

Tilt at national glory

Perfect run could get even better

They have tasted State success. Now, the Brisbane Capitals are daring to dream of national dominance as they prepare to square off against some of the country's top young basketball talent.



Winners of Basketball Queensland's Under 14 Boys' Premier League crown in March, the capitals now have a date with interstate rivals at October's Australian Club Championships in Dandenong. The Auchenflower side booked its ticket with a 69-62 defeat of the Southern Districts Spartans in the Premier League final, capping a perfect 16 game campaign that began in October 2016. However, Coach Dave Owens believes the best may be yet to come.

"We'll be better prepared. We were able to learn a few things from a coaching point of view, as well as a number of the players (who) learnt a fair bit, even about themselves" Owens said.

"We're quietly confident that we'll do well but in saying that there's 24 odd- teams and they're coming from the top two to three teams in their state. It's a bit of an unknown for us."

"We were fairly confident how we'd do (in the Premier League); we knew we'd be up in the top three. As you see the competition week in, week out, you find out where you sit.

"We were very happy (to be undefeated). We had some challenges with key players being out at different times so it was good that other players were able to step up and fill the void." Owens said the players had bonded well after being brought together from various Brisbane basketball incorporated clubs.

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