

Rotorua gold rush

Monash had a successful run at its first visit to the New Zealand Uni Games, last month bringing home three gold and one silver medal from the annual event.

The Monash netball team, Monash University Central dominated the competition, taking gold after beating first round teams by up to 87 goals.

The men's and women's badminton teams advanced after an amazing run, winning every singles game, dropping only one very close doubles game in the early rounds.

The basketball team had an agonisingly close loss in the final, going down against Victoria University (NZ) 55-54.



Skiing to the top

RMIT student James Millar recorded a world top 10 place at the recent Disabled World Cup Skiing series.

Millar, who is studying for a Bachelor of Design started his campaign in Germany. He recorded two 14th places, in the 5km skate and 20km classic, and a 12th in the 10km classic in heavy rain and gusting side winds.

Hundreds of athletes, coaches and technicians then moved to Finland for the second World Cup series under a mix of freezing cold clear skies and rain, and only five hours of daylight.

Millar made his mark in the skate sprint, coming eighth after reaching the semi-finals. He also recorded 14th in the 20km skate.

The final race was a 10km classic – the hardest race of the season. Weather and snow conditions were tough and many skiers crashed.

Millar's pole broke on the last lap and he was happy coming 12th.

He said it was his best




series of race results, with the greatest variety of conditions and venues experienced to date.

"To reap any kind of reward you have to put in the time," Millar said.

Tonga scores a six

Monash will fund a cricket development officer in the Pacific Island nation of Tonga.

It will see emerging young regional player Salesi Tu'Akoi, play a pivotal role in the development

of the game at both school and junior level. Tu'akoi will play a major role in implementing a 'School Development Plan' introducing cricket into a number of primary and secondary schools within the country. 

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