

School Sport Australia Football

Tour of China, United Kingdom and Ireland

25/1/10

Boys

Game 4 vs Swansea City

Venue: Swansea University

Result: 4-4 H/T 1-0

Scorers: Ian Kamau (42nd), Brendan MacLean (51st, 76th), Mitchell Robinson (88th)
Swansea City (75th, 78th, 90th(o.g.), 93rd)

Match Report:

More than ever this was the one that got away. In every aspect Australia dominated for 75 minutes of the game, moving the ball well, maintaining possession much better than in previous games, and creating several chances, all of which went unrewarded until late in the first half.

After that the players really settled into their game, and goals followed at regular intervals. The problem was that each time Australia scored, they allowed Swansea to reply, conceding 4 in the last 15 minutes to relinquish the lead they had established and having to settle for a draw. Although the boys were a little disappointed, the signs are still good.

Girls

Game 4 vs South Wales U18

Venue: Swansea University

Result: 5-0 (H/T 2-0)

Scorers: Ashleigh Palombi (22nd, 57th), Stephanie Haim (38th), Emma Stewart (80th, 81st)

Match Report:

Playing on a good surface allowed the Australians to move the ball around and run their opposition ragged. Although South Wales began with plenty of enthusiasm it waned as the Australians got on top and by half time the home team was struggling.

More goals in the second half were incidental compared to the footballing dominance of the Australian girls. Strong running and slick passing produced the desired result and confirmed the girls' development during the past two games. The major issue (for both teams) at the moment is injuries, which are being carefully monitored and managed.