

# Tough Olympic lessons

*Victorian students, many in their first Olympic campaign, gave everything in Beijing, despite not bringing home any medals.*

**E**rin Carroll (VU – pictured) bowed out in the first round of the women's badminton singles against Spaniard Yoana Martinez, 9-21, 16-21.

"I am a little bit disappointed," Carroll said after the match.

"I was a bit nervous to begin with. I knew I had to try something different in the second set. But she was too strong."

Teenage debutant Kyle Davis (RMIT) faced Hao Wang, the world number

one in the table-tennis and went out with guns blazing to take the first point.

"I have never played a character of his calibre," Davis said after the match. Ranked in the 400s, Davis played a tough and entertaining match, eventually losing 8-11, 7-11, 4-11.

Lone Aussie modern pentathlete Angie Darby (Melbourne) finished 35th overall.

Sarah Tait (Melbourne) was part of the women's eight rowing, finishing 6th

in the final.

Dennis Iverson (VU) lost his first round 73kg judo match against Turkey's Sezer Huysuz.

Australia's three-time Olympian Catherine Arlove (Monash) was defeated in the opening round of the women's under 63kg (half-middleweight) division by Daniela Krukower of Argentina.

The Australian synchronised swimming team, including Tarren Otte (VU) finished in seventh place, with a combined

points score of 83.5.

Tania Luiz (VU) was knocked out of the women's badminton doubles in the first round.

Madeleine Pape (RMIT) finished 6th in her 800m heat, with a time of 2:03:09.

Jeff Riseley (Deakin) ran in the heats of the 1500m.

Kim Crow (Melbourne) raced in the women's rowing pair, finishing 10th overall.

Ali Abdo (VU) was defeated in the first round wrestling losing 3-0 to Turkey's Ahmet Gulhan

David Zalberg (Monash) lost in the preliminary 0-4.

Jessica Walters (Monash) missed selection for the archery team after being picked in the shadow Olympic squad.



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These two Melbourne universities will not only be renewing their fierce sporting rivalry but will also be aiming to hold off the onslaught from NSW universities for the coveted Overall Champion title.

Sydney University are the current holders of this overall prize and are determined to take the trophy back north of



the border come the end of the competition.

The Games management are also revved up to go, "2008 will see the largest University Games event take place in Melbourne. We are delighted with the support shown by all participants who have entered and look forward to some great sporting competition," 2008 Australian University Games project manager, Donna Spethman says.

"It is fantastic that universities have embraced the event here

in Melbourne. All Victorian teams have entered large teams in the hope to take home the overall champion title," she says.

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