

## Wallan Basketball Inc. CBL Program 2015/16

## CBL Men 2015/16 - Final Squad Announcement

Following two weeks of intense pre-season training Panthers CBL Men Head Coach, Martyn Ford, has confirmed the final squad that will represent Wallan Basketball and the #tealarmy in the CBL Men North East Conference this summer.

The Panthers are proud to announce that the returning Daniel Stavrinou, as well as new recruit Kane Molloy, will join inaugural captain Aron Pantano as three of the four members of this season's leadership group.

Molloy joins the program with a wealth of experience in Big V. A strong, skilled guard with both range and the ability to break down defenders, his ability to drive and motivate the team has been a highlight of pre-season training thus far.

In addition to the three veteran members of the leadership group, Wallan Basketball are especially proud to announce the appointment to the leadership group of Luke Liesegang. A product of Wallan Basketball's junior program, Luke has earned the right to call himself a senior member of the squad for 2015/16 after contributing to the program in our debut season as a development athlete. A long and versatile forward with the ability to score all over the floor, Luke's maturity, work ethic and overall basketball intelligence will set the standard for our current and future development athletes.

We are proud to announce that the following eight athletes have been selected to the final squad for the 2015/16 season:

Mark Bilyj
Jack Dodd
Luke Liesegang
Kane Molloy
Aron Pantano
Michael Perkins
Jaak Ponsford
Daniel Stavrinou

In line with our Player Development Pathway, up to four (4) additional places on game day rosters will be selected, based on performance and requirements, from members of our CBL (State Performance Program) Development Squad:

Ryan Bonner	(U18)
Brayden Buckley	(U18)
Brad Butler	(U20)
Dean Campbell	(U18)
Tasman Clark	(U18)
Lachlan Heywood	(U16)
Lachlan Lombardo	(U16)
James Metaxotos	(U20)
Jordan Paul	(U16)
Sebastian Villegas	(U16)
James Metaxotos Jordan Paul	(U20) (U16)

With our focus on developing our junior athletes and facilitating their transition into senior basketball, several senior athletes capable of making a solid contribution at CBL level were omitted at this final selection. Two athletes in particular have been identified as having the potential to be great assets for Wallan Basketball, both in our endeavours to provide solid pathways for our junior athletes and our aspirations to compete in Big V in 2016. Dylan Cole and Nick Stavrinou have been invited to continue with the CBL Men in a training capacity, with an option to be rostered throughout the season should it be necessary to cover injury or absence.

We wish to thank all athletes that have contributed to our program by attending try-outs and pre-season training. We are a far stronger team for your efforts and invite you to strongly consider competing in our senior domestic competition that will commence in the near future.