

2007 NTIS Awards

The 2007 NTIS Awards night held at the International Room, Sky City Casino on Friday November 2 from 6.30pm- 9.00pm. Award winners included:

Carbine Club National Athlete - Individual Sport

Crystal Attenborough - Athletics

Carbine Club National Athlete- Team Sport

Adrian Lockley - Hockey

Carbine Club International Athlete - Individual Sport

Kelly Fong - Judo

International Athlete – Team Sport

Desmond Abbott - Hockey

AFL

NTIS scholarship holder Marlon Motlop (aged 17) was selected by Port Adelaide Power in the AFL national draft with pick number 28 (the club's second selection). Marlon, a midfielder/forward who plays for Wanderers in the local competition, joins cousin Daniel Motlop at the club.

Port Adelaide recruiting boss Blair Harley commented, "He's a bottom age prospect, younger than all the other players we've drafted. Marlon's a classy midfielder who can also play forward. He's been through the AIS program and is based in Darwin at the moment."

Marlon won the Alan McLean medal for best player in Division Two at the 2006 AFL U16 Championships. He is a graduate of the 2006/07 AIS-AFL Academy which toured South Africa in April.

Cycling

In the second round of the National Cross Country Mountain Bike Series held on the Gold Coast, David Johnston finished 2nd in the U19 age category behind winner Robbie Hucker. The next day, David backed up with a 4th place in the Elite Men's short course cross country race.

Hockey

Congratulations to Leon Hayward and Adrian Lockley who were selected to attend the National U21 goalkeeper and drag flicking camps in Sydney.

Adrian has also been selected to represent Australia at the Junior Men's 8-Nations Invitational Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 17 – 27 January 2008. The following teams have been invited to compete against Australia and Malaysia: Germany, India, Korea, Netherlands, Pakistan and Singapore.

Judo

Kelly Fong was selected in the Oceania Judo Union (OJU) team for the World Judo Team Championships held in Beijing following the Olympic Test Event on 17th November.

The Team event is for Nations (with a combined OJU team) consisting of 1 women's team and 1 men's team, each with 7 members. Kelly competed in the under 52 Kg class.

Eight teams competed: OJU, Japan, Russia, Cuba, Algeria, Mongolia, France and China. In the women, China came 1st, Cuba 2nd, and Mongolia and Japan tied for 3rd place. In the men, Japan finished 1st, Brazil 2nd, and China and Korea in 3rd place.

Kelly had two fights, against world class opponents from Russia and Algeria, and while losing both, did the OJU team proud with her efforts.

At the OJU Open World Cup held in Perth, the 2nd Olympic Games selection event for the region, Kelly placed equal third. Kelly fought eventual winner Kasumi Muramatsu who has just become an Australian citizen, narrowly losing in the last minutes of the fight. Ex-NTIS athlete Kate Bell also finished equal third place in the 57kg division at the OJU World cup event.

Kelly has also just fought at the KRA Cup Korean Open on Je Ju Island, South Korea. She was beaten by the eventual gold and bronze medallists in the under 52 kg division. Kelly said, "It was quite a challenge as the level of judo is so much greater in these tournaments". As part of the trip she was involved with a training camp involving most competing teams and now heads to the Kano Cup International Championship in Japan in early December (including attendance at another training camp).

While disappointed with recent results, Kelly is determined to fight on, having now resigned from her job so she can concentrate on full-time training and preparation to give herself every chance of qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games. The 3rd and final Olympic selection event will be held in Christchurch (NZ) in March 2008 as part of the OJU and South Pacific Championships.

Rugby League

The 2008 Rugby League squad was recently announced with the following athletes selected in the program: Reece Coleman, Michael Elphick, Peter Hassall, Mitchell Jeggo, Tyler Malone, Jason Gebert, Sean Shanahan, Brett Boucher, Daniel Good, Bradley Hansen, Daniel Harrison, Matthew Bennett, Sam Irwin, Benjamin Tonkin, and Mitchell Russell.

Rugby Union

Ex-NTIS athlete Chris Ratahi has been offered a spot in the Australian 7's team at the upcoming Hottest 7's in Darwin next year and is hoping for selection on the tour to the IRB sevens rounds in Wellington, New Zealand and San Diego, USA.

Sailing

Mark Edmonds sailed in the 18th Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta from Port Klang, near Kuala Lumpur, to Langkawi Island in Malaysia. As a crew member

on the yacht Australian Maid, (an over 40 foot keelboat) with skipper Dr John Wardill, the yacht finished 2nd after the 7 race series in class 3.

The week long event featured three passage races, and four inshore races. In one of the races David's yacht was well up with the leading racing class boats until they ran into a fishing net and spent over 70 minutes untangling which ultimately cost them a strong chance of a podium finish.

Tennis

Adil Hakeem won the final of the Indian ITF Junior tournament in Guwahati against Filip Lewicki from Poland. Adil, seeded number 2, won 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 and became the first Territorian to win an ITF tournament and an international singles event.

Tarlina Tipungwuti and ex-NTIS athlete Sarah Andrews defeated the NTIS' Matilda Hurst and Western Australian Cassandra McCloskey in the doubles final of the Red Centre event 6-4, 6-3.

Tenpin Bowling

The following athletes have been selected for the 2008 NTIS Tenpin Bowling intake: Ronald Voukolos (an 11 year NTIS scholarship holder); Andrew McArthur, Scott Richards, David Drummond, Bruno Maglieri, Robert Kennedy, Rebecca Simpson and new inductee Nathan Harkess.

Triathlon

Ali Fitch finished the gruelling Western Australian Ironman event in Busselton (WA) in 4th place in the professional field. Ali, going for it from the start, came out of the water in a blistering 48 minutes and then pushed to a 4 minute lead on the bike. Ali rode solo the whole 180km's as she decided to go for it on the bike knowing there were fast runners in the field. After doing her best to hold off Charlotte Paul (NSW), Gina Ferguson (New Zealand), and Bella Comerford (Thailand) in the bike leg, she was eventually passed by them on the run to the finishline, despite her run time being only a minute off her personal best. Ali's total time of 9 hours 18 minutes and 14 seconds beat her Ironman personal best by 13 minutes.

NTIS Staff

Matt Brearley (acting Performance Enhancement Services Manager) was invited to present at the Australian Olympic Committee Health and Medical Forum in Sydney which discussed strategies to tackle the expected environmental challenges at the 2008 Olympic Games. All 35 Olympic sports were represented. Matt presented findings from the work he did with the Australian Men's hockey team during a test event in Beijing back in August.

Melissa Hall (Head Hockey Coach) attended the women's National Training Centre coaches workshop in Sydney and presented a review of the South African women's team. Melissa then attended the Kookaburras' matches against New Zealand in Newcastle and Sydney where the Australian's drew all three matches.

Michael Watkins (Strength & Conditioning Coordinator) and Brad Tessmann (Southern Region Coordinator) attended the Australian Strength and Conditioning Associations' annual conference Gold Coast.

Michael Dobbin (Strength & Conditioning Coach) resigned from the NTIS to join AFL Tasmania as the Strength, Conditioning and Rehabilitation Manager.