

Golden glory for sporting stars



Samatha Richards (Monash) captains the gold winning basketball team

The Australian women's student basketball team secured their place in the history books winning Australia's first ever gold medal in a team sport at a Summer Universiade.

In a thrilling match against Russia, the first three quarters could have indicated a possible win to either team with the greatest margin being just six points. The superior speed and fitness of the Australian women came to play in the final quarter however, with the Australians running rings around their taller opponents to finish with a final score of 85-65.

Paul Manning, Australian Team Chef de Mission was ecstatic with the result saying, "It was very exciting to be a part of this event and to see such fantastic performances culminating with this gold medal in Australia's final performance at this Universiade. An outstanding way to finish our 10 days of competition."

Australian National Champion

Sean Wroe ran a perfect 400m to capture Australia's first Gold medal of the 24th Universiade, finishing in a time of 45.49.

Wroe stuck to his race plan to take a clear lead over his rivals off the bend into the home straight and finished strongly to the delight of the Australian contingent in the stands at Thammasat University, Bangkok.

Overall the Australian team finished 14th on the medal tally with 11 medals in total: three gold, five silver and three bronze.

The World Summer Universiade is held every two years under the banner of the International University Sports Federation.

The next major event on the student sports calendar is the 2007 Australian University Games to be held at the Gold Coast in Queensland from September 23-28. [U](#)

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Sarah Katsoulis (ACU) left, wins silver in both the 100m and 50m breaststroke



Sean Wroe (Swinburne) wins gold in the 400m run



Caroline Marton (Monash) wins bronze in Taekwondo

SUCKED IN OPPOSITION

A student in the United States tricked football fans from a crosstown rival into holding up signs that together spelled out, "We Suck". Kyle Garchar plotted the trick, which was captured on video and posted on YouTube. At the end of the video, Garchar thanks the 800 opposition supporters who raised the cards at the start of the third quarter during the game. "It couldn't have been done without you," reads the closing frame of the video. Garchar, 17, created a grid to plan how the

message would be spelled out once fans in three sections held up either a black or white piece of construction paper.

Directions left on stadium seats instructed fans to check that the number listed on their papers matched their seat numbers. Darby supporters were told the message would read "Go Darby." "I didn't really think it was going to work."

Check it out at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=PtuLwWJGnn4>

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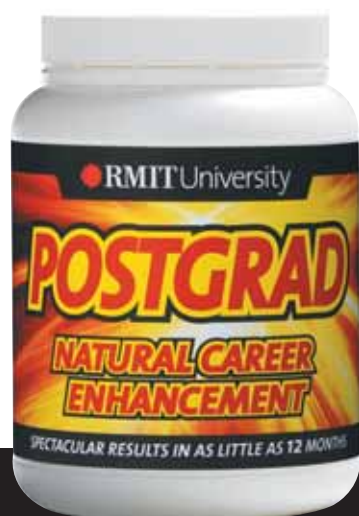
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