

MEDIA RELEASE

HUME CITY BRONCOS COACHES ANNOUNCE SIGNINGS FOR 2019

Recently appointed Hume City Big V Championship Division basketball Coaches, Matt Foster and Dee Butler, have been busy finalising their player rosters for next year.

Returning from the 2018 Mens campaign are guards Lee Jeka and Shaun Prendergast and development big man Anthony Scott. Coach Foster has also obtained the signatures of import swingman Jordan Coleman and forward Jake Martin. The 196 cm athletic Coleman suited up with Keilor this year, logging impressive numbers while the 198 cm Martin, who played for Goldfields Giants in the WA State League, is a dynamic power forward who can also score from the perimeter.

Commenting on the roster assembled so far, Coach Foster said "I'm very pleased with the nucleus we're building coming into next year. Everyone who's committed to date is not only a quality player, but a quality individual who is prepared to put the interests of the team ahead of individual plaudits. The coaching staff is continuing to work out players who we believe will suit our style of play and we expect to announce further signings soon."

The Lady Broncos have also been active in the recruiting stakes, adding former Melbourne Tigers and Keilor shooting guard Briana Babic and forwards Kristy Rinaldi and Teyla Evans. Rinaldi is a 250+games veteran of SEABL Club Ballarat who will add leadership and experience to the group, while Evans, a versatile and athletic scorer in the Queensland Basketball League, will leave her home state to return to Victoria where she also played in the SEABL competition and as a development player with the WNBL Dandenong Rangers.

"When you add in players of the quality of Briana, Kristy and Teyla to our established contingent of Nicole Zammit, Sophie Byrnes and Bianka Babic and the style of play I intend implementing, I'm excited about what 2019 could deliver for the Club" said Coach Butler. "We're now looking to add size to this versatile group of players so watch this space for further announcements."

Hume City Vice President and Womens Director of Coaching Glen Milner is pleased with how both programs are tracking.

"There is a positive vibe across the Club as both Matt and Dee, working with Mens coaching director Brett Atley and myself and our Youth League coaches Brian Ogilvie and Tim Devlin, bring new approaches to the pre-season preparations" he said. "We have a talented development group who are at varying stages of readiness to play minutes at the Championship Division level and their exposure to these new approaches and styles of play are going to accelerate their understanding of, and ability to meet, the demands of higher level competition."

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