

# Gymnasts tumble in

EIGHT students from three high schools, including Trident, Whakatane and Opotiki College, had a hugely successful day at the Secondary School Regional Power Tumbling and Trampoline Competition in Rotorua on Friday.

Amy Pilkinton (Trident) took out first place in the elite women's tumbling, Dylan Biggs (Trident) was first in the A-grade men's tumbling and first in the A-grade men's trampoline, Brandon Biggs (Trident) was also first in the B-grade men's tumbling and second in the A-grade men's trampoline, Kayla Forsyth (WHS) came third in the A-grade women's tumbling, while Sarah McLay took second in the B-grade women's tram-

poline, Jean-Daniel Rosset (WHS) was third in the A-grade men's trampoline.

The gymnasts are coached by Jordan Biggs and Anne Gould.

Their next competition is the artistic regional competition at Argos Gymsports in Tauranga on June 9. The teens are also working towards the secondary schools nationals at the end of July.

**TUMBLERS:** From left, back, Kayla Forsyth, Amy Pilkinton, Brandon Biggs, Dylan Biggs and Jack Badger and front, Sarah McLay, Jean-Daniel Rosset and Brooklyn Earp.

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# Paul takes court again

WHAKATANE'S Mererangi Paul earned more court time as the Mystics lost to neighbours the Stars on Wednesday.

Paul, who made her debut last week, played five minutes at centre in the second quarter. Fighting to stay in touch for a top three spot, Mystics lost dynamic wing attack Elispeta Toeava to injury after four minutes, which stalled their momentum a little, the favourites unable to gain any ascendancy in the opening exchanges.

It was a tight contest throughout with the Stars winning the final two quarters to claim a 59-53 victory.

# School teams perform well

WHAKATANE High School sports results this week were :

**Volleyball:** Caitlin Studer was selected for the Bay of Plenty under-17 team while Emily Julian is the captain of the under-17 development team which also includes Ava Andersen. Teacher Nic Christie is coaching the under-17 men's A team. The three players also made the New Zealand youth performance group. Emily was also selected for the New Zealand beach team in their development tour of California.

**Hockey:** The first XI girls' team beat Ruamata 2-0.

**Basketball:** The senior boys beat Edgecumbe College while the junior girls' gold team lost to Opotiki College and the black team lost to Trident High School.

The junior boys' gold team had a win over Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te

## Whakatane High School

Kura Kokiri while the black team beat Edgecumbe.

**Rugby:** The first XV boys beat Mount Maunganui College 39-5 and the under-15 boys beat Opotiki College 42-5. The first XV girls lost 58-12 to Opotiki College.

**Netball:** The gold team beat Team Shannon 43-22, the premier side lost 45-20 to #TMI and the black team were beaten 34-18 by Te Wharekura o Ruatoki 34-18.

On Sunday, the under-15 rep team placed sixth in the A grade of the Bay of Plenty Nita Shannon tournament. They

lost 31-14 to Mount Maunganui College, lost to Trident High School 29-19 and were also beaten 22-21 by Bethlehem College.

**Football:** The first XI boys beat Trident High School B 4-1 as Whakatane dominated in the first half, but no goals were scored before halftime. The first 10 minutes of the second saw a flurry of goals started by Mitchell White, then one each from brothers Reuben and Isaiah Cooper.

A determined effort late in the game from Elliot Jenkins completed the final goal tally for Whakatane. A late penalty to Trident was initially saved by keeper Dylan Chelley but successfully followed through to account for Trident's goal.

Whakatane play Te Puke High School at Rex Morpeth Park this Saturday.

The girls' first XI lost 5-2 to Trident High School A.

Emily Julian and Teiria Barsdell scored Whakatane's goals.

## Edgecumbe College

EDGECUMBE College sports results this week were:

**Football:** The boys' team were beaten 8-6 by Te Puke High School. Jamaal James scored three goals while Ben Burr, Tavana Whare-Rex and Quintin Wood scored one goal each. They also had a 3-1 loss to Papamoa College and Rongo Kohai was Edgecumbe's goal scorer.

The girls' first XI competed at the Bay Day tournament at Rex Morpeth Park.

The first game was against Opotiki College which they lost 1-0 and then had a two-all draw with Trident High.

**Athletics:** Academy member Caleb Moore was selected for the New Zealand athletics team to attend the Oceania area Athletics Championships at the end of June in Fiji. This has been the second time Caleb has been selected for a New Zealand team. In 2015 he went as part of the New Zealand team to the Oceania Area Athletics Championships to Cairns, Australia and came back with a bronze medal. This year Caleb will throw hammer in the under-18 and under-20 age groups. Caleb has been in good form after winning a bronze medal at the New Zealand Senior Track and Field Championships and finished fourth in the under-20 age group.

**Netball:** Tarawera High School's senior one netball team were beaten 48-42 by Opotiki College on Saturday while the junior one team were too good for the St Joseph's School Sting, winning 37-2.

**Rugby:** The first XV rugby team were beaten 36-22 by Rotorua Boys High School fourth XV.

## Trident High School

TRIDENT High School sports results this week were:

**Football:** The senior boys' A team beat Mount Maunganui College first XI 10-1 in the Baywide youth premier division. Krishaant Singh scored eight goals while Max Frisch and Xavier Bain also scored.

The junior A team beat Otumoetai College in the Western Bay 14th-15th grade. After a tense start Trident ran out 5-2 winners. The senior boys' B team had a 4-1 loss against Whakatane High School first XI. After going into the break level, Whakatane were too strong in the second half. The girls' first XI were 6-2 winners over Whakatane High School, the second XI girls beat Bethlehem College 7-0 and the A team were 3-1 winners over Opotiki College.

**Rugby:** The first XV lost 25-10 to Rotorua Boys' High School third XV, the under-15 team beat Tauranga Boys' College 17-5, while the under-14 team also faced Tauranga and lost 26-22.

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