time out in the elements than normal. Given the lack of basketball in the last 12 months, everyone was happy to do whatever was necessary to allow the players to get back on the court.

Our squad teams use the tournament to tune up for the Friday night VJBL season, as well as getting to know teammates and receiving some intense coaching over the 3 days. Our Lions teams were able to achieve these goals, with all teams also getting at least one win.

The U16 boys went even better, making it to the semi finals before being beaten by a well-drilled Warrnambool team. The U12 boys made it all the way to the grand final in Division 2, losing only one game by 2 points during the preliminary rounds. They defeated the Warrnambool Seahawks 20-13 in the decider. Congratulations to the players, as well as Coach Danny Psaila and Team Manager Rebecca Grego.

The U14 girls had a fantastic tournament in Division 2, winning all their games on the way to taking out the grand final against Wangaratta Warriors 17 – 15. Congratulations to the players, Coach Brian Shingange, Assistant Coach Maddi Ferré and Team Manager Michelle Bradbury.

Thanks to all members of our Lions family who supported all the teams we say a big thank you, for your efforts and achievements over the weekend. We hope it holds everyone in good stead for the championship season proper.

See a summary of grand final game shots on the next page.





The 2021 CBL season commenced on 6th January with only a (7) game shortened season due to COVID. With a new Lion's look roster due to several key players not continuing on from last season, this has provided great opportunities for more of our local players to play a more prominent role in the team. After being an Assistant Coach for the past two seasons, Grant McMillan was appointed Head Coach for the 2021 season with experienced Junior Domestic and Representative Coach Nathan Doughney appointed as Assistant Coach. The coaching staff and team will be ably assisted by foundation Team Manager Mike Runge. Experienced foundation players Jordan Kirk and Jason Christian were appointed as co-captains.

Player	Position	Number	Age	Height
Anthony Bowyer	SG / SF / PF	15	23	187
Jordan Kirk (C)	SG	8	32	183
Josh Borninkhoff	SF	21	21	185
Daniel Jackson	SF / PF	10	30	187
Justin Runge	PG / SG	22	17	185
Jason Christian (C)	PG	4	33	177
Jacob Doughney	SG	12	18	181
Colby Pigott	SG	5	19	183
Jack Bidwell	SG	4	18	180
Cooper McIntosh	SG	6	18	185
Rohan Parag	SG	9	28	183
Christian Arbonovski	SF	0	32	184
Jaime Grant	G	24	21	180
Tyler Collins	PF	10	22	187
Liam Jehu	C	32	20	191

### Round 1 Game Wrap – Bendigo Braves

Considering the COVID times we are in, the Bacchus Marsh Lions Men's team returned to CBL competition on Sat 7 Jan at The Den against the Bendigo Braves in front of a healthy home town crowd. A changed roster from the 2019 season with many players turned over, together with the CBL season shortened to only 7 games, getting wins on the board early were going to be important.

After being on the back foot early and on the back of an 11-0 run by Bendigo, it looked like the Lions might be in for a long night at the hands of the Braves, but the team gained their composure after a long layoff and were able to gain a small lead at quarter time. Despite a significant height differential between the two teams, the Lions players competed very well on the boards at both ends and this kept us in the game and competing well. New addition Anthony Bowyer was performing well was able to bring his teammates into the game with some good team play and converting scoring opportunities as well.

The second quarter remained a close contest as both teams worked to gain the ascendancy, but the Lions remained right in the game through some good defensive work and keeping the scoreboard ticking over at the offensive end. With Bendigo up by 5 points at the half, it was shaping as a great game but still much work to be done.

Unfortunately, the Lions were not able to maintain their first half performance and after getting off to a slow start in the third quarter, Bendigo took their game to the next level and made many successful transitions to score. Whilst Bowyer, Arbonovski and Borninkhof continued to battle hard, the Lions proved no match for the excellent passing and shot execution of the Braves. The margin extended out of 22 points in the third and finally to 45 by games end with Bendigo recording a 110-65 victory. Whilst fitness wasn't the issue, we will have to continue to work on remaining competitive over the full four quarter duration.





## Round 2 Game Wrap – Echuca Pirates

The Lions headed north on Saturday 13th January for their Round 2 game against the Echuca Pirates, team that we match up better against with a lesser height differential.



The Lions made a good start and were out of the blocks quicker than the week previous by registering the first two baskets through Jason Christian and Anthony Bowyer. Echuca fought back well for the remainder of the quarter and made several telling drives to the basket that resulted in conversions and held a 9-point lead at quarter time 19-10.

The second quarter proved to be a much better one for the Lions with 7 of 11 scoring attempts made highlighted by 3 three pointers. Despite Bowyer and Arbonovski running into foul trouble early in the game, Jackson, Piggott and the other starting five players were performing very well. Outside shots were starting to hit their mark and our aggressive drives to the basket were beginning to draw fouls and send us to the free throw line. The Lions outscored the Pirates 19-16 for the quarter and were only 6 points un arrears at the long break.

Looking to get off to a good start in the third quarter, the Lions worked hard to exploit Echuca with isolation offence that spread their defence and made their players more accountable, and with Kirk on the drive to make baskets or dish off to shooters in better position, the Lions became productive scorers with Jackson hitting 3 of 4 three-point shots in this quarter. Together with Arbonovski hitting 2 of 3 the Lions were well and truly back in the contest. With 1.30 left on the clock the score was 51 to 49 the Lions way, but in bonus foul trouble, Echuca made the most of that and got to the foul line 4 times and were able to convert to open up a 4-point lead 55-51 going into the final quarter.



With a great belief that the game was there for the taking within the group, Lions went into the final quarter with a strong belief and evened the score at 55 apiece, but that is where the scoring drought started to set in for the Lions. Between layups and outside shots, the Lions only converted 3 of 16 scoring opportunities in the last quarter and Echuca meanwhile took their chances and whilst it was not a high scoring quarter of basketball (12-8), it was still enough for Echuca to maintain their slender 8-point margin to victory.

Whilst Coach McMillan and the team were naturally disappointed in the end result, McMillan told his players 'not to be disappointed with the effort, which was a significant improvement of the previous weeks game, and that shot conversion at the time when it matters most will continue to be an area of focus.'

The Lions next game (3) was in Maryborough over the Australian Day long weekend and a wrap of that game and rounds 4 and 5 will be available in our next edition.



## GREEN SHIRT REF COURSE

To all our aspiring referees we  
will be holding  
our Green Shirt Referee Course  
on:

**SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY  
11.30 AM TO 4.00 PM  
BACCHUS MARSH PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

Please email  
[admin@bmbasketball.org.au](mailto:admin@bmbasketball.org.au)  
to register your interest

## SPECIALIST HOOPS PROGRAM

Please join us in welcoming the  
newest members to the BMBA  
family. Specialist Hoops provides  
children and adults with  
disabilities the opportunity to  
play in a team sport in a safe and  
encouraging environment.

Specialist Hoops will commence  
this season on a Tuesday  
afternoon.

To register:

[www.playhq.com/basketball-  
victoria/register/d9108c](http://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d9108c)



### Sunday 7th February

Green Shirt Referee Course @  
BMPS  
11.30am

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CBL Lions @ the Lions Den  
1pm Game

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### Saturday 13th February

CBL Lions @ the Lions Den  
7pm Game

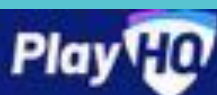
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### Sunday 14th February

CBL Lions @ the Lions Den  
1pm Game



THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT SCORED ON THE WEEKEND. WE KNOW IT'S HARD GETTING USED TO A NEW SYSTEM. BELOW ARE SOME POINTERS ON PLAY HQ.



# Electronic Scoring Guide

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## Choosing a game

Select a court to view all the upcoming games.

Choose any of the games to get started.

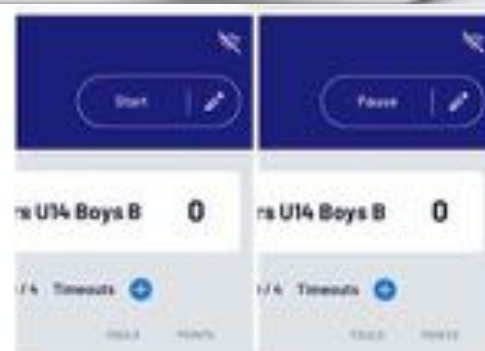


## Managing the lineup

Select **+** or **-** on a team to bring up the lineup editor.

Click on **+** or **-** to move players in and out of the lineup.

To add a fill-in, click **ADD FILL-IN** and provide required player information.

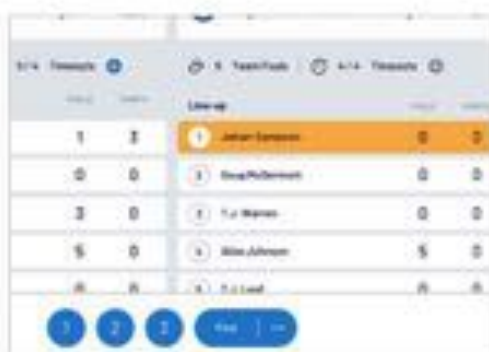


## Editing the clock & game periods

Click **START** to kick-off the next period. The clock will automatically begin counting down. The current period will show next to the clock.

Edit the clock by clicking the **edit** icon.

When the clock has run down the period will automatically end.



## Adding scores and fouls

Scores/fouls can be added by:

- Clicking on a player or team, then selecting the score/foul type, OR
- Clicking on the score/foul type, then selecting a player or team.

Click on the **\*\*\*** to show advanced fouls.



## Undo and event log

Click on **EVENT LOG** to view a full history of the games events.

Click on the **undo** icon to undo the last score or foul made.



## Finalising a game

Click on the menu on the top left of screen, and select **END GAME**.

Forfeits and abandonments can be selected here also if required.

Please note that a referee will be required to finalise a game.