



Obilic Basketball Club PRESS RELEASE

KK Obilic raise \$4,230 for the kids of Serbia SYDNEY, 20 August 2010

Obilic Basketball Club, is extremely proud to announce that its 17 runners participating in the Sun Herald City to Surf were able to raise \$4,230 for the Dragutin Filipovic Jusa home for abandoned children in Belgrade.

The new manager of the Dragutin Filipovic Jusa home, Ms Gordana Calija, said "I'm really overwhelmed with what KK Obilic has achieved. The runners from Obilic realistically believed that they would raise about \$2,000 before they commenced the fund raising activity. However, it seems that the Serbs in Sydney were so supportive of the Obilic runners that they actually doubled expectation. I'm very grateful to KK Obilic and the Serbs in Australia. With this amount of money we will buy bulk resources such as much needed linen, nappies for babies in the home and some sweets for the kids. All copies of receipts will be sent back to KK Obilic in Sydney".

President of Obilic, Mr Stevan Sipka said "we ran and raised money with pride for such an important cause. We all felt a great sense of achievement after finishing the grueling 14 km run. I was sore for many days after the race but that didn't matter. I hope to do it again next year. Special thanks to all our members who ran on 08 August 2010. I believe it is the first time that a Serbian organization in Australia has raised funds in this manner."

The Obilic members that raised funds at the City to Surf on 8th August were Dejan Bogic, Alex Glumac, Miljan Miric, Miljana Miric, Petar Cvjeticanin, Zoran Salipur, Tijana Salipur, Milos Salipur, Aleks Kuzmanovic, Bojana Kuzmanovic, Sinisa Skoric, Milos Prlic, Milijana Prlic, Svetomir Gavrilovic, Vladimir Jokanovic, Gorica Sipka and Stevan Sipka.

Special mention should be made of both Alex Glumac and Milijana Prlic who were the top two fund raisers in the club. Another highlight was the run of Dejan Bogic who ran the best time out of the Obilic runners finishing at Bondi Beach 1 hour and 19 minutes after starting at Hyde Park.

Additional Story: Obilic Knights finally win Bankstown Div 1 Competition.

Obilic is also proud to announce that it has finally won its first Bankstown Division 1 Championship. The final was played against Southside Basketball Club on 09 August, the day after many Obilic players participated in the City to Surf to raise funds for kids in Belgrade. Obilic Knights won the match 84 – 76 and never gave up the lead during the entire game.

Obilic Vice President, Mr Zoran Salipur said “it was very satisfying to finally win the competition at Bankstown after coming so close on previous occasions. We played really well and everyone was focused during the game. Some of us were very tired from the City to Surf but we just kept finding energy from somewhere. We definitely have a great team at the moment with a good mix of experience and youth”. The winning Obilic Knights team consisted of Zoran Salipur, Dejan Marjanovic, Nemanja Kovacina, Miljan Miric, David Strbac, Mirko Djeric and Vlado Jankovic.

For further details of Obilic activities please review the regular updates on www.obilic.com.au.

Fact File:

Obilic Basketball Club was formed in 1999. The club currently consists of 3 Men’s team, 6 junior boys team and a junior girls team. The club has all its teams playing in weekly Bankstown Basketball Associations competitions. Obilic has also participated in all Draza Mihailovic Cup annual competitions since the club’s formation. Obilic senior men are current DMC champions and current Bankstown Division 1 champions.