

Magic just out of top three

THE Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic are outside the top three of the ANZ Premiership netball standings after a 56-51 loss to the Northern Stars in Auckland on Wednesday.

The Magic did earn a bonus point in the loss, which could be crucial in making the play-offs, which will be made up of the top three teams.

With five games remaining the Magic are in fourth place, two points behind the Mainland Tactix. Opotiki's Monica Falkner played in the first three quarters of the game where she landed seven goals at goal attack.

It was the Stars' second win of the season and the two key figures were shooter Maia Wilson who slotted 42 goals from 46 attempts in a fine all-round game, and young custodian Kate Burley.

The Magic suffered an unexpected blow when a foot injury suffered during the warm-up ruled in-form captain Casey Kopua out of the match, her position at goal defence being picked up by Katherine Levien.

Magic delivered several mini runs to threaten on occasion but the visitors were generally laboured on attack and unable to break the shackles. The Magic made a comeback of sorts in the middle stages as shooter Lenize Potgieter shone at the attacking end, but they were not able to overcome the home team. The Magic host the second-placed Steel in round nine in Hamilton on Monday.

Ohope golf results

THURSDAY, June 28 - Flight Centre mixed Haggie Stableford: Gavin Holford 40, David Yates 39, Denis Holtham 37, Margaret Sullivan 37.

FRIDAY, June 29 - Graeme Lee Tournament Stableford: Men - Henry Spring 45, Ivan Read 40, Wetini Mokomoko 39. Twos: Graham Fuller, Wayne Abbott, Lennie Kingi, Henry Spring, Rick Morris, Ivan Read.

Women: Judi Tobin-Roberts 35, Sarndra Tiopira 34, Maggie Ferguson 34, Zandra Hahipene 34, Jan Thatcher 33.

SATURDAY, June 30 - Men's competition par: Terence Bowe 3; Chris Stevens, Stewart MacGibbon, Gavin Holford 2; Franz Wetzel, Tony Bartlett, Bruce Stuart, Richard Hayes, Mike Vincent 1. Twos - Richard Hayes, Ian Bartlett, Mike Vincent.

Women's Draper Salver nett - Division one: Yan Ping Sun 74; division two: Linda Murray 80, Christine Stevens 80.

TUESDAY, July 3 - Women's LGU nett, Division one: Madeline Brett-Kelly 81, Louisa Hayward 88. Division two: Cheryl Renouf 75, Janet Kerr 77, Margaret Sullivan 78. Division three: Kirsty Lee 69, Jan Thatcher 77, Mary Hermanson 79.

Nine-hole par: Tara Belloni 4, Felicity Holden 1, Christine Morton 0, Jaqueline Voysey 0, Jennie Wills -1, Marie Harris -1.

WEDNESDAY, July 4 - Men's scramble Stableford: Ivan Read 40, Roy Dawson 38, Denis Houltham 38, Malcolm Akehurst 36, John Wain 36, Gerard Geerlings 35. Twos: Geoffrey Bell, Brian Takurua, Ivan Read, Jack Hourigan.



SKY HIGH: Brandon Biggs competes on the trampoline for Trident High School.

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Gymnasts jump to comps

EASTERN Bay Gymnastics Club members competed in a regional secondary school competition in Rotorua last week.

The contingent included competitors from Whakatane and Trident high schools as well as Opotiki College.

In the men's artistic B grade restricted competition, Whakatane's Jean-Daniel Rosset placed first overall. He also won the men's A grade tumbling event.

Competing in the women's artistic level two competition, the Whakatane team of Abbey Stokes, Caitlin Berquist and Alice Blakeway placed second overall. Caitlin was first on bar and beam and was the overall runner-up. Abbey placed third equal on beam and fourth overall.

Level three competitor Sarah McLay, from Whakatane, placed first on vault and second on bar, beam and floor to place second overall. Opotiki's Brooklyn Earp placed fifth overall and Whakatane's Milla Dibben was sixth overall.

In the women's B grade trampoline event, Sarah was fourth and Alice placed fifth in the C grade. Jean-Daniel was runner-up in the men's A grade trampoline competition and Trident's Brandon Biggs placed third. Sarah was runner-up in the women's A grade tumbling event, Caitlin won the C grade with Abbey the runner-up and Alice in fourth place. The next competition for some of the students will be the national championships in Auckland in September.

On Sunday, 10 junior gymnasts competed in their first competition, which was also a first for the club at this level. In the eight to 12 green division were Isolde Camburn, Lila Mews, Madeleine Carter, Coco Wren, Shawnee Wharton and Alexis Ogle. Isolde placed third equal on floor and Coco was runner-up on the vault.

In the blue division, the next level up, Eastern Bay gymnasts

BALANCING ACT: Whakatane High School's Alice Blakeway competes on the bar in Rotorua last week.



were Serenity Martin, Bailey Law, Oshanna Surman and Lily Hayward. Bailey placed fourth equal floor and Serenity placed sixth overall.

Club spokeswoman Anne Gould said it was a great start for the girls who are looking forward to their next competition in Te Puke in September.

Bowls

Tuesday

TUESDAY afternoon indoor bowls results, were:

1, Celeste Thorburn and Mora McPherson, with two wins and a draw; 2, Raewyn Clark and Caz Goodchild, with two wins and 22 points; 3, Tina Johnson and Cheryl Ashwell, with two wins and 20 points; 4, Wally Seccombe and Murray Melville, with two wins and 19 points.



Consolation prize was shared by Pip Freemantle, Cillia London, Val Broadbent, Rink Scholtens and Mel Progder.

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