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BASKETBALL - R.H.BARTLAM SHIELD

On Wednesday 19th July the Palm Island Basketball tournament came to an end. The season had been a particularly good one, and the Youth Club is to be commended on the fine way in which the tournament was run.

On Wednesday, the Thunderbird team defeated Rainbows in a run off to decide the winner. This was a fast ten minutes of play, which was easily the liveliest and brightest of the season.

The results were close, and the result was in doubt right to the finish.

The womens basketball series finished a few days earlier, and was won by

Waratah team from the school girls home.

After the mens final last Wednesday the men and womens teams lined up in the Recreation Hall to witness the presentation of the shields to the captains of the winning teams.

In making the presentations, Mr. R.H. Bartlam said that the fine play seen throughout the series was evidence of the keenness of the players. He hoped that the interest would continue, and that both the men and the women basketball players would continue to play with the same enthusiasm they had already shown.

James Tranby of the Thunderbird team received the shield, and the captain of the Waratahs Ethel Nardoo accepted the shield on behalf of that team.

The players and their friends were entertained at supper, which had been provided by the teams, and to round off the season there were vocal and instrumental items in the main hall.

VIGORO SHIELD PRESENTATION

Last Wednesday, the R.H. Bartlam School Sports shield was presented to the Palm Island Provisional School, following a series of Vigoro games with the Convent team. The State Aboriginal School had elected not to play.

A pleasant function took place, at which the Convent School Vigoro team

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was present.

Mr. Bartlam presented the shield to the Captain and Vice-Captain, Cheryl Murphy and Alison Bartlam respectively, and told them there was certain to be a determined attempt next year by the other team to win it back.

He said that he presented the shield in the first instance, for competition, in the hope that it would lead to good natured rivalry and consequent friendliness between groups on the island, and he felt that it had achieved its purpose.

He had watched on occasions the two teams playing, and he was sure that all had enjoyed the effort put forward.

At the request of the Headteacher of the Provisional School, Mr. Bartlam showed a colour film of the Northern Territory, and Western Queensland, taken during his recent tour through those areas.

Sandwiches, cakes and softdrinks were provided for both teams to enjoy, and this rounded the evening off nicely for the children.

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SOME AUSTRALIAN BIRDS

In the big scrubs of the coastal mountains from Rockhampton south to the Hunter River, Paradise Rifle-Birds find security, there probing the trunks and branches of trees, with their long beaks, in quest of insects.

Each pair seems to "own" a large