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## **NEW BOCCIA STARS DISCOVERED FOR NSW**

### **Four State Titles divided between newcomers and experienced athletes**

Boccia athletes competed for four singles titles at the 2012 NSW Boccia State Titles held at the Academy of sport, Narrabeen. The practised athletes showed their class, but unexpectedly two new athletes were discovered.

First, West Sydney newcomer Conner Hamlin went through undefeated to clinch the BC2 classification title. He beat the established athlete Scott Elsworth twice on the way to victory. The other newcomer, Central Coast athlete Dean Nottle, won the Open classification. All of Dean's games were close, but he displayed game tactics well ahead of his playing experience.

Two experienced athletes, Ange McReynolds and Barry Fear, won the BC3 and BC1 classifications respectively. Fear had to forfeit his Friday games due to illness, but came back on Saturday a different man. Meanwhile, McReynolds who shows great consistency went through undefeated. She gives her opponents very few chances and once she's ahead, seems impossible to come back against.

The performances over the 13-15 January will help the NSW coaches select the representative team to compete at the 2012 National Titles held in May.

The NSW Team manager Peter King said 'The NSW selectors have never had so many quality athletes to choose from. It makes the task an enjoyable challenge. It's particularly encouraging to see the fast improving juniors play with such a self-assured manner. I'm confident the next NSW team will feature a number of new faces'.

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Boccia is an adapted sport played by people with physical disabilities from recreational to Paralympic level. The Cerebral Palsy Alliance is a key provider of services for people with disabilities, including community based sport.

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