



Badminton

DATES:	Saturday 9 – Sunday 17 August 2008 (Days 1 – 9)
VENUES:	Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium
CAPACITY:	6,900 spectators
MEN'S EVENTS:	Singles, Doubles
WOMEN'S EVENTS:	Singles, Doubles
COMBINED EVENT:	Doubles
MEDALS:	Men: 2 gold, silver, bronze Women: 2 gold, silver, bronze Mixed: 1 gold, silver, bronze



Badminton Schedule

Day 1 Saturday 9 August

09:00-12:00	Women's Singles Round of 64
09:00-12:00	Men's Singles Round of 64
14:00-16:30	Women's Singles Round of 64
14:00-16:30	Men's Singles Round of 64
18:30-22:30	Women's Singles Round of 64
18:30-22:30	Men's Singles Round of 64

Day 2 Sunday 10 August

10:00-13:30	Women's Doubles Round of 16
10:00-13:30	Women's Singles Round of 32
10:00-13:30	Men's Singles Round of 64
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Round of 16
18:30-22:00	Women's Singles Round of 32
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Round of 64

Day 3 Monday 11 August

10:00-13:30	Women's Singles Round of 16
10:00-13:30	Women's Doubles Quarterfinals
10:00-13:30	Men's Singles Round of 32
18:30-22:00	Women's Singles Round of 16
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Quarterfinals
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Round of 32

Day 4 Tuesday 12 August

10:00-13:30	Mixed Doubles Round of 16
10:00-13:30	Men's Singles Round of 16
10:00-13:30	Men's Doubles Round of 16
18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Round of 16
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Round of 16
18:30-22:00	Men's Doubles Round of 16

Day 5 Wednesday 13 August

10:00-13:30	Women's Doubles Semifinals
10:00-13:30	Women's Singles Quarterfinals
10:00-13:30	Men's Doubles Quarterfinals
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Semifinals
18:30-22:00	Women's Singles Quarterfinals
18:30-22:00	Men's Doubles Quarterfinals

Day 6 Thursday 14 August

10:00-13:00	Men's Singles Quarterfinals
10:00-13:00	Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Quarterfinals
18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals

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Day 7 Friday 15 August

10:00-13:00	Women's Singles Semifinals
10:00-13:00	Men's Doubles Semifinals
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Bronze Medal Match
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Semifinals
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Finals
18:30-22:00	Women's Doubles Medal Ceremony

Day 8 Saturday 16 August

10:00-13:00	Women's Singles Bronze Medal Match
10:00-13:00	Men's Doubles Bronze Medal Match
10:00-13:00	Women's Singles Finals
10:00-13:00	Women's Singles Medal Ceremony
18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Semifinals
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Bronze Medal Match
18:30-22:00	Men's Doubles Finals
18:30-22:00	Men's Doubles Medal Ceremony

Day 9 Sunday 17 August

18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Bronze Medal Match
18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Finals
18:30-22:00	Mixed Doubles Medal Ceremony
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Finals
18:30-22:00	Men's Singles Medal Ceremony



Erin CARROLL

Singles

Date of Birth: 4 April 1986
Age at Games: 22
Born: Nhill, VIC
Lives: Ballarat, VIC
Height / Weight: 162cm (5' 3"), 57kg (125lbs)
Club: Ballarat Badminton Association, VIC
Coach: Lasse Bundgaard (2007 - present)
 Rhonda Cator (2004 - present)
Secondary Education: Ballarat Grammar, VIC and Sebaslopd College, VIC
Tertiary Education: Applied Science (Physical Education), Victoria University
Olympic Games: Debut
Major Injuries: Superficial cuts and injuries sustained from a car accident in 2007.

Recent Performances:

Rnd 16 (singles), Rnd 16 (mixed doubles) - 2006 Commonwealth Games (Melbourne, Australia);
 Semifinalist - 2008 Miami International (Miami, USA)

Career Highlights:

Competing at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and making the Australian 2007 Surdman Cup Team.

Interesting Facts:

- Erin started playing badminton aged 12. Her family played reguarly at the Haddon Badminton Club. Both parents played and the children came along to watch. It wasn't long before a junior team was formed and Erin played.
- Erin joined the Ballart Junior Badminton Club and attended the West VIC Academy of Sport.
- She first represented Victoria in the U/17 June Bevan Tournament aged 14. She went on to represent Australia at 16 at the 2002 World Junior Championships in South Africa.
- In 2003 Erin continued to play juniors in both the U/17 and U/19 Victorian Teams. She competed in the Teams event at the 2003 Australian Youth Olympic Festival and won a gold medal. Erin played in the senior Victorian team in 2004 and represented Australia at the Junior Commonwealth Games. They finished second in their pool.
- Erin competed on the international circuit in Australia and New Zealand in 2005, learning and gaining experience. The following year she competed at the Commonwealth Games and made round of 32 in the ladies singles. She continued to compete on the international circuit in 2007.
- Erin was nominated and selected for the 2008 Australian Olympic Team after a reallocation of quota places by the World Badminton Federation.



Stuart GOMEZ

Singles

Date of Birth: 15 November 1982
Age at Games: 25
Born: Sydney, NSW
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 175cm (5' 8"), 62kg (136lbs)
Institute / Academy: New South Wales Institute of Sport
Club: Hornsby Badminton Club, NSW
Coach: Per-Henrik Croona (2007 - present)
 Lasse Bundgaard (2007 - present)
Secondary Education: St. Leo's College, NSW
Tertiary Education: Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing / Tourism and Hospitality Management), University of New South Wales
Olympic Games: Debut
Major Injuries: Ongoing lower back muscle spasms first suffered whilst training in 2006; Long term right shoulder rotator cuff problem sustained at the Fiji International mid 2007.

Recent Performances:

Quarterfinals (singles) - 2008 Canadian International (Montreal, Canada);
 Quarterfinals (singles) - 2008 Nigeria International (Lagos, Nigeria);
 2nd (singles) - 2008 Oceania Championships (Noumea, New Caledonia);
 Quarterfinals (singles) - 2007 Waikato International (Hamilton, NZ);
 Rnd 16 (singles) - 2007 Canadian International (Saskatoon, Canada);
 Rnd 64 (singles) - 2007 World Championships (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Career Highlights:

Finshing first at the 2006 Australian Open National Championships in Sydney and reaching the semifinals of the 2004 Australian Kawasaki International Championships in Sydney.

Interesting Facts:

- With a father running the Hornsby Badminton Club and family members that play, Stuart started in the sport aged five and competing at seven.
- 1999 was a busy year for Stuart. He made his debut on the senior national team competing in the Thomas Cup, was selected to captain the team at the Junior World Championships in China and was finishing his final year at high school completing two HSC exams while in China.
- Accepting a place with the National training squad in Melbourne in 2001 he continued to base himself in Sydney while completing a university degree. Competing domestically and at Oceania tournaments throughout 2003 - 2004 he moved to Melbourne in early 2005 (after completing his degree) to concentrate on training.
- Stuart travelled to Germany in 2005 to train at the International Training Centre (ITC) for two months. Despite missing out on Commonwealth Games selection in 2006 Stuart toured with the National Team in Europe competing at the Danish, Dutch, Scottish and Welsh Opens.
- Stuart has based himself at the ITC in Germany since March 2008 to prepare for Beijing.



Tania LUIZ

Doubles (Tanaka)

Date of Birth: 24 August 1983
Age at Games: 24
Born: Ernakulam, India
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 160cm (5' 2"), 51kg (112lbs)
Club: South East Badminton Association, VIC
Coach: Ricky Yu (2007 - present)
 Lasse Bundgaard (2007 - present)
Secondary Education: Kilbreda College, VIC
Tertiary Education: Currently studying Bachelor Marketing and Bachelor of Psychology, Victorian University
Olympic Games: Debut
Major Injuries: Tore ACL in September 2007 requiring a knee reconstruction not competing again until the Oceania Championships in 2008.

Recent Performances:

Quarterfinals - 2008 Canadian International (Montreal, Canada);
 1st (doubles) - 2008 Miami International (Miami, USA);
 1st (doubles) - 2007 Peru International (Lima, Peru);
 Rnd of 16 (doubles) - 2008 Finnish International (Helsinki, Finland);
 Semifinals (doubles) - 2008 Banuinvest International (Bucharest, Romania);
 Semifinals (doubles) - 2008 Oceania Championships (Noumea, New Caledonia)

Career Highlights:

Competing at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and reaching the final 16 and qualifying for the finals of the Uber Cup (World Women's Team Championships) in 2004.

Interesting Facts:

- Born in India Tania moved with her family from Oman to Australia in 1992 at the age of nine. She started in the sport in 1995 at the age of 12. Holding a black belt in karate she gave it up for badminton after breaking her brother's finger.
- In her first year out of juniors in 2003, Tania was selected to compete on a European Tour and the following year earned a place on the Uber Cup team reaching the finals. She competed at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in the singles reaching the round of 16.
- Tania and doubles partner Eugenia Tanaka began training together in July 2007. Having only played two tournaments together Tania tore her ACL in September while competing on the Whyte Trophy Team event.
- Tania received a donor patella tendon used to reconstruct her ACL rather than traditional reconstruction which would have required a longer rehabilitation time. She returned to full training a week before the 2008 Oceania Championships.
- Tania and Eugenia embarked on a seven week tour of Europe and the Americas gaining the necessary points to qualify for Beijing.
- She has a total of seven National Titles across junior and senior levels in individual and doubles events and has been coaching badminton for the National Talent ID squad in Melbourne since 2007.



Ross SMITH
Doubles (Warfe)

Date of Birth: 4 November 1985
Age at Games: 22
Born: Swan Hill, VIC
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 194cm (6' 4"), 80kg (176lbs)
Institute / Academy: Victorian Institute of Sport
Club: Swan Hill Badminton Association, VIC
Coach: Ricky Yu (2008 - present)
 Claus Poulsen (2005 - 2007)
Secondary Education: Swan Hill College, VIC
Tertiary Education: Advanced Diploma of Myotherapy, Australian College of Sports Therapy, VIC

Olympic Games: Debut

Major Injuries: Right patella tandonopathy, an ongoing injury since 2005.

Recent Performances:

Rnd 32 (doubles) - 2008 India Grand Prix Gold (Hyderabad, India);
 Rnd 16 (doubles) - 2008 Polish International Open (Warsaw, Poland);
 1st (doubles) - 2008 Oceania Championships (Noumea, New Caledonia);
 Rnd 32 (doubles) - 2007 World Championships (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia);
 Rnd 16 (doubles) - 2007 Vietnam Challenger Tournament (Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam);
 Rnd 32 (doubles and mixed doubles) - 2007 Swiss Super Series (Basel, Switzerland)

Career Highlights:

Competing at the 2006 Commonwealth Games - round of 16 men's doubles and round of 32 mixed doubles.

Interesting Facts:

- Ross started playing Badminton at the age of six following his parents and other family members who played for the local club.
- Ross competed at his first State Championships in 1996 in the U/13 at 11 years of age and his first Nationals in 2000 in the U/17 at 15 years of age.
- In 2003 Ross competed at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival winning silver in the men's doubles. The same year saw Ross win his first national title in the U/19 men's doubles.
- In 2005 Ross started more consistent doubles training with current double's partner Glenn Warfe. Both selected in their first senior team for the Oceania Championships reaching the semifinals in the men's doubles. Glenn and Smith reached the round of 16 in the men's doubles at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.
- Ross was named Badminton Victoria's Sportsman of the Year in 2007.



Eugenia TANAKA
Doubles (Luiz)

Date of Birth: 9 March 1987
Age at Games: 21
Born: Kisaran, Indonesia
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 157cm (5' 1"), 56kg (123lbs)
Club: Badminton Academy of Victoria, VIC
Coach: Ricky Yu (2007 - present)
 Lenny Permana (2005 - 2007)
Secondary Education: Camberwell High School, VIC
Tertiary Education: Bachelor of Food Science, Melbourne University, VIC

Olympic Games: Debut

Recent Performances:

Quarterfinals - 2008 Canadian International (Montreal, Canada);
 1st (doubles) - 2008 Miami International (Miami, USA);
 1st (doubles) - 2007 Peru International (Lima, Peru);
 Rnd 16 (doubles) - 2008 Finnish International (Helsinki, Finland);
 Semifinals (doubles) - 2008 Banuinvest International (Bucharest, Romania);
 Semifinals (doubles) - 2008 Oceania Championships (Noumea, New Caledonia)

Career Highlights:

Becoming the under 19 National champion in the ladies doubles in 2005.

Interesting Facts:

- A popular sport in her native country, Indonesia, Eugenia started playing badminton at the age of 11, continuing after she moved to Australia at 14.
- Joining the Victorian State team in 2004 she won the women's U/19 doubles at Nationals the following year.
- 2005 saw Eugenia take a break from the sport to reassess her goals. She accepted an offer to train with the National Development squad in early 2006 and by June 2007 was training and selected on her first National team. She began training with current doubles partner Tania Luiz but an ACL injury suffered by Tania forced the pair off the badminton circuit until early 2008.
- The pair qualified for Beijing gaining enough points from their result at the KLRC Atwater Championships in Montreal, Canada to put them in front of the top ranked New Zealand team.
- Eugenia speaks Indonesian, Hokkien (a dialect language similar to Taiwanese) and English. She gained her Australian citizenship in 2007.



Glenn WARFE
Doubles (Smith)

Date of Birth: 19 January 1984
Age at Games: 24
Born: Melbourne, VIC
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 181cm (5' 11"), 70kg (145lbs)
Institute / Academy: Victorian Institute of Sport
Club: Eaglehawk Bendigo District Badminton Association, VIC
Coach: Ricky Yu (2007 - present)
 Lasse Bundgaard (2007 - 2008)
Secondary Education: Bendigo Senior Secondary College, VIC
Tertiary Education: Bachelor of Commerce / Sports Management, Deakin, VIC

Olympic Games: Debut

Recent Performances:

Rnd 32 (doubles) - 2008 Indian Grand Prix Gold (Hyderabad, India);
 Rnd 16 (doubles) - 2008 Polish International Open (Warsaw, Poland);
 1st (doubles) - 2008 Oceania Championships (Noumea, New Caledonia);
 Rnd 32 (doubles) - 2007 World Championships (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia);
 Rnd 16 (doubles) - 2007 Vietnam Challenge Event (Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam);
 Rnd 32 (doubles) - 2007 Swiss Super Series (Basel, Switzerland)

Career Highlights:

Being a member of the 2006 Commonwealth Games team.

Interesting Facts:

- Glenn started playing badminton age six at the local badminton club in Ararat. By 12 he was playing competitively and by 14 at State level by 14 for Victoria. In 2000 and 2001 Glenn competed at the Junior World Championships.
- Glenn had a successful 2003 Australian Youth Olympic Festival competition winning two gold and a silver medal.
- In 2005 Glenn began training with current doubles partner, Ross Smith and the following year both were selected on their first Senior Australian Team for the Oceania Championships reaching the semifinals in the men's doubles. Glenn and Smith reached the round of 16 in the men's doubles at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. In 2007 he was selected to compete in the Sudirman Cup. In 2008 their first place at the Oceania Championships placed them in front for selection to Beijing.
- Glenn has won seven National Titles across singles, doubles and mixed doubles between 1998 and 2008. He was also the silver medalist in the men's doubles at Nationals in 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- A keen sportsman Glenn played football, cricket, hockey, athletics and basketball and is a proud supporter of the Geelong Football Club.



Rhonda CATOR
Section Manager

Date of Birth: 23 August 1966
Born: Numurkah, VIC
Lives: Ballarat, VIC
Olympic Games: 1992 Barcelona - Doubles Quarterfinals (5th),
 Singles (27th)
 1996 Atlanta - Mixed (11th), Doubles (21st)
 2000 Sydney - Mixed (17th), Doubles (17th),
 Singles (17th)

Management / Coaching History:

- 2006 - present Coach, National Elite Squad (Australia).
- 2006 Commonwealth Games Team, Assistant Coach.
- 2002 - 2006 Coach, National Junior Team.



Lasse BUNDBAARD
Coach

Date of Birth: 22 October 1973
Age at Games: 34
Born: Denmark
Lives: Melbourne, VIC