

Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games

16th to 21st March 2006, Melbourne, Australia



DIARY NOTE

Thursday 16 March

How could you ask for more? It was a brilliant first night of finals for the New Zealand swim team led by the fantastic gold medal to Moss Burmester. He did not just win – he dominated the race, setting Commonwealth and New Zealand records on the way.

The pool at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre was at capacity and very noisy – with the Australians getting so much support. Moss judged his race perfectly – to win the first gold medal since Danyon Loader in 1994. It is the four time a Kiwi male has won the 200m butterfly at the Games following on from Dave Gerrard in 1966, Anthony Mosse in 1990 and Danyon in 1994.

Then the Kiwi swim team and supporters, led by Andrew McMillan, who had just finished in 5th place in the same final, produced a spine-tingling haka that brought a tear to every New Zealander in the crowd.

We had four swimmers through to finals today with Lauren Boyle getting two personal bests finishing 8th in the 200m freestyle and Helen Norfolk bettering her morning time to finish 5th in the 200m medley.

And we had three swimmers qualify from the semifinals – Nichola Chellingworth, Zoe Baker and Scott Talbot-Cameron.

What a great night to be a kiwi!!!!

Swimmers up on day two include:

Friday 17 March

Heats 10am to 12pm

Men's 50m Butterfly	Swanepoel, Burmester
Women's 100m Backstroke	McLean, Ingram, Coster
Men's 100m Breaststroke	Snyders, Kent
Women's 50m EAD Freestyle	Nil
Women's 100m Freestyle	Fitch, Boyle, Norfolk
Men's 200m Freestyle	McMillan

Night session 7pm to 8.45pm

Women's 50m Fly Final	Chellingworth
Men's 50m Back Final	Talbot-Cameron
Women's 50m Breast Final	Baker
Men's 50m Fly Semi	
Women's 50m EAD Freestyle Final	
Men's 100m Breast Semi	
Women's 100m Free Semi	
Men's 200m Free Final	
Women's 100m Back Semi	