



Secondary School Sport

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Success in school sport

■ **BILL GROGAN**
Regional Sport Director
School sport Canterbury

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' tennis finals were played in Blenheim during the first weekend of the school holidays, with six Canterbury Schools representing the South Island in this event.

Rangi Ruru Girls' School was the best placed of the Canterbury teams, taking second place after losing narrowly to St Cuthberts, of Auckland, in a very close final.

The defending champion, St Andrew's College was unfortunately not able to repeat its success of 2007 but still finished a creditable fourth in a very strong mixed grade competition.

Other results were:
Boys Grade: St Bede's College 5th; Christchurch Boys' High School 7th.

Girls Grade: St Margaret's College 6th. Mixed Grade: Lincoln High School 6th.

The South Island Secondary School Swimming Championships were held in Dunedin, also during the first weekend of the holidays, with many of our top ranked secondary school

swimmers featuring prominently in the results.

Canterbury swimmers won 34 of the 54 events and set three new championship records. The most outstanding individual swimmers were;

Abby Shaw, St Margaret's College, who won four individual titles and was part of two winning relay teams.

Aimee Brown, St Margaret's College, who won two individual titles, including a new record in the under 15 50m backstroke and was also part of two winning relay teams.

Charles Porter, Christ's College, who won four individual titles.

Rachel Craythome, Villa Maria College, who won three individual titles.

Tim Wright, St Andrew's College, who won three individual titles.

Bree van Kuelen, Rangiora High School, who broke her own records, set in Christchurch last year, in both the Swimmer with a Disability 50m Freestyle and Backstroke.

Developing stars

■ **KEN DUNNING**

With the Olympics 80 days away, the search is on to find the next group of young boys and girls to represent the Olywhites, New Zealand's under-23 football team.

Stars Coaching is a Christchurch company formed to do just that and the two men on the lookout are Graham McMann and Craig Crawford.

It is their ambition to see not only boys and girls develop into stars of the future but into fine young members of the community.

"All through football, we spend time in the classroom asking the kids in what country is Boeca Juniors? So they are learning a bit about the world we live in," Craig said.

Stars Coaching is based at the Hallswell Domain. Tomorrow a coaching camp for young goalkeepers will be held. It will consist of two four-

and finish at 2.30pm. According to both coaches this is a great chance for goalkeepers to have specialised coaching.

Most camps are mixed and do not have one-on-one coaching, McMann said. They will learn things like how to be comfortable on both feet, how to be positive with the ball, how to make good decisions. They will also learn about hard work and responsibility.

The next camp will commence on the May 9. Stars Coaching also has training throughout the school term. This includes 10 half-hour sessions for 10 weeks. The cost is \$80. If you would like your son or daughter to go to the term two coaching sessions, enrolments close on Monday May 5.

For further information on either of these camps go to starscoaching.co.nz



Keen competitor: Leeston's Nicola Carrick, here riding Oui Bercause at Tui Creek last month, is Island three-day horse trials in Christchurch. Photo: Annie Studholme

Tough three days southern equestrian

Eventing will take centre stage in Christchurch this weekend with the South Island's leading riders converging on the Garden City for the prestigious South Island Three Day Event.

The competition from May 1 to May 4 at Wigram's Canterbury Park Agricultural Centre has attracted the best event riders from around the South Island and across the strait to compete for overall championships honours.

The event has a CCI 2*, CIC 1*, pre-novice, training, 4-6 year-old training and for the first time this year, pre-training, thanks to strong sponsorship.

Organisers say the CCI 1* class is especially strong with seasoned campaigners, including Clarke Johnston on 45 South, Incognito and Orient Express and top North Island combination of Jonathan Paget on Clifton Pinot coming up against strong Canterbury contenders such as Brent Jury riding

S.E. Big and Traverse and Alice Montgomery on Tanquary.

Competition kicks off tomorrow in the main arena at noon when the South Island's top young horses will contest the Saddlery Barn's Young Event Horse Championship class.

Friday will see the formal part of the three-day event begin with the dressage phase taking place from noon in the main arena, followed by exciting cross country action the next day from 10am throughout the 145-hectare Canterbury Park grounds.

The championships will conclude on Sunday with the final show jumping contested in the main arena from 9am.

Eventing Canterbury is pleased to once again have the services of internationally renowned Auckland-based course designer Tich Massey for the CCI 2* and 1* tracks. Massey, who is best known as the course

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