

Let the Games begin

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Watch the battle unfold between Australia’s university sporting giants, Monash, Melbourne and Sydney – the favourites to take the honours at this week’s Australian University Games.

But don’t underestimate the dark horse, Victoria University – joint partner with Monash of this year’s Games – who have also thrown down the gauntlet.

Monash will field the single largest team at the games, with more than 550 students competing during the week-long competition.

It is ten years since Monash last took number one honours at the games, after the narrowest of defeats for the overall title last year.

Melbourne has won the title of Overall Champions for three of the past four years and will again aim to be at the top of the medal tally.

Victoria University has a proud history competing against larger, more established universities and

in 2006 earned the inaugural ‘Spirit of the Games’ shield.

VU will have four Olympian competitors in action. Erin Carroll and Tania Luis in badminton; Dennis Iverson in judo; and Ali Abdo who represented Australia at the Olympics in wrestling is turning his hand to judo for this event.

This year more than 6500 student athletes from 42 universities will compete across 30 sports at a number of Melbourne’s best sporting complexes.

Monash’s Clayton campus will host six sports – touch football, Australian Rules football, badminton, squash, hockey and handball.

VU’s Footscray Park Campus will be the site of the Taekwondo, Judo and Kendo.

Director Monash Sport Martin Doulton called on the Monash community to show their support for Team Monash during the games.


“I encourage everyone – students, staff, family and friends – to come and support Team Monash as we take on

the might of our closest rivals, the University of Melbourne and the University of Sydney,” Doulton said.

University of Melbourne’s team is expected to comprise more than 500 students and Beijing Olympian Angela Darby (Modern Pentathlon) will represent the University in fencing.

The Australian University Games will be held from 28 September to 3 October.

The 2008 Australian University Games Closing Ceremony will be held on Friday 3 October at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Basketball Show Court from 5.30pm.

Pennants and trophies for each divisional competition will be given out during the ceremony. 

More information at www.unigames.com.au

Photos: Right - Monash athletes ready to go. Below Right - Uniform presentation for VU student athletes. Below Left - Melbourne rower, Kim Crow.

