

By Joyce Goh

Oz Glory



Australian glory at the 2008 Commonwealth Championships

The Australian Taekwondo Team made Australia proud at the 2008 Commonwealth Championships held in Winnipeg, Canada from 21 – 23 November, bringing home 9 medals and 2 awards

The WTF approved Electronic Protectors, LaJUST Electronic Impact Detection and Scoring System (EIDSS), were being used for the first time at an international benchmark event and it was a huge success where controversies of manual scoring were greatly reduced.

As Head of the Australian Team, Grandmaster Joon No was very pleased with the success of the Australian regiment, as well as the use of LaJUST EIDSS.

"With the LaJUST EIDSS state of the art technology, the competitions results were fair and truly reflect the skills of the competitors. With their outstanding performances, it goes to show that Australia can outperform other countries. We have a number of promising young talents."

For the sparring competition, Australia won one Silver medal and four Bronze medals. Two of Grandmaster No's

students also received the Outstanding Senior Male Athlete and Outstanding Junior Male Athlete Awards for their great performances.

All four competitors for the poomsae (formwork) competition won medals, with one Gold, one Silver and two Bronze. Grandmaster No gave the competitors some last minute coaching and was impressed by their fast learning capabilities. Grandmaster No was actually one of the International Poomsae Referees judging the competition.

At the championships, he was elected as the Commonwealth Union Poomsae Chairman for two years and will be organising next year's poomsae competition in India.

With such remarkable achievements at the Commonwealth Championships, the Australia Taekwondo Team is looking to more successes at future competitions. **ATKD**

2008 Commonwealth Championships Australian Taekwondo Team Results:

Sparring

Junior Male

- Beau Lang (Vic) Bantam – Bronze Medal
- Jerome Tseitlin (Vic) Welter – Bronze Medal and awarded Outstanding Junior Male Athlete

Junior Female

- Hayley Russell (ACT) Light Heavy – Bronze Medal

Senior Male

- Rudolph Nunes (Vic) Feather – Bronze Medal and awarded Outstanding Senior Male Athlete

Senior Female

- Sara Guevara (ACT) Middle – Silver Medal

Poomsae

Junior Male

- Luke Darlow (WA) – Gold Medal
- 1st Senior Male
- Ross Campbell (Vic) – Bronze Medal

1st Senior Female

- Kerstin Oberprieler (ACT) – Silver Medal
- Elizabeth Hughs (Vic) – Bronze Medal