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Track & Field:



Brave Gold Medal for Thailand

The PSG team from Thailand finally arrived in Canberra three days after they were due and staggered into their beds at the AIS after 3.00 am Tuesday morning. Just a few hours later Songwut Lamsan easily won the Boys 200m Ambulant 18-19 years in the good time of 24.78 secs, more than 2 seconds faster than runner-up Brad Henderson of South Australia. This fine victory went a long way towards cheering up the whole Thai team after their difficulties in getting to Canberra.

ACT's Erika Vrednabregt in turn cheered up her fellow ACT team members in putting on a brilliant performance in the 12 year's Girls High Jump Final to win the event with a record leap of 1.69m which broke the previous record by a mere 1cm! This was also a new 4cm personal best for this talented all-rounder.

In the 12 year's Boys high Jump Victoria's Henry Smith matched Vrednabregt by also setting a new PSG record of 1.74m, brilliant high jumping!

Other fine field event performers yesterday included Jamie Farrant of NSW who set a new PSG record of 33.03m in the 10 years Girls Discus and Victoria's Jayden Okunbar who emulated this effort by also setting a huge new PSG record in the 11 years Boys Shot Put of 16.35m, breaking the previous record by a massive 74cms!

Fine performances were also recorded by Northern Territory's Hollie Henderson with a 9.82m throw in winning the Girl's Discus Ambulant event, Sarah Moroney of NSW who broke the National Record by a massive 3.28secs in the 12 years Girls 100m Ambulant Final and Queensland's Morgan Ellis who also set a new National Record of 3.01.61secs in the 14-15 years Girls 800m Ambulant Final.

Australian records were also set by Queensland's Morgan McAlister and Stephanie Schweitzer in the Girls 16-17 years 800m Ambulant Final and Rheed McCracken in the Boys 11years 100m Ambulant Final, excellent performances by all three athletes.

On a day when the weather settled down from Monday's boisterous conditions, the crowd enjoyed the fine entertainment provided by the many talented athletes on show.

✓ Hockey: Queensland and Victoria Secure Big Wins on Day 3

The Victorians have secured the outright lead in the U12 Girls Division after defeating the ACT 5 – 1. The first ten minutes were costly for the local side, allowing the Victorians to string together 4 unanswered goals. Before half time, however, the ACT got one back, wiping away the clean slate the Victorian's had accomplished thus far in the competition, then kept their opponents to a single goal in the second.

Queensland are sitting in second place, with Western Australia and South Australia then on equal points, a games win behind.

Only one game has been played in the U12 Boys division with SA and NT drawing 1 all. New South Wales v Queensland and ACT v Western Australia were in progress at the time of print, with NSW and WA both needing wins to maintain their top positions of one and two respectively.

In Pool 1 of the U16 Boys South Australia are sitting second on the ladder after they defeated Japan 4 – 1, while Victoria are leading the pool with the help of a victory over Singapore 7 – 4. The loss to both international teams means Japan will miss the four, while Singapore might still hold a slim chance of making semis.

In Pool 2 Western Australia is leading after two wins over the ACT and NT. Despite suffering a loss to Malaysia, Queensland is sitting in second position, two points off the pace, thanks to a 9-0 win over NT.

New South Wales have edged in front in the U16 Girls Pool 1 competition after defeating Tasmania 3-0, while Japan and Queensland remain on equal points after drawing 1-1 with one another. The other result from this pool saw NT come from a goal behind to draw with Hong Kong.

In Pool 2 Victoria and Western Australia remain equal at the top, after WA brought VIC back down to earth after their 18-0 crushing of Singapore and draw 2-2 earlier yesterday morning. In their first game of the tournament ACT suffered a 5-0 loss to SA.



↓ Diving: Young Divers Shine



What a difference a day makes! The sun was out in full force and the hazardous winds of Monday had blown themselves out. As a precaution all the platform events were rescheduled to be conducted in the morning session. The youngest competitors in both the boys and girls led the way with some spectacular dives followed by the senior boys competing some very difficult dives from the 10 metre platform.

Matthew Duffy from Queensland and Luke Hayes from Victoria fought all the way to the finish. After the first five dives 0.4 separated the two boys. Luke was victorious over Matthew with less than 7 points between them. Giles Aley from New South Wales collected the bronze.

The Victorian dominance of Day 2 was interrupted by the young New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory boys with Kyle Lovell and Christian Holman and team mates Liam Dummer and Liam Heather taking gold and silver with the local heroes of Tasman Calver and Lachlan Trabinger taking the first Australian Capital Territory medal at the diving.

Civic Pool was the place to be today for our local organising committee with a visit from Eric Chalmers who has been on both the Steering and Finance Committees for the games. Jo Campbell, Sport Manager, ventured in to watch the young divers, enjoying the fruits of his hard work in getting the pool up to a good standard for competition. 2008 Pacific School Games Ambassador and Olympic Softball Bronze Medallist from the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Games, Sally McCreedy presented the medals to the 16 Years Girls 3 Metre Springboard competitors. The recipients were, Brooke Wheeler (Vic) – Gold, Lexi Mills (NZL) – Silver and Megan Eckersley (Qld) – Bronze in this high level event.

Swimming: Swimmers Thrill Capacity Crowd



Day 2 of the 2008 PSG Swimming Competition brought much excitement to the capacity crowd at the AIS Swimming centre. A boisterous crowd of over 700 people were on hand to cheer on their swimmers who once again broke personal best times amongst very tight competition from all the Australian States and Territories and the international countries swimming at this year's Pacific School Games.

Outstanding performers from Day 2 of competition include Lionel Choo's (Singapore) swim in the 13 year old boys 200 m Individual Medley in which he finished a clear 5 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

Mikkayla Maseli Sheridan (South Australia) obliterated her field in the Girls 400m Freestyle Finals with a time of 4.21.63, a clear 7 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor.

The highlight of the day outside the Swimming Pool belonged to the Singapore Swim Team who was pleasantly surprised with a visit from Mr. Albert Chua, High Commissioner of Singapore who was on hand to speak to the Singapore contingent and lend his support to the team.

Day 3 of competition today promises to be another action packed day with Swimmers going stroke for stroke in what is shaping up to be one of the best Pacific School Games Swimming Competition yet.

Basketball: Local Team Powers to Victory

ACT (48) def New South Wales (39)

The ACT and NSW 12 and under boys met in a vital game. Both teams were undefeated after two rounds, with the winner probably ensuring a finals berth.

NSW started the game strongly, jumping to a 7 point lead at quarter time. The ACT bench players came into the game in the second quarter and turned the situation around, outscoring the NSW team 16 points to 6 to take the lead by three points at half time.

After half time, the NSW team steadied and the ACT team held on to their 3 point lead going into the final quarter. It was a tense final quarter with NSW throwing everything into the game in an attempt to regain the lead from the relentless ACT team. Some huge steals by the ACT guards Dufelmier and Clarke and excellent defensive work by Hebraken and Pratt shut down the NSW bigs on the boards and drove home a well earned ACT victory. Top scorers were Anderson Clarke (14) and Declan Pratt (12) for the ACT and Mitchell Nagumovski (10) and Nicholas Bagaric (10) for NSW.



PLEASE NOTE: Basketball Canberra is offering 2008 PSG Basketball Competitors limited tickets (200) at a bargain price of \$5 for the opportunity to watch 5 - time WNBL Champions the Canberra TransACT Capitals take on Townsville Fire on Friday 5 Dec at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. Please contact Jon Pratt on 6253 3066 by Thursday 4 Dec 12pm to book your tickets.

Yesterday's Results:

DIVING

Boys 10-12 Years Platform

1st	Scotia Mullin (VIC)	165.55
2nd	Joshua Kehagias (VIC)	147.85
3rd	Liam Stone (NZL)	140.85

Girls 10-12 Years Platform

1st	Anna-Irene Tsoukalas (VIC)	174.10
2nd	Genevieve de la Motte (NSW)	148.40
3rd	Charlotte Frawley (VIC)	139.80

Boys 17-19 Years Platform

1st	Luke Hayes (VIC)	333.30
2nd	Matthew Duffy (QLD)	326.95
3rd	Giles Aley (NSW)	260.65

BASKETBALL

Combined Wheelchair Round: 1

- Victoria (32) lost to New South Wales A (48)
 - New South Wales A (40) lost to New South Wales B (43)

12 and Under Boys Round: 3

- VIC (82) defeated WA (42)
 - SA (71) defeated Singapore (47)

12 and Under Girls Round: 3

- VIC (81) defeated NSW (54)
 - WA (90) defeated Singapore (20)

18 Wheelchair Round: 3

- New South Wales (57) defeated Victoria (38)

18 and Under Boys Round: 3

- WA (56) lost to ACT (91)
 - NSW (108) defeated China (51)
 - Singapore bye

18 and Under Boys Round: 4

- China (67) lost to ACT (110)
 - NSW (110) defeated Singapore (49)

Disability Round: 4

- New South Wales (58) lost to Victoria (120)

Disability Round: 5

- Australian Capital Territory (40) lost to New South Wales (83)

12 and Under Boys Round: 3

- ACT (48) defeated NSW (39)
 - TAS (51) lost to QLD (56)

12 and Under Girls Round: 3

- NT (18) lost to QLD (81)
 - ACT (37) lost to SA (80)

18 and Under Boys Round: 3

- TAS (97) defeated NT (59)
 - Macau (43) lost to QLD (136)
 - VIC bye

18 and Under Girls Round: 3

- TAS (59) lost to NSW (67)
 - VIC (84) defeated Singapore (23)
 - NT bye

HOCKEY

Under 16 Girls Hockey

- Australian Capital Territory (0) def. by South Australia (5)
 - Victoria (2) drew Western Australia (2)
 - Northern Territory (1) drew Hong Kong (1)
 - News South Wales (3) def. Tasmania (1)
 - Queensland (1) drew Japan (1)

Under 16 Boys

- Northern Territory (0) def. by Queensland (9)
 - Australian Capital Territory (0) def. by Malaysia (7)
 - Victoria Hockey (7) def. Singapore (4)
 - Japan Hockey (1) def. by South Australia (4)
 - News South Wales (5) def. Tasmania (0)

Under 12 Boys

- South Australia (1) drew Northern Territory (1)
 - News South Wales (1) drew Queensland (1)
 - Western Australia (12) def. Australian Capital Territory (0)
 - Victoria (2) def. Singapore (0)

Under 12 Girls

- Western Australia (0) def. by Queensland (2)
 - Australian Capital Territory (1) def. by Victoria (5)
 - Northern Territory (0) drew Singapore (0)
 - Tasmania (0) def. by News South Wales (4)

TRACK & FIELD

130 Boys High Jump 12 years

Henry Smith, VIC, 1.74m

131 Girls Long Jump Ambulant 12 years

Bronte Cincotta, NSW, 4.09m

132 Girls Discus Throw 10 years

Jaimee Farrant, NSW, 33.03m

544 Boys Discus Throw Seated WC 12 years

Ben Lorimer, QLD, 8.34m

143 Boys Discus Throw Seated WC 14/15 years

Ben Lorimer, QLD

165 Boys Discus Throw Seated WC 18/19 years

Zachary Andrews, NT

135 Girls Discus Throw Seated WC 12 years

Kristy Pond, NSW, 7.26m

136 Girls Discus Throw Seated WC 14/15 years Finals

Lauren Cruickshank, VIC, 10.11m

138 Girls 800 Metres WC 12 years

Kristy Pond, NSW, 3:47.27

139 Girls 800 Metres Ambulant 13 years

Renee Tanzer, QLD, 3:03.86

140 Girls 800 Metres Ambulant 14/15 years

Rachael Dodds, QLD, 3:40.60

141 Girls 800 Metres Ambulant 16/17 years

Morgan McAllister, QLD, 3:06.06

142 Girls 800 Metres Ambulant 18/19 years

Madalyn Currie, QLD, 2:51.76

143 Boys 800 Metres Ambulant 13 years

Shannon Boyack, NT, 3:25.56

144 Boys 800 Metres Ambulant 14/15 years

Mitchell Pink, NSW, 2:25.84

145 Boys 800 Metres Ambulant 16/17 years

Terence Morey, WA, 2:17.21

146 Boys 800 Metres Ambulant 18/19 years

Zackery Findlay, VIC, 2:17.38

147 Girls Long Jump Ambulant 13 years

Mikey Lloyd-Tighe, NSW, 2.17m, 0.8

148 Girls Long Jump Ambulant 14/15 years

Morgan Ellis, QLD, 4.02m

152 Boys Discus Throw 10 years

Nick Beames, VIC, 39.52m

153 Boys Shot Put 11 years

Jayden Okunbor, 97 NSW, 16.35m

Event 155 Girls Long Jump Ambulant 16/17 years

Angelique Booth, 92 NSW, 3.80m

156 Girls Long Jump Ambulant 18/19 years

Elizabeth Ellis, 90 WA, 1.96m

SWIMMING

Girls 50m Butterfly MD 13 - 15yo Final

COLLIER, Jade- W15, WA, 33.74

Girls 200m Individual Medley 13yo Final

MASELLI-SHERIDAN, Mikkayla- W13m SA, 2:21.00

Boys 200m Individual Medley 13yo Final

KHOO, Lionel, Chien Yin- M13, SSSC, 2:17.07

Girls 200m Individual Medley 12yo Final

PIDUTTI, Elise- NSW, 2:30.10

Boys 200m Individual Medley 12yo Final

MUGGERIDGE, Max- M12, QLD, 2:22.71

Girls 400m Freestyle 13 - 14yo Final

MASELLI-SHERIDAN, Mikkayla- W13, SA, 4:21.63

Boys 400m Freestyle 13 - 14yo Final

GRIMSEY, Ridge- M14, QLD, 4:10.00

Girls 200m Butterfly 17 - 19yo Final

CLARKE, Brooke- W17, QLD, 2:19.84

Boys 200m Butterfly 17 - 19yo Final

LESTER, Daniel- M18, QLD, 2:04.87

Girls 400m Freestyle 17 - 19yo Final

BARNES, Morgan-Lee- W18, QLD, 4:26.05

Boys 400m Freestyle 17 - 19yo Final

KERSWELL, Luke- M17, QLD, 3:59.48

Girls 200m Individual Medley 15yo Final

DIAMOND, Zoe- W15, NSW, 2:18.65

Boys 200m Individual Medley 15yo Final

SYKES, Buster- M15, QLD, 2:11.62

Congratulations:

to our winner

The 2008 PSG Team wishes to congratulate **David Gow** of Weston, ACT who won the lucky ticket draw at the 2008 Pacific School Games Opening Ceremony. David won two economy tickets (valued at \$5000) to any destination serviced by Singapore Airlines.

The winning ticket number was 2867A. Congratulations David!

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