



ISL 2012

Grand Final Results and Recaps

(Sunday 2nd December 2012 @ TSS)

Men's Grand Final

Celtics Basketball Club 92 defeated Bowler Bar Battlers 73

Recap: A fantastic crowd rolled into TSS for the rematch of the 2011 Grand Final, expecting an intense and tight game and early on they were far from disappointed! Bowler Bar had the most mojo early and with inspirational leader Tim "Smut" Smith hitting 3 baskets (more than he had in the entire semi-final) finding range early as well as James "Sexiest Man In ISL not named Steve Weiland" Whitby on target, the Battlers had the Celtics under the pump. After Benny Gill drained a triple late into the first quarter the Battlers lead extended out to 9 and Celtics Coach Doug Garvie was forced to take a time-out to steady his troops. After the time-out the intensity lifted from both sides they traded baskets before finishing the first quarter with Bowler Bar leading 24-17.

The second quarter was a complete reverse of the first with the Celtics playing with more energy and passion than the Battlers and midway through the second quarter had tied the game. Both teams traded baskets with numerous lead changes and two late downtown bombs from Celtics shooter Simon Stevens gave the green machine a 40-39 half-time lead.

The third quarter continued on in much the same vein as the second with the Celtics controlling the tempo and the glass with the intimidator Jason Aucoin and Andy "Chief" Harrison every rebound available. With the game in the balance, Marquee Jason Aucoin decided to take over the game and scored 12 of his game high 21 to lead his team to a handy 9 point, 69-60 lead at the final break.

As everyone expected the Battlers to make one big run at the Celtics, it just never really happened. They drew back to within 6 points on two occasions early but they just never had enough juice in the tank and a pumped up Green Machine just got stronger as they sensed victory drawing closer. Down the stretch youngster Andrew Lomakin (who has shot to stardom in ISL 2012) buried the Battlers with three triples and the Celtics ran away to a convincing and well earned 92-73 win.

The win gave the Celtics and coach Doug Garvie the first ever back to back championship for a franchise and coach. It also gave Simon Stevens & Andrew Lomakin their second straight championship with the Celtics and Andy “Chief” Harrison also joined some elite company with his second ISL championship after winning the 2010 Inaugural ISL Championship with Formia Developments.

Top Scorers: Jason Aucoin 22 (Celtics), Simon Stevens 21 (Celtics), Andrew Lomakin 17 (Celtics)

Grand Final MVP: Jason Aucoin (Celtics)

Women’s Grand Final

The Allstar Group 96 defeated Harvey World Travel Tweed Heads 68

Recap: The Allstars came into this Grand Final as the deserving favourites but that meant nothing to HWT early and they had the Allstars on the backfoot as they raced out to a 13-4 lead. However, the Allstars refused to panic and managed to grind their way back to have the scores tied at 16-16 at the first break. The Allstars wasted no time in the second quarter quickly establishing a lead and despite superstar Izzy Chilcott only having scored 7 points for the half, the Allstars had managed to sneak out to a 40-29 half-time lead. Despite Harvey World coming out with renewed energy to start the third, the Allstars clicked into top gear and in the blink of an eye had extended to a 20 point plus lead and found themselves within reach of the \$5,000 winner’s cheque.

Harvey World Travel had been strong all season but they were no match for the Allstars in this game and couldn’t make any late inroads into the score as the Allstars cruised to a 96-68 victory, taking out the 3rd ISL Women’s Championship with the highest ever Women’s Grand Final team score. The victory was also the first ever ISL championship for Coach Stuart Allen along with every player in the Allstar group, helping make it all that much sweeter.

Top Scorers: Izzy Chilcott 19 (Allstars), Kristy Wallace 19 (Allstars), Karina Agius 17 (HWT)

Grand Final MVP: Mel Tronc (Allstars).

ISL 2012 Three Point Shoot-Out

Brett Hutchins (Man Trucks) and Bree Griffiths (Celtics) were crowned the first ever ISL 3-Point Champions in a day of excitement. The crowd were thrilled as the outside shooting stars of ISL 2012 went head to head throughout the day. Gold Coast Titans star Scott Prince was a special entry who drew plenty of attention from the crowd and showed his all-round athleticism and sporting skills nailing 10 three's (second highest score of the first round) but was unlucky to lose on the buzzer to a red hot James Whitby 11-10.

For champion Brett Hutchins he had to do it tough on his way to the title. He scrapped through his heat beating Rollers legend Adam Darragh 8-7 before scrapping past youngster Jaze Morris 9-8. The Grand Final saw Hutcho up against pre-contest favourite Scott Kenny who had posted two round high performances of 11 but he saved his best for last getting off to a hot start and with Kenny struggling to get on a roll he managed to hold off a late rally to win the final 10-8.

The women's series was also a great series with plenty of tight games. Pre-contest favourite Bree Griffiths struggled a little in her first round scrapping through with a 5-3 win before outlasting fellow veteran Carrie Mill 6-4 in the semi-final. As with the men's this is all about peaking at the right time and Bree did just that, catching fire half-way through the Grand Final after trailing impressive youngster Hanna Beede 6-5 at that stage. Bree went on to nail her next 5 shots in a row and ran away with an exciting 10-7 Grand Final win, a score which would have been good enough to tie the men's Grand Final.

ISL 2012 Dunk Contest

The highly anticipated inaugural ISL Dunk Contest drew a HUGE crowd at TSS with everyone staying after the men's Grand Final to catch some of the ISL stars throwing it down in style. The final field featured: David Gurney (Sommerville), Scott Kenny (CCC), Dave Lydiard (CCC), Jaze Morris (Dickfos Dunn), Ryan Jeffries (Western Star), Cameron Crawford (Celtics), James Whitby (Bowler Bar).

There were some unique and what turned out to be amazing dunks both attempted and made as the contestants tried to woo the crowd and of course the 6 judges which included Titans Star Scott Prince, former NBL legend and supreme dunker Andre Moore.

Some of the highlights (will be featured on youtube later this week) included 17yr old 6 foot 1" Jaze Morris off the back wall dunk, David Lydiard's impersonation of former NBA Dunk Champion Dee Brown's no look leaner, Ryan Jeffries 360 dunk and the littlest man in the competition James Whitby's alley to himself from the corner. But it was Sommerville Smash repairs marquee David Gurney who stole the show with his array of original and athletic dunks. He advanced to the final after some big scored for his off the wall dunk and his alley off the side of the backboard come leaner dunk.....but sealed the title with his dunk over the top of team mate Jesse Hockey (who is far from short!) who was sitting on a chair in front of the basket (see Gold Coast Basketball facebook page for a poster photo by ISL photographer Scott Belzner). Not only did Jesse jump up and pump his fist after surviving the challenge but the crowd and the judges were on their feet hailing David "Yes I can Fly" Gurney and fittingly the 2012 Dunk champion was crowned.

Men's ISL 2012 Season Awards

Season MVP: Scott Kenny (CCCLive.TV)

Allstar first team 5: Scott Kenny (CCCLive.TV), David Gurney (Sommerville Smash Repairs), James Legan (Dickfos Dunn), Simon Stevens (Celtics), Reece Cassidy (Dickfos Dunn),

Allstar second team 5: Charles Dickerson (Dickfos Dunn), Jackson Parr (Man Trucks), Pero Cameron (Man Trucks), Scott McGregor (Bowler Bar), Jack Blackburn (Western Star Trucks)

Leading Season Scorer: Scott Kenny (CCCLive.TV - 331 points)

Coach of the Year: Doug Garvie (Celtics)

Under 20 Player of Season: Jack Blackburn (Western Star Trucks)

Best Value Draft Pick: Reece Cassidy (Dickfos Dunn – 5th round)

3 Point Shoot Out Champion: Brett Hutchins

Dunk Contest: David Gurney

Women's ISL 2012 Season Awards

Season MVP: Izzy Chilcott (Allstar Group)

Allstar first team 5: Izzy Chilcott (Allstar Group), Ezria Parsons (Authentic), Carine Reimink (Diego's), Kristy Wallace (Allstar Group), Heidi Freeburn (Harvey World)

Leading Season Scorer: Izzy Chilcott (Allstar Group - 246 points)

Coach of the Season: Stuart Allen (Allstar Group)

Under 20 Player of Season: Kristy Wallace (Allstar Group)

Best Value Draft Pick: Mel Tronc (Allstar Group – 3rd round)

3 Point Shoot Out Champion: Bree Griffiths (Celtics)

Special ISL 2012 Season Awards

Referee of the Season: Tom Peisley

Scoretable Official of the Season: Kerry Stone