

**DID YOU KNOW** | Underwater hockey started in England in 1954, but it was not until 1984 that the first World Championships took place in Chicago

# Footy rivals are now great mates

**TAC Cup** | Chris Vernuccio

EMERGING footballers Michael Bussey and John Patton have developed from club rivals in junior ranks to teammates at the Eastern Ranges.

Now close friends, the pair will continue their football pathway together after both were recently invited to attend the AIS-AFL Academy.

Bussey plays with Rowville and Patton with St Simons, but they joined forces to play for the Vic

Metro team in the under-16 national championships this year.

Bussey said he was surprised to be selected in the academy.

"I didn't play that well in the (national) carnival," he said.

"I played all right in practice matches leading up to it but, in the actual carnival, I didn't play too well. I was pretty shocked when I got the phone call from (AIS-AFL Academy high-performance coach) Jason McCartney."

Patton was also not expecting to be picked in the squad.

"I was pretty surprised, but I felt pretty good," Patton said.

"It's a good achievement. It will be good having a mate there.

"Hopefully, we'll do good together."

Bussey said he was thrilled to be heading to Canberra with Patton.

"We're pretty good friends (despite) playing at rival clubs. We've kind of been together the whole way up, right from Eastern Ranges now to the AIS," he said.

Missing a place in the AIS academy squad is not the end of the

road for talented young footballers, according to McCartney, who stressed it didn't mean those players couldn't go on to the AFL.

MEANWHILE, the Eastern Ranges' top four hopes were dealt a blow after a 10-goal thrashing from the Oakleigh Chargers, 12.13 (85) to 2.7 (19), at Warralee Park in Oakleigh on Sunday.

Aaron Young and Michael Barnes were the Ranges' only goalscorers. The Ranges' remaining matches are against the Bendigo Pioneers and Western Jets.

## Scoreboard

### Pool

#### EASTERN DISTRICTS POOL LEAGUE

**First Division:** Manhattan 18 V Rack 'em Up 30 Whitehorse 26 V Croydon 22 Stamford 15 V Roomers 33 Ringwood Rsl (Bye 0)

**Second Division:** Dorset Gardens 23 V Matt. Flinders 25 Rack 'em Up (Bye) Manhattan 18 V Cutters (X Daisey's) 30 Croydon (Bye) Whitehorse 19 V Roomers 29

**Third Division:** Matt. Flinders 16 V Gully 20 Mt.Dandy 13 V Stamford 23 Fastbreak 18 V Manhattan 18 Bayswater 14 V Ringwood Rsl 22 Roomers 20 V Whitehorse 16

**Fourth Division:** Rack 'em Up 13 V Manhattan 23 Fastbreak 13 V Daisey's (X W'dyte) 17 Matt. Flinders 19 V Cutters (X Daisey's) 17 Roomers 18 V Dorset Gardens 18

### Baseball

#### VICTORIAN WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

**A Grade:** GMBC 10 Resch 2, Wats 6 Knox 5, Melb Uni 7 Greens 4, Croy 4 West 2, VIS 2 Wats 1

**A Reserve:** GMBC 12 Resch 2, Wats 5 Knox 2, Greens 12 Melb Uni 5, West 14 Croy 5

**B Grade:** Lat Uni 9 Pan Hill 1, Wav 16 Dia Ck 2, Nth Bal 3 Bund 1, For Hill 28 Resv 0

**B Reserve:** Lat Uni 15 Pan Hill 2, Wav 8 Dia Ck 1, Nth Bal 9 Bund 2, Resv 5 For Hill 4

**C Grade:** Heath 13 Ring 9, Donc 13 GMBC 4, Wats 19 Knox 6, Melb Uni 11 Greens 11

**C Reserve:** Ring 23 Heath 9, GMBC 21 Donc 4, Knox 12 Wats 9, Melb Uni 9 Greens 3

**D1 Grade:** For Hill 8 Resch 4, Glen 1 16 Wav 14, Croy 15 West 10, Wats 9 Wh Hill 8 Knox 15 Ring R 3

**D2 Grade:** For Hill 17 Resch 3, Knox 3 Nth Lions 3, Lat Uni 14 Nth Bal 6, Wats 18 Wav 7 West 8 GMBC 7

**E Grade:** Bund 18 Croy 8, Lat Uni 5 Wh Hill 5, Wats B 12 Nth Bal B 11, M Majors 12 Nth Bal G 3 St K 9 Wats R 6

**Under-17:** Wats B 15 Wav 6, GMBC 11 Greens 7, Knox 9 West 8, Ring 10 Resch/Donc 9

**Under-15:** Wav R 17 Knox 5, Ring R 16 Wav B 0, Little League: GMBC 21 Dia Ck 4, Wats B 3 Donc Gold 2, Greens 13 Donc Green 5, Wats R 11 Resch 6 Nth Bal H 12 Heath B 5, Ring R 20 Wav B 2, Wav R 16 Knox F 2, Knox H 15 Wav P 12, Ring A 14 Croy 10, Nth Bal W 12 Heath R 5

### Pigeon Racing

#### VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION

**From Hay (NSW):** 370 km 5924 birds

**Federation:** L. Fenton (United) 1970 H. Simeth (United) 1946 J. Stanley (United) 1946

#### Clubs

**Metropolitan:** W. Wojak 1888 M. Lucas 1848 A & J. Kniec 1830

**Mt District:** W. Robbins 1797 G. Jacobs & Sons 1765 J & B. Stones 1733

**Bayswater/Nunawading:** A. Gordon 1799 P & W. Aczel 1786 B. Arter 1772

**Knox:** J & L. Shore 1856 K. Weeks 1833 T. Maslowski 1839

### VAFA Footy

**D1 Section:** Werribee 16.24 d Old Mentonians 11.9, Fitzroy 17.17 d Prahran 4.9, NOB/St Pats 21.11 d Aquinas 14.13, Sth Melb Dist 25.19 d Emmaus St Leos 10.12, Rupertswood 12.17 d Whitefriars 12.16

**D2 Section:** Old Paradians 13.8 d Eltham 9.11, Therry Penola 18.14 d Ivanhoe 7.6, Peninsula 20.14 d Banyule 7.7, Old Westbourne 15.14 d Glen Eira 12.14, Williamstown 27.16 d Yarra Valley 2.11

**D1 Reserve:** Fitzroy 22.20 d Prahran 1.2, NOB/St Pats 14.8 d Aquinas 6.2, Emmaus St Leos 5.9 d Sth Melb Dist 5.7, Whitefriars 11.7 d Rupertswood 5.10, Werribee 18.18 d Old Mentonians 9.8

**D2 Reserve:** Therry Penola 31.18 d Ivanhoe 2.8, Old Westbourne 26.10 d Glen Eira 3.6, Banyule 11.10 d Peninsula 11.9, Old Paradians 16.11 d Eltham 4.18, Williamstown 13.10 d Yarra Valley 8.6

**U19 North 2:** Old Xavs 24.11 d Rupertswood 2.8, Old Geelong Blacks 12.15 d Fitzroy 3.4, Ivanhoe 18.18 d Aquinas 9.11, Emmaus St Leos 9.16 d La Trobe Uni 8.15, Old Westbourne 13.14 d Therry Penola 9.10

## Furious title defence

**Netball** | David Turner

THE Victorian Fury started the defence of its Australian Netball League championship crown with two wins in games at the Waverley Netball Stadium last weekend.

The Fury dominated the 2008 competition — established as a bridging competition between the various state leagues and the Trans-Tasman competition — sweeping through the season undefeated.

Last week, the Fury maintained its unbeaten run with a 59-45 win over the Northern Territory and a 56-45 win over South Australia.

Fury coach Carole Byers said she was delighted to be working with such a talented squad and that the competition was quickly living up to its aim of developing players for the ANZ Championship (Trans-Tasman competition).

"We've got some really good young talent in there and we've got some more experienced players who have stepped up with the (Melbourne) Vixens this year (Brooke Thompson, Kath Knott, Ashlee Howard, Sarah Wall).

"Chelsey Nash is the ideal success story (from the ANL), she's gone from ANL to ANZ (Championship) to the Australian squad."

Local netball is well-represented with Croydon's Karyn Bailey and Croydon North's Brooke Thompson joining the Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels trio of Stephanie Puopolo, Sarah Wall and Micaela Wilson in the squad.

### Victorian Fury

**2009 roster:** Teagan Ashmore (Parkdale) Monash University Central; Karyn Bailey (Croydon) Monash University Central; Christie Barnes (Broadford) Hume City Falcons; Vikki Bester (Seymour) Hume City Falcons; Tegan Caldwell (Anglesea) Hume City Falcons; Ashlee Howard (Wantirna) MelbourneVixens/Boroondara Genesis; Kathleen Knott (Hurstbridge) Vixens/Boroondara Genesis; Phoebe Knox (Marcus Hill) Ballarat Pride; Mary Livesey (Wantirna) Boroondara Genesis; Stephanie Puopolo (Vermont South) Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels; Kara Richards (Mt Martha) Monash University Central; Kasey Stanaway (Surrey Hills) Boroondara Genesis; Brooke Thompson (Croydon North) Melbourne Vixens/VU Western Lightning; Sarah Wall (Warrnambool) Melbourne Vixens/Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels; Micaela Wilson (Rowville) Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels; Kate Yensch (Mont Albert) Monash University Central

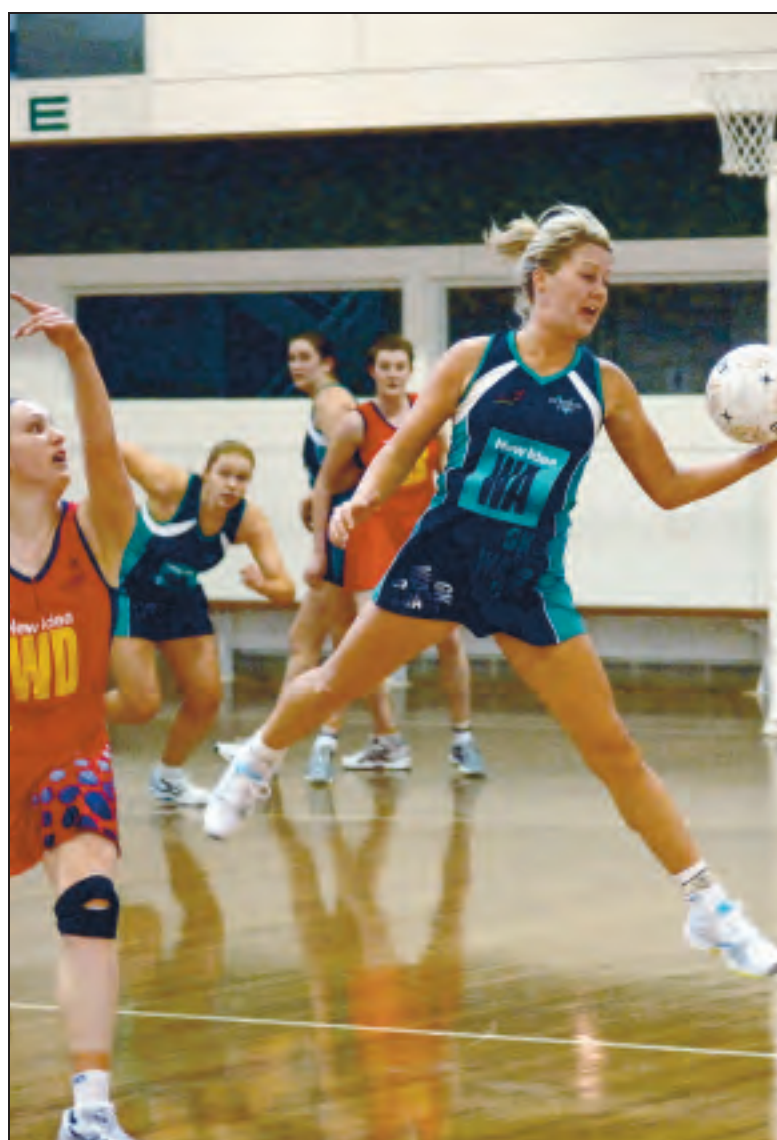
**Coaching staff:** Head coach: Carol Byers; assistant-coach: Cathy Fellows; team managers: Bree McDonald and Susan Jennings; physios: Heidi Pollington and Steve Hawkins; masseurs: Gillian Niven and Masseur Gamal Darwish

With all Australian states represented, and the inclusion of a team from Singapore this year, players in the competition are gaining a valuable insight into the demands of being a netballer at the top level.

"That's one of things (travelling to Singapore) that we in Victoria put our hands up and said, 'that's what we want to do,'" Byers said.

"It's certainly giving the players some great experience."

► **For more Victorian Fury news, logon to [netballvic.com.au](http://netballvic.com.au) or [netball.asn.au](http://netball.asn.au)**



Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels' Sarah Wall gets out in front of South Australia last week. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO S07WG608



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