

7TH WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP SQUASH
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DAILY NEWS

Pool stage sets up intense final round

Great Britain, Canada, Hong Kong and the USA have advanced through the group stage of the teams competition after a hotly contested day on the courts.

The British juggernaut still hasn't dropped a game and will face their rivals from across the pond, the USA this evening with the winner to progress to the gold medal match.

The Americans went through after surviving a close shave against the host country, where Aussie Luke Sims pushed Chris Hanson to five sets and Melody Francis accounted for Kristen Lang.

Hong Kong and Canada will play for the other spot in the gold medal match.

The Canadians made it through on the strength of a victory over South Africa despite **the best efforts of South Africa's Christo Potgeiter who beat Fredrick Reid 3-0.**

The contingent from Hong Kong also saw off its share of troubles on the way to the final; Austrian Birgit Coufal took Shin Nga Leung to five sets and American Alex Domenic defeated Ho Fa Chiu 3-1 to end their undefeated run in the teams event.

In other action from the final pool round South Africa took down Singapore 3-0, the highlight being the five game thriller between Senada Haupt and Nicole Chua Wen Ya, the marathon third game ending 16-14 in **Wen Ya's favour.**

The most thrilling fixture of the pool stage was between Australia and Austria, which came down to the final two points.

Australia's Sam Brown and Austria's Daniel Haider both won their matches 3-1 setting up a decisive women's rubber between Australian Melody Francis and Austrian Birgit Coufal.

They split the first four games and were at 10-10 in the fifth before the Aussie captured the final two points to win the game, the match and the fixture.

Australia, Austria, Singapore and South Africa will begin a round robin this evening to decide places 5-8.

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TODAY'S FORECAST



Sunny - 5° - 15°



60 seconds with... Melody Francis (Australia)

What inspires you? People succeeding despite adversities.

What is it you enjoy the most about squash? Winning.

What is the last book you read? **Andre Agassi's Open**, I highly recommend it.

If you could be any other person for the day, who would you be? Miranda Kerr



What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? Tripping on the bottom of my tracksuit pants and nearly head butting the side wall.

What is the best piece of advice you have received? "Hunt the volley" Vicki Cardwell.

About the host city

The area has been home to indigenous Australians for thousands of years, but the first European settlers arrived in the early 19th century leading to the founding of Melbourne in 1835 by John Batman.

Melbourne didn't really take off as a city until the Victorian gold rush of the 1850's when the city's population more than tripled in less than four years.

At the peak of the gold rush in 1854 a group of miners gathered near Ballarat to protest against the poor conditions under which they were forced to mine.

The diggers led by Peter Lalor clashed violently the governing colonial forces in what will forever be known as the Eureka stockade and is sighted as the beginning of Australia's proud industrial rights movement.

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