

The Aussie Daily

The newsletter of the Australian Global Games Team, Liguria 2011

Special Edition

AUSTRALIAN TEAM TOPS THE MEDAL TALLY!

Medal Standing		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	Total
1	Australia	28	14	12	54
2	Portugal	13	7	8	28
3	Poland	12	15	15	42
4	Hong Kong China	12	11	8	31
5	Ukraine	11	9	7	27
6	Japan	7	7	6	20
7	Spain	5	3	2	10
8	South Korea	4	4	5	13
9	Sweden	3	4	3	10
10	Czech Republic	3	3	1	7



The Australian 2011 Global Games team was a truly awesome team. The proof of exceptional performance is highlighted in the dominance on the medal tally but this doesn't always give the full picture of what makes up a great team. All members of this team gave 100% all of the time – athletes in their field of play, coaches, managers, officials, medical and support staff. This team had no passengers - all contributed to this great result. Well done to each and every one of you.

AND NOT BAD LOOKING EITHER!



RESULTS OVERVIEW

Athletics – 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

The athletics team did a remarkable job staying focused until their competition started on Friday, 30th September. I think the experience of driving up and down the skinny mountain roads from hotel to track kept them on their toes! Was that the plan Michael? Or was it your bright green tracksuit that was helping to keep everyone awake! Whatever it was the athletes were firing on all cylinders when the competition started. Stephanie Schweitzer won Silver in the 100m on the first day of competition, on day 2 Lindsay Sutton broke his own world record by a staggering 2+ metres to win gold in the hammer throw. Lindsay backed this up with another gold in the Discus and Nicole Vernon won a bronze also in the Discus.



Basketball

Boomerangs - 4th place

The Boomerangs won 2 of their 3 pool games to secure a place in the medal round. The must win game against France was probably the highlight of the tournament for this young team as they kept their composure even when France had a run in the 4th quarter and came within 6 pts. They went down to pre-tournament favourites Portugal in the Bronze Medal game.



This has been a positive tournament for the team; whilst they did not finish in the medals, they are a developing group, with a new coach and the experience of playing against the best teams in the world has established a benchmark for the future.

Basketball *contd*

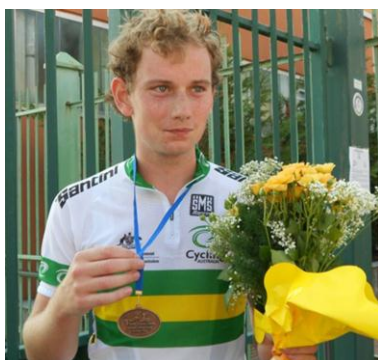
Pearls – Gold Medal

The Pearls completed the tournament undefeated and maintained their crown as world number one team. Brazil and Japan have improved their games since they last met and they worked very hard to upset the Australian girls. The Pearls were able to with-stand the pressure and come up with the wins. All team members contributed to the Gold Medal however Lisa Mackie was recognised by the coaches of the other teams and was named Female MVP of the tournament. Lisa was in the top scorers of all games and defensively played a major role against the playmakers and goal scorers of the opposition teams.



Cycling – Bronze Medal

The cycling team were housed and competed in the picturesque Casella which was an idyllic setting for this sport (and for the team manager who seemed to have quite a few photos of herself in the piazza eating gelato!!). There was a small but competitive field in the cycling. Nathan Broeren did a great job in winning the Bronze medal in the 40km road race, he was 4th in the 10km Individual Time Trial and the 10km Team time trial with Nicholas Pettersen who was competing in his first international event. It was great that they were able to move out of the mountains once the competition was over to join the bulk of the team in Loano.



Futsal

This event was the first time Australia had competed internationally in Futsal. This was a tough introduction to the sport against European teams who play regularly and have been playing at this level for a long time. The futsal boys should hold their heads high as they represented their country with dignity and showed great sportsmanship. They had a wonderful team of supporters who travelled over with them from Australia and were unwavering in their support for the team. All team members can take a lot out of this tournament and I have no doubt will be stronger from this experience.



Swimming – 21 Gold, 10 Silver, 7 Bronze

What can you say about this result? Thirty eight medals between only 9 athletes in a 4 day competition – amazing. Anyone who needed to hear the Australian National Anthem just needed to go and spend a few minutes at the pool and you were likely to hear it a few times!

Stand out individual results were:

- 🌀 *Kara Leo* - (19) 4 Individual Gold, 5 Relay Gold and 1 Silver and 2 Bronze
- 🌀 *Mitchell Kilduff* - (15) 4 Individual Gold, 1 Relay Gold and 2 Silver and 1 Bronze
- 🌀 *Amanda Fowler* - (14) 3 Individual Gold, 4 Relay Gold and 3 Silver and 2 Bronze
- 🌀 *Taylor Corry* - (16) 3 Individual Gold, 5 Relay Gold and 1 Silver
- 🌀 *Nerice Holland* - (23) 1 Individual Gold, 5 Relay Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze

With a team of this quality it is difficult to pick a highlight but the girls winning the trifecta – gold, silver and bronze - on the final night of competition in the 50m Backstroke is definitely worth a mention as are the remarkable results of the youngest member of the Australian Global Games team, Amanda Fowler.



Table Tennis

Barb Talbot (coach) and her team of 2 players were housed and competed in the stunning Cogoletto, Genoa. The aim of competing in this event was to expose Steve and Kate to the world's best players. Both performed very well with Steve making it into the Main Draw and improving his ranking from 48th to 24th – excellent result. Kate also had a good tournament playing well against opponents she will meet at the Hong Kong Regionals in December and taking a game off the top Korean player. Kate finished with a world ranking of 19. The team moved to Loano 2 Village at the completion of their competition and enjoyed spending the time with the Australian Team there.



Tennis – 4 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze

A tremendous result from a team of only 6 players! All of the various sports teams worked very hard to achieve their results however from about day 2 of the event I wondered if we had left the tennis team at the airport! They were not seen at the accommodation from early in the morning until late in the evening! Even their rest day had games scheduled. They were at the tennis courts all day every day. And while they did look weary when they made it back to the hotel at the end of the day they still all had smiles on their faces. The Australian Team dominated featuring in almost all of the medal presentations and all team members won a medal. Special mention needs to be made of Kelly Wren who won four Gold Medals and remains undefeated in international competition after 11 years!



THANK YOU

A final newsletter would not be complete without thanking some of the people and organisations that contributed to the Australian 2011 Global Games Team.

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The wonderful medical team, Doc Millons, Barb Denson, Imogen Batten, Kellie Schofield. Not only were they a pleasure to work with they worked tirelessly to assist the athletes (and staff) who needed medical assistance to enable them to continue competing at their highest level.

The Coaches, Managers and Officials were also a pleasure to work with and made the administration of the team a much easier job due to their professionalism, willingness to get involved and their “glass half full” mentality.

The home/personal Coaches, parents and supporters are often the unsung heroes of sporting teams. This team would not have been the same without their input.

And of course the athletes who at all times were positive, respectful, worked as a team and represented Australia with pride.

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