

School Sport Australia Football

Tour of China, United Kingdom and Ireland

22/1/10

Boys

Game 2 vs Welsh Schools

Venue: Port Talbot FC, Swansea

Result: 0-1 H/T 0-0

Scorers: Welsh Schools (82nd pen.)

Match Report:

A really quick, tough and competitive game against a very willing opposition.

Australia took a little time to click but produced some bright football and had several chances which were unconverted. Correspondingly Welsh Schools defended well and then countered with some good attacks of their own, but rarely threatened to score.

Wales came more into the game as time wore on with Australia just winning the battle on points until a late penalty to Wales was converted and sealed the match for the home side.

Girls

Game 2 vs English Schools

Venue: Filton College, Bristol

Result: 1-1 (H/T 0-0)

Scorers: Emma Stewart (38th),
English Colleges (75th)

Match Report:

Until 10 minutes from kick off the game was still in doubt due to the waterlogged artificial 3-G pitch. But play got underway 30 minutes late and from the outset both teams showed they were here to get the result. Fast, free flowing football was the order of the day, despite the slipperiness and both goalkeepers were called into action often.

England was first to crack when Emma Stewart slid through between defenders and slotted past the keeper. Try as they might no one else got close until a misdirected cross from the right fooled the Australian defence late in the game and snuck in at the near post. Both teams were congratulated on their performance in very difficult conditions.