

BASKETBALL

Sisters set to make history

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THERE are always stories of siblings competing at the Maccabiah Games, but later this year in what is believed to be an Australian first, three sisters of different ages will be lining up for the Australian Junior Girls Basketball team.

Cara, 18, Lily, 16, and Timnah Davies, 14, have each played for Maccabi basketball since they were in grade two.

"We are very lucky to represent Australia playing our favourite sport," middle sister Lily told *The AJN*.

All three sisters play basketball at a representative level, playing for Hawthorn Magic for a number of years with Cara and Lily currently

teaming up for the youth team. Although the eldest of the three, Cara, played in Israel four years ago, this Maccabiah will be the first time all three girls have played on an international stage at the same time.

"They might create history I believe," the girls' coach Warrick Giddey said.

"That mightn't happen again, where there are three sisters.

"They're not twins or triplets or anything, they're all different ages and it's quite amazing that they've been able to achieve that."

Having been in Israel four years ago donning the green and gold, Cara will have her two younger sisters Lily and Timnah looking up to her for guidance.

When asked what sort of advice she would give her sisters, Cara said "It is a very exciting opportunity to play against some world class players. Rise to the occasion and go out on the court being fearless.

"Let your nerves lift your standard not control you."

The sisters aren't letting the novelty escape them, knowing full well how proud they will make their parents, grandparents and brother who will be in the stands watching them."

"They will be thrilled," the girls said of their family.

"We are also lucky enough to have our grandparents come and watch us play in Israel. The whole family is very excited."