

# Talkin' Turkey

Newsletter of the Australian WUSG Team...18 August 2005



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Victoria Mitchell (left) after winning silver in the 3000m steeplechase



Caroline Marton on her way to 5th place in Taekwondo

Victoria Mitchell won Australia's first medal of the Games, taking silver medal in the women's 3000m steeplechase.

Victoria's time was a new personal best and well under Athletics Australia's "A" qualifying standard for the Commonwealth Games of 10:05.

Mitchell attends Butler University in Indianapolis and has had a sensational last few months, winning the NCAA Division 1 title in June.

**WELL DONE VICTORIA!!**

In a sellout basketball match at Manisa Stadium 2 the Australian men's team booked themselves a challenging quarter final match up against the USA after pulling off a hard fought victory over Greece, 94-87.

For Australia, Captain Courageous Ben Hunt top scored with 26 ahead of Drew Williamson's 19 and John Philip's 14 while Williamson and Simon Conn each had eight rebounds.

Australia's quarter final against the USA will be played tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the women's basketball team had their dream run halted when they were beaten 70 – 57 by Serbia and Montenegro at Halkapinar Stadium, forcing them into a tough play-off for the bronze medal against Russia on Friday.

In action at the Karsiyaka Sailing Centre the Australian Catholic University's Krystal Weir moved within striking distance of a medal at the halfway point of her regatta in the women's laser radial class.

Weir finished 2nd in the fifth race and ninth in the sixth to move up from her overnight position of eighth into fourth overall.

Sailors can drop their worst two performances from the 12 races and Weir will be hoping her ninth is one of those discarded when the competition winds up on Saturday.

Jacqueline Bonnitcho and Rashede Martin were 9th in both their races in the women's 470 class to slip one place and sit in ninth overall, while Jonathon Bonnitcho remained in 15th in the men's mistral with an 11th and a regatta best 8th.

In Taekwondo Caroline Marton progressed to the quarter finals in the women's 59kg division, finishing 4th overall after going down to Thailand's Laksami Yumankong.

At the Manisa Swimming Pool Aussie Team Captain Jeff English finished tenth in the 50m freestyle, Robert McDonald was 14<sup>th</sup> in the 50m breaststroke and Andrew Thompson wound up a massive week, where he swam in every freestyle distance on the program except the 50m, by placing 12th in the 1500m.



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Fresh from the individual 10m platform final yesterday, divers Carlie Gidman and Nicole Ng paired up for the women's 10m synchronised and finished 5th.

Earlier in the day Gene Kimlin came 9th in the men's 1m springboard event.

## WHAT'S ON

### Thur 18/8

- 09.00 Taekwondo M78kg, W 47kg
- 10.00 Diving Women's 3m springboard preliminary
- 10.30 B'Ball Men's Q-Final @ Ataturk stadium AUS v USA
- 12.30 Diving Women's 3m springboard semi final
- 13.00 Sailing W470 class, M mistral, W Laser Radial
- 15.15 V'Ball @ Evka 4 AUS v NZ
- 16.30 Diving Women's 3m springboard final
- 17.00 Water polo @ Ataturk AUS v GRE
- 17.30 Taekwondo semi-finals M78kg, W 47kg
- 19.00 Taekwondo finals M78kg, W 47kg
- 19.20 Athletics W 5000m first round
- 20.00 Athletics M 5000m first round

### Fri 19/8

- 09.00 Taekwondo M84kg
- 10.00 Athletics M shot put qualifying
- 13.00 Sailing W470 class, M mistral, W Laser Radial
- 15.00 Women's B'Ball bronze medal match @ Halkapinar AUS v RUS

## RESULTS

### Athletics

Victoria Mitchell 2nd women's 3000m steeplechase  
Richard Jeremiah DNF men's 3000m steeplechase

### Women's Basketball

Serbia & Montenegro 70 defeated Australia 57

### Men's Basketball

Australia 94 defeated Greece 87

### Diving

Gene Kimlin 9th Men's 1m Springboard  
Nick Bryon 29th Men's 1m Springboard  
Daniel Higgins 32nd Men's 1m Springboard  
Carlie Gidman & Nicole Ng 5th Women's 10m Platform  
Synchro

### Sailing

Jacqueline Bonnitca / Rashele Martin women's 470  
class 9th (race 5) 9th (race 6) progressive 9th overall

Jonathon Bonnitca men's mistral 11th (race 5) 8th (race 6) progressive 15th overall  
Krystal Weir women's Laser Radial 2nd (race 5) 9th (race 6) progressive 4th overall

## Swimming

Robert McDonald 14th men's 50m breaststroke (28.94)  
Kieran O'Regan 21st men's 50m breaststroke (21.26)  
Belinda Nevell 17th women's 200m backstroke (2:23.46)  
Tim LaForest 18th men's 50m freestyle (23.22)  
Jeff English 10th men's 50m freestyle (23.04)  
Andrew Thompson 12th men's 1500m freestyle (15:59.84)  
Belinda Nevell 30th women's 50m freestyle (27.38)  
Lucy Saville 23rd women's 50m freestyle (27.03)

## Taekwondo

Caroline Marton 5th women's 59kg  
Mahir Unalan men's 72kg defeated 1st round (6:8)

## IMPORTANT ROOM & PHONE NO'S

Room 5 – Australian Team Office and Media Office  
Room 4 – Medical Room  
24hr Emergency Line/Admin 0543 340 1700  
Chef de Mission 0543 340 1770

**Please note the medical number has changed. If you require the medical staff at any time please call either of the following numbers:**

Dr Makdissi – 0543 340 1723  
Dr Markovik – 0543 340 1715

## TURKISH VOCAB – WORDS OF THE DAY

### Counting

1 - bir (beer)	2 - iki (eke)
3 - uc (och)	4 - dort (dirt)
5 - bes (besh)	6 - alti (al-t)
7 - yedi (yedia)	8 - sekiz (sekiss)
9 - dokuz (dukus)	10 - on (on)

I love you – seni seviyorum (senie sev-y-orum)

## NOTABLE QUOTE

"They could make a "Korea" out of this" – Gene Kimlin attempt at a play on words about the Korean synchronised divers.

## GUESS WHO?

### Toilet Toothbrush Part 2

Guess which volleyball team member went to the toilet and peed on the toothbrush without knowing?



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