

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 21 DECEMBER 2007

Mapunda and Wingard move to Thunderbirds

Nadia Mapunda was named the SASI Netball Program Athlete of the year at last weekend's SASI Athlete Awards. Nadia has been involved in the SASI program for 3 years and will now move back to Club netball at State League level. Nadia participated in the SASI Leadership Program and has been an outstanding athlete and captain at SASI. Nadia and **Sheree Wingard** have both been named in the Thunderbirds Squad for 2008 and SASI Coach **Marg Angove** is excited for them to be involved at this level with the best players in the Nation.

The new young and enthusiastic SASI intake are in the early stages of their strength and conditioning programs.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23 NOVEMBER 2007

World Champions

Australia has regained their position of number 1 in the World after the World Championships in New Zealand. Three South Australians were in the final 7 players in the Grand Final against the Silver Ferns. Both **Natalie von Bertouch** and **Natalie Medhurst** are graduates of SASI. Wing Attack **Laura von Bertouch** has come through the Contax and Thunderbirds Teams.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12 OCTOBER 2007

National Championships

The South Australian 21 and Under Team finished in 5th place at the National Championships in Brisbane. The team was exceptionally young and played against teams who had many CBT players, making it a good opportunity to play against high quality and experienced players. **Georgia Beaton**, **Emily Beaton** and **Nadia Mapunda** were amongst the best for SA.

Institute / Academy Challenge

SASI hosted an Institute/Academy Challenge from 21st - 22nd September, which proved to be a great opportunity for players, coaches and umpires in their development.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 31 AUGUST 2007

SASI Finish State League in 6th Place

SASI finished in 6th place on the State league premiership ladder, which is the best result SASI has had to date. The SASI Team had to overcome sickness and injuries this year making the result very satisfying.

21 and Under National Selections

Sheree Wingard, Nadia Mapunda, Georgia Beaton and **Luka Thompson** have also been selected in the 21 and Under team that will compete in the National Championships in Brisbane from 1st - 6th October.

Institute / Academy Challenge

SASI are hosting the inaugural Institute/Academies Challenge from Friday 21st September to Sunday 23rd September. Teams from NTIS, WAIS, NSWIS, ACT, QAS, TAS and SASI will be competing in a round robin format over that weekend. The first round will be played at SASI on Friday (SASI have a bye) and the remainder at Westminster College on Saturday and Sunday. More information and match times will be forwarded when they have been finalised. This event will have on show the most talented athletes in the 19 and Under age group throughout Australia and we SASI is delighted to be able to host the event.

Jane named Tasman Trophy Coach

SASI Scholarship Coach **Jane Woodlands** has been selected as the new coach for the Tasman Trophy Team. There are only 5 teams from Australia and 5 from NZ competing in this series and we congratulate Jane on her appointment and wish her every success.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6 JULY 2007

Australian Talent Development Squads

Nadia Mapunda, Kirsten Sterrey, Luka Thompson and **Khao Watts** are members of the Netball Australia Talent Development Squads and will be traveled to the AIS on Thursday for 4 days of intensive training and development. All SIS/SAS Coaches will be involved in taking various sessions. Two Development Coaches from SA, **David Portolesi** (17 and Under State Coach) and **Helen Smith** (SA Country Coach) have been selected to attend from SA and will be working with the athletes under the guidance of the SIS/SAS Coaches.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29 JUNE 2007

Medhurst to play against Jamaica

Former SASI Captain **Natalie Medhurst** has been selected in the Australian Open Team to play a series of games against Jamaica. Medhurst played in the 2003 SASI Team that was the first to compete in the State League. After one year at SASI she was then selected in the Adelaide Thunderbirds and then the Australian 21 and Under World Youth Cup Team.

SASI is sitting in 6th place in a tight contest between teams in the State League. Four SASI defenders will be traveling to the AIS from 5th - 8th July as part of the Australian Talent Development Camp. In their absence, the State League game that was scheduled to be played has now been rescheduled for the following week.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18 MAY 2007

SASI draws with Garville

The SASI Netball team drew with Garville in the State League Competition on Saturday. It was not one of the team's best performances this season but the result has put SASI into the top four. Over the next three weeks SASI will face the top teams, which will test the young team.

In the Commonwealth Bank Trophy competition, the Adelaide Thunderbirds won their contest against the Queensland Firebirds. **Leigh Waddington** made her debut at centre after **Kirby Mutton** seriously injured her knee in the first quarter. The Thunderbirds forward line of Waddington, **Emily Beaton** and **Natalie Medhurst** were all members of the 2003 SASI team when they were first admitted to State League. **Georgia Beaton** was also selected in the 12 but did not take the court and therefore played for SASI on the Saturday. Next week game is on Friday night against Oakdale 8.30pm at ETSA Park.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11 MAY 2007

SASI wins again

SASI followed up their previous win with another against Tango last Saturday in the State League competition with a comprehensive 47 to 32 win. **Alana Sclanders** at Goal Shooter again performed well by shooting 30 from 35 and was very well supported by **Megan Vine** with 15 from 20 attempts. Their impressive shooting display was overshadowed by the outstanding job of the defenders that were able to keep the opposition to just 32 goals.

Khao Watts has now been invited to the National Talent Camp in July in addition to the four SASI players selected at the Championships.

The Australian Team left for England on Sunday and will be away for 3 weeks playing matches against England and New Zealand.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4 MAY 2007

SASI defeat Cougars in State League

The SASI Netball Team had a huge win last Friday night in the State League competition against Cougars. Many positives came from the encounter including a boost in confidence for the playing group. SASI Goal Shooter **Alana Sclanders** shot an impressive 43 from 52. All players played well, especially in the 3rd quarter when SASI scored 19 and kept the opposition to 7.

Australian Talent Development Squads Announced

Last Friday Netball Australia announced their Talent Development Squads and all 4 SASI defenders were selected. They are **Nadia Mapunda**, **Luka Thompson**, **Georgia Beaton** and **Kirsten Sterrey**. Two other SA players were also included and they are **Jess Hazel** and **Lauren Hyde**. These players will attend a training camp at the AIS from 5th - 8th July for further training.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20 APRIL 2007

National Championships

The South Australian State 19 and Under Team competed in the National Championships last week and made the grand final. Unfortunately they were defeated by a very strong NSW side. The 17 and Under State Team finished in 4th place at the end of the minor round and played against the top team in the first semi and went down by 4 goals. They then went on to play in the 3 v 4 and were defeated finishing the Championships in 4th place. SASI had 8 Scholarship holders in the 19's and 2 in the 17's. SASI Assistant Coach **Judy Greenwood** coached the State 19's.

The National Development Talent Squads will be announced at the end of April.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 13 APRIL 2007

Pre-Season Cup

The SASI Netball Team competed in the SA pre-season Cup last weekend and performed well. It was a great opportunity for the players also in the 19 and Under Team to have a good hit out prior to their National Championships, which will be held in Melbourne next week. The best performance was against State League Club Tango whom they defeated 24 - 22. SASI also played extremely well against the State 17 and Under Team winning 27 - 15. The State League season commences on April 21st when the players come back from the Nationals.

NETBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26 JANUARY 2007

SASI Athletes in State Teams

10 of a possible 12 SASI athletes have been selected in the State 17 and 19 Teams last Sunday after 6 weeks of training. Both teams will play in their respective National Championships in Melbourne in April. Coach of the 19 and Under Team is SASI Assistant Coach **Judy Greenwood**. Last years teams both finished in 3rd place at the Championships. A squad of 25 in each group will be selected for further development by Netball Australia at the AIS in July.