



# DRIBBLER

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**U8/1 Boys:** What a great way to start the new year, with a fabulous win for the first game! All the boys must have had a great summer break as they have been on fire, scoring goal after goal. We are looking forward to the rest of the season filled with the exciting and nail biting games we have had so far. We would also like to welcome the newest members to our team, Jake and his Dad Dwayne, we hope you have as much fun as we do.

**U8/2,3 & 4 Boys –** No report

**U8/1,2 & 3 Girls –** No report

**U10/1 Boys:** OUR TEAM STARTED THE SEASON IN U10AR. WE HAD A COUPLE OF WINS AND AFTER THE GRADING GAMES WE WENT DOWN TO U10B.OUR BOYS ARE DOING EXTREMELY WELL IN THIS SECTION WITH 3 OUT OF 3 WINS. THEIR SKILLS ARE IMPROVING EACH WEEK AND THEY ARE PLAYING WELL AS A TEAM WITH ALOT OF ENTHUSIASM. KEEP IT GOING BOYS!!

**U10/2 Boys:** The boys from Knox City 2 are having a very interesting year so far. After a slow but very competitive start to the season, the boys are now reaping the rewards of there past year's experience. We started the season in the AR grade which seemed a little high however the boys were up to the challenge and were very competitive for most games however were without a win after the grading season. The lads returned fresh after the Christmas break to find themselves re-graded into a more reasonable level and have not looked back since. There has been 3 fantastic wins with 1 game in particular where the boys scored 48 points. All the boys have moulded together very well with the team playing a fantastic brand of basketball where the ball is being shared around and they are all getting a fair go. Cory's rock solid defense doesn't let too many opposition players past. Daniel's confidence seems to grow each game and is always there when a hard ball is to be won. Jack seems to know when a goal is needed and shows blistering pace around the court. Andrew and Michael Cassin are very hard to tell apart but both use there height well and are always there for the rebounds and have both shot some remarkable goals. Jayden's goal sense has also been fantastic and never gives away a chance for a long bomb. Karl is a delight to watch when streaming down the court towards the net and doesn't miss too many opportunities. Well done to Ben as he is always encouraging the boys and they have fantastic respect in return. All boys can feel a real possibility of being able to plays finals and maybe even the big one. Good luck and Go-Cougars

**U10/3 Boys:**After a couple of games of the Premiership rounds we find ourselves in the four with still a lot of work to do before the end of the season. The six boys in the team are getting plenty of experience on the court as we come up against taller, faster and older and more experienced teams. Three of our boys are still eligible to be playing Under 8's and 2 boys are playing in their first season of basketball. Keep up the good work Cory May, Bailey Munton, Eddie Formaini, Josh Begley, Peter Ball and Nixon Adcock as it has been a terrific effort so far to win more games than we lose with just six players.

**U10/4 Boys –** No report

**U10/1 Girls:** A great start to what looks like being another successful season! So far we have won all our grading games, all the girls are working great as a team and are continuing to improve week after week. We have a few tough teams in the competition this season, the girls are really stepping up now playing great basketball.

**U10/2 Girls:** "This being my first season coaching has been a real pleasure. Having seen some of the girls come up from Under 8's and a couple of other girls playing their first season of basketball has been great. They are all improving with each game and are starting to show their potential as great basketballers. With their hard work and effort, I am sure we will enjoy the rest of the season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support and a special thank you to Joanne for taking on the job of Team Manager. Dave Carbone Coach U/10 "A" Reserve Girls

**U10/3 Girls -** No report

**U10/4 Girls:** Being second on the ladder after round 9 is a great encouragement to the girls, but more than that is the friendships made and the fun had. Ian D'Arcy-Evans is loved by the girls as coach, and are all picking up on his skills and great techniques. We now have 7 girls on the team and all are enjoying the competition.

**U14/3 Boys:** Wow, what a great season. We have never seen so many players put their bodies on the line to try and win a game. We have actually not won many games but have lost games by the narrowest margin and this enables the players to never give up... They are enthusiastic and most attend a good training session each week. The parents and coach is very pleased with the team and know that they are listening and putting in each week. We would like to welcome Nick Healey to the team. Keep up the good work.. .

**U14/4 Boys – No report**

**U14/5 Boys:**

Hi everyone, Let me tell you a little bit about the boys who play for the Knox City Cougars under 14's CR Grade.

They are all a fantastic group of boys, who are trying their utmost, very best in what they do and that is playing basketball for the Knox City Cougars.

This season though the boys aren't doing as well but at least they're trying. This is a team that started out with only four players and now there is eight, with two players transferring from other teams and two more new players who never played before.

The boys train every Monday evening at Scoresby College under the guidance of their coach Andrew Hession. Andrew took these group of boys under his wing when there weren't too many coaches around. Andrew is doing a great job in training them.

**U14/1& 2 Girls – no report**

**U14/3 Girls:**

The girls started the season slowly but by the Christmas break were starting to play some good basketball and had reached 4th on the ladder. This included a draw with the second side and a win against the third side.

Unfortunately the two month break put us back to where we were at the start of the season. It has taken the girls three rounds since Christmas to finally start playing well again and we were beaten narrowly by the top side.

The girls know that they will have to win just about all our remaining games to make the finals. I know the team is good enough they just have to cut out short lapses in concentration which cost us dearly.

**U14/4 Girls:** The seven girls in U14B made a good start to the season. In a close section, the grading games proved to be challenging and were always hardfought. The girls did well with 4 wins, 2 losses and surprisingly 2 draws. The team drew both times they played the South East Eagles 3 team. Unfortunately, one of the girls has only played three games so far this season due to an ongoing injury, so the remaining six players have had to work very hard. Since the grading games finished the girls have had 1 win and 2 losses. A really nice, friendly group of girls they face a tough road ahead in a very strong B grade section this season.

**U14/5 Girls:** Although the girls have had a disappointing start to the season, not winning any games in grading they can all say that they have put in some fine efforts and "had a go".

We hope to be more competitive in BR. Good luck for the remainder of the season girls, and even if we don't win a game, I hope you've had some fun and learnt something along the way.

**U14/6 & 7 Girls – No report**

**PLEASE NOTE** all outstanding fees are now due and payable - cheques can be made payable to Knox City Basketball Club Inc. The Club accepts Credit Cards, please include name on Card, Card No. and expiry date also Card type e.g Visa, Mastercard or Bankcard.

Enquiries to Treasurer - Russell Adcock on **9763 7432**.

Fees can be posted to Knox City Basketball Club, **P.O. Box 196, Boronia, 3155**

**WINTER 2006 FEES**

*The club will be collecting fees for the Winter 2006 season on Friday 28 April 6-8pm, Saturday 29 April 8.30 - 4.30 and Sunday 30 April 5- 8pm. Invoices will be posted to members prior to these dates.*

**U16/1 Boys:** We started the season with 6 boys and now we are down to 5 after Aaron Swincer broke his ankle. This season has been extremely hard to date and all the boys who have stuck it out deserve a HUGE pat on the back. The support of various other players to complete the team has helped the boys get through the season so far. The boys have improved substantially from not looking like winning a game to nudging the top 4. Effort has been commendable and at times they have been very unlucky. Credit to Nathan Ruigrok for his time and encouragement and he is very proud of the boys and would like to encourage them to continue their good work.

**U16/2 Boys:** Coming off a Grand Final win in B grade, Winter 2005 season, our team remains unchanged. The competition in AR is slightly tougher and a little taller. The boys are doing a superb job and currently are 5 games straight undefeated. Mind you we don't like to do it easy with 4 of our last wins by 5 points or less. We unfortunately have a player out, due to an injury, but Ian comes along each week to cheer the boys to victory, a fact we are all appreciative of and look forward to having him back ASAP. Ducky thanks for your patience with these sometimes talented little "know it alls" you make it fun each week and the boys appreciate your time and knowledge as do the parents. Lets go boys, back to back flags would be sweet.

**U16/3 Boys:** Our boys are sitting slightly lower than mid range but having their first win for the season at round 11 shows that they have not given up yet. This team has also struggled for players and have had a few fill ins to get them through. Hopefully the boys will push on and have a few more wins before the season is finished. We would officially like to welcome Jayson Brooks to the side and like to say that the support and encouragement from the parents is pleasing.

**U16/4 Boys:** These boys are currently sitting mid range and have a lot of endeavour to win on game day. They are enthusiastic and try to their best to be team orientated. We would like to encourage the boys to continue training hard and admire their commitment level. Best of luck for the finals. We know that you have it in you.

**U16/1& 2 Girls – No report**

**U16/3 Girls:** We have a great group of girls in our team, they are all enjoying their basketball and playing that way. Our talls Georgia, Lara and Bianca share the workload in the key and are always supported by Lanie who plays both tall and short. Our guards Kasia, Bronwyn, Kathryn and Lauren are all very confident moving the ball down the court and either driving to the basket, or looking for the "Perfect Pass" in. Stefan is always positive with the girls and making the game enjoyable for them all, we look forward to his basketball summary and sometimes concert critique each week.

**U16/4 Girls – No report**

**U16/5 Girls:** The season has started off a little shaky for the girls. Most weeks especially before Christmas we only had five players, so without a sub, the girls were feeling the effects of some very physically draining games. But with the inclusion of a couple of new players to the team, the second half of the season should be a lot more positive. The girls try their hardest and although the results don't always show on the score board their skills are beginning to improve which is encouraging to see. With strong commitment to training sessions and focus on game day, I am sure the next series of games will be more successful.

**U16/6, 7,8, & 9 Girls – No report**

**U18/1 Boys:** The under 18 boys have had some really tough games over this season but each player is putting in and creating a competitive side. We have missed Matt W of late due to an achillis problem so hopefully he will be fit and return before the end of the season. Currently the team is sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> position and although challenging, have the potential to make finals. Good luck to you all.

**U18/2 Boys:** This season has been an eventful season to say the least. Each week we have had players either away or injured and without a regular coach, at times, lacked team direction. Our earlier games were seeing the team just getting over the line but lately the boys have lacked team work and games are being lost by the narrowest margin. Hopefully all players share the desire to win and will be able to play finals. They are finals material and should get there. Go Boys, Go!

**U18/3 Boys - No report**

## **WINTER 2006 SEASON**

**It is time once again to start thinking about next season - our co-ordinators must submit their winter teams by the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. If your child is NOT going to play next season can you please let the co-ordinators know.**

## **ALTERNATE TOPS**

*We are still looking for a club member to be responsible for our alternate tops. It would be an advantage if you lived within 5 km's of the stadium and someone was available Friday night, Saturday and Sunday for singlet drop off and pick ups. The team manager or coach would contact you to organise a pick up and drop off time. You would also be responsible for the laundering of the singlets. Phone Greg McMahon on 9800 1554*



**U12/1 Boys:** It has been a long time coming - we have just started to display the team work that we were missing - had our first win of the season (with 5 players and a fill-in). Well done boys - thanks Mitchell (u10) for a job well done and for filling in.

**U12/2 Boys:** The team had an unsettled first few weeks with players being assessed. With that 2 players were placed with other teams and us receiving 2 new members. After that change, the dynamics of the team had to be re-established. But now we have a potentially strong team, where each individual has quite a different skill to contribute and therefore the team has become very versatile. The challenge now is to give the boys the confidence to apply their talents.

**U12/3 Boys:** Our under 12's are to be congratulated on setting down and playing as a team so quickly into the season. All boys are playing at their best and are a joy to watch. With the guidance of our friendly coach Mikala we hope to see a finals appearance. Well done boys, Keep it up.

**U12/1 Girls – No report**

**U12/2 Girls:** We're on a roll ! After our first win of the season and a bye this week we are going for our third win !!! Hi ! I'm Andrea and I'm the team manager of the under 12 AR girls team and what a team of champions they are. Our season started off in A Grade but after 7 straight losses we re-grouped in A reserve. The girls showed a lot of courage, commitment, and enthusiasm and never dropped their heads in all the games they played. Greg Ruigrok showed what a fantastic coach he is with encouragement, patients and praise, he always had something positive to say to the team and he actually seemed to get through to this very young side of 10 and 11 year old girls. This team of future stars have a great opportunity to put everything they have been taught at training into the next 7 games and to really show how far they have come this season. Good Luck Girls ! Go Cougars !

**U12/3 & 4 Girls – No report**

**U12/5 Girls:** The second half of the season has seen the team regraded to B reserve. A great move that resulted in the girls winning their first match of the season 29 to 24 against the wasps 3. It was a well deserved win for both the coach and girls who struggled against far superior teams early in the season. Hopefully this victory will see the girls finish the summer season on a more positive note.  
Jenni team manager

**U12/6 Girls - No report**

**U12/7 Girls:** The U12 CR girls have had a mixed season so far. Graded incorrectly they have struggled to come to grips with the older age group. With the exception of a couple of players the girls are all bottom age. On a positive side all girls are giving their best and are extremely attentive at training and with a little bit of luck could have won a couple of games. The team's ambition is to finish the season on a high note and possibly a winning streak. Well done girls

**U14/1 Boys:** What a great start to the season, currently sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder 7 – 3. Everybody contributes throughout the games, which is building great team work. Good effort boys, and coach Nicko, keep it up and we look forward to finals.

**U14/2 Boys:** The boys are beginning to understand how to execute set plays and running full court and half court defences. Should do well for the rest of the season and with the inclusion of another 3 boys to the team sure makes life difficult for the coach for game day substitution. Keep up the good work boys.