

School Sport Australia Football

Tour of China, United Kingdom and Ireland

3/2/10

Boys

Game 10 vs Walsall

Venue: Bescot Stadium, Walsall

Result: 1-1

Scorers: Gearin (63rd)
Walsall (31st)

Match Report:

This proved to be a very even encounter, with Walsall playing close to their full strength youth team. The Australian boys stood up to the challenge and provided some quality football which didn't go unnoticed by the scouts around the ground.

4/2/10

Game 11 vs British Colleges

Venue: New Bucks Head Stadium,
AFC Telford

Result: 2-3

Scorers: MacLean (5th), Gearin (70th pen)
British Colleges (11th, 46th, 88th)

Match Report:

The Australian boys were desperate to put on a good showing in their final game and they didn't disappoint. From the outset Australia attacked and were rewarded very early on, only to concede soon after. The match ebbed and flowed with both teams looking to gain the ascendancy. With only 2 minutes left it looked to be heading for a well deserved draw but Colleges scored an absolute bomb from 35m to sink the heartbroken Australians. Terrific display from the boys.

Girls

3/2/10

Game 9 vs England Universities

Venue: University of Warwick

Result: 1-4

Scorers: Emma Stewart (13th)
England Universities (20th, 30th, 41st, 49th)

Match Report:

Although in disarray because of coaching staff changes Universities put out a very competitive team consisting of no less than 10 players from the women's premier league clubs. This showed on the pitch but Australia went ahead early as they took the game to the older girls. But slowly Universities gained control and wore the Australians down, moving the ball around with confidence on the slippery surface

4/2/10

Game 10 vs British Colleges

Venue: New Bucks Head Stadium
AFC Telford

Result: 0-5

Scorers: British Colleges (3rd, 19th, 52nd, 78th, 86th)

Match Report:

For their final game the Australians were hoping for a better showing but they came up against a Colleges side brimming with confidence and intent on controlling the game. Australia did have several good passages of play but were overrun by a physically strong and very determined opposition. Although the scoreline did not flatter the visitors it was a much closer game than this, and the teams could well have gone in at half time level, but alas it was not to be. Errors at crucial times let Colleges in and they made the most of their chances. A disappointing result but a productive tour.