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It seems we finally have some stability at present with Covid, and seeing our juniors and seniors back on the court and having some fun again, has been great to see!

The Cubs Development Program has now come to an end and we thank all involved in what was a very disjointed program due to Covid, but I was certainly impressed with the quality of young players coming through our Association and we intend to run this program again same time next year.

The Beginners program was likewise effected by Covid and yet we have still had some 34+ kids each Wednesday night enjoying/learning the skills involved with basketball. Our special thanks go to Scott, Ben, Keira, Jess, Lilly, Ella and Miah for working with me and making this program so much fun and a pleasure to be a part of. This program will finalise just prior to Xmas but a new program will commence again early next year.

Now re CBL, I have to say it's exciting to be watching the talent assembled for both our Men's and Women's teams, with a 50/50 representation of locals and newbies in both teams, we have plethora of really good basketballers representing us in CBL this season.

Both Ian and Grace as our Head Coaches have stated they are really happy with the talent in their respective squads and as such we wish them both every success for the rest of the season.

Now also VJBL time has again arrived and it was really pleasing to see so many kids turn out for tryouts. I think this guarantees us as an Association, a great VJBL season and tells us that basketball is certainly back and fully alive in the Marsh!

Then there is the pending new facility, with final funding announced it's also exciting, but a lot more on that in the new year.

Finally our AGM has been rescheduled to Monday 6 December at 7.30pm, with all current Committee members re standing and after what we have faced over the past 18 months, I think we are all quite excited about getting back to being an Association focused on providing a variety of basketball competitions for a full season.



BMBA INFORMATION

Stay up to date with important information

STEP 1. CHECK EMAILS

Check your inbox for BMBA emails and the monthly newsletter.

Change your settings to allow BMBA emails to go directly to your inbox if they are in promotions or junk folders.



STEP 2. TEAM APP

Download Team App and search for Bacchus Marsh Basketball to access competition fixtures.



STEP 3. FACEBOOK

Search for @bmlionspride or Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association to follow us for important announcements and updates throughout the season.



STEP 4. INSTAGRAM

Search for @bacchusmarshbasketball for game day pics, referee and player profiles and more basketball fun.



REMINDERS:

- Check training and game times with your Team Manager
- Follow your Club's social media channels
- Keep up to date with current Covid-19 requirements
- Have fun and if you have any questions just ask!

BMBA CONTACT

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CBL ROUND 1 WRAP-UP



MEN
69 v 78
WOMEN
49 v 77



Round 1 saw the Men's team travel to Maryborough to start the season against the reigning premiers in Maryborough. This was going to give us a great indication of where we are at and we knew we would have to be on from the start, and on we were.

The Lions set a blistering pace and set the tempo for the style of basketball that we pride ourselves on. It was a great start with a lead of 25 - 16 at the end of the first. Maryborough to their credit were able to reign it in and take back some control and get their feet in the paint, the lions dropped their guard and allowed Maryborough back in the game, this combined with early foul trouble for the Lions saw Maryborough take a lead of 43 - 38 going into half time.

The third quarter was a high tempo quarter that was hard to split the two sides both teams working hard at both ends of the court. We again missed a number of opportunities to take the momentum and Maryborough held the lead at the end of the third 59 - 57.

The last quarter was similar to the third, with both teams going shot for shot and with only 3min left in the game it was a two possession game and both teams had a chance to win it. Unfortunately, we were unable again to land a couple of shots when needed and Maryborough were able to hold on to take out the win 78 - 69.

Ian Neeves (Head Coach) stated 'that was a good hit out against a quality side and while we certainly had a few opportunities to take the momentum away from them, we just didn't make the baskets we would normally expect to make. However, all in all a good first game considering our limited preparation time and we should only get better from playing the game.'

The Women knew it would be a tough initiation to the CBL competition for them on Saturday night, when they went to Maryborough to play the Blazers who were prominent in last season competition and the final score of 77- 49 favouring Maryborough showed exactly that.

Maryborough jumped out of the blocks early and caught the Lions on the back foot, however we responded in the second quarter and were able to peg the deficit back to (6) points at the main break.

During the third quarter Lions committed a lot of unforced errors and the class of the Blazers line up started to shine through. Further as the Lions began to tire the Blazers shooters had more freedom and they sunk some quite easy transition baskets.

The final quarter was more even and created a number of good opportunities for the lions, which will give the girls some confidence going into their next match. For the Lions, Molly Young was a stand out on both ends of the floor dominating on the glass and finishing with 12 points. Unfortunately, she needed some support which was not there for most of the game.

The Team has a number of things to work on in the coming week but there were also plenty of promising signs for a group who have had minimal time together and it was pleasing that the Lions had a great spread of scorers without relying on one individual.

Maryborough was always going to be a tough ask and meeting them in round one, showed what the pointy end of the ladder will look like and leaves Bacchus Marsh knowing exactly what is required to be competitive at that level, for the remainder of the season.

Grace Bibby (Head Coach) stated 'we will be working this week towards a much more consistent effort from the entire team, for when we play Kyneton next Saturday night. While we will be without Molly Young who is unavailable, it will be a great opportunity for other players to step up and show they deserve minutes.'

Next game for teams is next SUNDAY against KYNETON at Kyneton Stadium. - games start at 12.00 and 2.00pm.

CBL FAMILY



The start of the CBL Women's season commences this coming weekend with our first game against Maryborough at Maryborough, which creates an exciting opportunity for the mother-daughter duo of Deb and Olivia Ogston, who look set to take the court alongside each other in this our inaugural BMBA CBL Women's season.

The local pair have really impressed at training and although hesitant at the beginning Deb has found some confidence in her skills and body and is now looking forward to making a lifelong dream come to reality.

Deb like many has always aspired to play sport with one of her three children and it looks like it will happen this season – which is really exciting !

For those who do not know, Deb is an Assistant Principal at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and Olivia goes into year 12 next year after also just being nominated as Head girl.

Deb is strong under the basket and has some real smarts when it comes to her presence and finishing around the hoop, which we hope will be a real asset throughout the season.

Then, Olivia is a running machine with great ball skills with a real passion for the overall contest.

The pair work well together and there is no doubt, there will be plenty of tactics discussed over the dinner table throughout the season.

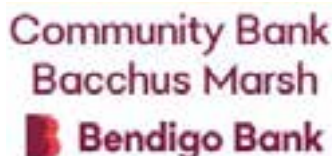
Now I am quite sure Bacchus Marsh Grammar will now have a lot of students and teachers taking a real interest in the Lions Women's Team and hopefully watching quite intently.

The Lions community welcome both Deb and Olivia into our BMBA family at the den and look forward to seeing them both becoming critical members of our Women's team for 2021-22.

CBL SPONSORS

The BMBA Committee was excited this year to be able to enter a Women's team in the CBL Program for the 2021/22 season and as such join our Men's team, which has now been involved for a couple of seasons.

However, this sort of program comes with the huge need of support both from volunteers and also a monetary perspective and as such it is with great deal of pride that we wish to acknowledge those Bacchus Marsh businesses that have chosen to become a Business Partner of the BMBA specifically to assist our CBL Program.



EMILY'S CORNER

REFEREE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE

It's great to finally be back on court!

After having a very disruptive year, we are very happy to be back on court with everyone. I'm very proud that the referees of BMBA have bounced back into the swing of officiating like they haven't had time away.

In the short time we've been back we've had some green shirts receive their stripes, with only a very small number of trainees still on court. With the success of the beginner school we will be **holding a B grade school in the coming weeks**. As we only have a few trainees left, this opens the door for a **new beginner school at the start of 2022**. Registrations will open in the coming weeks.

Now that we are back in the swing of it all there is a few issues that I need your help with. **Could all parents and coaches please help us ensure:**

- all players are entered and marked off on the score bench prior to game time as this is causing a large delay on starting times; and
- that NO t-shirts are worn under singlets unless they are fitted per the basketball Victoria rule.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone on court.

COMPETITION

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

No basketballs are to be brought into the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre or BMPS on game day.

- One (1) ball per team will be provided by the BMBA for pre-game warm ups.
- Any ball brought/found in the stadium will have to be placed at reception and collected by the owner when leaving.

No entry onto the courts during time-outs or at half-time.

- Please respect those teams that are preparing for the next game.
- No entering any court space before your scheduled training or game time.
- Likewise no gathering anywhere within the stadium where another teams training may be impacted.

Everyone entering any game/training venue MUST sign in via the QR codes on display and follow each venues entry rules

- Masks are not required at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure.
- Proof of vaccination is required for everyone aged 16 plus for entry to the BM stadium.
- Masks MUST be worn both indoors and outdoors at Bacchus Marsh Primary School.
- We will advise you if any of these rules change at any time in the future

COVID-19 VENUE RESTRICTIONS



BM LEISURE CENTRE Domestic Comp & Training

Moorabool Council requires **everyone aged 16 plus** to show proof of full vaccination.

No masks required.

BM LEISURE CENTRE VJBL / CBL

Basketball Victoria requires **everyone aged 12 & 2 months plus** to show proof of full vaccination.

No masks required.

BACCHUS MARSH PRIMARY Domestic Comp & Training

Proof of vaccination not required.

Vic Gov requires **masks to be worn both inside and outside** while on school property.

Don't forget to sign in with the QR code at all venues

Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association Incorporated Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTE RESCHEDULED DATE & TIME

Where: Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre
When: Monday 6 December 2021
Time: 7.30 pm

All positions become vacant at the AGM and are re-elected. Nominations will close 5:00pm on Sunday 28 November 2021.

The following positions are open for nomination:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
General Member x 2

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations to Bacchus Marsh Lions and domestic players Riley Dilges, Charlie McKinnon, Oliver Cape and Zac Dalli who were all selected for Basketball Victoria's Gold Nugget Camp. Athletes were selected from the Country VIC U14 Academy Program.

From tryouts and the Gold Nugget camp, Oliver Cape and Charlie McKinnon were selected to compete in the Country-Metro Challenge tournament to be held in January 2022. We would also like to acknowledge domestic player Emmie Morin who has also been selected to compete in the Country-Metro Challenge tournament.



Riley Dilges



Charlie McKinnon



Oliver Cape



Zac Dalli



Congratulations to Daniel Stevenson who refereed his first senior leagues game on Saturday night!



SPECIALIST HOOPS

Specialist Hoops Basketball is excited to be back on court after lockdown 6.0! Our participants were eager to see their friends and play basketball again even though we have been actively engaging via Zoom weekly during lockdown!

We have been focusing on our shooting and ball handling and it was great to see that our participants had not lost the touch and were practicing during the down period.

We were thrilled to be apart of Northern Suburbs Street Rodders (NSSR) Show and Shine in Yarrowonga in November. The NSSR and the Selfmade Markets kindly donated half of their profits from the day to Specialist Hoops 'Get Your Wheels On' program that is coming in 2022!



VJBL 2021 TEAMS

U12.1 Boys 2022

Samuel Bunline
Jack Coy
Jordan Marshall
Blake Griffiths
Tom Dilges
Cameron Huybens
Seth Psaila
Hamish Lafranchi

U12.2 Boys 2022

Mio Filipovic
Braxton Marshall
Ryan Simson
Gus Fenwick
Ansh Valdya
Marcus Ruffo
Lachie Olthof
Harry Darlington Canty

U12 Girls 2022

Lilly Burton
Aaliyah Tribuzio
Shelby McComb
Zali Griffiths
Cora Rodgers-Savea
Mackenzie Quick
Amelie John
Akikal Kaur Brar
Myla Triantafilou

U14.1 Boys 2022

Riley Dilges
Aidan Weaver
Oscar Heaviside
Jef Grech
Abhiraaj Dua
Lincoln Giles
Lewis McDaid
Lochlan Hunter
Cooper Davies
Tyler Gillespie

U14.2 Boys 2022

Jack Fisher
Jordan Griffiths
Jordan Davidson
Ryder Jaensch
Oliver Quick
Zac Shanasy
Jayden Smyth
Patrick Grey
Jack Gent
Harry Metcher

U14 Girls 2022

Lily Fisher
Evie Johnson
Evie White
Charli Parsons-Jones
Mahli Stevens
Blannkah Borg
Bailey Finn
Eva Tuffnell

U16.1 Boys 2022

Thomas Huybens
Ayden Champness
Rohan Champness
Jacob Marlin
Chaz Jones
James Hardinge
Louis Buswell
Jaksen Freeman
James McDaid
William Richards

U16.2 Boys 2022

Jack Maynard
Alex Fairbairn
Jack Martin-Parker
Neal Salmon
Hunter Knight
Kai Watkins
Ryan Dunster
Adam Harbright

U16 Girls 2022

Miah Bradbury
Lara Johnson
Jazmine Dalli
Ruby Thomas
Jessica Fisher
Keira Williams
Rose Grey
Bella Griffiths

U18 Boys 2022

Kade Champness
Kobe Shirra-Gibb
Jett Walker-Collins
Bailey Wilson
Reece McGrath
Jesse Wilson
Glenn Hoberl
Noah Derby

U18 Girls 2022

Katelyn Spry
Soraya Stevens
Kaitlyn Nash
Shelby Beechey
Ella Bradbury
Grace Strang
Alana Cooper

Congratulations to all players selected! Good luck for a great 2022 Season!

We also want to give a huge thank you to all players who tried out but didn't make a team.

So to all those players, keep focusing on your basketball, attend our BMBA clinics throughout the year, so you can all come back to try-outs next year and make it!



R U OK? DAY

SAT 11 DEC

The BMBA is turning yellow!

We are holding a fundraising event for R U OK? to help raise some funds but most importantly to bring awareness to this suicide prevention organisation. After the last two years of lockdowns and isolation we believe this sort of organisation deserves all the support it can get.

So on Saturday 11 December the Stadium will be splashed with yellow and the referees will be dressed in their craziest yellow outfits to incorporate their R U OK? referee tops.

Prizes & Raffles

Dress in yellow and the louder the better because there are **best dressed prizes** to be won - for a:

- player
- coach
- spectator
- referee

We will also be holding a **raffle with some exciting prizes**. There will be tickets for sale on 7 & 11 December during competition. Prizes include:

- **2021/2022 Melbourne United signed basketball**
- **Michael Jordan wings framed poster**
- **Pure Sanctum voucher**
- **\$100 Grazing with Michelle voucher**
- **\$100 lush gift**
- **Ainsbry Hair voucher**
- **L.A Neon Events voucher**
- **\$50 Jolly Millers voucher**
- **Hamper**
- **Babs Gifts**





FREE MEMBER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

Christmas will come early this year for some lucky BMBA junior players!

All BMBA junior members will be placed in our Christmas Raffle and 3 lucky players will walk away with awesome prizes!

FIRST PRIZE:

Lifetime Free Standing Basketball System valued at \$600

SECOND PRIZE X 2:

Signed Melbourne United Singlets

Winners will be announced on Saturday 18 December.



CUBS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our bottom age U12 Cubs development program came to an end recently and it was really great to then see so many of these players trying out for VJBL.

The program was a great success even with the COVID 19 interruptions and the BMBA will be running the same program again next year at the same time.

We had some 15 girls and 22 Boys complete the program and we hope they enjoyed the program as much as the Coaches involved did in making it happen.

Special thanks to Andy Giles, James Waters , Kierra Williams and Jess Fisher who all assisted over the (6) week program, without their assistance it could not have happened.

We managed to snap a photo of some of the girls involved but unfortunately the boys picture didn't happen, but it will next time !

