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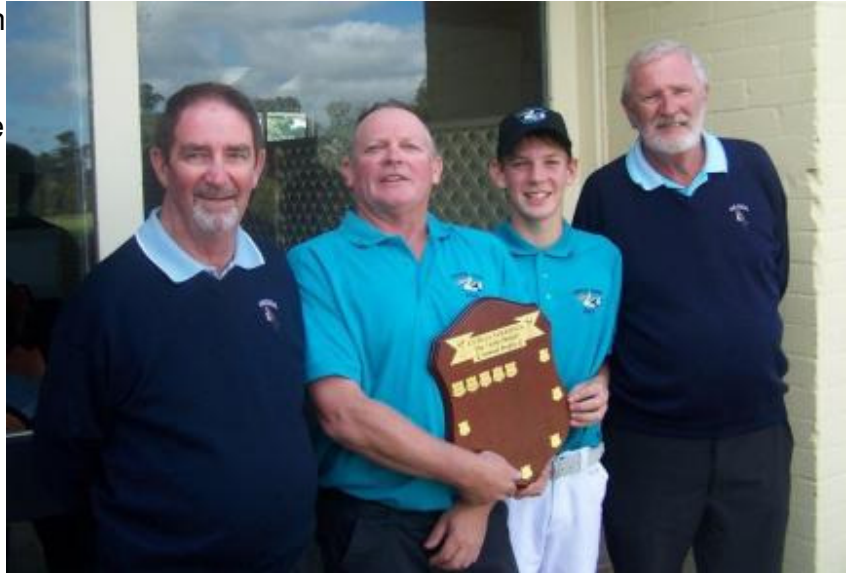
ARTIE MOLLETT SHIELD

HRDGA vs CCDGA

The Hunter District rep side took on the Central Coast for the annual match against the Central Coast for the Artie Mollett Shield at Score on the 26 - 27 April, 2014.

The usual individual match play event played with seniors, vets, colts and juniors was extended to include a two ball best ball matchplay game on the Saturday afternoon, which was enjoyed by the players from both sides.

The two ball event saw juniors and colts paired with seniors and vets for a best ball scratch matchplay game. Birdies and eagles were the flavour of the day with players going for their shots in the knowledge that they had a back up in their partner. This made for exciting golf which was witnessed by the team officials.



The early trend was a break away lead to the Central Coast who jumped to a 4 - 0 lead out the 9 matches played. From that point the Hunter players stormed home to take four of the last 5 matches.

Hero for the Hunter was Nathan Waters who was 8 under par at the conclusion of his match on the 14th hole., whilst Corey Jones (Central Coast) eagled and birdied the 1st & 10th hole in his first game on the course.

At the end of the day Central Coast held a slender 5 - 4 lead, which was of great concern to their attending.

Sunday morning the teams assembled for the 18 individual matches, with players from both teams somewhat weary from the previous days golf. Central Coast officials were concerned when one of the players, who just happened to be the son of their Captain, was not present. A search party was expedited back to the motel, where the player was found sound asleep in his room. No one, not even his dad, had thought to rouse him.

Matches teed off on time and after 9 holes the Central Coast had their nose in front and their "cocky" official was looking to a convincing win.

After 12 matches the Central Coast jumped to a 7½ - 4½ lead, and the Shield appeared to be going south. At that stage Central Coast only needed another 1½ matches to clinch the Artie Mollett Shield.

From this point on it was bad news for the Central Coast, when the Hunter Seniors overwhelmed the Central Coast Seniors by 5 matches to 1, and win the day 9½ - 8½. When the results from both days were tallied the overall result was a friendly drawn match 13½ apiece, which was sufficient for the Hunter to retain possession of the Shield for a further 12 months.

Arising from discussions between officials from both Districts next year the Vets and Colts may be dropped from the matches due to the difficulty in attracting interested players. The preference of players for the Masters pennant has a lot to answer for, whilst colts are at the age when the 6 killer "B's" brings them undone.

MATCH							
<u>HUNTER</u>		DGA	vs	<u>CENTRAL COAST</u>	DGA		
at	SCONE		on	26th April 2014			
	PLAYER		Result	PLAYER		Result	
1	Derek Field			Russ Bunn		+1	VETERAN
	Ben Stokes			Corey Jones			COLT
2	Jeff Harrington			Steve Eaton		3/2	VETERAN
	Blake Palmer			Reece Oliver			COLT
3	Bryan Gulliver			Trevor Walker		4/3	VETERAN
	Josh Udbinac			Mitch Ballard			COLT
4	Mac Dawson		2/1	Seam McDonagh			SENIOR
	Josh Tracey			Beau Willett			JUNIOR
5	Andrew Auld		+1	Damien Chambers			SENIOR
	Khan Gallagher			Brayden Kolk			JUNIOR
6	Josh Knott			Ryan Edwards		4/3	SENIOR
	Billy Fenton			Curtis Lanarch			JUNIOR
7	Andrew Wyper		4/3	Craig Wicham			SENIOR
	Clayton Small			Brodie Hart			JUNIOR
8	Nathan Waters		5/4	Dave Willett			SENIOR
	Josh Stig			Brandon Bibble			JUNIOR
9	Dylan Perry			James Swanson		7/6	SENIOR
	Lewis Howells			Sean Brownlow			JUNIOR

result CENTRAL COAST defeated HUNTER by 5/4

MATCH

HUNTER DGA vs CENTRAL COAST DGA

at SCONE on 27th April 2014

	PLAYER	Result	PLAYER	Result	
1	Derek Field		Trevor Walker	3/2	VETERANS
2	Jeff Harrington		Russell Bunn	3/2	
3	Bryan Gulliver	3/2	Steve Eaton		COLTS
4	Blake Palmer	5/4	Mitch Ballard		
5	Ben Stokes		Reece Oliver	3/2	
6	Josh Udbinac		Corey Jones	4/3	JUNIORS
7	Josh Stig	3/2	Beau Willett		
8	Billy Fenton	0	Curtis Lannarch	0	
9	Josh Tracey		Bridie Hart	2/1	
10	Khan Gallagher	3/1	Brayden Kolk		SENIORS
11	Clayton Small		Brandon Biddle	4/3	
12	Lewis Howells		Sean Brownlow	6/5	
13	Dylan Perry	2/1	James Swanson		
14	Nathan Waters	5/4	Damien Chambers		
15	Andrew Wyper	3/2	Dave Willett		
16	Josh Knott	5/4	Ryan Edwards		
17	Andrew Auld		Craig Wickham	6/5	
18	Mac Dawson	4/2	Sean McDonagh		

result HUNTER defeated CENTRAL COAST by 9.5 to 8.5

FINAL SCORES OVER 2 DAYS

HUNTER 13.5 matches

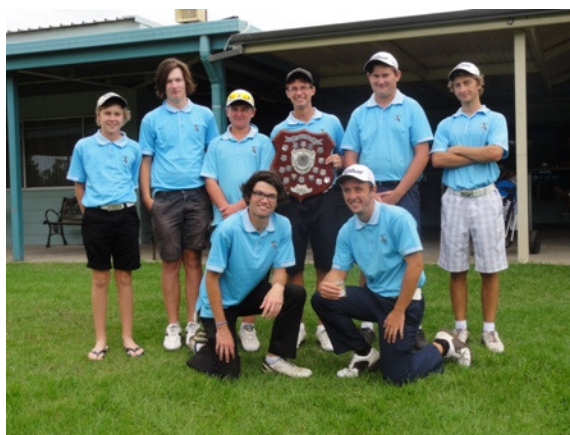
CENTRAL COAST 13.5 matches

DRAWN MATCH

BAKER TRINDER SHIELD

MUSWELLBROOK GOLF CLUB 29 - 30 MARCH, 2014

Thirty two enthusiastic junior golfers lined up at Muswellbrook for the annual Baker Trinder challenge run over of intense matchplay, on a round robin basis. Following the withdrawal of the Western District side, as a result of the Dubbo Club moving to the Central West DGA, the New England DGA were invited to fill the void.



At the conclusion of the series the New England officials were high in their praise of the event, and looked forward to participating for the long term.

The strong Hunter side proved just that and went through their 3 games undefeated, losing only 2 individual matches and squaring one, out of a total of 24. Six of the Hunter boys went through undefeated.

Second place went to North West with 2 wins and 1 loss, New England were a creditable third, with one win, and the usually strong Central North were winless.

Hunter accounted for the newcomers, New England by 6 - 1, North West by 5½ - 1½ and Central North 7 - 0. Newcomers to the team Josh Tracey (Branxton) & Lewis Howells (Vintage) both had impressive debuts going through undefeated.

Team captain Hayden Gulliver played his last Baker Trinder Shield, after many years as part of the junior squad and will quickly step up into the premier division.

MATCH

HUNTER DGA vs NEW ENGLAND DGA
at Muswellbrook on 29/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Josh Stig	0	+2	James Shaw	4	
2	Billy Fenton	0		Joel Stahlhert	5	4/3
3	Hayden Gulliver	1	5/4	Josh Hill	7	
4	Josh Tracey	1	9/7	Toby Cooper	13	
5	Khan Gallagher	2	7/6	Jake Ellis	14	
6	Josh Udbinac	2	8/7	Matt Turner	19	
7	Lewis Howells	7	8/7	Luke Brazier	22	
8	Clayton Small	5	3/2	Travis Tuckwell	12	

Result HUNTER defeated NEW ENGLAND by 6/1

MATCH

CENTRAL NORTH DGA vs NORTH WEST DGA
 at Muswellbrook on 29/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Tom Gill	3		Scott Kirkby	0	7/5
2	Luke York	6		Joel Stahlhert	1	6/5
3	Mitchell McPherson	8	3/2	Darcey Carroll	4	
4	Jake Weatherall	9		Nick Marshall	5	+1
5	Jock McPherson	9		Cain Munroe	8	7/6
6	Ryan Walker	14	3/1	Tim Hayes	17	
7	Jack Davidson	16		Luke Hetherington	19	+1
8	Sheldon Harris	7	5/4	Zac Kelly	21	

result NORTH WEST defeated CENTRAL NORTH by 5/2

MATCH

HUNTER DGA vs NORTH WEST DGA
 at Muswellbrook on 29/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Josh Stig	0		Scott Kirkby	0	4/2
2	Billy Fenton	0	O	Joel Stahlhert	1	O
3	Hayden Gulliver	1	3/2	Darcey Carroll	4	
4	Josh Tracey	1	3/2	Nick Marshall	5	
5	Khan Gallagher	2	5/3	Cain Munroe	8	
6	Josh Udbinac	2	7/5	Luke Hetherington	19	
7	Clayton Small	7	5/4	Zac Kelly	21	
8	Lewis Howells	5	3/2	Tim Hayes	17	

result HUNTER defeated NORTH WEST by 5.5/1.5

MATCH

CENTRAL NORTH DGA vs NEW ENGLAND DGA
 at Muswellbrook on 29/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Tom Gill	3		James Shaw	4	2/1
2	Luke York	6	5/3	Cam Butler	5	
3	Mitchell McPherson	8		Josh Hill	7	2/1
4	Jake Weatherall	9		Toby Cooper	13	+2
5	Jock McPherson	9	4/3	Jake Ellis	14	

6	Ryan Walker	14	+2	Matt Turner	19	
7	Jack Davidson	16		Luke Brazier	22	8/6
8	Sheldon Harris	7		Travis Tuckwell	12	5/4
result		<u>NEW ENGLAND</u>		defeated	<u>CENTRAL NORTH</u> by <u>4/3</u>	

MATCH

HUNTER DGA vs CENTRAL NORTH DGA
at Muswellbrook on 30/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Josh Stig	0	4/2	Tom Gill	3	
2	Billy Fenton	0	8/6	Luke York	6	
3	Hayden Gulliver	1	4/3	Mitchell McPherson	8	
4	Josh Tracey	1	3/1	Jake Weatherall	9	
5	Khan Gallagher	2	6/5	Jock McPherson	9	
6	Josh Udbinac	2	4/3	Ryan Walker	14	
7	Clayton Small	7	7/5	Jack Davidson	16	
8	Lewis Howells	5	F			
result		<u>HUNTER</u>		defeated	<u>CENTRAL NORTH</u> by <u>7/0</u>	

MATCH

NORTH WEST DGA vs NEW ENGLAND DGA
at Muswellbrook on 30/04/2014

	PLAYER	Hcap	Result	PLAYER	Hcap	Result
1	Scott Kirkby	0	4/2	James Shaw	4	
2	Joel Stahlhert	1	7/6	Cam Butler	5	
3	Darcey Carroll	4	O	Josh Hill	7	O
4	Nick Marshall	5	O	Toby Cooper	13	O
5	Cain Munroe	8	5/4	Jake Ellis	14	
6	Luke Hetherington	19	O	Matt Turner	19	O
7	Zac Kelly	21	O	Luke Brazier	22	O
8	Tim Hayes	17	4/2	Josh Fuller	27	
result		<u>NORTH WEST</u>		defeated	<u>NEW ENGLAND</u> by <u>5/2</u>	

HUNTER 6 POINTS 18.5 GAMES
NORTH WEST 4 POINTS 11.5 GAMES
NEW ENGLAND 2 POINTS 7 GAMES
CENTRAL NORTH 0 POINTS 5 GAMES

P.R. WEST SHIELD vs Newcastle DGA

Shortland Waters – Sunday 22 June, 2014

The annual match against our old foe, Newcastle got away to a very early start at 7.30am at the Shortland Waters course on Sunday 22 June, 2014. The weather was brisk early, but as the day wore on the sun burst through to provide perfect golf weather, for the 36 players vying to win the West Shield for their District.

The Hunter teams felt extra confident, when the Newcastle panel of 9 selectors somehow managed to omit their State Rep Brayden Petersen. The Hunter Rivers sole selector Dave Parkinson, stuck to his youth policy and almost pulled off two in a row.

Hunter got off to a bad start when their 3 veterans lost their matches, whilst the Colts went down 2 - 1, giving Newcastle a healthy 5 - 1 lead.

In the seniors division Bryan Gulliver came up against the ice cool Terry Blomfield, who wouldn't know what it is like to play out of the rough, and accordingly lost the match by the comfortable margin of 3 & 2. Newcomer Wayne Wilson, was thrown in at the last minute took Tim "Broomy" O'Reilly all the way to go down on the last hole. Likewise, Andrew Hamilton played Greg Kent, who held him out, going down 2 & 1, their match also going the full 18.

In the Colts, Hunter thought they had a strong combination, but only Blake Palmer was able to score a win, by defeating Matt Hales 2 up. The talented Will Barnett, had a rare off day and was convincingly beaten 3 & 2 by Luke Morrison. Team Captain Brady Benkovic fought valiantly all day but succumbed to Matt Kirkwood on the last hole.

At this point the game swung Hunter's way and we clawed back to within two matches and team officials were confidently looking to a strong finish from their leading players. The pendulum swung both ways in a nerve wrecking finish, but the Hunter players just could not bridge the two match gap.

Overall the juniors & seniors scored a 3½ - 2½ win each over Newcastle. In the juniors the fast improving Khan Gallagher recorded an excellent 4 & 3 win over Jai Picken. Josh Tracey acquitted himself well, losing his match against Carter Nepia on the last hole 2 down. Josh Udbinac, recorded an emphatic win over Brian Picken 6 & 5, whilst Billy Fenton played his usual steady game to sneak home on the last, 1 up. Josh Stig recovered from a poor start to tie his match up all square, and the usually reliable Hayden Gulliver couldn't toss Isaiah Melia, losing 3 & 2.

Playing at number 6, Andrew Auld done the job and won his match against Mick Wade 3 & 2, followed by Josh Knott who held out Andrew Hough to win 2 up on the last hole. Tom Bateman was going well until the 10th hole where he developed a serious shank which saw his second shot career over the fairway to be lost in heavy woods. It was noticed that a "carrier" of the dreaded shank disease was standing in the vicinity of the stroke and that he may have passed the infection on. Poor Tom eventually went down to the Newcastle team captain and former Hunter player Greg McMillan, losing on the final hole. Andrew Wyper, has made a comeback to rep golf after a long lay off for family reasons, and was unlucky to go down on the last hole to Mick Coutman, 1 down. Nathan Waters came up against big hitting Justin Ely, and the pair had

a fair battle, settling it amicably with a drawn match. Dylan Perry, just back from a trip to Darwin, representing the State, smashed Josh Greenwood, 6 & 4.

In all, 11 of the 18 matches played, finished on the 18th hole, testament to the quality of the golf played. The Hunter is already plotting to avenge the loss next year and there could be truth in the rumour the match will be played at Merriwa, teeing off at 7.00am.

HUNTER		NEWCASTLE	
SENIORS			
Dylan PERRY	6 & 4	Josh GREENWOOD	
Nathan WATERS	SQ	Justin ELY	SQ
Andrew Wyper		Mick COUTMAN	1up
Tom Bateman		Greg McMILLAN	1 up
Josh KNOTT	2 up		
Andrew AULD	1 up		
COLTS			
Will BARNETT		Luke MORRISON	3 & 2
Brady BENKOVIC		Matt KIRKWOOD	1up
Blake PALMER	2 up	Matt HALES	
MASTERS			
Bryan GULLIVER		Terry BLOMFIELD	3 & 2
Wayne WILSON		Tim O'REILLY	1 up
Andrew HAMILTON		Greg KENT	2 & 1
JUNIORS			
Hayden GULLIVER		Isaiah MELIA	3 & 2
Josh STIG	SQ	Jye FORRESTER	SQ
Bill FENTON	1 up	Luke FERRIER	
Josh UDBINAC	6 & 5	Bryce PICKEN	
Josh TRACEY		Carter NEPIA	2 up
Khan GALLAGHER	4 & 3	Jai PICKEN	
TOTAL	8	TOTAL	10



PRESIDENTS CUP

The Hunter junior team travelled to Wellington during the school holidays to take on the ever improving Dubbo juniors in a 36 hole event

based on the President's Cup format, of ambrose, fourball, foursomes and individual match play.

The boys arrived on Thursday and took to the course for the first 18 holes in what only could be described as bitterly cold, with many a brass monkey running around looking for a soldering iron. Hunter picked a composite team of 4 experienced players and 4 prospects for experience.

Following the completion of the first days golf Hunter held a slender one match lead over the exuberant Dubbo squad. Our boys new they were up for a fight so after dinner on Thursday evening the team was out in the dark practising their chipping and putting on the adjacent 7th green.

The third round was the foursomes where our boys maintained the status quo of a one match lead only due to some excellent chip ins which saved their bacon.

The final round was 8 individual matches where the Hunter boys skipped ahead, winning 6 - 2, to take the Presidents Cup for the 2014 year.

Thanks to Wellington Golf Club for hosting the event and to the Dubbo officials Dave Gleeson and Jimmy Mac.

2014 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Muswellbrook 16 - 17 August, 2014.

The major representative fixture on our golfing calendar, the Zone 2 Regional Championship, involves Vets, Seniors, Colts & Juniors from our surrounding Districts (Central Coast, Lower North Coast & Newcastle) brings together 21 of the finest players from each area to find the best golfer in the zone, as well as the best District side for the Jim Baker Shield and the best Club team for the historic Sandy Cameron Shield. Overall there were 18 players on scratch or better.

Players travelled to Muswellbrook to participate in the 36 hole event over two days, under the threat of getting a wet backside as predicted by the forecast. Luckily the forecast was only 50% right, as light rain affected play on the latter part of Saturday afternoon, continued throughout the night, but players awoke to a bright clear sky for the final 18 holes.

After the first round four players shared the lead on 2 under par 70, they being, Andrew Kirkman (LNC), Kyle Flynn (LNC), Ben Dunn (LNC) and Michael Coutman (Newcastle), followed by former local Benedict McMillan 72 (Newcastle), James Swanson 72(CC), Damien Chambers 73 (CC) and local product Kymble Pascoe 73 (HR).

These 8 players made up the seeded draw which made for excellent viewing by spectators and ultimately provided the eventual winner.

Of the 8 seeded players only no real challenge was mounted against Andrew Kirkman, who played within himself for an even par round 72, consisting of 16 pars 1 birdie and 1 bogey

blemish. A two round total of 142 resulted in Andrew being declared the 2014 Regional Champion.

Fellow team member from the Lower North Coast, Ben Dunn opened with a 70 but faded to a disappointing 77 to finish runner up, from Kymble Pascoe from Hunter River who finished in 148 (73 - 75) to take third place money on a countback.

The 2014 Regional Junior Champion went to Darcy Boyd from the Central Coast with consistent rounds of 76 75, total 151. After the first 18 Darcy held a slender 2 stroke lead over Newcastle player Carter Nepia. On the Sunday Carter was only able to peg one stroke back to finish one stroke in arrears.

In the Senior Division, Dungog resident, but representing Newcastle was the popular Snow Gorton, who has maintained his prowess on the golf course, with a two round total of 151 (73 - 78). Runner up in the Seniors was Greg Watton from the Central Coast who finished 5 shots behind Snow, on 155.

The historic Sandy Cameron Shield, for the best Club side went to the Port Macquarie team of David Bagust, Andrew Kirkman, Kyle Flynn and Stefan Walker. The winner is decided by the best 3 of 4 scores on each round. On Saturday the team opened with a 2 under par 214 and dropped off on Sunday with 230, but their lead was sufficient to defend any challenge.

The major event was the district teams event for the coveted Jim Baker Shield, went to Newcastle DGA with a total of 2649.

In 2015 the event will be hosted by Newcastle DGA at Hawks Nest.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

MUSWELLBROOK 16th - 17th August

JIM BAKER SHIELD WINNERS:

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

EVENT	PLAYER	CLUB	SCORE
REGIONAL CHAMPION	Andrew KIRKMAN	Port Macquarie	142
RUNNER UP	Ben DUNN	Kew CC	147
THIRD	Kymble PASCOE	Muswellbrook	152
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Darcy BOYD	Toukley	151
RUNNER UP	Carter NEPIA	Tanilba Bay	152

36 HOLE NETT	Will ARNOLD	Horizons	140
RUNNER UP	Mick AULD	Branxton	142
SENIOR CHAMPION	Warren GORTON	Tanilba Bay	151
RUNNER UP	Greg WATTON	Wyong	155
1ST 18 SCRATCH	Kyle FLYNN	Port Macquarie	70c/b
1ST 18 NETT	Anthony CHAPMAN	Muswellbrook	69
2ND 18 SCRATCH	Steve HASSETT	Muree	72
2ND 18 NETT	Clayton SMALL	Maitland	71
SANDY CAMERON SHIELD	Dave BAGUST	Port Macquarie	
	Andrew KIRKMAN	Port Macquarie	444
	Kyle FLYNN	Port Macquarie	
	Stefan WALKER	Port Macquarie	
JIM BAKER SHIELD	Newcastle DGA		2649

JIM BAKER SHIELD

HUNTER		NEWCASTLE			LOWER NORTH COAST			CENTRAL COAST			
SENIORS											
Auld Andrew	82	83	Coutman Michael	70	79	Flynn Kyle	70	80	Brough Andrew	77	77
Dawson Mac	78	73	Ely Justin	78	80	Kirkman Andrew	70	72	Chambers Damien	73	79
Fenton Billy	74	83	Haigh Andrew	81	79	Marron Ben	74	78	Edwards Ryan	84	76
Gulliver Hayden	78	76	Hassett Steve	78	72	Telfer Scott	76	79	Swanson James	72	76
Knott Josh	81	72	McMillan Greg	72	79	Walker Stefan	74	78	Wickham Craig	73	77
Pascoe Kymble	73	75	Wade Michael	78	78	Eadie Ben	74	82	Willett Dave	77	78
	384	379		376	387		362	387		372	384
JUNIORS											
Gallagher Khan	76	80	Bengamin Connor	93	86	Brown Reid	76	81	Boyd Darcy	76	75
Rachel Jack	98	89	Melia Isiah	83	87	Byron Tom	85	82	Brownlow Shaun	78	84
Sheldon Harris	87	83	Nepia Carter	78	74	Morgan Dan	87	78	Larnach Curtis	84	87
Small Clayton	84	78	Picken Jai	82	82	Hutchinson Sam	78	79	Kolk Brayden	87	79
Tracey Josh	76	80	Van Dartel Julian	79	86	Jubelin Jackson	75	79	Willett Beau	83	81
	323	321		322	328		314	317		321	319
COLTS											
Blinko Kyle	76	81	Arnold Will	77	75	Cooper Rowan	77	82	Biddle Brandon	76	78
Slade Josh	89	81	Cupit Tom	77	86	Garland Drew	88	88	Forsyth Ethan	77	78
Stig Josh	78	78	Hales Matthew	83	78	Dunn Ben	70	77	Jones Corey	78	80
Stokes Ben	81	79	Kirkwood Matthew	79	72	Turner James	85	77	Milne Jack	79	79
Udbinac Josh	83	81	Morrison Luke	77	75	Morgan Ben	88	89	Salvador Logan	76	78
	318	319		310	300		320	324		307	313
VETERANS											
Field Derek	78	82	Blomfield Terry	78	79	Bagust David	78	81	Ayton Ron	86	85
Gulliver Bryan	77	79	Gorton Warren	73	78	Brown Rod	77	81	Bunn Russell	78	85
Hogg James	85	85	Musgrave Frank	78	84	Pye Phil	73	84	McClelland Dave	81	81
Nicol Steve	79	78	Musgrave Michael	79	77	Simpson Peter	78	89	Parker Jack	78	82
Wyper Greg	84	85	O'Bryan Garry	88	84	Raynor Stuart	84	84	Watton Greg	78	77
	318	324		308	318		306	330		315	325
	1343	1343		1316	1333		1302	1358		1315	1341
	2686			2649			2660			2656	
