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## **NSW JUNIORS INVITED TO ELITE CAMP**

Promising young New South Wales athletes **Brad Simpson** and **Jason Cadee** have been invited to attend the prestigious **Nike All-Asia Camp** to be held in Guangzhou, China later this month.

The pair has been identified after impressive performances at club and National Junior Championships level over the last 12 months, with West Sydney Razorbacks coach Rob Beveridge endorsing them to Nike as players of potential.

Beveridge acts as a coaching and development consultant to Nike and has played a key role over the last few years ensuring Australian and in particular NSW athletes are provided with these sorts of opportunities.

Simpson is a versatile forward from the Goulburn Basketball Association, who also played some junior basketball with Queanbeyan, leading that club to the NSW State Championship Under 18 final four last year. A perennial state player with NSW Country teams, Simpson played a key role with the NSW Under 20 men's team that claimed a national championship silver medal earlier this year.

Cadee hails from the Bankstown Basketball Association and has been starring in the Sydney Junior League Under 18 Men's competition, having scored 54 and 51 points in games this season. A gifted playmaker, Cadee has represented NSW Metropolitan in two state teams and will quarterback the under 18 men's team at the national titles in Ballarat in July.

Simpson is a former BNSW NITCP athlete and is now part of the New South Wales Institute of Sport squad, while Cadee is currently part of the NITCP squad and attends Westfields Sports High School, where he is involved in the traditionally strong basketball program at the school.

The two players will join 60 of the top junior players from China, Hong Kong, Korea and Australia at the camp, with coaching from Beveridge and some of the leading development coaches in the world.



BNSW NITCP Head Coach Peter Lonergan said the opportunity to take part in this camp was reward for the hard work put in by these two young players.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Brad and Jason to pit themselves against the best junior players in Asia and learn from some of the best coaches in the region," he said.

"Both have progressed from strong club programs to the NITCP and State team program and credit must go to these young players for their commitment to working on their game and trying to be the best they can be.

"We are fortunate to have Rob Beveridge in our State and his opinion and recommendations have been crucial in the invitation of Jason and Brad to the camp," he added.

Simpson and Cadee fly out of Australian on May 26 and return to Sydney on June 1.

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