

SUMMARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES PERFORMANCE AT THE 2006 MELBOURNE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

SA and SASI athletes have performed remarkably well at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

OF the 28 athletes who are regarded as SA athletes, 23 won medals. A total of 29 medals were won, including 16 GOLD, 9 SILVER and 4 BRONZE. These include the 5 members of the Basketball teams and the 2 members of the Netball team.

All but 2 of the 28 athletes are current SASI Scholarship holders, or graduates from a SASI program.

Major achievements were:

GOLD MEDALS

MATTHEW COWDREY – 2 GOLD medals in the 50m and 100m freestyle event for athletes with a disability, both won in world record time. Matthew was the first male athlete to win a swimming medal for the Australian team.

DESERIE BAYNES - GOLD medal in the Women's Trap Pairs Shooting event. Deserie also placed 4th in the individual event. The Jamestown farmer and shooter practices on a shooting range set up on their property.

BROOKE KRUEGER – GOLD medal in the Hammer Throw event. Brooke shed 20 kgs after realising that she needed to be fitter if she wanted to improve her speed in the circle. The fitness regime paid dividends, as Brooke threw a new Commonwealth Games record of 67.90m to win this event.

CHRIS RAE – GOLD medal in the super heavy weightlifting competition – 105+ kg – the first gold medal for Chris at Commonwealth Games – Chris won a bronze medal in Manchester in 2002.

ERIN PHILLIPS & LAURA SUMMERTON – GOLD in the Women's Basketball, coached by **JAN STIRLING**. Australia easily accounted for New Zealand winning 77 – 39.

PAUL ROGERS, JACOB HOLMES and BRAD NEWLEY - GOLD in the Men's basketball team. Unlike the women, Australia had to fight strongly to overcome a spirited New Zealand team, winning 81 – 76.

GRANT SCHUBERT – GOLD in the Men's Hockey team. Grant now has gold medals at Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy level.

MARK ORMROD – GOLD in the Men's 4 x 400m Relay team. Mark ran the third leg behind John Steffensen and Christopher Troode before handing the baton to Clinton Hill for the run home. Mark was also a member of the silver medal winning team at the Athens Olympics.

ROBERT NEWBERY – GOLD in the 10m Synchronised Diving. This was the first time that Robert had won a gold medal at Commonwealth Games level, despite contesting 2 previous Games and collecting a number of silver and bronze medals.

SOPHIE EDINGTON – 3 GOLD medals in Backstroke Swimming events. Sophie won the 50m and 100m Backstroke events, and was a member of the 4 x 100m medley relay team which broke the world record.

SILVER MEDALS

SAM OFFORD – SILVER medal in the Gymnastic Teams event, & coach **YU BO**. Sam was contesting his first Commonwealth Games as the rookie of the Men's team.

KATRINA WEBB – SILVER medal in the 100m Sprint event for athletes with a disability – Katrina had relocated to Canberra for 6 months prior to the Games so that she could wholly focus on her training and preparation.

DAVID CHAPMAN – SILVER medal in the Rapid Fire Pistols Pairs Shooting. David also represented Australia at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

MAY CHO – SILVER medal in the Women's Team TABLE TENNIS event. May also won a silver medal in Manchester in 2002.

ROBERT NEWBERY – SILVER in the 3m springboard Diving, behind Canada's Alex Despartie.

WILLIAM HENZELL – SILVER in the Men's singles Table Tennis – fighting out a tough final against India's Sharath Achanta, going down in the deciding seventh game.

NATALIE VON BERTOUCHE and NATALIE AVELLINO - SILVER in the Netball – defeated by a strong New Zealand team. It was the first time in Commonwealth Games history Australia has lost a match. Natalie Avellino announced her retirement from international netball at the conclusion of the Games.

DMITRI MARKOV – SILVER in the Men's Pole Vault – Dmitri's preparation had been hampered by stress fractures in his foot.

BRONZE MEDALS

SAM OFFORD – BRONZE medal in the Individual Vault event – a great conclusion to Sam's campaign in Melbourne.

ROBERT NEWBERY - BRONZE in the 3m synchronised Diving – teaming up with fellow Olympic medallist Steven Barnett.

ALWYN JONES – BRONZE in the Men's triple Jump. Alwyn was the first placed Australian in this event, as the youngest member of the triple jump group.

DAN JENSON – BRONZE in the Men's Doubles Squash, teaming up with experienced player David Palmer.

FULL RESULTS – SA ATHLETES

NAME	EVENT	RESULTS / NOTES	FINAL RESULT
ATHLETICS			
Mark Ormrod	4 x 400 m relay		GOLD
Alwyn Jones	Triple Jump	16.75m	BRONZE
Katrina Webb	100 m EAD	14.51 sec	SILVER
Dmitri Markov	Pole vault	5.60 m	SILVER
Brooke Krueger	Hammer Throw	67.9m	GOLD
Tania Van Heer Murphy	4 x 100 m relay	Did not run	X
BADMINTON			
Kate Wilson-Smith	Mix team	Defeated in round of 32	X
	L Doubles	Defeated in round of 16	X
	Mix Double	Defeated in ¼ finals	X
CYCLING			
Alexis Rhodes	Points Race Individual Pursuit	Third rider in team, doing work for the 2 medallists	10 th 7 th .
Chris Jongewaard	Mountain Bike	Led for ¾ of race	4 th .
DIVING			
Robert Newbery	10m Platform Synch		GOLD
	3m Springbrd Synch		BRONZE
	3m Springboard		SILVER
	10 m Platform		4 th
HOCKEY MEN			
Grant Schubert		Defeated Pakistan 3/0	GOLD
BASKETBALL MEN			
Brad Newley		Defeated NZ 81/76	GOLD
Jacob Holmes			GOLD
Paul Rogers			GOLD
BASKETBALL WOMEN			
Erin Phillips			GOLD
Laura Summerton		Won Final 77 – 39 against NZ	GOLD
NETBALL			
Natalie Von Bertouch		Defeated by 5 goals by NZ	SILVER
Natalie Avellino			SILVER

SHOOTING			
David Chapman	25m rapidfire pistol pairs 25 m rapidfire pistol singles		SILVER 8 th .
Desirie Baynes	Trap Pairs Trap Singles		GOLD 5 th .
SWIMMING			
Matthew Cowdrey	50 m EAD 100m EAD	World record World record	GOLD GOLD
Caroline South	800 m	Qualified for final	7 th .
Sophie Edington	100 m Backstroke 50 m Backstroke 200 m Backstroke 4 x 100 m medley relay	Games record World Record	GOLD GOLD 4 th . GOLD
SQUASH			
Dan Jenson	Doubles	Defeated NZ	BRONZE
TABLE TENNIS			
William Henzell	Mens team Mixed doubles Doubles Singles	Defeated in round of 64 Grand final game beaten 4/3	6 th . X X SILVER
May Cho	Womens team Singles Doubles	Played in Gold medal final Defeated in round of 16 Defeated in round of 32	SILVER X X
GYMNASTICS			
Sam Offord	Team Competition Floor Vault Horizontal Bars	Member of team	SILVER 5 th BRONZE X
WEIGHTLIFTING			
Chris Rae	Total	105 + kg class – lifted 388 kg.total	GOLD