



MEDIA RELEASE

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BREADMORE AND BASKETBALLERS KEEP AUSTRALIA ON THE WINNERS BOARD AT THE WUSG

University of Melbourne student, Lauren Breadmore today strode into the second round of the women's singles tennis competition at the 2005 World University Summer Games with a convincing 6-1, 6-0 straight sets win over LAM Po Kuen from Hong Kong.

Ranked top ten in women's tennis in Australia, Breadmore took no time in stamping her authority on the game going up 3 – 0 in the first set before LAM notched up her first and only game.

With impressive court strokes and a strong serve, the 22 year old finished the game with an ace and is looking good going into the third round where she will [meet Petra Russegger of Austria tomorrow](#).

In a busy day for Breadmore, she will team with Australian Thomas George in their first round of mixed doubles on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the women's basketball team kept their undefeated record intact today with a comfortable win over Sweden, 69 – 54.

University of South Australia education student, Jennifer Screen top scored for the Aussies with 21 points, followed by Marita Payne (Auburn University, USA) on 14.

In a regulation game for the Australians, Deb Cook's girls led from the beginning, increasing their margin at every break.

Completing their regular matches on top of Pool A, Australia now move into the quarter finals against Germany at 12:45pm tomorrow.

Opening day at the Athletics, Taekwondo and Sailing presented a mixed bag of results.

In the women's 20km walk, Natalie Saville and Lisa Grant showed great determination and resilience as temperatures soared by early morning and the opposition dropped off.

Saville, using her international experience to overcome the effects of the heat, finished a respectable fifth while new comer, Lisa Grant crossed the line in a credible 12th.

At the Kulturpark Hall 4, Australia's Taekwondo team had its first hit out for the Games with Tumay Hamza fairing the best in the men's 58kg fly making it through to the third round before being eliminated by American Charles Smith.

The women's Taekwondo team failed to produce their on-paper form today, with both Carmen Marton and Olympian Tina Morgan being defeated in the first round of their respective divisions.

On the water, Australia's sailing team notched up top ten results in the women's laser radial and women's 470 class events.

Current world number one for Female Radials, Krystal Weir ended her day in fifth position after two races while Jacqueline Bonnitcha and Rashele Martin paired up in the 470 class to progress to 7th.

Bonnitcha's brother, Jonathon sits 18th at the end of day one in the men's mistral race.

In the pool, Daniel Higgins, Gene Kimlin and Nick Byron bowed out of the men's 3m springboard diving with Kimlin the highest finisher for Australia in 25th.

At Manisa, Belinda Nevell qualified for the 'B' final in the 100m backstroke where she ultimately finished in tenth position with a time of 1:03.80.

Andrew Thompson and Lucy Saville finished out of qualifying positions for the men's 400m freestyle and women's 200m freestyle events respectively.

The men's water polo and women's volleyball teams were defeated today despite gutsy efforts by both line ups.

In the water polo, Australia held their own against Japan before the opposition took advantage of our captain Robert Maitland being ejected from the game after three majors. Despite being replaced, the Australians couldn't recover while the Japanese scored two vital points, taking the game 10 – 8.

At Evka 4 stadium, the women's volleyball team put up a brave fight against France going set for set in the first two periods before Australia lost the third and fourth in a nail biting finish.

Both teams now move into play-offs for minor positions.

COMPLETE LIST OF AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

Day 4 (Aug 15)

Athletics

Natalie Saville 5th women's 20km walk (1:36.42)

Lisa Grant 12th women's 20km walk (1:43.39)

Diving

Gene Kimlin 25th 3m springboard

Nick Byron 30th 3m springboard

Daniel Higgins 40th 3m springboard

Sailing

Jacqueline Bonniticha/Rashele Martin 5th women's 470 class (race 1)

Jacqueline Bonniticha/Rashele Martin 6th women's 470 class (race 2)

progressive = 7 overall

Jonathon Bonniticha 17th men's mistral (race 1)

Jonathon Bonniticha 19th men's mistral (race 2) progressive = 18th overall

Krystal Weir 6th women's Laser Radial (race 1)

Krystal Weir 5th women's Laser Radial (race 2) progressive = 5th overall

Swimming

Belinda Neville 10th W 100m back (1:03.80)

Lucy Saville 23rd W 200m free (2:06.69)

Andrew Thompson 20th M 400m free (4:02.34)

Taekwondo

Women's 67kg Welter – Tina Morgan defeated in first round 5:4

Women's 63kg Light – Carmen Marton defeated in first round 4:1

Men's 58kg Fly – Tumay Hamza defeated in third round 1:2

Tennis

Lauren Breadmore (women's 3rd round) defeated LAM Po Kuen (Hong Kong) 6-1, 6-0

Water Polo

Japan 10 defeated Australia 8

Women's Basketball

Australia 69 defeated Sweden 54

Women's Volleyball

France defeated Australia 3 – 1 (25-17, 22 – 25, 25 – 18, 25 - 23)

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