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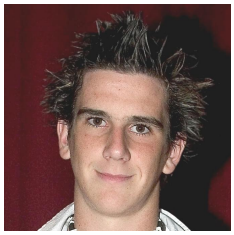
Hockey — D DAY DECIDER AT DARWIN



The Australian U21 championships concluded last weekend in Darwin. The NSW team, led by their contingent of four academy graduates narrowly lost the final 4-3 to favourites Queensland, after some strong performances throughout the week. After finishing the round matches in 2nd place, NSW took on WA in the semi finals.

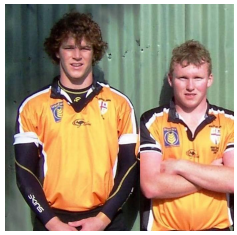
The match was a tight affair with Keiran Govers (*pictured above)* scoring during regulation time to help force the game into extra time.

Fellow IAS graduate Tristan White scored the golden goal for NSW after a jinking 25 metre run to send the blues into the final. White again found the score sheet in the final, however Queensland proved to be stronger in the end and ran out 4-3 winners.

Following the final, national selectors announced the Australian U21 squad, with both White (*pictured right)* & Govers gaining selection.

Four other graduates are competing this week and the next in the Australian U21 women's championship in Hobart. Emma Cobbin, Airlie Ogilvie, Amy Smith and Kate Thomson all made the trip down. The final is played on July 12 and a full wrap up will be published next week.

Union — GATES & ROSA SELECTED



Following on from the recent U18 and U19 NSW Country rugby union championships, two Pubstay graduates have been selected in the NSW U18 Country rugby representative team. Jack Gates and Luke Rosa have been selected in a strong country squad.

The Illawarra players commenced their 2008 representative program last week with a tour to Melbourne in which they played games against Victoria and ACT U18 representative teams.

Whilst the fledgling Cockatoos players lost both games to their southern counterparts, the early season games provided the players with a great opportunity to prove their worth as future senior Country Cockatoo players.

This year's senior Country Cockatoos took out the Australian Rugby Shield competition when they were unbeaten in games against Queensland Country, Adelaide, Darwin and Melbourne.

The Country U18 representative team has a comprehensive program for the remainder of the year with games against Oakhill College XV at Bundanoon 20 July, Eastern Suburbs Colts at Woollahra 27 July, NSW U17's at Maitland 17 August.

The pinnacle of representative rugby for the boys this year will be the opportunity to represent NSW Country U18's when they travel to Argentina in late November on a 21 day tour.

Surfing — RECORD BEATING IN WQS

Sally Fitzgibbons who's runner-up finish to current world No.11 Silvana Lima of Brazil at the ASP WQS festival in Bahia, Brazil last weekend, saw her make ASP history.

Sally secured enough ratings points on the qualifying series (WQS) to qualify for the 2009 ASP Women's World Tour well before the halfway point this season, a feat that has never been accomplished by any surfer (male or female) in history.

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Graduates — SIMPSON & LEE EXCEL

On a weekend where a number of academy graduates stood out, some of the higher profile athletes also took centre stage.

Melissa Simpson, *(pictured)* who previously played hockey for the NSW Arrows squad, ran in her first half marathon and recorded a time of 108 minutes at West Dapto.

This is all in preparation for her tilt at the Sydney marathon later this year.

Brett Lee became the quickest bowler ever to take 300 wickets in one day internationals when he caught and bowled Darren Sammy of the West Indies in his 140th game.

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Canberra Junior Tour
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14.....Hockey
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16-18.....Netball
Netball NIB Games
Wed-Fri Maitland