



TIGER TALES

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The 2010 season is now in full swing and our club excitedly welcomes back our Bouncers from players last year, and wishes all the best to any new players who have signed on to join the mighty Tigers this season. We have just started the Junior's championship season and are about halfway through the Senior's patrons cup. We hope everyone is enjoying their experience playing in the gold and black and doing their absolute best for the club every week. Our club is now in its 57th year and Bouncer's proud history of outstanding participation and sportsmanship is sure to continue in the 2010 season.

NBL Community round

As part of the NBL's community round last year some of our U12 girls and boys played in a 3 on 3 competition before and after the Crocodiles game on the 3rd December. Our juniors loved the experience of playing at the 'Swamp' in front of 100's of people. Bouncers members in the crowd wore their gold & black and we won \$250 Crocs sponsorship.



State Classics

The U12 boys and girls classic were recently held in Brisbane from the 7th to the 10th of April. Our club was well represented with Nicole Torrisi, Ashleigh Munns and Ellea Celotto all representing the Townsville Lightning proudly and coming home with a silver medal in the division 2 competition. Kelsey Popham represented the Townsville Flames who played excellently to place 4th overall in the division 1 competition.

Congratulations must also go to all Tigers players that competed in the 2010 - U14 State Championships. Lachlan's Ainsworth and Edward Warrington were in the U14 Lightning squad and they played well all tournament to finish 3rd in division 2. Moriah Carkeet & Jade Reynolds flew the Bouncers flag in the U14 girl's competition and performed admirably.

Each Bouncers junior representative player - U12s through to U16s boys & girls - is a credit to the club. These players train hard for months and months as well as having to travel to regional centres just to represent their city and Bouncers congratulates them on their outstanding efforts. We wish you the best in all your future representative endeavours.

Special credit must go the families of these players who are always willing to drive their children to training or tournaments, travel to different cities to support their child and willingly give up their own time to help organise the team through scoring or washing uniforms etc. Bouncers thanks you for all your hard work.

Damon Heuir Update

Some big news around the club is the success of former Bouncers player Damon Heuir, who is currently living in the US and playing college basketball for the Southern Utah Thunderbirds. Damon began playing for the Tigers at the U8 level and across his 10 years at the club he consistently excelled at a club level and achieved even more on the representative level. Damon represented his city, state and his country and remains one of Bouncers favourite sons.

Damon lives in Cedar City in Southern Utah and loves the new experiences he has been having as well as being able to further his basketball dreams by playing in the best College basketball competition in the world. He is currently in his freshman year and will soon return to Australia with his Thunderbirds team as they embark on a tour of Australia. We all wish him the best in his endeavours and hope that he achieves everything that we all know he is capable of.



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Happy Anniversary

Everyone at the club would like to congratulate long time members and followers of Bouncers, Mr & Mrs Warrington, on their 50th wedding anniversary late last year.

Late bloomers

The club wishes to remind coaches and parents that any players who sign on later in the season must pay the full fee to the registrar, who then requires 3 days prior to game day to register that player so that they are eligible to play.

Drill of the month

A new edition to Tiger Tales this year will be the inclusion of training drill players and coaches can practice to improve their skills when representing the mighty gold and black. A great drill for coaches to use, especially for younger players, is the classic 3 man weave.

Get at the end of the court, and set up 3 lines (make sure they're even) and step on the court. The middle person has the ball. He/she throws the ball to the right side, when you throw it make sure you go behind the person who you threw it to. Then the person who has the ball throws it to the person on the left. When they catch it the person who threw it, runs behind that person, and the person who has the ball, throws it to the person who had the ball first, then they go to the end of the court and make a lay-up.

Coach Handbook

The club would like to thank Ms Val Browning Coaching Liaison for producing our 2010 *Coaches Handbook*. This is a wonderful resource for all our coaches and available online via the downloads section of the site. Follow this link to access this great coaching tool: <http://www.bouncersbasketball.com/bouncers/bouncers-news.html>

Bouncers to cook up a storm at Bunnings

We have been successful in securing a spot on the fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Hardware on Sunday 13 June. Please let Di Popham know if you are available to assist on this day. (Ph: 47797082) Spread the word - and get your friends & family to come along and buy a sausage to raise funds for our Club.

Club Sponsors

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I hope everyone has enjoyed the 1st Tiger Tales of 2010. For more news visit the club's website at: <http://www.bouncersbasketball.com>

If anyone wishes to have something in the next newsletter please email me at rohan.oneil@jcu.edu.au

Best of luck to all our teams and coaches in 2010.

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