



The girls ended with a record of 25-6 and were 5-1 during IASAS, losing only one game in the finals. (From left, rear) Stephanie Henriksen, Liana Langdon-Embry, Sabrina Mukhtar, Simone Diop, (middle) Yuko Onosato, Chloe Rao, Lindsey Pewitt, Jessica Henriksen, (front) Amelia Clark, Cacie Wellman, Fiona Stirling, Hanah Newell

GIRLS' - BASKETBALL - GRABS

SILVER

The JIS girls' basketball team continued their tradition of excellence by taking the Silver Medal at the 2006 IASAS tournament held in Singapore. The tournament started with a morning game against last year's silver medal winner ISKL. The girls jumped off to an early lead and never let up finishing with a 62 to 48 victory. Later that afternoon JIS played the host team from SAS. The girls led by 24 to 11 at the intermission but in the second half SAS made a run but JIS was able to hold off the attack with the game ending with a victory for the Dragons with a score of 43 to 40. The highlight of the game was Amelia Clark's three straight free throws in the closing minutes to increase the lead to seven.

The next day saw two more victories as the girls out scored ISM 48 to 21 and ISB by a score of 63 to 48. On Saturday morning the Dragons faced the team from TAS. TAS had only lost one game in the round robin competition so it was a must win for the girls if they were to make the finals. JIS rose to the occasion and once again jumped off to an early lead and eventually winning by a final score of 65 to 39 to place the Jakarta girls in the finals for the sixth year in a row and for the ninth time in the last ten years.

This set up the final between the two teams that have won nine of the last ten IASAS championships. JIS jumped off to a 19 to 11 lead but the

second half witnessed a scoring drought as the girls failed to score a single field goal leaving the girls behind by three at half. The third quarter saw JIS regain the lead by a one point margin but in the fourth quarter the partisan crowd and the full court press took its toll as the SAS girls gained a commanding lead. Two late three pointers by Cacie Wellman put the pressure back on SAS but it was not enough to close the margin as the girls went down by a score of 52 to 45 to finish second with an IASAS record of 5 and 1. The tournament witnessed a tremendous team effort but Lindsey Pewitt and Jessica Henriksen were recognized for their outstanding play by being named to the all tournament team.

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