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MEDAL TABLE

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
England	37	24	16
Australia	29	28	17
South Africa	8	7	15

SWIMMING

Women's 50m Backstroke

West Australian 100m backstroke silver medallist **Adelaide Hart** went head-to-head with England's **Phoebe Lenderyou** in the women's 50m backstroke before out touching the Englishwoman on the line, taking her first individual gold in 27.67.

Lenderyou glided into the wall second in 28.14, while Victorian **Kotuku Ngawati** was fourth in 28.61

Women's 200m Freestyle

Sydney freak freestyler **Ami Matsuo** cemented her billing as female swimmer of the meet, taking out her third individual freestyle gold medal of the Games, this time blowing the field away in the 200m to win gold in 1:57.92.

The 15-year-olds coach pleasing swim was more than a second and a half clear of Northern Ireland's second place getter **Sycerika McMahon** (1:59.46), while Queenslander **Leah Neale** (1:59.56) was just outside the medals in fourth

Men's 50m Freestyle

Sydney schoolboy **Te Haumi Maxwell**, holder of the Australian Age U/15 record in this event, was a class above the field churning through the two lap dash in a gold medal winning time of 22.00.

The 16-year-old Maxwell, who won individual gold in the 100m freestyle, relegated team mate and 50m and 100m butterfly champion **Chris Raven** (22.41) to second, while **Luke Pendock** of South Africa grabbed bronze in 22.61.

Men's 200m IM

Victorian **Eugene Tee**, who trains in the United States, started the medal romp for Australia in the men's 200m IM snaring a hard fought silver medal in 2:01.92, just a tick behind eventual race winner **Leuan Lloyd** (2:00.42) of Wales.

Men's 400m Freestyle

Jarrood Poort, Australia's 1500m champion from Saturday night, eye-balled Kiwi swimmer **Matt Hutchins** for the entire sixteen laps of the men's 400m freestyle, before a late burst from the Kiwi saw him take the spoils in 3:48.92. The 16-year-old Poort activated the timing pads second in 3:49.30.

Women's 4x100m Medley Relay

In the penultimate event of the program Australia's 4x100m medley relay team of **Ami Matsuo, Adelaide Hart, Karlene Pircher** and **Vanessa Puhmann** was beaten to the wall by England in a highly entertaining relay final.

The England team clocked an impressive 4:04.30, while the aussie foursome finished less than a second back in 4:04.94.

Men's 100m Backstroke

After finishing fourth in the 200m backstroke and third in the 50m backstroke, Northern Territory born **Robert Gerlach** claimed silver in the men's 100m backstroke in 54.05, behind a barnstorming **Corey Main** (53.53) from New Zealand.

Women's 100m Butterfly

Queensland 16-year-old **Vanessa Puhlman** took flight from lane four of the final in the women's 100m butterfly, but was unable to hold off the fast finishing Kiwi swimmer **Sophia Batchelor**, who won gold in 58.63. The **Stephan Widmer** coached Puhmann touched third in 59.77.

Men's 50m Breaststroke

West Australian 16-year-old **Tommy Sucipto**, owner of a brace of silver medals from the 100m and 200m breaststroke, rounded out his set of silvers by adding the 50m to his collection, after again trailing Scotland's superfish **Craig Benson** (27.79) into the wall, touching in 28.38.

Women's 200m Breaststroke

Victorian **Karlene Pircher** turned in a solid performance in the women's 200m breaststroke to finish a commendable fifth in 2:28.58, behind South Africa's race winner **Kelly Gunnell** (2:25.22).

Men's 4x200m Freestyle Relay

Minus their premier 200m freestyler **Alex Graham**, who slipped and dislocated his knee on pool deck during Thursday's warm up, the Australian quartet of **Jarrood Poort, Eugene Tee, Te Haumi Maxwell** and **Robert Gerlach** finished fifth in 7:33.50 in a fierce final that went to a well drilled Welsh unit in 7:22.16.

BADMINTON

Australia's women's doubles team of **Jacqueline Guan** and **Gronya Somerville**, which went down fighting to the Malaysian number one seeds on Saturday afternoon, took to the court against Sri Lanka in their bronze medal play off.

The dynamic duo fought out a highly entertaining match that saw the ascendancy ebb and flow a number of times during the epic three sets, until the Sri Lankan duo of **Achini Rathnasiri** and **Upuli Samanthika** claimed a lucky victory 12-21, 21-19, 16-21.

ATHLETICS

Women's 400m hurdles

Queenslander **Tatum Shaw** became the toast of the women's track team when the talented teen snapped Australia's run of silver medals by taking out the hotly contested 400m hurdles in emphatic fashion, crushing the competition to win in 60.49.

Trailing in the 17-year-old's jet-stream was England's **Hayley McLean** (61.76), while her West Australian team mate **Shenae Peterson** was 5th in 70.99.

Women's triple jump

In the women's triple jump Australia's **Nat Apikotoa** improved her personal best by a mere 1cm, but more importantly did enough to take the gold medal, stretching the tape a staggering 12.55m. The 17-year-old Apikotoa finished 16cm in front of New Zealander **Greer Aslop**, who scored silver with a leap of 12.39m.

Men's javelin

The men's javelin provided the ideal platform for **Luke Cann** to flex his muscles and win yet another track and field silver medal for Australia.

The 17-year-old Victorian best navigated the blustery conditions by pitching his javelin low and hard under the inclement weather to register an impressive 75.21m, just shy of South African gold medallist **Morne Moolman** (81.53m), while fellow Aussie **Darren Howard** was fourth with a throw of 60.20m.

Women's hammer throw

Tasmanian **Mikki Genge** won another track and field medal for Australia, snaring bronze in the women's hammer with an exciting throw of 51.49m.

Women's 4x100m

The Australian foursome of **Margaret Gayen, Tatum Shaw, Abbie Taddeo** and **Sophie Taylor** won a relay bronze medal for Australia, when they teamed up to churn out a 48.10. The race gold medal went to England in a time of 46.19.

Men's hammer

Australia's **Mitch Cooper** hurled the hammer 55.37m, but unfortunately missed out on the medals, placing 7th overall.

Men's 400m hurdles

Australia's **Jack Bangel**, who snuck into the final in sixth place, was just a second outside the minor medals finishing the race in 6th place in 54.41.

Women's 200m

In the women's 200m Australia's **Sophie Taylor**, the 2011 Australian Youth Championships 100m winner, was just 0.15 off the bronze medal, finishing 4th in 26.64. Taking out the title was **Dina Asher-Smith** of England in 24.30.

Women's 800m

Australia's **Rochelle Kennedy** produced an electrifying race from lane one to go within a whisker of winning gold in the women's 800m, claiming silver in 2:12.06. England's **Katie Snowden** was the event spoiler, taking the gold in 2:11.20.

Men's 4x100m

The Australian quartet of **Josh Clarke, Anthony Collins, Julian Collins** and **Max Waldron** finished the men's 4x100m relay in fourth place in a time of 41.68. The race was won by South Africa in 41.00.

BOXING

In a major shot in the arm for our national junior boxing stocks, Australia featured in four gold medal fights on the concluding night of competition at the Villa Marina boxing arena, walking away, all be it a little battered and bruised, with three gold and one silver.

Tasmanian tearaway **Jackson Woods** was the first Australian in action when he took on England's **Samson Sykes** in their men's flyweight fight. The pugnacious 18-year-old Aussie landed a series of well calculated punches but didn't do enough to impress the judges as they awarded the fight, somewhat controversially, to the Englishman 8-13.

Australia's 2011 national U/19 light welterweight champion **Dan Lewis** was the next Australian cab off the rank when he touched gloves and went to war with England's experienced fighter **Darren Tetley**. In one of the most entertaining bouts of the night the plucky Australian let rain a flurry of punches on his English opponent to take the high scoring affair 27-24 and clinch Australia's first boxing gold medal.

After dismantling Canada's **Cody Crowley** 14-12 in Saturday's semi-final fight, Australian **Dylan Hardy** went toe-to-toe with the lightning fast **Grant Quigley** from Scotland in a crowd raising encounter. The likeable Latrobe fighter kept his glove close and tight all fight and landed a number of crucial face and body blows to take the title by the slimmest of margins, winning 16-15.

In the final fight of the night Australia's **Brandon Allen** danced on the canvass with Welsh warrior **Callum Evans**, as the two lads fought for the gold medal in the light heavyweight division.

The highly entertaining nine minute fight saw both brawlers landed a number of scoring body and head blows, but it was the awkwardly effective style of the Australian that caught the judge's attention, unanimously winning the fight 26-12 – capping off a memorable night for the Australian team.

CYCLING

Women's criterion

In wet and uneven conditions, the women's criterion that snaked along the Douglas promenade and over the tram lines saw South Australian **Jess Mundy**, who was fourth in the road race, past the post first for the Aussie taking fifth, with compatriot **Jess Allen** hot on her heels in sixth. Fellow Australian **Alison Rice** from the ACT navigated the torrid conditions well, finishing the race ninth overall.

Men's criterion

The men's criterion proved to be an equally entertaining and tactical race as South Australian **Robert McCarthy** made it an Aussie clean sweep of all men's cycling gold medals, taking out the race along the Douglas seafront from England's fast finishing **Jon Dibben**.

Bookending the medals was Australia's time trial silver medallist and road race bronze medallist **Jack Beckinsale**, who added another bronze medal to his impressive tally.

Alex Morgan, who had to pull out of yesterday's road race after a slip on the suspect surface, dusted himself off to finish the criterion in 9th, while Saturday's road race winner **Caleb Ewan** was unfortunately DQ'ed.

GYMNASTICS

Men's events

The men's CII proved to be a big day for 16-year-old **Declan Stacey** and Victorian gymnast **Tyson Bull**, with Stacey winning Australia's first male gymnastic gold medal of the Games, when he upstaged the more fancied field to claim the win with a score of 13.950.

The raging Bull, who had to withdraw from Saturday's All Around event after sustaining a knock to the thumb, contested two of the six possible events and came away with a sterling performance to grab silver in the still rings with a final score of 13.700.

Still rings

Tyson Bull won **SILVER** with a score of 13.700

Floor

Declan Stacey won **GOLD** with a score of 13.950

Parallel bars

Declan Stacey was 8th with a score of 12.00

Horizontal bars

Tyson Bull was 5th with a score of 13.500

Women's events

The women's CII events saw the bronze medallists from Friday's team event **Emma Nedov** and **Maddie Leydin** channel their energy into the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor routine.

Nedov, the pint-sized Turrumurra local, shone the brightest with her dazzling balance beam routine not only impressing team coach **Mikhail Barabach**, but catching the eye of the judges as they awarded her a golden score of 13.300.

Vault

Maddie Leydin was 5th with a score of 12.850

Uneven bars

Emma Nedov was 4th with a score of 12.600

Maddie Leydin was 11th with a score of 11.950

Balance beam

Emma Nedov won **GOLD** with a score of 13.300

Maddie Leydin was 5th with a score of 12.500

Floor

Emma Nedov was 7th with a score of 12.700

Maddie Leydin was 8th with a score of 12.450

RUGBY SEVENS

After cruising through yesterday's pool matches to finish atop their group, Australia's rugby sevens team took on the awkward Trinidad and Tobago unit in their first final, with **Chris Lane's** men clinically disposing of the hapless team 53-0. In the absence of rested team captain **Lewis Holland** GyMEA product **Waldo Wessel** and Narrabeen's **Fabian Natoli** both troubled the scorers on multiple occasion,

In the semi-final Australia was pitted against a towering South African unit that had a clear size advantage over our boys. Their imposing size did nothing to squash Australia's enthusiasm, as the talented teens ripped into their Springbok foe's but fell agonisingly short, just losing the match 28-21.

Standout performers in the romp included inspiration captain **Lewis Holland** who took to the pitch with a troublesome knee/thigh injury he sustained in the pool match against Canada and **Waldo Wessel** who nailed two crucial conversions with one foot on the sideline chalk.

Filled with mixed feelings the boy's turned out a professional display in their play off for third place, trouncing the flying Scotsman 15-12, in an entertaining match.