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HOW DID ROUND ONE GO?

Coaches, Players and organisers wait with much interest for results of Round One which can be some indication of whether their grade will provide good competition. In recent years most East grading has produced exciting seasons with the decisive majority of teams being competitive in their grade. Under 12's with lower numbers, some girl's grades with lower numbers and the lowest grades do not have quite the success rate.

One round can be misleading, but overall the results were encouraging. A margin of single figures can be taken as quite a close game.

BOYS RESULTS

Just over half - 55/105 games had margins of less than 10 points. Strangely Under 12's & U/14's were overall closer than Under 16's & 18's which have provided the most intense competitions over the previous four years.

In every grade except the large Under 14 Regional 4 (which will have two sets of finals) a majority of game margins in the Under 12's & 14's were below 9 points. Take that grade out 28/42 games had a narrow margin.

One of the best grades was the Under 14 Regional 2 north with two 2 point games, a 6 point game and a 10 point game. It was rivalled by 18 Region 2B which had a tie, a one point victory, a 3 point & 7 point margin and one runaway win. Under 16 East 2A seems the closest of the Under 16 competitions.

GIRLS RESULTS

Given the smaller numbers the results are more than reasonable. 25/43 games were within the nine point margin. As anticipated the age groups with lesser numbers of teams, Under 12's and Under 18's did not have as close results as Under 14's and Under 16's.

12's & 18's 5/13 games 9 point margins or less.
14's & 16's 20/30 games 9 point margins or less.

The closest games were in 14 East 1 where there was a tie, a 3,5,7 & 8 point game.

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENTS RE: SCORING

Teams have sometimes experienced the disappointment of thinking they have won a game and then finding out they lost.

The chances of this happening can be minimised by taking the following precautions.

1. Scorers should check frequently the addition and individual scores with the running total and the display board.
2. People on the bench should work co-operatively. The scorer should EXPECT that the time-keeper will wish to check on the scoring. All activities should be transparent.
3. Scorers should make sure their markings are clear. Scorers should add the scores at the end of the game and then WAIT while the referees check the scoresheet and verify the result.

FINALS

Most grades will have a top five. However Under 14 Regional 2 Central Boys and Under 14 Regional 4 Boys is a combination of two sections which will each have their own finals.

In the Under 12 East 3 Boys and Under 16 East 4 Boys there will be a top five and a second five.

In Under 16 Regional 2 Girls and Under 18 Regional 4 Boys, due to an incomplete home and away series, there will be a top eight.