

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 09 April – 15 April 2011

The SASI netball team played their final game of the Invitational Competition on Saturday 26th March. The SASI Team completely outplayed the Garville line up in every third on the court. SASI Coach Tania Obst was very pleased to watch the team execute on the court the structures and plays that they have been working on at training. In particular their forward line defence was exceptional. "We were working extremely hard on our blocking defence which created headaches for the Garville defenders to bring the ball out."

Another highlight was the way SASI played to their tall shooter Jess Johannsen. Sheree Wingard's delivery into the circle was a highlight as well as Laura Packard and Laura Marslen's ability to create space for Jess in the circle. Jess rewarded this with an excellent display of shooting. The defenders worked hard especially in the split circle scenario creating turnover opportunities.

Final Score

SASI 70 Garville 36

Goal Scorers

Jessica Johannsen 51/57

Laura Packard 7/11

Laura Marslen 12/16

Best Players

Sheree Wingard, Jess Johannsen, Amehlia Schmidt

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 02 April – 08 April 2011

An excellent start to the match really set up the SASI team for their match against Woods Panthers. Woods scored the first goal but then the SASI forward line clicked into gear and scored the next nine goals. The defence end was continually turning the ball over giving our forward line plenty of opportunities. The second quarter Woods picked up their game and started to eat away at our lead. However we played through their comeback by executing our set plays for this type of scenario. Laura Packard was once again rock solid in GS. Her combination with Laura Marslen was excellent with both girls presenting themselves in the goal circle and being rewarded with strong accurate passes. Sheree Wingard's driving onto the goal circle was cutting through the Woods defence and made her pass in easier to execute.

Final Score

SASI: 62

Woods Panthers: 51

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard: 29/35

Mel Rowland: 7/8

Laura Marslen: 26/33

Best Players

Laura Packard, Sheree Wingard, Amehlia Schmidt

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 25 March – 1 April 2011

The SASI Netball team played the experienced Contax Premier League team on Sunday 13th March.

The skill execution was very high from both teams in the first half. Ball placement in the forward line was very good. Turnovers were hard to come by and when either team did cough up possession, they were generally scored against. The score line reflected the closeness of the match at half time – 29 all.

The first 7 minutes of the third quarter was a different story. SASI consistently made mistakes under no real pressure and allowed their opponents to score freely from these mistakes. The Contax side took control in this quarter, outscoring SASI by 8 goals. The fourth quarter was a better display from SASI. The team made better decisions and were rewarded on the score board because of this. The intensity of the match lifted as a result as well.

Final Score

SASI 48 Contax 61

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 24/27, Mel Rowland 17/24, Laura Marslen 7/9

Best Players

Laura Packard, Khao Watts

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 05 March – 11 March 2011

The SASI Netball team played the visiting AIS netball squad on Saturday 5th March. The game started at a cracking pace with high quality netball on display. SASI's young forward line of Laura Marslen and Jess Johannsen were working overtime to score against their more experienced AIS opposition. Luka Thompson and Amehlia Schmidt were setting up defensive structures to combat the speed of the AIS and were rewarded by getting possession for the team. The second half was a particularly strong one for SASI, they outscored the AIS by 5 goals with consistent, skilled netball. SASI's ball handling was more fluid and attack end more organised which helped them score more quickly. It wasn't enough to score a win in the end however as the girls went down by 4 goals.

Final Score

SASI 52 AIS 56

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 24/28

Mel Rowland 16/18

Laura Marslen 10/14

Jess Johannsen 2/3

Best Players

Laura Packard, Chloe Joyce

Congratulations to SASI Gold Scholarship holder, Cody Lange, who was elevated to the Thunderbirds playing list at the end of February. At 16 years of age, Cody is the youngest contracted ANZ Championship player ever. She joins other SASI graduates, Maddy Proud, Kate Shimmin, Georgia Beaton and Emily Beaton to the Thunderbirds roster.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 26 February – 04 March 2011

The SASI gold squad headed to Perth last week for 4 days of specialist sessions, match play, travel experience and continuation of our Invitational Competition. The squad was exposed to international standard coaching with former Australian captains, players and coaches taking specialist sessions for the SASI and WAIS group.

The first match against WAIS was quite demanding and exhausting in the Perth heat. SASI let them get the ahead early but worked hard to reduce the lead and eventually pushed ahead in the second half.

Final Score

SASI 62 WAIS 41

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 17/21

Mel Rowland 18/22

Laura Marslen 11/15

Jess Johannsen 16/22

Best Players

Khao Watts, Luka Thompson

The second game against WAIS was always going to be difficult. Coming off some heavy training sessions and the Perth heat was talking its toll.

Final Score

SASI 43 WAIS 52

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 12/18

Mel Rowland 23/31

Laura Marslen 3/5

Jess Johannsen 5/5

Best Players

Mel Rowland, Chloe Joyce

The last game against the Western Australian 19/under state side was SASI third game in 3 days. The players got off to a great start, 13 goals to 2 in the first 10 minutes ensured we dominated the play. SASI maintained control in all thirds of the court.

Final Score

SASI 72 WA 19's 37

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 15/21

Mel Rowland 22/26

Laura Marslen 11/16

Jess Johannsen 24/25

Best Players

Jess Johannsen, Sheree Wingard

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 11 February - 18 February 2011

The SASI Netball Team, consisting of gold and silver scholarship holders, played its first game in the SASI Invitational Competition on Saturday 12 February. We played against the experienced Newton Jaguars Netball Club.

The game started off at a cracking pace with plenty of scoring opportunities for both teams in the first quarter. Early ball handling errors did cost us in this quarter and was why we were 3 goals down at quarter time. We started the second quarter with more strong definite movement which was rewarded by accurate shooting. Our defence end was adjusting their game against more experienced opposition and was holding their own. However the second half of this quarter, our forward line was turning the ball over too easily and not putting enough defensive pressure on. The remainder of the game was quite even. We were seeing our hard work and set plays coming off which gave us a lot of confidence. We still had a few lapses of concentration, which allowed our opposition to stay ahead. This is one area we have addressed and are looking to rectify in this week's game.

Final Score

SASI 67

Jaguars 79

Goal Scorers

Laura Packard 29/35

Mel Rowland 18/22

Laura Marlsen 13/18

Jess Johannsen 5/7

Best Players

Chloe Joyce

Amehlia Schmidt

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1st January - 4th February 2011

Program Update

The South Australian 17/under and 19/under State Teams were selected on the weekend of 30 January. Congratulations to the following SASI scholarship holders on their selection:

17/under

Gia Abernethy – Bronze
Kailah Greenwell – Bronze
Hollie Joyce – Bronze
Sarah Klau – Bronze
Cody Lange – Gold

Chelsea Lemke – Bronze
Briony Pratt – Bronze
Che Revill - Bronze

19/under

Kate Easter – Silver
Chloe Joyce – Gold
Jessica Johannsen – Silver
Laura Marslen – Gold
Amehlia Schmidt - Gold

Rebecca Hyde (Bronze) was selected as a reserve for the 17/under state team.

This is a great result for SASI's new bronze program with 8 of the 11 girls being selected in the top 17 players in the state.

The State underage national championships will be held in Brisbane from 15th to 20th April.