



West Adelaide Basketball Club

50 St Vincent Street Port Adelaide



Vale Keith Miller – West Adelaide Basketball Club Legend – sadly passed away on May 8 2015

To All West Adelaide Basketball Club Players, Coaches, Members, Hall of Fame Members and supporters,

On behalf of the West Adelaide Bearcats Basketball Club I offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of Australian Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee and West Adelaide Life Member Keith Miller, who passed away on May 8, 2015.

Keith Miller was one of the founding fathers of the West Adelaide Basketball Club, an integral part of the evolution of Kingston Basketball Club into West Adelaide. Keith was a lifelong player, coach and supporter of basketball in South Australia and enjoyed a distinguished playing career that included 4 championships in 5 years as a player. He was awarded the inaugural Woollacott Medal in 1947 as the best and fairest player in the South Australian men's competition, but it is as a coaching pioneer and innovator that he will be remembered most.

Keith was Head Coach of the South Australian State Men's team that won three Championships in 1960, 62, 63 and began coaching the Australian men's team in 1962. He led them to contest the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, where the team finished ninth, an incredible achievement for that era. Keith has been made a Life Member of West Adelaide Basketball Club, the Metropolitan Amateur Basketball Association and the South Australian Amateur Basketball Association. In 1981 he was the deserved recipient of an Australian Basketball Union Merit Award and then inducted into the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame in 2007 as a coach.

Keith's list of achievements includes those listed below;

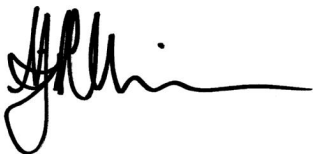
- Boomers Head Coach at Tokyo Olympic Games – 1964
- Head Coach South Australian Men's team – Australian Champions - 1960, 63, 63
- Head Coach South Australian Junior Men – Australian Champions – 1960
- South Australian Junior Team coach - 1957 – 60
- Received Basketball Australia Merit award – 1981
- Awarded the inaugural Woollacott Medal as Best and Fairest Player in South Australia – 1947
- Life Member of West Adelaide Club
- Life Member of Metropolitan Amateur Basketball Association
- Life Member of South Australian Basketball Association
- Australian Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee – 2007

As a mark of respect and thanks to Keith for his contribution to our great club and the sport of basketball in general I would request that all West Adelaide Teams over the weekend wear black armbands every time they take the court. Our Premier League Teams will also wear black armbands in their Premier League Game tomorrow night at Adelaide Arena and for our next home game (Saturday May 30th) where we will also mark Keith's passing with a minutes silence between our women's game and our men's game.

A coach at just about every imaginable level not only at West Adelaide but in South Australia and Australia, Keith Miller is a true legend!

On behalf of the West Adelaide Bearcats Basketball Club – Thank you Keith and Rest in Peace.

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Williamson
Club President
West Adelaide Basketball Club

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