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### **CHAMPIONS DON'T NECESSARILY WIN AT THE 2005 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES**

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) student, Kerry Lee Crouch proved today that you don't need to win to be a champion at the 2005 Australian University Games.

Competing in the women's 100m breaststroke, Kerry Lee finished last but left with a big smile on her face as she revelled in the opportunity to experience competing in a university games for her uni.

Born with no arms, the business/law student has never considered herself disabled and feels most comfortable when competing with able-bodied colleagues.

"I really enjoyed the experience of participating in the uni games and while my time was a bit slower than I had expected it's been great to be able to represent my university," said Ms Crouch.

A regular competitor in State swimming carnivals, Ms Crouch continues to challenge herself including taking part in an ocean swim just for the experience. Kerry Lee will compete in her second event, the 50m breaststroke on Thursday.

Other competitors enjoying the uni games experience are gold medal winners in a number of sports overnight and throughout the day.

At the Sleeman Centre, Olympian and home town favourite Robert Newbery took Gold in the men's platform diving discipline for The University of Queensland (UQ) while World University Summer Games (WUSG) synchronise bronze medallists Briony Cole and Amey Moors-Chantry went up against each other in the women's 1m with Cole ending up on the winners dias.

With both girls recently relocating to Brisbane they took the opportunity to participate at the AUG and were not daunted at having to compete against each other.



"We are used to competing against each other, we do it all the time and this gave us an excellent opportunity to compete at our new training venue," said Moors-Chantry.

Fellow WUSG competitor Nicole Ng won the women's platform, Macquarie University's David Rudd took the men's 1m and University of South Australia twins Patrick and Kim Knight were victorious in the synchronised event.

Over at St Lucia, UQ competitors dominated the first day of action on the track with World Cup number one ranked triathlete Annabel Luxford leaving the rest of the 5000m challengers in her wake as she crossed the line more than 20 seconds ahead of minor place getters Alexis Gillham and Elizabeth Lee.

In other competition, University of NSW's representative and 2004 Olympian Sonya Chervovsky took out one of nine individual Gold medals up for grabs in the judo event.

Winning the women's light weight division, Sonya won all three of her bouts to finish with the maximum number of 30 points or three ippon.

Recovering from an injury sustained six months ago she used the Games to regain her skills and strength.

"I'm just coming back from an injury. It's a good tournament to come back into because it's not too hard but still a good fighting experience," said Ms Chervovsky.

In the men's fights, Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Fumihiko Ogata added a Gold in the 66kg class to accompany his 60kg win from the 2004 games.

With most sports moving into play-off deciders tomorrow, the rowing competition will hit Hinze Dam for the first day of furious action as several Olympians and World Champions go head to head on the water.

For a comprehensive list of results please go to [www.unigames.com.au](http://www.unigames.com.au).

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