Champion planning
Classic show of skill

NT squad picked for Imparja cricket Cup

NORTHERN Territory coach Greg Aldam is looking forward to giving more opportunities to youth during next month’s Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

Aldam has picked a relatively inexperienced squad after Cricket Australia announced that this year’s tournament would only allow six players over 23 in the first XI.

He expected youngsters including Palmerston off-spinner Brandon King and pace duo Dylan Fuller (Tracy Village) and Lachlan Saunders (West) to continued their rapid rise.

King has already played cricket at a higher level, representing the NT in the Cricket Australia National under-17’s carnival last year.

“Really pleasing to see those guys come through the ranks,” Aldam said. The semi-final loss to eventual winners Western Australia in 2014 was the Territory’s best finish for a number of years.

Former PROBuild Rovers allrounder Darrell Lowe, now based in Tennant Creek, will skipper the side which has a focus on youth.

The side has players from five towns in the Territory including Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

NT Imparja Cup squad: Darrell Lowe, PROBuild Rovers/Tennant Creek, Adam Maidam, PROBuild Rovers, Brian Manning, West, Lachlan Saunders, West, Curtis Marriott, Napooth, Brandon King, Palmerston, Dylan Fuller, Tracy Village, Ayden Allin, Tracy Village, Stefan Ludwig, Southern Districts, Jordan Ludwig, Southern Districts, Blair Dunlop, Southern Districts, Gene Norman, Rangers, Hayden Paige, Gohulan, ACT.

Thunder boost in key names

NT THUNDER'S 2015 playing stocks have been further bolstered, with the re-signing of four more key players.

Matt Rosier (West, Alice Springs), Mitchell Taylor (Wanderers), Jack Long (St Mary’s) and Jonathan Miles (Wanderers) have all put pen to paper.

This means 12 players have committed to the club for next season’s NEAFL competition.

Coach Xavier Clarke was delighted to regain the experience of Rosier and Taylor as well as improving pair Long and Miles.

NT Thunder 2015 squad: Richard Tamblyn (Southern Districts), Cameron Ilett (St Mary’s), Darren Ewing (St Mary’s), Aaron Molloy (St Mary’s), Jordan Pajara (Central Australia), Justin Beugelaar (Warababas), Jonathan Peris (Nightcliff), Chris Dunne (Wanderers), Shannon Rioli (St Mary’s), Matthew Rosier (West, Central Australia Football League), Mitchell Taylor (Wanderers), Jack Long (St Mary’s), Jonathan Miles (Wanderers).

Getting footy down to business

TENNANT Creek-based Antonio Riley will continue the long line of junior Central Australian Footballers involved in the Rio Tinto Footty Means Business program.

Riley follows Rovers forward Tosh Kunoth, who starred in the Footty Means Business Rio Tinto Cup at the MCG, booting five goals on his way to winning the Nicky Winmar Medal in 2014.

Riley, who has played for Pioneer and Spittlers as well as playing Northern Territory under-15’s, will attend two camps in February and May.

The program will visit Perth next month and Melbourne in May and culminates in playing the curtain raiser match to the ‘Dreamtime at the ‘G’ game between Essendon and Richmond.

The AFL Rio Tinto footty means business program provides 50 indigenous men, aged 18-24, with exposure to elite AFL programs and training along with networking opportunities.

Between camps participants are assigned a mentor and are required to undertake a personal development project in their community.

West Football Club

UNDER 17’S COACH REQUIRED

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