

TASMANIAN SURF LEAGUE

ROUND 1 PREVIEW

NIPPERS/JUNIORS (U8 – U14) – SHANE ASKEW



Round one of the Junior Tasmania Surf League kicks off this Saturday at Burnie SLSC. The host club Burnie will be out to defend their beach and will be led by Georgia Askew in the u14 Girls who won all water events at last year's State Titles. Amber Sargent from Carlton Park and Siena Fell from Bridport have been doing the work over the off season and it will be a great battle in the water between these three competitors. On the beach Somerset duo Trinity Shires and Montana West will be looking to dominate in the sprints and beach flags.

With the withdrawal of Declan Cahill due to injury in the U14 Boys, this will open the door for Jai Mollison – Burnie, Max Chislett – Carlton Park and Dan Reardon – Clifton Beach to battle it out in the water events.

In the u13 girls Aurora Giuliani – Carlton Park and Maya Chapman – Clifton Beach are set to resume their battle in the water with the Clifton Beach crew coming off a big training set and looking to dominate the team water events. Jack Latham and Gradie Collins – Ulverstone will be out to show their off season training has paid off and looking for strong performances on the beach.

The Penguin U12 girls Mackenzie Towns, Heidi Kable and Georgia Delaney, have been working hard under the guidance of Andrew Towns and will be looking for strong performances in both water and beach events. They will be challenged by the strong Burnie Girls duo Grace Foley and Bronte van der Ploeg. One of the most competitive races on the weekend will be the u12 Boys Surf race with my sources telling me all the boys have been working hard in the pool and will be out to start the season off with a win. Keep an eye out for Ethan Pregnell-Hyland – Carlton Park, Angus O'Grady – Clifton Beach, Jackson Lawson – Burnie, Joss Littler- Devonport, Alexander Stolp and Angus Cumming – Carlton Park.

The beach events will be a great contest with Bridport continuing to develop their beach team, Kingston SLSC will have a strong showing and will look to capitalise on their state titles performance where they picked up a number of beach medals.

Port Sorell and Boat Harbour will have plenty of numbers in the younger age groups and will be a force both on the beach and in the water.

Competition kicks off at 9am with the all age relay with Burnie aiming to win on their home beach, with Port Sorell and Bridport keen to take the win from them.



Above: Youth athlete's attended a Youth Sports Development Camp in November at Ulverstone to hone their skills for the upcoming surf season.



Above: Putting their surf skills to the test at Carlton Park SLSC.