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Bairstow on break from NBA, back in Brisbane to coach upcoming young Queensland players

Cameron Bairstow is on break from the NBA and back in town to coach young players at a Basketball Queensland Post Player Development Workshop this Saturday.



Fresh from a successful season with the Chicago Bulls, Cameron Bairstow is home and ready to help coach U16 players from around SE Queensland at a Basketball Queensland Post Development Workshop being held at QAS Indoor Sports Hall from 10am-11.30 this Saturday, 13 June.

Two young high performance players from each SE Queensland Basketball Association have been selected to participate, giving these lucky athletes the chance to learn from one of the best post players Queensland has seen. Association coaches and other players have also been invited to observe Cameron in action on the court.

“We are thrilled to have Cameron back in Brisbane and when we asked him to be involved in the post development player workshop he had no hesitation in jumping on board,” said Basketball Queensland High Performance Director, Leonard King.

“Cameron is a true corporate citizen of sport, fully understanding that his position as a member of the national team, the Boomers, and NBA player can help promote the sport here in Brisbane, inspire our youth and help uplift communities.

“We are all very proud of Cameron’s achievements over the past five years and we are truly indebted to him and his family for all that they contributed to Basketball here in Queensland.”

And he couldn’t be happier to be involved; giving back to the community he grew up in, and as a post (taller) player himself standing at 2.06m.

“It feels great to have a chance to give back to young players in SEQ. Even though I was never in QAS or such programs growing up I see the value of having such programs to continue these elite players growth,” said Cameron.

“There will always be specific skills which are more important to each position. However, with the game ever changing it is important for players to be skilled in multiple areas. Now post players are expected to not only be successful close to the basket but also to stretch the floor out with perimeter shooting abilities.”

During the workshop Cameron hopes to be able to teach the players at least one new skill.

“No coach will be able to teach you everything and there are many ways to be successful in basketball, so its important for kids to learn new skills from a variety of coaches and it is then up to them to decide what works best for them.”

Success is hard fought and to all young players wanting to excel in basketball Cameron says, “to be the best you have to work harder and smarter then your opponents. There will always be talented players out there the ones that put themselves ahead of the pack are relentless workers who continue to strive day in and day out.”

Basketball CEO, Graham Burns said, “Cameron started in Brisbane as a junior representative player for a local association, graduating to the Basketball Queensland Centre of Excellence, securing a US College scholarship and making the NBA.

“This demonstrates that the pathway put in place by Basketball Queensland is achievable to anyone with the talent and dedication. This is a unique opportunity not available to other sports such as AFL, Netball or Rugby League, and is producing some exceptionally talented players.

“So to all aspiring young basketball stars of the future, take Cameron’s advice and strive to succeed as you have every tool available to make sure you reach your goals.’

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