

These updates occur on the first Wednesday of every month.

NT Sports Award

Elite Scholarship holder Crystal Attenborough was named the 2007 NT Sports Award's Qantas NT Sportsperson of the Year. Crystal won \$3,000 in airfares from Qantas ahead of NTIS athletes Rebecca Simpson (Tenpin Bowling) and Sophie Hawken (Triathlon). John Pyper (NTIS Cycling coach) was awarded the Eric Johnston Coach of the Year and Matt King (Cycling JEDS) winner of TIO Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Well done to finalists Dalmain Hartley in the Volunteer category and Ashlee Brown and Kym Bruyn in the Junior NT Sportsperson of the Year category.

Tenpin Bowling

Jayde Flanagan, Bec Simpson and Head Coach June Voukolos travel to Melbourne for the final Australian Team Selection Camp for World Championships Team to Mexico in September.

Cycling

Daniel Johnston finished 7th in the U23 section at the 2007 Oceania and Australian Open XC Mountain Bike Race in the Mountains at Thredbo. He was 15.18 minutes behind the leader Clinton Avery from New Zealand in the 6 lap race finishing in 2 hours 12 minutes and 47 seconds.

Daniel says "The race was going well until I crashed (it was very muddy). I ended up finishing in 7th. I am a bit dissapointed, because I had good form, and thought I could have had a crack at top 3. I injured my knee, but hopefully I'll be back on the bike in a couple of days. The next race for me is the Canberra tour, which is the first race in the national road series. That kicks off in about 5 weeks.

Swimming

At the recent NT Titles held at Casuarina pool, Alice Springs swimmer Zac Dalby, Rachel McLean and Kia King all qualified for the upcoming National Age swimming championships in Perth. Interesting to see ex NTIS Alice Springs swimmer Nic Donald winning the 200m freestyle and 200m butterfly events at the 2007 Junior Pan Pacific championships in Hawaii.

Sailing

Mark Edmunds with skipper Rohan Langworthy in Sweet as Blood finished 3rd at the recent Australian Tornado championships at the Nedlands Yacht Club, Perth. Jack Benson in PDQ with new crewman Conor Gollow finished one behind in 4th place. Mark and Rohan also won the handicap award at the championships. Mark said they did really well considering the two boats ahead of them had far better technology like Carbon Fibre Masts.

Cricket

Congratulations to 2006 NTIS cricket player Kane Richardson who will travel to Brisbane for a camp in the lead up to an Australian U19 team that will play Pakistan in Brisbane in April. Kane has been working hard lunchtimes on getting fit for this camp.

Athletics

Crystal Attenborough competed in the Nationals in Brisbane on the 9-11 March with a 4th place in the 200m in a time of 23.61 seconds. In the 100m Crystal finished 3rd in the final in a time of 11.49 behind Sally McLennan and PNG's Mae Koime.

Narelle Long travelled to Taranaki in New Zealand with an Australian Indigenous team to the NZ Track and Field Championships. Narelle competing in the 200m Sprint event clocked 26.50 to finish 6th in the final. The 11 man team travelled with Australian 110m hurdles record holder Kyle Vander-Kuyp as part of a pilot group of the Jump Start to London 2012 program.

Tennis

Adil Hakeem has been on the road for the last two months making the top 16 in the Gosford ITF earlier this month but losing in the first round at the Adelaide ITF. Adil then played and won the consolation final at this event winning 6 games and thrashed the other finalist 6-3, 6-0. Adil in February travelled to New Zealand for a number of tournaments making the top 16 at the Wellington 18 & U Summer Championships and 18 and Under Canterbury Championships. Adil as of December was the 144 ranked man in the country. Ashlee Brown ranked 58 in the country lost in the qualifiers at the Perth International and the Gold Fields- St Ives International in Western Australia recently. She Played against an International field in the ITF Women's Circuit offering US\$25,000 to the winner.

Hockey

The AHL Men's team with NTIS scholarship holders Des Abbott, Travis Carroll, Jonathon Peris, Adrian Lockley defeated the Adelaide Hotshots in round 4 of the series with a 4-0 and 3-2 result. The weekend before the team defeated Queensland Blades 1-0 in extra time and lost 3-2 in extra time held in Darwin. With the final round games and finals week this weekend in Perth, Territory lost 10-1 to NSW and to Western Australia 4-1.

The NTIS scholarship holders Emily Peris, Candice Liddy in the Paspaley Pearls AHL team lost 3-1 and 2-1 to the Adelaide Suns. The Pearls have picked up a win against the Canberra Labor Club Strikers in penalty strokes in round two which is their first win in a round game for years. The girl's team travel to Brisbane for the finals week starting 2nd April.

We bid a farewell to Jason Butcher, selected for the SASI Hockey position starting in Adelaide on the 2nd April.

Netball

A NTIS Netball team of Chloe Alderman, Jacinta Kay, Eulaly Allen, Jessica Moller, Kim Bruyn, Tegan Pannell (Alice), Alyce Casilli, Jessica Smith (Alice), Marissa Chaplin, Sarah Williams with assistant coaches Leanne Southam and Karen Johnson travelled to South Australia. The team had training sessions twice a day and played 5 matches unfortunately losing all 5. They played against SASI (2 matches), Woods Panthers (State League Team), Matrix (State League Team), and the SA 17 & Under Team. NTIS Head Coach, Stacey West says it has provided the best lead up to the upcoming National U17 & U19 National championships for the players.

Rugby League

As the NTIS Rugby League Program heads into its 11th Year James MacManus selection into 1st grade for the Newcastle Knights has highlighted the long path that the Program has taken to get an athlete selected from a Northern Territory Club side through the NTIS Program and into 1st grade in the NRL Competition. Congratulations to James, Shane McNally, Michael Rawiri, Anthony Hazeldine and his Newcastle coaches.