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## A decisive day two for individual competition

Day two was a cut throat day in competition in the singles draw at the World University Squash Championships held at Monash University.

**On the men's side just four of the original 23 are left standing to battle it out for individual honours, while in the women's field we are also down to the four players who will face off tomorrow in their semi finals in their quest for individual glory.**

The powerhouse that is Great Britain continues to roll along, with three players in contention for **individual glory, with Emma Chorly, Kirsty McPhee in the women's and Joel Hinds looking good in the men's competition.**

## Green and gold girls gear up for success.

Day two of the World University Squash Championships today saw the Aussies back in action with the commencement of quarter finals. The Monash University squash stadium was a hive of activity and noise as players from eleven different countries battled it out on the courts whilst supporters watched enthusiastically in the stands.

**Amongst those adding to the day's excitement was Australian Melody Francis. After a trouble free victory in the first round, she today took on Hong Kong, China's Shin Nga Leung. The 21 year old Australian, who is currently ranked 55<sup>th</sup> in the world, has had a busy lead up to the championships. She has made the quarter finals of the Victorian Open and Tasmanian Open in the past two weeks. With a home town advantage, Francis is hoping to better her results from the 2008 World University Squash Championships in Cairo, where she finished 12<sup>th</sup>. "It's great to have this level of competition in Melbourne," she said. I'm just trying to go out and play my best and keep my fingers crossed for good results."**

Fellow Australian representative Selena Shaikh was today making the most of a bye to soak in some of the fast paced action. The 17 year old Monash University student is one of the youngest players in the competition, but is unfazed by the greater experience of her rivals. Having lost in yesterday's first round, she will now contend the plate draw, and is optimistic about her chances. "I'm feeling confident about tomorrow's game and I think I can do it if I go all out. I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

Both Shaikh and Francis said that they were proud and excited to be representing Australia over the coming week. "It's always an honour to wear the green and gold tracksuit," said Francis.

Melody Francis plays her semi final at 4:00 pm Tuesday.



## TODAY'S FORECAST



Chance of rain, 9° - 17°



## 60 seconds with... Richard Colburn (South Africa)

When did you start playing squash? About 8-10 years of age. My parents played often.

Do you have any hobbies? Growing my awesome beard.

What is your ultimate holiday destination? Fly fishing (anywhere).

What would be your last meal? Good bread with a red wine.

Who is your sporting hero? LeBron James; Greg Gaultier.

If you could be any other person for a day, who would you be? Usain Bolt.

Favorite sporting team? Blue Bulls (Rugby).

What is it that you enjoy most about squash? Meeting new people and the conflict in a controlled and confined space.

What is the best piece of advice you have received? Arguing when you are angry is the best speech you will ever regret.



## About the host city

The unique thing about Melbourne is that it is home not only to a vibrant sporting culture, but many artistic and cultural centres as well — **it has even been referred to as the 'cultural capital of Australia'**.

Hosting more than 300 events a year including arts festivals, gallery showings, live theatre seasons and musical extravaganzas, all reflecting a blend of past tradition and diverse cultural influences. **Melbourne's many multicultural communities are essential to the character of the city as it is known today.**

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