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THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE SNATCHES VICTORY FROM ARCH RIVALS

The University of Melbourne snatched victory from arch rivals Monash University today to become overall champions for the 2005 Southern University Games.

Three time defending champions The University of Melbourne featured in 11 finals across 20 divisions and were victorious in 7.

With a clean sweep of victories in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Touch Divisions, The University of Melbourne were looking to also take out both mixed and women's Netball in the last two finals of the day. But after sealing victory over Victoria University in the women's final, they went down in an epic extra time decider against Deakin University in the mixed division.

The most surprising result of the week however came from the hotly contested Men's AFL competition. The University of Melbourne, perennial silver medalists Deakin University and 2004 Australian University Games champions Australian Catholic University were expected to battle out the medal rounds. Boasting a squad chock full of local talent, many from the Gippsland Power system, it was Monash University who came out winners.

Winners from the southern University Games will progress to the Australian University Games to be held in Brisbane 25 to 30 September this year. The Games are expected to be the biggest yet with 6000 competitors from 46 member universities to converge on the sunshine state.

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