

## AFL

2005-2007 NTIS scholarship holder Cameron Stokes was selected by Hawthorn in the 2007 AFL Rookie draft this month. Cameron, from the Darwin Football Club, was selected in round 4 of the draft. The 18 year old, standing at 173cm, weighing 72kg is a small forward/midfielder who showed great leadership at the NTIS and was captain of the 2007 NT U18 Thunder team at the National championships.

In the same draft, 2005~06 NTIS scholarship holder Austin Wonaeamirri was drafted by Melbourne in round 2 (pick 19). Austin is from the Saint Mary's Football Club and was voted the Northern Territory's best player at the U18 Championships, where he gave them great run with his hard-at-it ball winning skills. "Austin Wonaeamirri is a good kick for goal and loves to tackle and apply forward line pressure. He is known for his 1%ers, and his ability to break through the lines", said Melbourne's highly respected Recruiting Manager, Craig Cameron.

## Rugby Union

Ex NTIS athlete Chris Ratahi has been offered a spot in the Australian 7's team at the upcoming Hottest 7's in Darwin next year and is hoping for selection on the tour for the IRB 7's rounds in Wellington and San Diego, USA.

## Cricket

The NT team played in Tasmania this month at the Australian U19 Cricket Championships. 2007 NTIS scholarship holders who are in the team are: Tom Scollay (Captain), Cameron Francis (Vice Captain), Adam Bayly, Alex Bleakley, Tim Garner, Craig Jensen, Lindzee Peckham, Callan Richardson, Kane Richardson, Ben Reichstein, William Sawyer and Darcy Short.

After 5 games completed in the National Championships, Ben Reichstein is the leading wicket taker with 8 at an average of 27 runs per wicket. Cameron Francis is the leading batsmen with 164 runs at an average of 41. Captain Tom Scollay has 161 runs at an average of 32.

Cameron Francis and Kane Richardson have been named in Australia's 30 man squad for the upcoming U19 World Cup in Malaysia, which will be reduced to 13 players by the end of the Championships.

The NT team to play in Melbourne in January at the U17 Australian Cricket Championships has been named. The following NTIS athletes have been selected: Cameron Francis (Captain), Kane Richardson (Vice Captain), Alex Bleakley, Craig Jensen, Adam Bayly, William Sawyer and Darcy Short.

## Tenpin Bowling

Andrew McArthur finished in 39<sup>th</sup> place with a 199.3 average and top score of 235 at the Brunswick Cup in Canberra in early December. This result did not affect his overall position on the Australian rankings table coming in 6<sup>th</sup> position. Bruno Maglieri finished in 12<sup>th</sup> position and Ronald Voukolos in 17<sup>th</sup> position. In the ladies draw, Rebecca Simpson finished the year in second place on the rankings table despite playing 4 tournaments less than her rivals.

## **Judo**

Kelly Fong travelled to Japan for the Kano Cup International Championship and a training camp. About the tournament Kelly said "It was a strong competition, fielding many champions. In my division there were 22 women, and I unfortunately drew a pretty hard draw. I lost to the eventual silver medallist Ana Carracossa from Spain (who was beaten in the final by a Japanese competitor), and I then lost in the repechage to the eventual bronze medallist from Japan. I was pretty happy with my fight against Ana, as I nearly got her a few times, especially seeing that she smacked another Japanese girl with a massive pickup and was rip-roaring on fire the whole day until the final".

## **Tennis**

Carbine Club Development Scholarship holder Cassandra Dunser has been selected to represent Australia in the Under 12 years Test match against New Zealand in January. This is the second year Cassandra has been selected in the team.

Adil Hakeem lost in the second round of the Indian ITF Junior Tournament – Gurgaon, to David Thompson of Great Britain. In the doubles Adil, with partner Marafatia, lost in the quarter final to the Great Britain pairing of Barnes and Richardson 2-6, 4-6.

At the Indian ITF Junior Tournament – Mumbai, Adil defeated Vitaliy Kachanovskiy (RUS) 7-6(1) 7-6(3) in the first round, then defeated Tejas Chaukulkar (IND) 6-4 6-1 in the second, before suffering a Quarter final loss to James Richardson (GBR) 0-6 2-6.

## **Cycling**

Matt King finished the Tour of Bright (Victoria) in 18<sup>th</sup> position in a time of 5 hours 49.32 minutes. This was 12 minutes behind the winner Richie Porte. In the 3 stage tour, Matt finished Stage 1 (road race) in 20<sup>th</sup> place, Stage 2 (individual time trial over 15.7km) in 21<sup>st</sup> place and Stage 3 (mountain climb up Mt Hotham) in 18<sup>th</sup> place.

## **Features**

In November, Ashes and World Cup-winning Cricket Coach, John Buchanan, visited Darwin to pass on the benefit of his experiences through high performance coaching workshops. The visit was organised by Don Boyanton in consultation with Terry Wheeler (from the Australian Sports Commission's High Performance Coaching Program), NT Cricket, and Racheal Curtain from the Division of Sport and Recreation's Sport Development branch.

The six elite coaching workshops focussed on imparting John's extensive knowledge to the NTIS, NT Cricket and general community coaches throughout Darwin. The workshops were a great success with the feedback received very appreciative of John's vision, culture, values, player relationships, leadership and planning.

## **NTIS Coaches and Staff**

John Harmer coached the U19 NT cricket team that played in the U19 National Championships during early December. John retires from the NTIS, and a very successful career as a cricket coach on January 11, 2008.

Michael Watkins went to Perth to complete a 2 week practicum for his Masters in Strength and Conditioning. During this time he was able to network with other strength and conditioning personnel from around the country and overseas. This included people from AFL clubs, NRL clubs, Japan, the United States College system and from the Celtic Football Club (Scotland).

## Southern Region Awards

### Celebrating the best of the best

Talented athletes and coaches from Alice Springs and surrounding areas were recognised at the Centrebet Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Southern Region Awards on Tuesday 4 December.

Volunteers, service providers, supporting businesses as well as national representatives were also acknowledged on the night.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, the honourable Matthew Bonson, congratulated the athletes and highlighted that the Territory continues to produce great sporting talent.

“The Awards not only recognise our athletes but are a chance to thank the many volunteers and sponsors for the contribution they make to our sporting community,” he said.

Alice Springs athletes have produced some strong performances during the past year.

Swimmer Zac Dalby won bronze for the 200m Individual Medley and 200m Butterfly in the under 14 age group at the recent National Age Swimming Championships in Perth.

Tegan Pannell was one of the best players on court for the U17s Netball at the National Championships during the year.

David Johnston finished in second place in the U19s category at the National Cross Country Mountain Bike Series held on the Gold Coast.

And, Andrew McArthur is ranked number six in Australia in the men's adult category for Tenpin Bowling.

#### **Award categories, nominations and winners:**

##### **Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Individual Athlete of the Year:**

Andrew McArthur (Tenpin Bowling) *(WINNER)*  
David Johnston (Mountain Biking)  
Zac Dalby (Swimming)

##### **Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Team Athlete of the Year:**

Scott Richards (Tenpin Bowling)  
Steve Tonkiss (Hockey)  
Tegan Pannell (Netball) *(WINNER)*

##### **Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Coach of the Year:**

John Pyper (Cycling)  
Kain Holt (Swimming)  
Leanne Southam (Netball) *(WINNER)*  
Peter Richards (Tenpin Bowling)  
PJ Mabasa (Hockey)

##### **Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Commitment to Excellence:**

David Johnston (Mountain Biking)  
Joshua Johnny (AFL) *(WINNER)*  
Tegan Pannell (Netball)

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