

Talkin' Turkey

Newsletter of the Australian WUSG Team...20 August 2005



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Bronze Medal Winning women's basketball team – CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!

Our women's basketball team today etched their names into the WUSG history books by claiming a bronze medal, beating Russia 81 – 72.

With all players contributing to the teams' win, it was captain Jennifer Screen who lead from the front, top scoring with 30 points.

In response to keeping focused throughout the tournament, Screen said "all week we've tried to have the ANZAC spirit in mind and playing together we believe we could get it done."

Meanwhile, on the water, Krystal Weir has put herself into medal contention in the women's Laser Radial competition after a 2nd and 5th placing in her two races today.

With the top two competitors on equal points, Weir will fight it out for 3rd place tomorrow in the final day of racing.

In the men's basketball a feisty match was fought with home team Turkey.

With temperatures heating up during the second half of the game, the boys were up against not only the Turkish team but a boisterous stadium cheering them on.

Despite a strong game by John Philip and Mitch Brennan, the Aussies couldn't contain their opponents losing 72 – 82.

The boys now play Canada on Sunday in a play-off for 7th or 8th place.

In the women's volleyball Australia's girls went down three sets to one against Israel.

After winning the first set 25 – 23, Australia lapsed to be defeated in the next three sets.

The team now play-off for 19th or 20th position against South Africa on Saturday.

WHAT'S ON

Sat 20/8

- 12.00 Women's V'Ball @ Gaziemir Sports Hall AUS v RSA (19th & 20th play-off)
- 13.00 Diving Women's 3m Springboard Syncro final
- 13.00 Sailing W470 class, M mistral, W Laser Radial
- 19.10 Athletics – Clay Cross Shot Put @ Ataturk Stadium

Sun 21/8

- 10:30 Men's B'ball @ Ataturk Sports Hall AUS v CAN (7th & 8th play-off)

CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony will be held on Sunday 21st August. We are expecting to depart from the Village between 4 – 5pm. Remember to wear your board shorts, green singlets and thongs for the ceremony!

RESULTS

Men's Basketball

Turkey 82 defeated Australia 72

Sailing

Krystal Weir women's Laser Radial 2nd (race 9) 5th (race 10) progressive 3rd overall
Jacqueline Bonnitcha / Rashele Martin womens 470 class 5th (race 9) 4th (race 10) progressive 7th overall
Jonathon Bonnitcha men's mistral 15th (race 10) 11th (race 11) progressive 17th overall

Volleyball

Israel defeated Australia 3 - 1 (23-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-14)

Women's Basketball

Australia 81 defeated Russia 72 (Won Bronze Medal!)



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BEACH TOUR

If anyone wishes to go on a tour to the Beach on Sunday, please put your name on the sheet outside the office door.

NOTE TO TEAM MANAGERS

The following teams have not organised the media staff to have their team photo taken:

- Men's basketball
- Diving
- Taekwondo
- Sailing

Could these team managers and the sailing team please arrange a time ASAP with the media staff.

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

Happy belated birthday to Greg Warnecke (basketball manager) for the 19th!

NOTABLE QUOTES

Chef says "we made history today" ... excited at the Women's Basketball Bronze medal win!

"It's like a sweat factory in there," Con (Taekwondo Manager) commenting on the media room.

"I've had a very Turkish day..." Rob Neesham on his day of frustration in Izmir.

NRL SCORES

West Tigers 54 defeated Bulldogs 2

AFL SCORES

Fremantle 12.8.80 defeated St Kilda 11.9.75

All contributions to "Talkin' Turkey" are welcomed and encouraged. Please see any of the media staff Kate Robinson, Media Manager, Toni Bush or David Lyall Media Officers in the Australian Team Office.



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