

The Basin Chronicle Sports News



Bust-a-move!

Basin champ holds on and breaks his own dive speed record!

It was an action-packed day down at Seven Creek on Saturday 9 August. Thousands turned out to see the best diving kingfishers in the Basin compete for the coveted Basin Trophy, and the crowd was not disappointed. The thrilling speeds and enviable skills of these incredible animals had them cheering and excited at each round.

The line up was strong with azure kingfisher stars from each of the 23 Basin valleys. All of them had spent months training and were ready to show off their diving talents, but 6 of them stood out from the crowd in the early rounds. These competitors were: -

BUSTER KINGSTON - also known as 'The Blue Bullet', last year's champion;

SLICK MICK LONG - star of the east, Murrumbidgee Catchment, and last year's runner-up;

KYLIE FLITOFF - can't keep her still for long, sometimes false starts can be a problem for her;

BETTY BLUE - a crowd favourite and glamour girl of the diving circuit;

PIERCE BRONZON - who sometimes makes more splash than dash, and

KEN DONEOVER - 2006 champion but now injury-prone and sporting a sprained left shoulder.

It did not take long for the group of 6 to be wittled down 2! The final was a dive-off between:

'The Blue Bullet' and Betty Blue!

Buster's record dive speed to retrieve a target fish and return to the dive platform was an amazing 1.16 seconds! Betty Blue was close behind in 1.30 seconds, but not fast enough to beat the current Basin champion.

There's always next year!

Congratulations go to this year's champion 'The Blue Bullet'!