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RAMS NBL AWARDS

Outstanding Guard: Clyde Huntley (86), Eddie Anderson (91), Terrence Lewis (02)

Outstanding Forward: John Whorton (02)

Kiwi MVP: John "Dutchie" Rademakers (84), Terrence Lewis (02)

Best NZ Guard: John "Dutchie" Rademakers (86), Chris Tupu (94), Terrence Lewis (02)

Best NZ Forward: Glen Denham (90)

Rookie of the Year: Arthur Trousdell (00)

Coach of the Year: John Watson (02)

Points Leader: John Whorton (02), Dennis Trammell (06)

Rebound Leader: John Whorton (02, 03)

Assist Leader: Clyde Huntley (84), Scott Stewart (96), Carlo Varricchio (02),

All Star Five Selection: Clyde Huntley (83, 84, 86, 87), Eddie Anderson (91), Terrence Lewis (02), John Whorton (02)

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to former Rams outstanding American Centre John "Pope" Whorton and his wife Angel who have just announced the birth of son John Ramon.

The Women's Basketball League (2nd Division) gets underway this weekend with three Canterbury teams entered: Wildcats U19, Halswell, University along with the Otago Goldrush and Otago U19s.

Following the Rams home win over Otago on May 3, the side was trumped in Wellington on May 5 with some big plays down the stretch by Saints, 87-79. Michael Joiner had 22 points and 14 boards. Horvath had 27 for Saints.



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DF NBL STANDINGS

As at May 16	P	W	L	W %
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	10	8	2	80
Youthtown Auckland Stars	12	9	3	75
Blue Chip Nelson Giants	13	9	4	69
Easy LPG Bay Hawks	11	7	4	64
U Park It Waikato Pistons	10	6	4	60
Century City Wellington Saints	12	7	5	58
TET Taranaki Mountain Airs	13	6	7	46
Scenic Circle Canterbury Rams	10	2	8	20
Inspire Net Manawatu Jets	11	2	9	18
Cartridge World Otago Nuggets	12	1	11	8

2007 RAMS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
11 Mar	HOME 2:00pm	Giants	L 71-84
15 Mar	HOME 7:30pm	Stars (Sky TV)	L 79-94
17 Mar	AWAY 7:00pm	Nuggets	L 88-102
22 Mar	HOME 7:00pm	Saints	L 77-85
29 Mar	AWAY 7:30pm	Heat (Sky TV)	L 73-94
1 Apr	AWAY 3:30pm	Stars	L 94-104
12 Apr	HOME 7:30pm	Mtn. Airs (Sky TV)	W 72-64
25 Apr	AWAY 7:00pm	Giants	L 76-90
3 May	HOME 7:00pm	Nuggets	W 80-70
5 May	AWAY 7:00pm	Saints	L 79-87
17 May	HOME 7:30pm	Jets (Sky TV)	
23 May	HOME 7:00pm	Hawks	
25 May	HOME 7:00pm	Heat	
31 May	HOME 7:30pm	Pistons (Sky TV)	Timaru
7 June	AWAY 7:30pm	Pistons (Sky TV)	
8 June	AWAY 7:00pm	Mountain Airs	
15 June	AWAY 7:00pm	Hawks	
16 June	AWAY 5:30pm	Jets	
22-23 June	Semi Finals (1 v 4, 2 v 3)		
27-30 June	Grand Final (Best of 3 Series)		

RAMBLINGS

FREE

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME: THURSDAY 17 MAY, 2007
500TH GAME IN THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE



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500 AND COUNTING

by Piet Van Hasselt

The Scenic Circle Canterbury Rams welcome you to this special night when the team takes court for the 500th occasion in the National Basketball League against Inspire Net Manawatu Jets.

The Rams are one of three foundation teams in the NBL alongside Nelson and Auckland, and have a proud and successful tradition including four championships (1986, 89, 90 and 92) and were runners-up on four occasions (1987, 83, 94, 99). Interestingly the team took out the regular season title twice (1987, 93) compared to the championship successes.

In the 26-year history of the league, Canterbury is best known for their uncompromising defence and a balanced offensive attack based on team-first and disciplined attributes. The Red & Blacks have been well supported by Canterbury, firstly at WJ Cowles Stadium (1982-1998) and recently at Westpac Arena (1999-present). The 'glory years' at Cowles Stadium will never be forgotten, forging the franchise's place in NBL history and in the hearts of Rams Fans.

There have been had a large number of NZ representatives, particularly in the 1980s and 90s. During the championship years the Rams were steered by long standing national coach Keith Mair. Some of the standout Rams representatives have included: Bert Knops, John Hill, Clyde Huntley, John Rademakers, Andy Bennett, Gilbert Gordon, Ian Webb, Kenny Perkins, Glen Denham, Graham Timms, Ralph Lattimore, Jason Kyle, Clifton Bush, John Whorton and Rewi Manahi amongst many others ...

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RAMS YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

1982	3rd	1995	6th
1983	5th	1996	8th
1984	4th	1997	7th
1985	3rd	1998	3rd
1986	Champions	1999	2nd
1987	2nd	2000	8th
1988	5th	2001	6th
1989	Champions	2002	3rd
1990	Champions	2003	9th
1991	6th	2004	7th
1992	Champions	2005	5th
1993	2nd	2006	7th
1994	2nd		

Rams NBL Record:

Played 499 Won 287 Lost 212 57.5%

Playoffs:

Played 25 Won 15 Lost 10 60.0%

Titles: Auckland (9), Wellington (5), Canterbury (4)

NEXT HOME GAME

BAY HAWKS

Wednesday 23 May, 7:00pm
Westpac Arena

Defending Champions including Tall Blacks
Paora Winitana and Paul Henare

INAUGURAL 1982 RAMS NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM

3ZM CANTERBURY NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM
 1982 3rd Place and South Island Champions
 Points: For 961 Against 928 Played 14 Won 9 Lost 5



Bede Hall Alan Robson Chris Dobbs
 Murray Mackay (Head Coach) Ian Webb Gilbert Gordon Lance Dixon Andy Bennett Darrell Todd (Asst. Coach)
 John Wright G. Avery (3ZM) John Whelan (Captain) Peter Crowhen (President) Dave Usmar
 INSET: John Hill

In 1982 the Canterbury representative side finished in third place in the inaugural National Basketball League and were the South Island Champions. The team consisted of a number of current and future New Zealand representatives and many are actively involved with basketball in the region to this day.

Peter Crowhen was the Canterbury Basketball Association President at the time. The NBL is one of the longest serving National sports leagues entering it's 26th year. Members of this pioneer team are here tonight, and a special presentation will be made to Crowhen at half-time.



#	Name	Height	Position
4	Matt Stevenson	1.88m	Guard
6	Ash Rees	1.83m	Guard
8	Jeremy Kench (C)	1.85m	Guard
9	Mychal Green (USA)	1.94m	Guard
10	Mark Morrison	1.97m	Forward
11	Paul McFarlin	1.88m	Guard
14	Mike Townsend	2.07m	Centre
20	Nathan Hyde (C)	1.96m	Forward
22	Willy McVitty	1.98m	Forward
25	Michael Joiner (USA)	2.01m	Forward
30	Luke Ruscoe	2.00m	Forward
33	Rewi Manahi	2.00m	Forward
55	Joel Hart	1.84m	Guard

Coach: Chris Sparks (USA) **Trainer:** Kim Vargo
Assistant: Terry Brunel **Physio:** Niamh Clerkin
Assistant: Kenny Perkins

WELCOME BACK LUKE

The Scenic Circle Rams welcome back do-it-all swingman and former NZ Junior Representative Luke Ruscoe to the fray following a four-year career with Brown University in the USA. Ruscoe has the pedigree for national senior representation and is working his way back to playing shape following surgery on his ankle.

TONIGHT'S REFEREES

Gavin Zimmerman, Melony Weallens, Raelene Forde



#	Name	Height	Position
4	Paul Bristol	1.78m	Guard
6	Reece Cassidy	2.00m	Guard
8	Rob Tuilave	2.04m	Forward
9	Daniel Simon	1.86m	Guard
10	Brandon Payton (USA)	1.85m	Guard
12	Steve Hansen	1.99m	Forward
15	Matt TeHuna	1.90m	Guard
21	James Paringatai	2.00m	Forward
22	Aaron Nowell	1.95m	Forward
25	Stacey Lambert (C)	1.90m	Guard
31	Riki Dalzell	1.99m	Forward
44	Warren Byrd (USA)	2.03m	Forward

Coach: Darron Larsen
Assistant: Callum Brock

GAME PREVIEW

Canterbury will be out to defend its two-game win streak at home against fellow two-win team Manawatu. Both sides have competed with the league front runners, but have yet to score a scalp. The Rams (2-8) continue to be led by the two Americans Joiner and Green but the Kiwis have emerged to feature in recent weeks. Kench (17), McFarlin (10), Morrison (6) and Hyde (6) combined for 39 points of the team's 80 in the win over the Otago Nuggets a fortnight ago. Manawatu (2-9) field some capable Kiwi players in Nowell, Cassidy and Lambert (who has been troubled by a calf injury) and are led by feisty American playmaker Brandon Payton, brother of NBA star Gary.

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