

SASI Squad news

Men

Patrick Harmer was named into an extended Australian Senior Men's squad after starring for Victoria in the recent Men's NTC Tournament in Brisbane. Patrick will be part of an Australian Men's training camp to be held in Sydney in January.

SASI Coach Eddie Denis, also gained approval at a National Men's program meeting to enter a combined SASI - VIS team into future NTC tournaments. This will give more SASI athletes a chance to compete in this important selection tournament each year.

WOMEN

Lisa Callahan, Sophie Ricketts, and Isobel Bishop were selected to attend the Australian Senior Camp after the recent NTC Tournament in Canberra.

Unfortunately, Sophie and Lisa could not participate in the camp due to injury and sickness. Isobel Bishop however, was selected from the Women's camp to tour with the Senior Australian team to compete at the Canada Cup (Vancouver) and Holiday Cup (Los Angeles).

Isobel Bishop was recently named SASI Water Polo athlete of the year for the second year running. She is the first South Australian to be a member of a Junior Australian Women's team at a World Championships (Kirishi 2009).

16U Nationals Success

Lachlan Cameron was selected into the born 93 Australian Squad after a sterling performance at this year's 16U Nationals. Lachlan was highest goal scorer for South Australia, averaging 2.5 goals per game over 7 games. Lachlan finished 6th on the overall goal scoring ladder helping the South Australian team to a top 4 placing at this competition.

In the same competition first year SASI scholarship **Stephanie Inat** was selected into a born 94 Talent Squad. Stephanie averaged 1 goal per game over the competition, playing against opposition that was in general 1 year older than her.

NTC Competitions

Lisa Callahan, Sophie Ricketts, Isobel Bishop, Jessica Martin and **Chloe Barr** will be members of the Composite team to compete at the Women's NTC tournament in Canberra, 15 - 20 November. The competition that doubles as an AIS/ Senior Women's National Squad selection event begins on the 15th November. The tournament will kick off with a grueling day of fitness testing and continue with 2 games per day through to the 20th. At this year's competition, Lisa and Sophie will be fighting to maintain the AIS Scholarships they attained earlier this year, while Isobel Bishop and Jessica Martin will be striving to join the elite Senior

Australian ranks. Chloe Barr, at only 15 years of age, will be striving to impress selectors of the born 94 age group as she pits her abilities against the best senior athletes from around the country.

Patrick Harmer will be the only SASI representative at the Men's NTC tournament to be held in Brisbane, November 22 - 25. Patrick will play with the Victorian EDC team. As with the Women's NTC, the Men's competition serves as a selection tournament for the senior National Squad. As such, SASI coach Eddie Denis, is disappointed that the men's NTC tournament structure cannot successfully include SASI athletes. Eddie has therefore been lobbying the other SIS/SAS coaches along with the National Men's coach to include a Composite team in future NTC Men's competitions. The oldest male athlete in the SASI program, behind Patrick Harmer at 21, is Thomas Dayman at 18 years of age. Therefore the ability of SASI to field its own team in this competition, where the 5th or 6th player in the team would be 15 years of age, is negligible. A Composite team would allow 3 - 5 SASI athletes to compete at the NTC competition each year, helping to fast-track the individual progress of the athletes involved and the development of the men's side of the SASI program in general.

WATER POLO HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10 July 2009

World Student Games

The Women's Water Polo team at the World Student Games finished their round games on Sunday. The Aussies beat Italy by 2 in their first game, lost to Hungary by 1 in their second after a mighty comeback led by SASI athlete **Lisa Callahan**, and lost to China (their full National Senior team) by 2. The team has improved each game, which is positive for the coming finals games. Lisa Callahan was voted MVP in the Hungary game and has been getting lots of game time and playing consistently. **Sophie Ricketts**, the other SASI athlete on the tour, has played as second Center Back on the tour and has done pretty well while learning a lot against some very strong Centre Forwards. On Tuesday the Aussies play their cross-over game versus Canada, which should be a tough contest. The Aussies are expecting a win, which would mean a semi-final against China on Thursday.

WATER POLO HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4 June 2009

Team Selections

On Monday 1st June, the teams for all Australian Women's competitions were announced on the Australian Water Polo website. SASI has four representatives on these teams. **Lisa Callahan** and **Sophie Ricketts** will attend the World Student Games. **Jessica Martin** will tour with the Australian Women's U20 to Europe. **Isobel Bishop** will compete at the Junior (born 91) World Championships.

WATER POLO HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29 May 2009

Squad Update

Congratulations to **Lisa Callahan** and **Sophie Ricketts** who were selected in the AIS Senior Women's Squad at a recent selection Camp in Canberra. Both girls are in strong contention to be named in the World Student Games team to be announced in early June. **Isobel Bishop**, who was at the same camp, did not receive an AIS scholarship, but she is still on track to be selected on the Junior World Championships team.

Congratulations also to **Jessica Martin** who was selected to tour with the Australian U20 team in August this year. Jessica is a first year SASI scholarship holder.

Welcome home to **Patrick Harmer** who returns to Adelaide after a successful stint with Drummoyne (Sydney) in this year's National League. Drummoyne finished second in the competition, which was a great experience for Patrick in his first year away from Adelaide. Patrick missed a major National selection event in November due to recovery from surgery on both hips to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI), so competing in the National League finals gave him a chance to be viewed by National selectors. Consequently, Patrick was one of only two athletes to be invited to the National Men's selection camp, which was held in Sydney last week. Patrick missed selection to an Australian team, but he is very upbeat about the experience and progress he made while in Sydney this year. On top of Club and NSWIS training sessions, Patrick kept himself busy while in Sydney by completing a 10-week secondary teaching placement at St Ignatius College - Riverview.

All but two of the male SASI Water Polo scholarship holders will be travelling to Sydney to compete in an U23 tournament organised by the Cronulla Water Polo club next week. This men's-only Club tournament has created a buzz in the Water Polo community not only by offering \$7000 prize money to the winning team, but by trying to introduce draft rules which help to even-up the competition. These draft rules were flaunted by 3 of the entered teams, who threatened legal action if they weren't allowed to Draft whoever they wanted into their teams. The organiser's acceded to the Clubs actions, but placed all three teams into the same side of the Draw to allow other teams a chance in the finals. The National selectors for all teams will be using this competition as a final selection event for the up-coming international season.

WATER POLO HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15 May 2009

Australian Team for UCI BMX World Championships

SASI athletes **Lisa Callahan**, **Sophie Ricketts** and **Isobel Bishop** are in Canberra next week to attend an Australian Senior Women's selection camp. Lisa and Sophie are hoping to break into the senior ranks as part of the World Student Games team, which will have **SASI coach Eddie Denis** as Assistant Coach. Isobel Bishop is vying for a spot on the Junior World Championships team. All three athletes have a chance of being selected into the Women's AIS squad from this camp.