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QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY RETAIN JODIE MARTIN TROPHY

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) retained the Jodie Martin Perpetual Trophy as overall champions of the 2005 DrinkSmart* Northern University Games in Cairns.

Competing in ten out of 27 Gold Medal Games held during the last day of competition, QUT won seven gold, three silver and eight bronze medals on their way to accumulating a massive 581 points to finish on top of the university ladder.

QUT team manager, Karen Bucholz, was overwhelmed with the result saying she that while she was quietly confident of her team doing well, she never expected back to back titles.

"I was quietly confident we could be up there with a chance of winning due to our fantastic lead up work and huge team effort but I'm still very surprised that we won after a late surge by some of the other teams," said Bucholz.

In the end the University of Queensland (UQ) were runners-up, with Griffith University Gold Coast (GUGC) in third and James Cook University (JCU) sliding to fourth. The Population Cup was won by GUGC while the Spirit of the Games award was presented to UNE.

While QUT streaked away with the overall championship, a number of gold medals came down to the wire with the men's basketball down to one point with UQ winning 60 - 59 over GUGC.

The men's soccer and women's hockey games were decided by penalty goals while the men's touch went into golden goal time.

Local team, JCU were the surprise package of the Games not only finishing fourth overall but dominating a number of finals including the women's basketball where three WNBL players helped the team to a 93 - 56 victory over UQ.



Winning teams now progress to the Australian University Games to be held in Brisbane from the 25 – 30 September, the 2005 AUG will showcase a record 26 sports, four more than those offered in previous years including athletics, Australian football, badminton, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, cycling, diving, hockey, judo, kendo, netball, rock climbing, rowing, rugby union 7's, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, taekwondo, tennis, touch, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and water polo.

Since their inception in 1993, the Games have grown to be Australia's largest and most diverse annual multi-sport event. The 2005 AUG will attract over 6,000 participants from universities across Australia and include a unique social program involving some of Australia's leading bands.

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