Reps honour for pair

CRICKET: Wynnum Marig’s Cameron Preck and Adam McDermott have been chosen for the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI to play the Queensland Academy of Sport at Allan Border Oval this Friday.

McDermott, a participant on FOX8’s Cricket Superstar, will use the game as preparation for the Queensland Impaqta Cup team which will play in Alice Springs from February 5-12.

Basketball to resume

BASKETBALL: Junior representative basketball resumes this weekend after Basketball Queensland was forced to cancel all round nine games last Saturday because of the weather.

Some venues were closed and there were concerns over the use of roads due to the heavy rainfall across southeast Queensland. All round nine games matches will be rescheduled.

For updates on rescheduled games, please visit basketballqld.com.au.

Market Day Town Down

MALL: To assist bystanders who do not know about local sports, Wynnum-Bray Park club spokesman David Jones will provide a brief description over the coming weeks.

Jones said the traditional game of croquet is played as singles or doubles on a court the size of two tennis courts, side-by-side.

The aim is to run your team’s two balls through each of six hoops twice and finally hit the centre peg. The person or team running the most hoops when time expires is the winner.

For further information, phone John Scott 3020692.

Next week he will talk about golf croquet.

Wolves aim at families

SOCCER: Wolves FC have started a member-friendly strategy to help families keep their children in sport.

Club president Richard Tarnawski said balancing the club’s budget in past years had been a difficult task because affordability for families was a priority.

In conjunction with Football Brisbane, a major ART Union draw is being held this year with significant dividends from ticket sales being returned directly to the clubs.

In return for families’ support in selling tickets, the direct financial dividend for clubs will help to offset the club administration costs and fees imposed by Football Queensland.

Registration for the 2012 season will be available this weekend from 9am to 2pm. All new players should bring a copy of their birth certificate.

NAME: Eamon Standring. SPORT: Taekwondo. AGE: 13

WYNNUM West resident Eamon Standring has already earned a black belt in taekwondo. He has also studied the martial art in Doha, Qatar before coming to Australia.

When did you start doing taekwondo?

In September 2007 in Doha, Qatar. We had just moved there from Montreal, and I was looking for a sport I could do inside.

What did you learn in Qatar?

I developed a sound knowledge of exercise in general and taekwondo in particular as well as learning respect for the matters and other students.

There was also a very heavy emphasis on not using your knowledge to attack anyone. How hard is it to earn a black belt?

To gain a black belt you must first pass the grading test for each of the lower belts. I passed nine grades to gain my black belt.

How did you feel when you earned your black belt?

I felt very proud to earn a black belt as it signified lots of hard work and dedication to the sport. Attaining my black belt at age 12 is a very worthy achievement and my parents were also very proud.

How does taekwondo help you in everyday life?

Taekwondo is good for discipline, posture and for defending yourself if attacked. Taekwondo also helps me with stretching and basic exercises to stay healthy. I also feel more confident in dealing with everyday situations.

Inundations put seasons in doubt

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GENERAL SPORT: Seasons are in jeopardy after floodwaters tore through the Brisbane, Wolfs FC and Wynnum Mariny ground grounds at Carmichael Park last week.

Already two major games being rescheduled for the Brisbane Wolves have been postponed and the club’s main problem is the cancellation of training and premiership games.

Wolves FC football development manager Paul Edmonds said the weather was forgiving during the weekend and the club should be back on track within a fortnight.

“Last year’s season’s

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League sign-on days

RUGBY LEAGUE: Queensland Rugby League says most clubs will hold major sign-on events this weekend. The code’s numbers have increased steadily in recent years and another boost is expected in 2012. To find your local club, visit qrl.com.au.

Judo classes

MARTIAL ARTS: The Ahori Judo Club at Goomale is running several classes for people wanting to take part in the sport. Intermediate classes are held on Mondays from 5.30-6.30pm, junior classes on Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30pm and senior classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30pm.

The club is at 40 Melle Rd, Goomale. For more information contact Cathy Brain on 0414 408 320 or email cathy@ahorijudo.com.au.

Greats at Cannon Hill

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Cannon Hill Stars Junior Rugby League Club junior finals day this year and to celebrate it is holding a gala evening on March 10. Former Cannon Hill juniors Wally Lewis, Bob Lindsay and Graham Quinn will attend.

League’s sign-on day will be on Sunday 9am. For more information contact 3399 9473 or email cannonhillstars168@bigpond.com.

Netball growing

NETBALL: State netball officials believe the sport will be one-day final rugby league as a professional pathway for young Queenslanders.

With winter sports including all four football codes, softball, hockey and basketball in the midst of their sign-on blitz, Netball Queensland is expecting another surge in player numbers following the success last year of the Queensland Firebirds in the ANZ Championship.

Numbers grew 7.5 per cent in 2011 before the Firebirds won the trans-Tasman competition, and Netball Queensland high-performance manager Sean Tegg said the sport was looking to capitalize.

Sign-ins are now available at all netball clubs around Queensland. To find your local association visit netball.qld.au or phone 3848 6380.

Join the dragons

DRAGON BOATS: The Manly Dragon Boat Club is holding four sessions available to the public. The ‘fun and fitness’ program runs on three days: Thursday 10-11.30am and 5.30-7pm; Saturday 7.30-9am, and Sunday 7-8.30am.

For more information, contact the club on 0421 750 443 or info@manlydragons.com.au.