

27th Annual National Electric Wheelchair Sports

16th to 22nd April 2012

The New South Wales Colts are in training for the upcoming National Electric Wheelchair Sports (NEWS) in April 2012. Last year the Colts won all major trophies. This year we have a new look team, after the retirement of some players. The team is excited about the challenge in front of them and cannot wait for the tournament.

The tournament is held over four match days, including the Round Robin Competitions for Hockey on the 17th, Soccer on the 18th and Rugby League on the 19th, with the Finals on the 21st. The most successful team from the combined results of the Round Robin competitions in all sports will be awarded the Roger Melnyk Trophy. The teams that finish first and second in each sport will qualify for the Grand Final, with the next two teams qualifying for the third place play-off.

NEWS is under the auspices of Muscular Dystrophy Foundation (MDF) and the event is proudly hosted by MDNSW .

The NSW Colts will compete against Queensland Gladiators, Western Wasps, South Australia Scorpions, Victoria Pride Warriors and the ACT Wheelers. The ACT team is a composite team of players from all states.

The NSW team for NEWS 2012 is Chris Suffield (Captain), James Kim (Vice Captain), Alex Scollard, Jordan Crane,

Hamish Armitage and Kieran Watts from NSW will be playing for ACT.

NEWS 2012 will again be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. This is a terrific venue for NEWS and the staff of the Academy is very supportive of our tournament. I encourage members to come out and watch the tournament. The finals day on the 21st April, is a great day as you will see all the three sports on the one day, but the round robin days are very exciting as well.

The NSW squad trains every Sunday at Kevin Betts Stadium, Ralph Place, Mt Druitt. The remaining training dates are: 26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March and 1st April. All sessions are held from 10.45am to 1.45pm.

For more information about the tournament or if you are interested in getting involved

in electric wheelchair sports, feel free to contact me on (02) 9643 1429 or email MBaptiste@bigpond.com

Michael Baptiste

National Director NEWS & NSW Coach



NSW Colts on the attack against SA Scorpions in soccer

Dean Crane and Andrew Kim. Andrew is making his debut at NEWS and for NSW. The team is coached by Michael Baptiste, with Peter Dalrymple as Assistant Coach.

THE NEUROMUSCULAR CLINICS

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Sydney Children's Hospital
Outreach Clinics are held at
Canberra Hospital, Canberra
John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle
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The Children's Hospital at Westmead
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Clinic
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