



**Commercial Club Bandits**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE – BANDITS SIGN DEBA GEORGE & ASHTON EATON**

The Albury/Wodonga Commercial Club Bandits, Lady Bandits and the Board are excited to announce the signing of **Deba George** and **Ashton Eaton** respectively for the Men's and Women's programs for the 2015 SEABL season.

**Deba** joins the men's program after three extremely successful SEABL seasons playing with the Hobart Chargers producing career SEABL averages of 20ppg, 4rebs & 4ass whilst proving himself as one of the best Australian players in the league. He is a dynamic and explosive talent with an elite skillset who can compete and deliver on a nightly basis against anyone and we are excited that he has chosen to join us and help the team seriously compete in 2015. Deba has proven to be a great team mate and a strong contributor to successful teams previously both in QABL, SEABL and NBL and this along with his experience and skillset are proven, and we see him as a key signing in shaping the fortunes of the men's program next season.

The club is expecting Deba to also bring leadership, confidence, competitive fire and most importantly an ability to take games over and make the big plays. For those who have competed against him over the years understand this and respect the fact he has impressive qualities in this regard and can be a nightmare matchup on any given night. We see this as a fantastic opportunity for him to really lead our Men's team on and off the floor both in actions and in voice and we are excited to see him take this challenge on.

The Club and the Lady Bandits program also have the great pleasure in announcing the acquisition of **Ashton Eaton** to our women's team in 2015. Ashton comes to us from the Hobart Lady Chargers where she has spent the past 4 seasons building her skills, knowledge and understanding of the game. Ashton has improved each year and was rewarded last season with a breakout year for not only herself statistically but for the Lady Chargers in general who stormed to a Conference title and shot at the SEABL championship. Ashton played no small part in this and was a fantastic role player and leader from the PG position and ably supported the superstar combo of Francis & Sheer to guide the team across the season and her impressive numbers of 8.5pts, 3rebs and 2ass should continue to improve as she looks to take on more responsibility and a greater role again with the Lady Bandits in 2015.

"Having both Players agree to sign is fantastic news, I know both players were very committed to the cause from the first time we spoke to them and were really excited about the direction of the teams and our club culture, along with the challenges and expectations that will sit on them. I know both Deba and Ashton are really looking forward to a new start and challenge for both of them as players and felt really comfortable in how professional we are trying to be in running our programs and at the end of the day both really wanted to come to the club and help push the teams towards successful seasons in 2015." Commercial Club Bandits Men's Head Coach Brad Chalmers said.

The players are both very keen to get into preseason training with their new team mates and will likely arrive on the Border sometime in January.

***Patron: Lauren Jackson***