

## DEVT MANAGER'S REPORT

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Central Otago Development Squad (Men)

It has been a busy month with Centre events being held recently and pleasing to see the number of Development Squad members involved in these. I am interested in seeing if those numbers are measurable against previous years. Most pleasing was attaining a full field of 16 teams in the Year 1-5 2x4x2 Pairs. Interestingly, a young Clyde pairing made the final with neither player being part of the Development Squad which augurs well for the future (perhaps bringing into question the abilities of the DS Manager though!!!)

Last week (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>) we held a session (no bowls) with Terry Scott at Bannockburn. Squad members had been invited to lodge questions prior to the session and Terry addressed these (14 in total) over about an hour and  $\frac{3}{4}$  period. The questions mainly focused on mindset and focus i.e. the mental side of the game. The session was excellent and well worthwhile. I had been asked to audio record it and I will also put together notes and a plan (for South Otago and Southern 6) implementing as much as possible from the evening.

This Wednesday (December 11) the Development Squad has been invited to a BBQ by the Senior Squad, a gesture which is much appreciated. I am hoping for and will be encouraging a good turnout.

A squad of 12 players has been selected and announced leading into the matches against South Otago. Two key players are unavailable, for genuine reasons, for the South Otago fixtures hence the need for the slightly larger squad. The final 10 for the Southern 6 will be announced to the players on or about January 13 (Pauline may need this earlier).

I noted Carl's comment regarding his time involved with the women's programme and I concur. I think this needs to be a discussion item for the Board moving forward. The more we do, the more it costs and the more it impacts on the time of others as well as those at the coalface.

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