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## National Men's and Women's Tournaments

The Wairarapa Women Finished  
3<sup>rd</sup> in the 'B' section of the  
National Women's Tournament  
in Wellington recently. Amanda  
Pottinger was named Player of  
the Tournament.

Wairarapa players Ben van  
Woerkom and Nicholas

Finlayson were part of the  
Wellington Men's team that won  
the top division – well done  
guys!!

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### Dalefield Men retain their place in Wellington's top competition

After a tough season in the top grade the Dalefield premier men's team picked up their first win of the year. They beat Kapiti who were challenging Dalefield for their spot in the premier competition. Kapiti got off to a great start and went into halftime 1 a piece with Dalefield. They then scored the first goal in the second spell before the home side hit back. Kapiti found themselves in card trouble after some dubious tackling and in the end Dalefield romped home 6-2 with the help of some strong crowd support.

Captain Rowan Yeo bagged a hatrick while other players to stand out were youngster Ben Van Woerkom, who scored a brilliant goal and veteran Alan Brady (Bundy) who kept the home team in the game at times. Sadly, it was Alan's last game for the team after several years tending goal. Alan was the most experienced player in the team and will be sorely missed both on and off the field.

It was a rebuilding year for Dalefield this year and staying in the premier competition allows them to move forward and focus on 2010. If all the top players from the colleges, clubs and returning players turn out for them next year they could well be very competitive.

### Hockey Wairarapa Awards Evening 2009

On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm Hockey Wairarapa are holding an Awards Evening to celebrate a successful 2009 season. Wayne Sayer is the mc for the evening and Sir Brian Lochore the guest speaker. It promises to be a great night and a good way to cap off what has been a fantastic season for hockey in the region. There are 10 awards up for grabs and 3 finalists have been found for each category...thanks to your nominations. Winners have been difficult to select and none more so than the Team of the Year Award which sees the the Hatch Cup Team up against St Matthews 1<sup>st</sup> XI and also Wairarapa College Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI.



**Rowan Yeo #13 playing in the National League for the Central Mavericks in Christchurch. Yeo is a finalist for the sportsman on the Year Award.**

### College Teams Compete Well

The St Matthew's and the Wairarapa College girls and boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI's headed off to their tournaments knowing they would have to produce some great hockey to stay in the top tier of New Zealand's secondary school competitions, the Federation and Rankin Cup.

The Wairarapa College boys finished 7<sup>th</sup> at Rankin which is the best result by a male Wairarapa secondary school team since Kuranui finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 2002, and they had the advantage of playing at Clareville. The bulk of the team is staying behind and will have a real shot at making it into the top four next year.

The Wairarapa College girls also made the top eight, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> at the Federation Cup which was held in Wellington. They also narrowly missed out on winning the Wellington Premiere College Competition losing 1-0 in the final to St Matthews.

The St Matthews 1<sup>st</sup> XI not only won the Wellington Premier College Competition but they finished 9<sup>th</sup> at Fed. Cup and only lost one game in the process. They missed out on a top eight place on goal difference!!

## Blacksticks Update

The Blacksticks women have just returned home from a successful trip to South Africa where they competed in the Champions Challenge tournament. They won the tournament, beating South Africa 2-1 in the final and in doing so qualifying for the prestigious Champions Trophy in 2010 which is played for by the top 6 teams in the world. Young striker Gemma Flynn was named "Player of the Tournament". The result means they have now qualified for the world cup, the commonwealth games and the Champion's Trophy for 2010 – hopefully SPARC will come to the party and reward them with some much needed funding that was taken off them after their poor performance at the Olympics. The Blacksticks Men's side will compete in a world cup qualifying tournament in Invercargill from 7-15 of November. They are the favourites to take out the title; other nations competing are Wales, Scotland, Austria, China and Malaysia, who return to NZ after a long gap!



**The Wairarapa U11 girls team after winning their big tournament in Taranaki. Wairarapa has won the tournament for consecutive years now. WELL DONE GIRLS!!**

## Junior Rep Teams Do Us Proud

There were some brilliant results recorded by our junior representative teams over the past month. The highlights were the U11 A girl's team coached by Sharon Gates winning their regional tournament that was held in Stratford. This result makes them the best team in the lower north island! The Wairarapa U13 boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> at Hatch Cup in Invercargill which is the best result for a long time. Paige Blundell and Hamish Finlayson were named 'Player of the Tournament' respectively.

The Wairarapa U11 A boys team were placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of twelve teams at their tournament, this result bodes very well for the future considering that a large majority of the team return next year and even the year after!. Our U11 boy's development team were actually at the same tournament and placed 5<sup>th</sup> only one spot behind the top team, which is a great result especially as they beat some of the 'A' teams there.

The Wairarapa U11 girls development team finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12, but if they didn't have such a tough initial pool things could have been much sweeter. They lost their first two games against Wellington and eventual winners Wairarapa 'A', after that however, they won their next three games and didn't concede another goal. It is brilliant to see such good results from our U11 teams and let's hope they can carry their good form over to U13's and so on. The U13 Rawleigh girls placed a credible 5<sup>th</sup> and with an ounce of luck could well of gone on to the semis and final. It was a similar story for the Collier Trophy girls who ended up 13<sup>th</sup> but it was a case of what could have been. They had a tough pool and lost a crucial game at the start of the week that made it terribly difficult for them. Horowhenua who were the eventual winners had actually been beaten by the Wairarapa side on 2 different occasions leading up the the Tournament. The Curtis Boys team finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place at their tournament in Levin.

## Upcoming Events

- Hockey Wairarapa Academy – There will be an academy up and running right here in the Wairarapa from January 2010. The Academy will be advertised soon and the final squads named later this year. Kookaburra and The Rehab Physio Centre have already jumped on board as sponsors.
- Teaching Games for Understanding - coaches evening – Former NZ age group coach and Massey University lecturer Dennis Slade is coming to run a session for coaches on this revolutionary new coaching approach on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2010.
- Twilight Hockey – Starts on November 4 so get your registrations in ASAP.
- Men's provincial Indoor hockey tournament – Wairarapa Men's will be competing against Wellington, Manawatu, Nelson, Hakes Bay and Taranaki. The tournament is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Primary 6 aside tournament – Scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>. Teams to be made up of U13 and U11 rep. players. Watch for more details.



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