

BARRACUDAS

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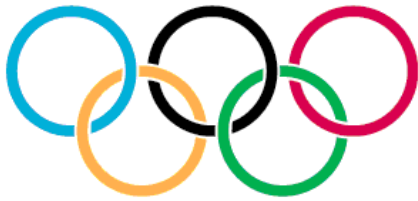


What a month of water polo we have enjoyed with our sport being showcased on the world arena at the Beijing Olympic Games! Both our Aussie women and men put on heroic performances with the women coming away with a well earned Bronze and the men taking the top teams in the world to the wire to come away with 8th. A great buzz is in the air and that enthusiasm and energy will hopefully carry forward into the 2008/09 season which is just around the corner. This issue of the Barracudas Water Polo Club Newsletter is complete with a full wrap up of all the Olympic excitement as well as important pre-season information for what will surely be a great 2008/09 competition.



Barracudas shine in Beijing - Kate, Rhys and Mel do us proud

Our Barracudas super stars Kate Gynther, Rhys Howden and Melissa Rippon made us all so proud with their performances in Beijing. The trio pictured above at the Australian team function in Beijing prior to the Opening Ceremonies (photo courtesy of Rhys Howden) played a major role in the Aussie teams' success. Kate was the top scorer for the Australian women's team in the tournament and Mel did her usual excellent job captaining the side through the lead up and the entire tournament. Moreover, Mel showed her experience as a world class player in stressful game situations by scoring critical goals. Rhys, who was one of the youngest members of the men's team showed his talents and stamina too - playing more than half of every game and netting two goals in his first Olympic campaign. The highlight certainly for the boys was coming within one goal of eventual gold medal winners Hungary in the rounds games. We are so proud of them and the Aussie teams!



2008 Olympic Water Polo Wrap Up - Aussie Bronze!

Men's Competition Results

Gold	Hungary
Silver	USA
Bronze	Serbia
4th	Montenegro
5th	Spain
6th	Croatia
7th	Greece
8th	Australia
9th	Italy
10th	Germany
11th	Canada
12th	China

Women's Competition Results

Gold	Netherlands
Silver	USA
Bronze	Australia
4th	Hungary
5th	China
6th	Italy
7th	Russia
8th	Greece



Melissa Rippon in action

Australian Results

Men	Women
Day 2 : AUS 12 - GRE 8 P Figlioli 4, S McGregor 3, T Whalan, G Woods, A Martin, R Campbell, T Neesham	Day 3 AUS 8 vs GRE 6 G Beadsworth 4, T Gofers 2, B Knox, J Santoromito
Day 4 : EPS 9 vs AUS 8 T Whalan 2, G Woods 2, T Franklin 1, P Figlioli 1, A Martin 1	Day 5: HUN 7 vs AUS 7 M Rippon 2, B Knox 2, R Rippon 2, N Cuffe 1
Day 6: AUS 8 vs CAN 5 P Figlioli 3, T Franklin 2, S MacGregor, A Martin, R Campbell)	Day 7: NED 9 vs AUS 10 B Knox 4, G Beadsworth 2, K Gynther 2, R Rippon 1, T Gofers 1
Day 8: AUS 12 vs HUN 13 P Figlioli 3, T Whalan 2, R Maitland, T Neesham, R Campbell, G Woods, S McGregor, A Martin, R Howden	Day 9: Women's Quarter Finals: AUS 12 vs CHN 11 K Gynther 5, NCuffe 2, M Rippon 2, G Beadsworth, B Knox, M Santomorito 1
Day 10: AUS 5 vs MNE 5 R Campbell 1, A Martin 1, J Beadsworth 1, G Woods 1, S MacGregor 1	Day 11: Women's Semi Finals USA 9 vs AUS 8 K Gynther 3, R Rippon 2, M Rippon 1, G Beadsworth 1, B Knox 1
Day 14: Men's Semi Finals (7th - 10th) AUS 17 vs ITA 16 S MacGregor 3, T Franklin 2, P Figlioli 2, R Maitland 2, A Martin 2, T Whalan 2, R Campbell 1, R Howden 1, G Woods	Day 13: Women's Final (Bronze): AUS 12 vs HUN 11 B Knox 3, Gynther 3, Fraser 2, G Beadsworth 1, R Rippon 1, M Santomorito 1, M Rippon 1
Day 16: Men's Classification (7th - 8th) AUS 8 vs GRE 9 P Figlioli 3, R Campbell 2, A Martin 2, G Woods 1	

Men's Competition Wrap Up - Hungary reign supreme

The Hungarian men were always going to be the favourites in the competition coming in as two time reigning champs. Australia had a difficult draw and needed to secure three wins in the rounds in order to ensure a place in the top 6. The Australians downed Canada and the Greeks easily but had to win one of the matches against either Spain or Montenegro. Sadly the Australians started slowly against the Spaniards letting them get out to a 4 goal lead - too much in the end and lost by 1 goal. It all came down to Montenegro and the Australians could only muster the draw - just shy of what they needed to advance and relegating them to a 7th/8th playoff. The USA proved to be the surprise of the men's tournament downing big name teams Croatia and Serbia. The Americans were outclassed in the final going down by 4 goals. Hungary reaffirming their supremacy as the top men's water polo nation on earth earning their third consecutive Olympic Gold medal.

Women's Competition Wrap Up - Dutch Champs and Aussie's come home as medallists!

Russia repeated their Olympic disappointment, starting the tournament ranked 2nd in the World and spiralling down to finish in 7th demonstrating the quality and depth of the tournament. Host nation China provided the most upsets downing the Russian side in the round games to post their first ever senior international win and then defeating reigning Olympic champs Italy in the 5th/6th playoff. Australia finished the rounds undefeated except against Hungary where a controversial call provided the Hungarians an opportunity to convert and earn a draw. That result forced the Australians to play in the quarter finals and a thrilling match against fired up China which saw the Aussies win by the narrowest of margins. Australia came within a whisker of downing favourites USA in the semi finals after not playing their best. A disappointed side shrugged it off and took to the Bronze against the Hungarians with vengeance. A late fight back from the Aussies levelled the score at the end of full time and forced extra time and an eventual penalty shoot out. Amazingly it came down to the last Hungarian penalty taker who's shot was saved by Australian goalkeeper Emma Knox - securing Australian Bronze. The Dutch women proved that speed, agility and excellent ball handling skills are just as important as size and strength as left hander Danielle de Bruin netted 7 goals leading the Netherlands to Gold over the front running favourites the USA who for the second time had to settle for Olympic silver.



1. Australia's Bronze medal winning team
2. Kate Gynther in action against Hungary
3. Jubilant Aussie bench celebrates penalty save for the Bronze medal win



PHOTOS AROUND THE OLYMPIC POOL



1. Australian Men defend Canada
2. Aussie supporters make the trek to Beijing
3. Rhys Howden fired up during Hungary game
4. Australian girls celebrate dramatic Bronze medal victory
5. Australian head coach John Fox talks to the bench
6. Australia's top male scorer, Pietro Figlioli winding up for a shot

2008/09 Barracudas Pre-Season Info

The 2008/09 season is just around the corner and the Barracudas registrations are now open. The Club will once again be fielding teams in all divisions and ages groups. Be sure to register as soon as possible as teams will fill up quickly and will be on a first come first serve basis. There are three ways to register for the upcoming season as described below:

1. (Preferred Method) Sign On Day.

Sign On Day will be held Saturday September 13th and Sunday September 14th at Brisbane State High School next door to Musgrave Pool.

The days will allow players the opportunity to size up and collect team gear, collect valuable club information and select their teams of choice.

2. Mailing Registration

For those who are unable to attend Sign On Day there is the option of mailing your registration. Please download and complete the registration form available on the Club website on the Club Information link. Once complete please mail the form to For those unable to attend sign on day, you can register via mail. Send your completed form and cheque payable to Tugun Water Polo Club Inc (TWPI) to Po Box 5083, WEST END, QLD, 4101

3. Email Registration

For those unable to attend Sign On Day, you can email your completed registration form to the club registrar at nathoitz@hotmail.com. Please include in the subject line "Barracudas Registration". Payment can be made on-line as well. Please clearly indicate the player's name in the details when paying via the internet.

Account Name: Tugun Water Polo Inc

BSB: 064 001

Account Number: 0091 57 37

Subject: PLAYERS NAME IN FULL **2008/09 Fees**

A full listing of the club's fees can be found of the Barracudas website.

Come and Try Day(s)

The Club will once again be hosting two Come and Try Days prior to the season. These will be taking place at Yeronga Pool Sunday September 7th and Sunday September 14th from 12:00 - 2:00pm. Girls and Boys U13 who want to see what water polo is all about and

have a go, are encouraged to attend. The session will be run by some the club's elite players and coaches. Each session will cost 5\$ payable upon entry. Last year over 60 children participated in the Come Try Days and everyone had a great time so be sure not to miss out.

BWPI Competition

The following are the competitions that BWPI will be running this season. We have confirmation of the start up dates and are awaiting BWPI to finalise Game day locations and days for Senior competitions.

Category	Grade / Age Groups	BWPI Game Days and Venues	Competition Dates
Senior Men and Women	A,B,C & X	A, B, Grade Men Wednesday nights at the Valley X Grade Men Monday nights at the Valley Pool A Grade Women and B Grade Women Friday Nights at the Valley (TBC) C Grade Women Tuesday nights at Musgrave	The senior competition will commence the week beginning on the 13th October
Junior Boys*	U13, U14, U16, U18	Saturdays – Musgrave Park Pool	The junior competition will commence on Saturday 11th October
Junior Girls	U13, U14, U15, U16 U18	Saturdays – Valley Pool, St Rita's Pool and Somerville House Pool	

New U12 Competition

Barracudas are running a new competition open to all interested young players under the age of 12. The format has been designed as a fun starting point for those entering the sport of water polo for the first time. The competition is open to players who are younger than 12 years of age as of December 31st, 2008 and combines basic skills training into a fun competition over 8 weeks. For more information visit the website!

AROUND THE POOL

Barracudas 2008/09 National League Coaches Appointed

The Barracudas Club Committee is pleased to announce the reappointment of National League coaches Ray Mayers and Fabio Pavanello for the upcoming season for the men's and women's sides respectively.

Barracudas on Tour in Europe

Kayla Bryce, Hannah Robinson, Nanda Stoltz and Daniel Young are all touring Europe with the Australian Junior teams. The girls just lost to Hungary 14-13 in Budapest. While the men have been enjoying training games with the Serbs after playing Great Britain in Cardiff.

Barracudas named in the Queensland U16 Teams.

Eight Barracudas boys and four girls have been named to the 2008 U16 Queensland State Teams to compete in the National Championships to be held in Perth commencing on the 29th September.

Girls: Maddy Coburn, Kim Cochrane, Bronte Colenso, Kate McAfee

Boys Qld A: Duncan Greenbank (coach), Dave Miller (coach), Sam Hicks, Ben Hewitt, Ben Edwards, Stewart Greenbank

Boys Qld B: Peter Edwards, Nick Godfrey, Jack McRae, Tyler Sinclair

Olympic Parade in Brisbane

Be sure to catch our Olympians and water polo bronze medallists as they make their way through Brisbane CBD on Friday September 19th as part of the AOC Olympic Parade tour - starts 12:00pm.

NOAS Level 1 Water Polo Refereeing and NCAS Coaching Course

Queensland Water Polo are offering level one Refereeing and Coaching courses in September and early October. As numbers generally fill up quick, it is important that interested persons submit their applications as soon as possible. Download a nomination form on the Barracudas club website or the Queensland Water Polo website to attend the course.

Refereeing Course:

DATE: Saturday, 4th October
TIME: 8:00am – 5:00pm
VENUE: Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, MILTON
COST: \$110-00 per participant

Coaching Course:

DATE: Saturday, 13th September and Sunday, 14th September
VENUE: Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton
TIME: 8:00am – 5:00pm
COST: \$165-00 per participant

For those interested in attending these courses the Club can assist financially - Please email Jacque at tjgiles@bigpond.net.au to find out more.

Welcome new committee for upcoming season

Club President Jacque Giles returns for her second year at the helm of the Barracudas Club. She is joined by a host of new faces including Jo Hicks as Secretary, Emma Keogh as Treasurer, Natalie Pavanello as Registrar, Dave Miller and Janita Johnson as Junior Club VPs. We thank them for volunteering their time and encourage your support.

2007/08 Queensland Water Polo Award Night

The 2007 – 2008 Water Polo Queensland Awards Night will be held on Friday, 19th September, 2008 at the Ballymore Rugby Club commencing at 6:30pm. This important event will once again showcase and recognise the outstanding achievements of volunteers, coaches, officials and athletes involved in all aspects of water polo in Queensland. The night will also feature the annual induction of members into the Water Polo Queensland Hall of Fame.

Further details regarding final ticket costs will be advised shortly. All Barracudas club members are encouraged to attend this event and continue what has become one of the most prestigious nights on the Water Polo calendar.

Halloween at the Grave

The Club will be hosting a Halloween Party at Musgrave under the haunted Grand Stand - otherwise known at "Halloween at the Grave". The event is for over 18s and costumes are essential. Mark the day in your calendar - Halloween Night Friday October 31st - 7:00 until midnight. Music, games and costume parade will all be on. More details to follow so stay tuned and check the club website for regular updates.

Musgrave New Multi Sport Facilities

Many of you won't recognise our home pool, Musgrave at the start of the season - the top of the hill has been converted into brand new publicly accessible tennis courts and basket ball court!

Changes to State and National Championships for upcoming 2008/09 Season

Australian Water Polo have changed their player pathways structure which incorporates AWPI National Championships and National Club Championships. The impact on water polo in Queensland and State Team structure is as follows:

National Aged Championships (State Team Representation): Presently there are 2 National Aged Championships run by Australian Water Polo, these are the U16 and U20 National Championships. Under the new structure these will change to U18 and U20 National Championships. These competitions will be held as follows - U18 April 2009 (Anzac day week) and U20 – January 2009

National Club Championships (Club Team Representation): Presently there are 2 National Club Championships competition run by Australian Water Polo, these are the U14 and U18 National Club Championships. Under the new structure the competitions will be for the U14 and U16 National Club Championships. These competitions will be held as follows: - U14 – April 2009 (Easter holidays), U16 – October 2009 (school holidays)

East Coast Challenge (State Representation): Presently there are no proposed changes to the East Coast Challenge which is run by the States which compete in the competition. This competition will continue to be held during the June/July school holidays.

State Championships (Club Team Representation): With the U18 National Championships moving to the April period, changes will need to be made to the Queensland State Championships to allow for selections of the State Teams and to ensure competitions don't conflict with each other. At present QWPI are still looking to have the U14 State Championships on the 5-7 December at a venue to be advised (SE Qld) however no firm decision has been made on the conduct of the U16 and U18 State Championships.

QWPI Development Programs (Selected Representation):

- U13: Water Polo Queensland will continue to maintain development programs for the U13 age groups each year and after a successful trial at the Pan Pacific Games in New Zealand will continue to send teams from this program to this competition every 2 years.
- U14: QWPI will continue to select a State Squad from the State Championships and then select teams from this squad to compete at the East Coast Challenge each year.
- U16: A State squad will still be chosen from the State U16 Championships each year which will undertake a development program during the off season. Competitions are presently being looked at for these squads to play in as well as acting as a development program for those clubs/associations which will send teams away to the National Club championships if required.
- U18: A State squad will be chosen either from the State Championships or trials conducted to chose State Teams to compete in the National Championships in April each year.
- U20: QWPI will continue to select teams from trials conducted in the later half of the year to compete in the U20 National competition in January each year.

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