

Sport



COLLIE WARRIORS: Western Warrior Ryan Duffield with Amaro school students, from left, Emily Antonovich, Ruby Hall, Madison Rowlands, Heidi Rushton, Charlie Hansord, Jessica Murphy, Georgia Uren, Jai Fraser and Jai Cane.

Warriors Collie clinic attended by 130

THREE Western Warriors bowlers joined Collie's four primary schools for the Perdaman South West Cricket Academy clinic last Friday.

Warriors Matt Dixon, Joel Paris and Ryan Duffield played cricket with about 130 year six children from local schools.

Duffield grew up in Darkan and lived in Collie for several years before moving to Perth. He said he had played all his junior cricket in Collie, and it was good to encourage children to play cricket in the area.

"It's good to come back and put a bit back where I came from," Duffield said.

The sessions were not about practicing drills, but about children having fun playing cricket. "As long as we're making it fun for

them, that's the important thing," Duffield said.

This had been the fourth cricket clinic session in Collie, which had been organised by Perdaman, WACA, and the Collie Cricket Club.

Former international cricketer and coach and current Perdaman corporate advisor Tom Moody said the clinics were for current players and for potential players.

"We try to embrace both," Moody said. Perdaman had been active with cricket programs in the south west, even sponsoring a cricket academy in Bunbury.

The company strongly supported cricket because the sport was a passion of the chairman of the company, Vikas Rambal.

Morale booster Junior carnival teams for championships

B GRADE CRICKET:

By Matt Hislop

AN UNDERMANNED Collie B grade cricket team recorded a morale boosting win over Leschenault in a rain affected clash last weekend.

Captain Jason Chappell won the toss and after having his arm twisted decided to have a bowl. Despite starting with only nine players, Collie were lucky enough to have Dillon Rush down at the oval watching his dad play. Without hesitation Dillon put his hand up to assist in the field and Chappell had him running from fine leg to fine leg.

A last minute phone call to Colin Mousdale resulted in Maurie playing his first game of the year, and probably saved him a fortune as he was on his way down to the yacht shop at the time (he might need that money for the treatment on the blown calf!).

Chappell started well with the ball, taking the first wicket in the third over.

Opening partner Allen Edwards was enjoying running into a stiff breeze, a fine sight with his flowing mullet drifting in the breeze. Kim Rush was brought into the attack and did not disappoint claiming wickets in his second, third and fourth overs to finish with 3 for 23 off 10 overs.

Brent Daniels bowled well with controlled drift and flight, living up to his smooth operator status, finishing with 1 for 28 off his 10 overs.

Wilely spinner Matt Hislop again bowled well, with Reid Saunders missing another stumping for the second week in a row, not that anyone is keeping track! Hislop finished with 0 for 24 off his six overs.

Chappell, with the tail now in, brought

himself back into the attack, picking up another two wickets to finish with 3 for 36 off his nine overs.

Newcomer Jarved Dalywater took his chance with the ball to capture 3 for 23 off 4.2 overs. Saunders finished with three catches, Rush with two and Chappell, Mousdale and Armstrong all with one as Leschenault was all out for 164.

Collie did not start the run chase well, with Dalywater removed for a duck. I'm sure it was this disappointment that caused him to leave the game while still in possession of Doc's cap!

Big Paul Rinder, promoted to number three, looked good briefly before departing for eight. At a dollar a run, his bat should last for another 17 seasons of cricket!

Hislop joined Edwards at the crease and had the score board ticking over before he departed after a poor shot selection which saw him back in the shed for 13.

Armstrong looked solid before being clean ripped for eight.

Mousdale then joined Edwards and together, with 97 years of experience, had the score rising nicely before Edwards was caught at fine leg for a well-made 45.

Saunders Joined Mousdale before Maurie was caught in front to be out for 27.

With the fast bowlers now bowled out, Chappell joined Saunders for the run home. Chappell begun striking the ball well from the start to make a well-made 17 not out, while Saunders doubled his senior aggregate with an unbeaten 10.

Collie achieved the 155 required on a rain affected total.

Junior games washed out

JUNIOR cricket fields looked more like football grounds over the weekend when games were washed out.

The year 10s play at home this Saturday from 8am on the turf, hoping to continue on their winning streak against Bunbury Grammar.

The year 9s, who are the reigning premiers, have continued their winning

form so far this year and will look to improve against Leschenault on their home turf. Newcomers Year 7 travelling team have slotted in nicely with one big win and will play Dardanup, at home, this Saturday at Wallsend Ground.

Fresh from personal training with the Wester Warriors, Collie juniors have not dropped a game this year.

New three-game format

SUMMER TOUCH

THE three-game summer touch format started last week.

Personal Touch and Amateurs played out a 2-all draw. Jerome Faamausili scored both tries for Personals, with Jak and Cassidy scoring one each for Amateurs.

Amateurs then played the Unknowns, winning with two tries to James and one to Lyrrie Poata for Unknowns.

Unknowns then met Personal Touch

and the game ended in the second draw of the night.

Faamausili scored again, as did Poata, with a double, while singles were scored for the Unknowns by Nic Rinder, Henry Windle and Sean Rinder.

With a number of juniors playing games, the start time will be brought forward to 6pm when Personal Touch meet Amateurs.

The Unknowns will play both sides, in turn, in the later games.

BASKETBALL

ORGANISATION is underway for the selection of teams for Country Basketball Championships early in 2013.

All interested players are asked to notify their coach, or the co-ordinator of their age group.

A coach must nominate for respective age groups before the team nomination is considered. Teams are boys and girls under 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19. Each team will require a Coach, manager and scorer. Further information will be provided when nominations are finalised.

Under 14 boys

A great team effort by Saints enabled them to play some promising basketball to defeat Aces 42-18 in a game in which many newcomers to basketball displayed some great talent.

Saints first year players Kellen Haven, Jesse Ramshaw, Mitchell Glenn, Adam Cronin and Dami Afolabi showed that they are natural talents when it comes to understanding the game and displaying some fabulous basketball skills.

Aces had two newcomers, Riley Donovan and Patrick Hann, who applied great pressure to the Saints goal sneaks, Tyson Hayes, Fynn Turley and Sam Salmeri. Both newcomers showed that they will be very versatile players as they gain confidence.

Bailey Edwards scored some good baskets for Aces and Jack Hunter worked tirelessly for his team who were struggling to convert. Riley Szostak, Jake Avins and Jacob Lowick battled well in defence but turnovers kept the ball returning to the Saints keyway and they were repeatedly under pressure. Saints shooting percentage was too good on the night and they did not allow Aces to find the form displayed the previous week.

The Rebels-Wanderers game started at a fast and furious pace. Kaleb Michalak has made a welcome return to basketball and will be an asset to his team, working well with his talented cousin, Jakob Pilatti, who has the potential to be a scoring machine for Rebels.

Wanderers' Cooper Shepherd and Connor Watts played great games to ensure that scorelines were quite even at the half-time break.

In the second half Rebels started to turn the ball over, despite the valiant efforts of speedy Travis Bell and newcomer Noah Whiteaker.

Wanderers began to share the ball well, with younger team members Jack Spencer, Jaxen Cooper and Dylan Weighell playing like seasoned players. First year player Dylan Colgan scored a fabulous basket to inspire his Wanderers team mates and they ran away for a comfortable victory after a narrow loss in the previous week of basketball.

Under 14 girls

Aces and Saints contested a fast and even game that saw scorelines close until the time clock signified full time.

For Saints, Emily Antonovich thrived on every opportunity to steal the ball and set up attacking moves for her team. She was well supported by a tall defensive unit of Tierne Flanigan, Hayley Leighton and newcomer Chloe Broadbent, who showed plenty of potential.

Madeline Williams showed good ball skills as she repeatedly ran the ball down the court to set up points for Saints.

Aces' Keyana Caeceras played a superb game and converted on multiple occasions, being well supported by the leadership of Portia Old and the tenacity of Grace Shepherd. Newcomer Temily Mummie played a fabulous game and Danika Haven continues to improve each week.

Aces won by a point in a fabulous contest.

Ashleigh Chapman displayed outstanding form as she led the way for Wanderers against Rebels, proving she is one of the most improved players in the competition. She was well supported by Alyssa Davidson and newcomer Grace Turner, who is thriving with every opportunity.

Rebels could not counter the Wanderers line up but the tenacity displayed by newcomers Ashlenn Cain and Rachel Hann was outstanding.

Emma Varis stood tall in defence for Rebels but could not combat the skillful Wanderers unit who won comfortably on the night.

A grade women

A tight physical contest was played between Saints and Aces.

Both sides found it difficult to penetrate the tight defensive net-

work that was maintained throughout the game.

Nicole Jones was the inside target for Aces and worked exceptionally hard to combat the physical pressure that Saints applied.

Saints were without high scoring attackers Kristy Bronikis and Colleen DeAngeles but Tene McDonald stepped up with many forward moves to keep them in front for most of the game.

Aces utilised the outside shooting and attacking drives to the basket from Simone Merrey and good ball movement from Tegan Lasisz to close the gap.

Some good defensive play from Kate Varis and Jordan Harms enabled Aces to capitalise on opportunities in the pressurized last few minutes of the game, which ended with the teams locked at 42 points.

Aces were rewarded for their perseverance, forcing the game into extra time when Saints experience prevailed as they forged ahead to take the points.

Wanderers were too good for the young Rebels unit in the final game of the night.

Scoring in the first half was difficult for both teams but the speed of Rachel and Kirralee Shepherd combined with some great work from Natasha Hartley under the basket saw Wanderers take an early lead.

Rebels worked hard and were rewarded with multiple points from youngsters Lucy Barrett, Courtney Salmeri and Jonelle Fontana.

However, Wanderers played a strong second half and combined well to score more efficiently as the game progressed. Kate Storen showed her class with some lovely outside shots and Kara Tilbrook worked tirelessly in the keyway for Rebels.

Kira Bebbington and Tenealle Ireland played very well for Wanderers who ran away for a comfortable victory 27-18.

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