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Sports Union News - August 2001



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2001 Eastern University Games - Coffs Harbour

Semester break and nothing to do? Well, not for 140 Newcastle University students who travelled to Coffs Harbour to contest the 2001 Eastern University Games for a week of competitive sporting action and socialising.



The Games commenced on Monday morning, 2 July 2001 with Newcastle University being represented by teams from AFL, baseball, basketball (m/w), hockey (w), netball (mx), soccer (m/w), touch (m/w) and tennis (m/w).

Warm weather conditions were welcomed by students, eager to take to the fields after the disappointment of watching the performance by NSW's in the third State of Origin. Day 1 produced excellent results with all teams competitive within their respective sports.

Competition continued during the days that followed, with many of our teams making their way into the quarter finals. Men's basketball, mixed netball, men's touch and women's tennis were all undefeated, at this stage, things were looking great for a mass of medals coming back to Newcastle.

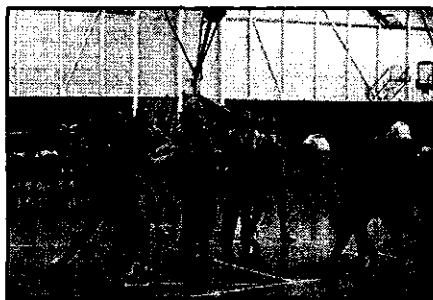
The women's tennis team, consisting of Jenny-Anne Fetch, Leisa

Brooks, Lauren Ticehurst, Donna Blackman, Lauren Pratt and Yasmin Bell won Newcastle's only gold medal – congratulations.

AFL played a tough physical game, which resulted in their placing 6th overall. A fantastic result as the team consisted of mixed sporting backgrounds – many with no history in the game of AFL.

Our *baseballers* enjoyed the week both on and off the field, fielding one of the few mixed sides, placing 7th overall.

Favourable results continued for our *men's basketball* team which flew through the qualifying rounds, and the *women's basketball* team improved on each game. The men's team ended up with the silver medal, qualifying for the Australian University Games while the women's team placed 9th.



Women's hockey placed 5th with some great individual performances during the championships.

The quiet achiever of the week was the *mixed netball* team which went through undefeated only to lose in



the final. The speed of the games during the week took its toll after Newcastle built a healthy early lead only to eventually succumb to the relentless opposition from Australian National University.

Men's soccer and *men's touch* had their eyes on the gold medal once again. Unfortunately both teams lost the semi finals in close games. *Men's touch* went into extra time and injuries made it difficult for our soccer players to keep up the intensity for the 90 minutes.



Women's touch got off to a great start, winning its first game 15-0 but mixed results followed, placing it 9th by the end of the week. *Women's soccer* also placed 9th, the only problem was getting the ball into the back of the net.

The *men's tennis* team played well all week, placing 5th.

Please contact Lisa at the Sports Union - 4921 6963, if you are interested in competing in the **Australian University Games** to be held in Sydney, in late September.

Clean Sweep for Men's Hockey

It's been a while, years in fact, but on Sunday, 22 April the University Men's Hockey Club won every game in every grade. This is by definition, rewarded with a President's Keg.



3rd grade played first and put an early goal on the board. It stayed 1-0 thanks to some tight defence and good work in the mid field. *2nd grade* had a slow start with Maitland scoring early. Coming home in a flourish, Maitland had no answer in the second half and fell in a screaming heap to a goal onslaught (5-1), with Joel Curran hogging the limelight with 3 goals. *4th grade* looked good from the start but struggled to get the ball in the net. When the goal finally came though it started a flood. The second half was played almost entirely in Maitland's side of the field and it ended at 4-0. *5th grade* looked like they might break the streak, struggling early to be 1-0 down at half time. But in a game of two halves, our fitness prevailed in the second. What was a close game turned into a rout as Uni made it a 4-1 victory. *6th grade* went in with absolutely no pressure on them to win. In a replay of the semi final last year the Raiders took on Maitland and once again had a wobbly first half. Another good half time talk saw a different team stride out and run amok winning 3-0.

Congratulations Seapigs!

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Surfriderz Bring Back Gold

Early on Saturday morning, 28 April 2001 a group of students from Newcastle University Surfriderz's headed down to Bondi Beach to contest the Surfing Eastern University Championships.

Newcastle dominated the teams event, with seven out of a possible eight victories in the first heats, and one second place which ensured that the teams title would return to its rightful place at the University of Newcastle.

Excellent personal results for Rochelle Unwin and Simon Perrow, placing second in the women's and the malibu divisions respectively. Adam Tyndall placed third in the kneeboards with John Hassett winning the kneeboards and coming in third in the open men's stand-up division.



Congratulations to Catrina Van Dam, Rachel Brent, Simon Perrow, Daniel Mathewson, Jeremy Gentle, Sean Lancaster, Andrew Hills, Adam Tyndall, Adam Davidson, Jesse Heaney, Rochelle Unwin and John Hassett.

Any surfers wishing to surf in contests or join the University Surfriderz Club's winning team please contact John on 4963 7569 or visit our web site at www.newcastle.edu.au/sports/

See you in the water!



Newcastle Fights it Way Through the Eastern University Championships Tae Kwon Do



On the 22 April 2001, the University Tae Kwon Do Club took a team of 6 members down to Sydney to compete in the Eastern University Championships - Tae Kwon Do. The team was lead by coach, and team manager, Master Ben Capotosto, and consisted of Ante Kalstad, Benjamin Cheng, Lachlan Gorrie, Christopher Elliot, Daniel Linsell, and Sarah Moore.

The team produced excellent results considering its small size, coming away from the Games with 4 out of a possible 6 medals - 3 silvers and 1 gold. With this experience, performances will continue to improve, considering several players had never competed before - a great effort!

Please contact Lachlan Gorrie on 4984 1037 for information on the Tae Kwon Do Club.



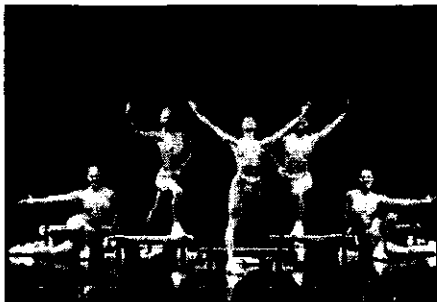
L to R: Lachlan Gorrie, Ante Kalstad, Chris Elliot, Ben Capotosto, Ben Cheng, Sarah Moore, Daniel Linsell

UNIVERSITY STEP TEAM

The University Step Team placed second at the World Aerobic Championships recently held in Morocco - congratulations to the girls on this remarkable result.



The team which is based at The Forum, consisted of Samantha Martin, Kathryn Reily, Nicole Wheatley, Kristy De Lore, Karen Thompson, Leanne Hill and Vivienne Lattimare. Please support the girls at their Trivia Night at The Forum, Friday, 3 August 2001. For more information, please call - 4921 7001.



Don't forget that The Forum has a huge range of aerobic classes to suit all levels of fitness - call, 4921 7001 for more information.

Australian Masters Games - Squash

The Sports Union will be hosting squash at the Squash and Tennis Pavilion from 9 to 11 October 2001. For more information about participating or volunteering, please call Justine Whipper on 4921 6964.

For more information
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Australian University Games 2001

Athletics
Australian Rules
Badminton
Baseball
Basketball
Canoe/Kayak
Cycling
Diving
Fencing
Hockey
Judo
Kendo
Netball
Rowing
Rugby
Softball
Soccer
Squash
Swimming
Tae Kwon Do
Tennis
Touch
Volleyball
Water Polo

23 September to
28 September



Homebush Bay
(Olympic Venue)
University of Sydney
Penrith Sports Precinct

Annual General Meeting

The Sports Union held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 2 May 2001. The meeting was well attended by those interested in the future of sport and recreation on campus.

The results of the election for office bearers for 2001 saw Trevor John, previously Honorary Secretary elected as President, Dianne Pascoe elected Honorary Secretary and Professor Scott Holmes retain his position as Honorary Treasurer. Dr Ian Webster stood down as President and we thank him for his contributions to the Sports Union.

Blues Dinner 2001

The Sports Union's Annual Blues Dinner will be held at the University Union on Friday, 31 August 2001. Awards will be presented to Blues, Colours and the Sports Person of the Year. Tickets are available by calling 4921 6960.



2000 Sports Person of the Year Finalists

Baseball Club - On the Home Run

www.huntercommunications.com.au/camels/camels.htm

The University of Newcastle Baseball Club (*The Camels*) are having a great year to date, with Fourth grade undefeated, Third grade in second place and Second, Fifth and Sixth grade holding fifth place. This run is anticipated to continue as all grades are dedicated to playing their way into the finals.



Recruiting

The Club is building to return to First grade in 2002, following a year of consolidation in 2001 and is seeking expressions of interest from players for First and Second grade. The club is also taking expressions of interest for the summer competition from players of all standards. Students are reminded that Club fees are up to four times less than other Clubs - *it's cheap to play!*

Trivia Night

Friday, 3 August at the Town Hall Hotel at 6:00 pm for a 6:30pm start.

Softball

We are aiming to construct a 2002 Winter Softball Competition. Please call Geoff - 0414 014 365 or 4957 0086 or email UniversityBaseballClub@yahoo.com.au

The Club acknowledges the support from its sponsors, the Town Hall Hotel, Steve Koulis Smash Repairs, Mullane & Lindsay Solicitors, Hunter Communications, the Fork 'n Knife Hamilton, Wellings Signs & Fisclock Painting & EUG sponsors, Rumours Clothing Company, Shortland Hotel, General Roberts Hotel & Pablos Liquor.

Recreation Courses

The Sports Union offers a huge range of recreational activities - **Belly Dancing, Fencing, First Aid, Golf Lessons, Surfing, Posture and Flexibility and Tai Chi.**

For more information please contact Justine on 4921 6964.

Don't miss out!

World Cup Soccer

If you're interested in entering a team in the Annual World Cup Soccer Tournament, please contact the Sports Union on 4921 6964 for more details.



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University Netball Graduates currently share second place in the Newcastle Open Netball Competition. We wish all University teams all the best with the upcoming finals.

Congratulations to **Marti Lisiua** and **Warwick Crosby** who were recently selected to play for NSW Country in a curtain raiser to the Wallabies v's New Zealand Maori clash at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Daniel Proctor has been named in a 29-man squad to prepare for the world under-23 basketball championships in Japan.

University Cricket Skipper, **Robert Faraday** won a holiday on the Gold Coast after being voted the Newcastle District Cricket Association's Players' Player - well done Robert. A great way to start the 2001/2002 University Cricket Season.

Campus Scamper 2001

3km Run or 5km Walk



The Campus Scamper attracts some 300 competitors (ranging from the 'Sunday Stroller' to the elite athlete) winding its way round the picturesque Callaghan Campus back to No. 2 Oval.

Date - 22 August 2001

Time - 12.15pm

Venue - No. 2 Oval

For more information call -
4921 6960

Contribution deadline:

Next issue: No 3 - 24 August

Contributions are welcome - please send articles, results, fixture listings, clearly labelled photos to:

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