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South Australian Sports Institute

# 2022 YEARBOOK





# THE *Heart* OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SPORTING SUCCESS

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) as the High-Performance sports hub in South Australia is committed to a vision of being the heart of South Australia's sporting success. We support South Australian based coaches and athletes ensuring they have access to world leading coaching, sport science and medicine and facilities to achieve podium performances at World Championships, Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games.

As part of this commitment to international sporting excellence, SASI strives to develop outstanding athletes whose character, journey and performances are inspirational for South Australians.

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# INTRO

What a special year it has been! 2022 marks the South Australian Sports Institute's 40th year where we have reflected on the iconic moments, athletes and people that have shaped our history. Taking this time to look back, it's been incredible to see the spirited determination that SASI has embodied throughout the past four decades; always with the goal to enable South Australia's elite athletes and coaches to become a greater force on both the national and international sporting stage. This persistence has paid off in spades where over the years we have supported sporting champions such as Libby Kosmala, Juliet Haslam, Katrina Webb, Matt Cowdrey, Kyle Chalmers and so many more.

The past couple of years have been some of our toughest yet as we dealt with a global pandemic in an Olympic/Paralympic year. But thankfully we have seen sporting competition resume to what it was pre-COVID-19, where international travel is back and our athletes are showing the world what they're made of. What a thrill it's been to watch our team excel across all our sports - winning medals, breaking world records and pushing themselves to perform to the best of their abilities.

Our team also has a renewed sense of energy this year following a restructure. This saw new highly skilled staff come on board in management and coaching roles, and existing staff taking on new responsibilities to lead our sport programs and physical preparation.

We were delighted to welcome Kevin Tabotta as High-Performance Manager and Keren Faulkner as Performance Services Manager, who both have a wealth of experience in elite sport. Simon Cain and Eddie Denis stepped up to the Manager Sports Programs roles and Luke Knapstein was elevated to the Physical Preparation Lead.

The 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games proved to be a real highlight for SASI with more than 50 South Australian athletes selected to don the green and gold and many of our staff members stepping up to national roles to assist with training. Athletes and staff dedicate years to achieving peak performance at one moment in time, so when this happens on the world's biggest stages, it is an exhilarating feeling for all involved.

We now look forward with excitement as we continue to focus on the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, plus two very special events which will take place on home soil – the 2026 Victoria Commonwealth Games and 2032 Brisbane Olympics and Paralympics. These global competitions present an incredible opportunity for us to further establish SASI as the heart of South Australia's sporting success. Planning continues for SASI's new purpose-built headquarters in Mile End and once complete, the state-of-the-art facility will revitalise the identification, development and support of high-performance athletes and programs in this state.

**Wes Battams**  
SASI Director





# STAFF

## SASI STAFF STEP UP TO NATIONAL ROLES

The skills and expertise of SASI staff were recognised this year with the appointments of SASI staff to national roles.

- Biomechanist & Skill Acquisition Specialist Dr Sian Barris and Performance Analyst Tim Rawlins were appointed to part-time national lead roles with Swimming Australia in Skill Acquisition and Performance Analysis, respectively.
- Senior Sport Physiologist Dr Jamie Stanley was appointed to part-time national lead roles in physiology with both Swimming Australia and AusCycling for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Cycles.
- Cycling Head Coach Brett Aitken was elevated into a full-time national coaching role as the Interim Men's Track Endurance Coach for AusCycling.
- Head Hockey Coach Hugh Purvis joined the Hockeyroos as Assistant Coach for a short-term campaign going into the 2022 World Cup in June/July.

Having worked with gold medal winning para-cyclists in the lead up to the Tokyo Paralympics, Dr Jamie Stanley believes there is a huge opportunity to build on this in his new role.

"My key objective is to ensure the para cycling team have the processes and support in place so they can repeat and surpass the success in Tokyo 2020, in Paris 2024," Stanley said.

"Specifically, this involves developing processes aimed at improving the ability to monitor athlete health status and training progression, and strategies for performance optimisation at key events – I'm excited to see how much more we can achieve."

He also acknowledged the role SASI has played to get him to this point in his career.

"SASI has given me the freedom and flexibility to explore and pursue my interest areas through applied research, partnerships with technology companies, and embedded roles in various national programs."







“These experiences have accelerated my career development, afforded me greater exposure, and given me the confidence to have a broader impact.”

Hugh Purvis described the opportunity to work with the Hockeyroos as a dream come true and he’s excited to use this experience to further develop his role at SASI.

“It’s been a professional dream to coach internationally and to have the opportunity to work with a top world ranked team and your home country is an absolute privilege,” Purvis said.

“Any time spent at a major international event can be energising for attention to detail in technical skills and tactical way of play, which will be brought back to SASI and benefit the athletes here.”

SASI Director Wes Battams said for staff members to get the call up to national sporting organisations was a credit to the exceptional work carried out by his team and it was fantastic that this could take place through a unique working arrangement.

“Giving staff the opportunity to work with other organisations so they can provide their expertise and also broaden their knowledge is something which is a huge benefit to all parties involved,” Battams said.

“It’s fantastic that our staff can pick up new skills at a national level and further contribute to SASI being at the heart of South Australia’s sporting success.”





# BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES

A total of 55 South Australians represented Australia at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games with our contingent consisting of current SASI scholars, graduates and SA based athletes.

Team Australia finished top of the medal tally winning 178 medals which included 67 golds, 57 silvers and 54 bronze; narrowly beating the home nation by two medals.

The Games created many memorable moments, with South Australian athletes having an overwhelming amount of success contributing to 23 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze medals - a total of 42 event medals in the overall Australian tally.

Making this number of medal wins even more impressive is the fact that Team SA contributed to 24% of the country's medal wins, while making up 13% of the team.

Congratulations to all athletes who represented Australia and made the nation proud!

## MEDALLISTS

### GOLD

1	<b>Jessica Stenson</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Athletics</b> Marathon
1	<b>Kurtis Marschall</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Athletics</b> Pole Vault
1	<b>Chris McHugh</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Beach Volleyball</b>
	<b>Paul Burnett</b> (SASI DTE)	
1	<b>Sophie Edwards</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Cycling Track</b> 4000m Team Pursuit
	<b>Chloe Moran</b> (SASI Graduate)	
	<b>Maeve Plouffe</b> (SASI Graduate)	
1	<b>Leigh Hoffman</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Cycling Track</b> Team Sprint
1	<b>Matthew Glaetzer</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Cycling Track</b> Team Sprint
1		1000m Time Trial

1	<b>Caitlin Ward (pilot)</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Para-Cycling Track</b> Tandem Sprint Tandem 1000m Time Trial
1	<b>Rohan Dennis</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Cycling Road</b> Individual Time Trial
1	<b>Tom Wickham</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Hockey</b>
1	<b>Sarah Klau</b> (SASI Graduate)	<b>Netball</b>
1	<b>Madi Wilson</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Swimming</b> 4x100m Freestyle Relay 4x200m Freestyle Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle Relay* Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay*
1	<b>Kyle Chalmers</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Swimming</b> 100m Freestyle 4x100m Freestyle Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle Relay
1	<b>Matt Temple</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Swimming</b> 4x100m Freestyle Relay* Mixed 4x100 Medley Relay
1	<b>Zac Incerti</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Swimming</b> 4x100m Freestyle Relay 4x200 Freestyle Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle Relay*
1	<b>Meg Harris</b> (SASI Athlete)	<b>Swimming</b> Mixed 4x100 Freestyle Relay*

\*Heat swimmer







## BRONZE

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| 3 | <b>Beau Wootton</b><br>(SASI Athlete) | <b>Para-Cycling Track</b><br>Tandem Sprint |
| 3 | <b>Shixin Li</b><br>(SASI Athlete)    | <b>Diving</b><br>Synchro 3m Springboard    |
| 3 | <b>Madi Wilson</b><br>(SASI Athlete)  | <b>Swimming</b><br>200m Freestyle          |
| 3 | <b>Sophie Linn</b><br>(SASI Athlete)  | <b>Triathlon</b><br>Mixed Team Relay       |

## SILVER

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| 2 | <b>Callum Peters</b><br>(SASI Athlete)  | <b>Boxing</b><br>Middleweight                    |
| 2 | <b>Maeve Plouffe</b><br>(SASI Graduate) | <b>Cycling Track</b><br>Individual 3000m Pursuit |
| 2 | <b>Shixin Li</b><br>(SASI Athlete)      | <b>Diving</b><br>1m Springboard                  |
| 2 |   | Mixed Synchro 3m Springboard                     |
| 2 | <b>Jane Claxton</b><br>(SASI Graduate)  | <b>Hockey</b>                                    |
| 2 | <b>Matthew Temple</b><br>(SASI Athlete) | <b>Swimming</b><br>100m Butterfly                |
| 2 |   | 4x100m Medley Relay                              |
| 2 | <b>Kyle Chalmers</b><br>(SASI Athlete)  | <b>Swimming</b><br>4x100m Medley Relay           |
| 2 | <b>Meg Harris</b><br>(SASI Athlete)     | <b>Swimming</b><br>50m Freestyle                 |





# BEACH VOLLEYBALL



## COACHING STAFF

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## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

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Brittany Kendall

Jana Milutinovic

Chris McHugh

Tara Phillips

Zac Schubert

*The SASI Beach Volleyball program commenced in October 2022 under SASI graduate and Olympic beach volleyballer, Andrew Schacht.*

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

Chris McHugh and Paul Burnett

1 Men's





## BACK-TO-BACK GOLD FOR MEN'S BEACH VOLLEYROOS

Chris McHugh and Paul Burnett defended Australia's Commonwealth Games championship title in Birmingham against Canada's Sam Schachter and Daniel Dearing.

The pair, who use Volleyball Australia's National Training Centre located at SASI, added to their gold medal collection in what was Burnett's first outing at the Games, while McHugh previously claimed victory in the Gold Coast Games four years ago.

The duo held strong in the gold medal deciding match, prevailing 2-1 in a tight scrap.

Canada came out strong in the first set winning 21-17 but the Aussie pair clawed their way back to take hold of the final two sets.

Each side swayed the scoreboard equally, neither being able to take a fair lead which made the Aussies nervous.

Despite their nerves, McHugh and Burnett rallied together with McHugh making a series of important spikes, pressuring the Canadians to succumb to their playbook.

The Aussies came out on top finishing on 17-21, 21-17, 20-18 for the win.

"I was a bit shaky in the start, but Paul was good – he played really well, he served really well," McHugh said.

"It's hard to put it into words – being back-to-back Commonwealth Games gold medallist in beach volleyball is something really special.

"You just want to savour it, because it doesn't last forever and there will be another tournament in no time. I just want to enjoy this one with my family and friends."

The victory came a day after a close-call win against Rwanda in the semi-final where the pair admitted, "it got a bit tight."

McHugh and Burnett were undefeated against each opponent they faced at the Games, coming up against Sri Lanka, the Maldives and South Africa during the preliminary rounds.

"It's incredible. This is why we play, to chase feelings like this," Burnett said.

"We take a lot of confidence from what we've done here, we're looking to build on it and do some damage."

The pair smashed the Commonwealth Games and now set their sights on the next task, Paris 2024, preparing for their biggest challenge yet.





# CANOE SPRINT



## COACHING STAFF

**David Smith**  
SASI Head Coach

**Laurence Fletcher\***  
SASI Head Coach

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Paddle SA Talent Coach

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

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**Demi Bates**  
**Josephine Bulmer**  
**Chelsea Jentz**  
**Daniel Kucharski**

**Maguire Reid**  
**Charli Smyth**  
**Will Spencer**  
**Oli Tucker**  
**Bernadette Wallace**  
**Caitlin Webber**  
**Finn White**

*We welcomed new Head Coach, David Smith in August who won gold at the 2012 London Olympics in the K4 1000m and assisted the Men's K2 1000m team to gold in Tokyo in a coaching role.*

\*Concluded





## PADDLING AHEAD – SASI'S CANOE SPRINT RISING STARS

The future of SASI's Canoe Sprint program looks bright, where junior athletes have shown their potential on the water in 2022.

Maguire Reid is only a newcomer to the world of kayaking, but he is quickly making a name for himself in the sport.

He progressed through the ranks quickly in the domestic season to win the K1 1000 Junior National Championship by five seconds.

Following his outstanding performances, Reid was selected in the Australian Junior World Championship team.

Reflecting on the year, the now 18-year-old expressed how optimistic he was about the future through his Instagram.

"What a year! Super stoked with what I have achieved," Reid said.

"Massive thanks to everyone supporting me in my corner - would not be achieved otherwise.

"Excited for what's next!"

Caitlin Webber is only getting better and better in her pursuits on the water.

She secured third place in the K2 500 when she competed in front of a home crowd at the Paddle Australia National Championships.

Not only did Webber come away with a bronze medal from this event, but she also earned her spot on the Australian squad for the Canoe Sprint U23 World Championships.

Demi Bates joined an elite squad this year when she was selected to paddle for Australia in the Canoe Sprint Junior World Championships.

This selection followed the extraordinary performances she put in at the National Championships.





# CYCLING

## COACHING STAFF

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Head Coach

**James Glasspool**  
Sprint Coach

**Loz Shaw\***  
Para Cycling Coach

**Ashlee Ankudinoff**  
Gen2032 Coach

**Rohan Wight**  
Assistant Coach

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

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Katarina Chung-Orr  
Oliver Bleddyn  
Sarah Dally  
Aston Freeth  
Darren Hicks (para)  
Will Holmes  
Meg Lemon (para)  
Maxwell Liebeknecht  
Meg Marker

Zac Marriage  
Angus Miller  
Summer Nordmeyer  
Kaitlyn Schurmann (para)  
Ella Sibley  
Dylan Stanton  
Beau Wootton (para)  
Leo Zimmermann

## SASI COMMONWEALTH GAMES ATHLETES

Breanna Hargrave  
Caitlin Ward

## SASI GRADUATE ATHLETES

James Brister  
Carlos Carisimo  
Tiffany Cromwell  
Rohan Dennis  
Alex Edmondson  
Sophie Edwards  
Matthew Glaetzer  
Leigh Hoffman  
Alex Manly  
Chloe Moran  
Amber Pate  
Maeve Plouffe  
Callum Scotson  
Miles Scotson

\*Concluded

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

### Matthew Glaetzer

- 1 Men's 1000m Time Trial
- 1 Men's Team Sprint
- 4th Men's Sprint
- 11th Men's Keirin

### Maeve Plouffe

- 1 Women's 4000m Team Pursuit
- 2 Women's 3000m Individual Pursuit
- 16th Women's 25km Points Race

### Chloe Moran

- 1 Women's 4000m Team Pursuit
- 6th Women's 10km Scratch Race
- 7th Women's 25km Points Race

### Sophie Edwards

- 1 Women's 4000m Team Pursuit
- 10th Women's 3000m Individual Pursuit
- 17th Women's 10km Scratch Race

### Leigh Hoffman

- 1 Men's Team Sprint

### Rohan Dennis

- 1 Men's Individual Time Trial

### Caitlin Ward (Pilot)

- 1 Women's Tandem B - 1000m Time Trial
- 1 Women's Tandem B - Sprint

### Beau Wootton

- 3 Men's Tandem B - Sprint
- 4th Men's Tandem B - 1000m Time Trial

### Breanna Hargrave

- 4th Women's Team Sprint
- 7th Women's 500m Time Trial
- 11th Women's Sprint
- 12th Women's Keirin

### Miles Scotson

- 16th Men's Road Race

### Alex Manly

- 23rd Women's Road Race

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## GOLDEN GIRLS SET NEW GAMES RECORD

Day 1 of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games went off with a bang at the Lee Valley VeloPark with the Australians claiming gold in the Women's 4000m Team Pursuit and a Games record!

SASI graduates Maeve Plouffe, Sophie Edwards and Chloe Moran, and South Australian based Georgia Baker put in outstanding performances, qualifying with a record-breaking time of 4:14.605, only to smash their own record with a Commonwealth Games all-time-best of 4:12.234.

The South Australian squad convincingly beat second-placed New Zealand by a whopping 5.750 seconds.

Competing at her second Commonwealth Games, Baker praised the efforts of her teammates on their Games debut.

"This is our first big multi-sport championship together, we've got some experience on the team, but we also have some new legs and I think the hunger is really showing," Baker said.

"We haven't been together very much so to come out and break the Games record in qualifying and then smash it again in the final is pretty special."

Having seen them progress and develop in the SASI cycling program, SASI Sprint Cycling Coach James Glasspool was ecstatic to see the team succeed in Birmingham

"It was so impressive to see Sophie, Chloe and Maeve join Georgia for the Team Pursuit rides," Glasspool said.

"All three girls were discovered through SASI Talent Search.

"It shows how integral the talent identification program is to our institute and hopefully it has inspired a few more potential athletes to get involved."





# CYCLING

## TWO GOLDS FOR MATTHEW GLAETZER IN ROLLERCOASTER BIRMINGHAM CAMPAIGN

Matthew Glaetzer triumphed over adversity to win two gold medals at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

On day one at the Lee Valley VeloPark, Glaetzer struck gold alongside his teammates, fellow SASI graduate Leigh Hoffman and SA based Matthew Richardson in the Men's Team Sprint.

The trio set a new Commonwealth Games record with a time of 42.040, beating England in the final by 1.332 seconds.

In a remarkable feat, this was the veteran cyclist's fourth Commonwealth Games gold medal at his first Games back after recovering from thyroid cancer.

"It really does mean extra for me," Glaetzer said.

"It's been a tough couple of years, but I knew I was capable and wanted to deliver some more medals for Australia."

Glaetzer was a favourite to earn another gold on day two, but his dream of winning three consecutive gold medals in the Keirin event was shattered after colliding with England's Joe Truman which left both riders injured.

"The right side of my body was just on fire from the burns - had to just grimace through this morning and see what I've got in the body," Glaetzer said.

"I definitely did take a souvenir - had to get the scalpel out to get it [a splinter] out, it went pretty deep into my elbow.

"Not nice, it's the brutal part of our sport. Make one mistake and you're eating wood."

The 29-year-old left the velodrome in dramatic fashion but showed immense bravery competing in the Men's Sprint the following day.

On his return to the track for the Sprint event, Glaetzer was initially awarded third place but controversy followed when he was relegated to fourth on review of the incident that occurred during a side-by-side dual with Scotland's Jack Carlin.

"You never can perform the same after a crash as bad as that. I had to dig so deep today, and I'm shattered because I just gave it everything to try to get a result - and that's why this bronze feels so big for me," Glaetzer said before learning of his relegation.

The drama continued on day four when AusCycling determined the pursuit bars set to be used in the Men's 1000m Time Trial could not be used safely.

Going into the Time Trial, this decision meant Glaetzer would have to use a less aerodynamic drop bar, likely to result in marginally slower times.

Despite the last-minute change to his equipment, Glaetzer rose above the rest to bring home yet another gold medal.

"To be honest, my goal was to go sub-59 (seconds) here but when we lost the bars it was like, well, I'll just have to go sub-minute on sprint bars," the gold medal winner said.

"And it turns out that's what got the job done. So happy, this is awesome and what a way to finish."

Glaetzer defended his Commonwealth Games title from four years ago, beating his teammate and fellow South Aussie, Thomas Cornish.

"Today was tough - I'm surprised I went that fast to be honest," Glaetzer said.

"I felt terrible with two to go, I was like 'oh dear', but I knew I had one last ride.

"I've been there before, having to come back from disappointment.

"It's just credit to show no matter what happens you can always go again."

Glaetzer's total Commonwealth Games gold tally now sits at five, tying with Australian record holder Anna Meares for the most Commonwealth Games cycling track gold medals.







## GOLD RUSH FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS IN THE VELODROME

It was an eventful Commonwealth Games for the SASI track cyclists who ventured to Birmingham in the green and gold.

An inspiring effort from the Men's Team Sprint on day one resulted in one of the first gold medal wins for the Australian cycling team and a new Commonwealth Games/Australian record with a time of 42.040.

Matthew Richardson, who featured on the gold-winning sprint team, also managed an individual gold medal win after completing a scintillating performance in the sprint double.

SASI athlete and Commonwealth Games first-timer Beau Wootton claimed the bronze medal in the Men's Para Tandem Sprint.

SASI graduate Maeve Plouffe was able to bring home second place in the Women's Individual 3000m Pursuit on day two of the Games, after incredible execution in Women's Team Pursuit where the girls struck gold.

Plouffe managed to clock the second fastest time in qualifying as a perfect set up for the final against the New Zealander Bryony Botha, merely losing out to the Kiwi with a time of 3:27.122.

"That was really tough, I'm still very young and I'm still learning the tactical side of this race," Plouffe said.

"This morning I went off way too hot, I was very excited. So, this afternoon, I was trying to be more conservative and be more controlled and leave some energy for the back end of the race.

"It was a mistake. If I could race it again, I'd have done it in a different way."

Ending Australia's para-cycling campaign on an all-time high with one last gold was SASI athlete Caitlin Ward who was pilot for Jess Gallagher, beating the clock with a 1:07.138 in the Women's Tandem 1000m Time Trial.

This was the pair's second gold at the Games as they started off Australia's gold rush by winning the first gold medal in the Women's Tandem B Sprint.

Australia cemented its cycling dominance at Lee Valley VeloPark adding another bronze medal in the Men's 4000m Team Pursuit.

The team was made up of SA based riders Joshua Duffy, Graeme Frislie, James Moriarty, Conor Leahy and Victoria Lucas Plapp.

Leahy also managed to top off the tally with an individual bronze medal in the Men's Individual 4000m Pursuit with a time of 4:09.311.

Matthew Glaetzer became one of the most successful cyclists on the track at the Birmingham Games equalling an Australian record of five Commonwealth Games cycling golds.



# DIVING

## COACHING STAFF

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National Head Coach

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National Head Coach

**Lillian Foster**

Gen2032 Coach

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**Duncan Roy**

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## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

**Jaxon Bowshire**

**Matthew Carter\***

**Luis Fazzalari**

**Bailey Flynn**

**Lillian Foster\***

**Shixin Li**

**Zafar Marikar**

**Alexandria Sando**

**Senna Takahashi**

**Macie Wheeler**

## SASI ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

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**Ross Todd**

## SASI GRADUATE ATHLETES

**Kate Rosman - QAS**

**Nikita Hains - NSWIS**

\*Retired

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

**Shixin Li**

- 2 Mixed Synchronised 3m Springboard
- 2 Men's 1m Springboard
- 3 Men's Synchronised 3m Springboard
- 5th Men's 3m Springboard

**Nikita Hains**

- 6th Women's Synchronised 10m Platform
- 8th Women's 10m Platform







## TWO SILVER AND A BRONZE FOR SHIXIN LI IN BIRMINGHAM

It was an epic week at the Commonwealth Games for SASI diver Shixin Li who did South Australia proud winning two silver and a bronze medal.

Li competed in the Men's 1m Springboard earning his first silver amid tough competition - Australia's first diving medal in Birmingham.

On Li's debut Games, he came out on top in the preliminary round and was a strong contender for gold, merely losing to England's Jack Laugher by 10 points.

The 34-year-old took home third place alongside social media sensation Sam Fricker in the Men's Synchronised 3m Springboard.

Fricker deemed his partner to be "the coolest man ever" as the pair competed together internationally for the first time.

"Always nervous... but today getting the medal, even third, I'm more happy than yesterday," Li said.

"Maybe next Commonwealth we'll get a gold medal... yesterday second, today third, I think I'm just missing a gold.

"Or maybe tomorrow I will retire."

The duo scored 374.52 points across six dives, with their Malaysian rivals nearly hitting the springboard on their final dive which left them at the back of the pack.

On the final day of the Games, Li came out and gave it his all securing another silver medal for Australia.

The China-born diver was partnered with 26-year-old Maddison Keeney to compete in the Mixed Synchronised 3m Springboard.

It was a last-minute decision to compete in the Mixed Synchronised Springboard with it being the veteran diver's first time competing in the event.

The duo had only started training together two weeks prior to Birmingham and almost snatched the win from Scotland's James Heatley and Grace Reid.

The two competitors were in the top spot before the final dive but a score of 67.50 was not enough to beat the Scottish pair's impressive 74.40.

Despite the limited preparation, Li and Keeney finished only 1.98 points behind Scotland.

Li also competed in the Men's 3m Springboard topping the ladder in the preliminary round but came 5th overall in the final.



# HOCKEY

## COACHING STAFF

**Hugh Purvis**  
Head Coach

**Melody Cooper**  
Skills Coach

**Matt Morton**  
Skills Coach

**Jaimie Holland**  
GK Coach

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Aiden Cameron

Emily Cochrane

Mitchell Dell

Angus Fry

Fred Gray

Mason Hill

Jack Holland

Carly Hoffman

Kyton Rayner

Katie Sharkey

Lucy Sharman

Hassan Singh

Miki Spano

## SASI GRADUATE ATHLETES

Jane Claxton

Hattie Shand

Tom Wickham

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

Tom Wickham

1 Men's

Jane Claxton

2 Women's







## HOCKEY TEAMS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE IN BIRMINGHAM

It was an incredible Commonwealth Games campaign in Birmingham for our Australian teams with the Kookaburras winning a seventh-straight Commonwealth Games gold, while the Hockeyroos claimed back-to-back silver.

The Australian Men's Hockey Team silenced India on the final day of the Games in what was called the most one-sided finals match in Games history.

Australia put on a clinical display bringing home the gold after a long pursuit in Birmingham, winning 7-0.

Featured on the star-studded team was SASI graduate Tom Wickham who put on a gallant spectacle in the Kookaburras' forward line in only his second Commonwealth Games.

SA-born Wickham scored three goals during the game with one being scrapped by adjudicates for scoring with the back of the stick, denying the team a record breaking eighth goal.

Over the course of the Games, Wickham was a key member of the team scoring five goals total.

The team took on New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Scotland coming out victorious in each match leading into the final.

The last match lost by the Kookaburras at the Commonwealth Games was in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, where the team dropped a pool stage match to South Africa.

The Hockeyroos came away with silver after a heartbreaking loss to England in front of their loud home crowd.

Hockeyroos captain and SASI graduate Jane Claxton led the women's team to victory against New Zealand, South Africa, Scotland and Kenya throughout the Games.

Unfortunately, the second quarter of the gold medal match was crucial to England's win, scoring two goals to relegate the Aussies to silver.

In one of the best moments of the match, Claxton tried to turn things around for the Hockeyroos late in the game, but England's goalkeeper Maddie Hinch made the save.

It was the first time England has ever won hockey gold at the Commonwealth Games.

Eyes are now on the next prize... a repeat for the Kookaburras and redemption for the Hockeyroos in Paris 2024.



# NETBALL

## COACHING STAFF

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Skills Coach

**Khao Watts**  
Skills Coach

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Sophie Casey  
Kaili Cook-Shakles  
Lucy Denton  
Tahlia Dnistrjanski  
Poppy Gilfillan-Silk  
Cameron Golding  
Kayla Graham  
Jessie Grenvold  
Kimberley Hearnden

Paris Sinclair  
Aaleya Turner  
Lucy Voyvodic

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES

Nyah Allen  
Lucy Austin  
Chelsea Blackmann  
Sasha Glasgow

Georgie Horjus  
Sarah Klau  
Maisie Nankivell  
Tyler Orr  
Maddy Proud  
Maddy Turner  
Molly Watson  
Tayla Williams

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

1 Sarah Klau







## LUCY AUSTIN EARNS DEBUT SSN CONTRACT WITH THUNDERBIRDS

SASI graduate Lucy Austin earned her first Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) contract after signing with the Adelaide Thunderbirds for 2023.

Following two years as a training partner with the club, the 20-year-old from Matrics Netball Club joined the list of contracted 10 for next season.

Austin made a name for herself in her three SSN appearances in 2022 after debuting in Round 6 against the Melbourne Vixens and picking up the fan-voted MVP award.

She shined in Round 11 against the Collingwood Magpies, shooting 49/53 at 92.5%.

Thunderbirds' High Performance Manager Pitre Bourdon said Austin had proven she deserved a contract.

"Lucy has worked very hard over the past two years as a training partner with the club and has done everything we've asked of her to bring her game to the level it's at today," Bourdon said.

"She made the most of her opportunities at SSN level in 2022 and it's very special for us to now be able to offer her a contract as part of our 10.

"Developing and rewarding our South Australian talent has been important to us and we're proud to help Lucy take that next step.

"She is a much-loved member of our team, and we look forward to working with her even closer in 2023."

Austin said she was excited and grateful for the opportunity to represent the club she loves.

"I've been working hard for this for many years now and my dream has finally come true," Austin said.

"To play alongside some of the world's best netballers and to work with someone like Eleanor Cardwell, I'm going to learn so much and I can't wait to get started.

"We have such a dedicated and passionate group at the Thunderbirds and I'm so excited for us to take it to a whole new level next year."

*Article courtesy of the Adelaide Thunderbirds*



# ROWING



We welcomed new Head Coach, Nick Mitchell in August who previously coached at the National U23 level.

## COACHING STAFF

**Nick Mitchell**  
Head Coach

**Jason Lane\***  
Head Coach

**Christine MacLaren**  
Rowing Talent Pathway  
Coordinator

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Simon Albury (para)  
Nick Blackman  
Angus Dawson

## SASI ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Josh Felderhof  
Adam Holland  
Jake Nesbitt  
Tom Saunders

## SASI GRADUATE ATHLETES

Olympia Aldersey  
Molly Goodman  
Alexander Hill

\*Concluded



## AUSSIES CLINCH GOLD AT WORLD ROWING CUP 1

On the final day of the World Rowing Cup 1 in Belgrade, Serbia, SASI athlete Simon Albury partnered with Kat Ross to win gold in the PR2 Mixed Double Sculls.

It was a convincing win over Mexico in the final where the Aussie duo quickly established a clear water lead over their competitors and at the 500 metre mark they had opened up a 12 second advantage which they continued to build on through the remainder of the race.

The pair were pleased to reunite at this regatta, marking the first time they competed together internationally since the Tokyo Paralympics.

"It's been a great start to the season. We've got a bit of work to do but we're on the right path," Ross said.

"We decided to take it a little bit different and have a smooth start out of the blocks.

"It wasn't as quick as we would have liked but it was smooth and got us up and moving and we sat on a great pace. It was great fun," she said.

*Article courtesy of Rowing Australia*







# SHOOTING

## SHOOTING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – RIFLE

### COACHING STAFF

**Petr Kurka**  
Head Coach

**Carrie Quigley**  
National Talent Coach

### SHOOTING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ATHLETES

**Emma Adams**  
**Elise Collier**  
**Michael Davis**  
**Alex Hoberg**  
**Katarina Kowplos**  
**Jack Rossiter**  
**Victoria Rossiter**  
**Dane Sampson**







## AUSTRALIAN MEN'S RIFLE TRIO CLAIM PODIUM POSITIONS ON THE WORLD STAGE

At the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Australian Men's Rifle Team comprising of SASI athletes Dane Sampson and Jack Rossiter, plus Michael Davis won the silver medal.

They shot a combined score of 933.4 in stage 1 of qualifying, followed by 626.6 in stage 2 where they advanced to the gold medal match against South Korea.

South Korea put in a strong performance in the final and claimed the gold medal with our Aussie team claiming the silver - a fantastic achievement from the men's team and great to see Australian rifle athletes back on the podium.

Fast forward a month and the team added to their medal collection winning a bronze medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Teams event at the World Cup in Changwon, Korea.

After stage one of qualifying with each of the three team members shooting a series in the kneeling, prone and standing positions, the Australians were placed seventh with a combined score of 1306.

With the top 8 teams progressing to stage two and again required to shoot a series in each of the three positions, the trio finished in third place with a total score of 872, four points ahead of Japan who they would meet in the bronze medal match.

Into the bronze medal match and it was Sampson shooting the prone position, Davis shooting kneeling and Rossiter shooting standing.

Team Australia dominated only losing 3 out of 11 single shot series to claim the bronze medal 16 points to Japan's 6 points.

Sampson expressed how happy he was to return to competition following years of COVID disruptions.

"It's great to be in the finals again here and I feel more comfortable because it is familiar and the finals range is familiar...and after Baku in the Teams final with these guys there [in Baku], it felt normal to be in a final again here [in Changwon]," Sampson said.

*Article courtesy of Shooting Australia*



# SWIMMING



## COACHING STAFF

**Peter Bishop**  
Head Coach

**Craig Stewart**  
Assistant Coach

## NETWORK STAFF

**Shaun Curtis**  
Marion SC Head Coach

**Shelly Jarrett\***  
Marion SC Head Coach

**Luke Curtis**  
Norwood SC Head Coach

**Scott Beringen**  
Southern Performance SC

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

**Brittany Castelluzzo**

**Kyle Chalmers**

**Meg Harris**

**Zac Incerti**

**Travis Mahoney\***

**Matt Temple**

**Madi Wilson**

## SASI ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

**Harililai Curthoys-Davies\***

**Harrison Biddell**

**Sophie Healy**

**Tom Lightfoot**

**Clancy Luscombe**

**James McKechnie**

**Fergus McLachlan**

**Bethan Mounfield\***

**Molly Walker**

**Emily White**

\*Retired/concluded

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

### Madi Wilson

- 1 Mixed 4 x 100m Medley Relay\*
- 1 Women's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay
- 1 Women's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
- 1 Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay\*
- 3 Women's 200m Freestyle

### Kyle Chalmers

- 1 Men's 100m Freestyle
- 1 Men's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
- 1 Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
- 2 Men's 4 x 100m Medley Relay
- 10th Men's 50m Butterfly

### Meg Harris

- 1 Mixed 4x100m Freestyle\*
- 2 Women's 50m Freestyle

### Matt Temple

- 1 Mixed 4 x 100m Medley Relay
- 1 Men's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay\*
- 2 Men's 100m Butterfly
- 2 Men's 4 x 100m Medley Relay
- 9th Men's 50m Butterfly

### Zac Incerti

- 1 Men's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
- 1 Men's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay
- 1 Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay\*
- 8th Men's 100m Freestyle
- 15th Men's 200m Freestyle

\*Heat swimmer







## SASI DOLPHINS DOMINATE IN THE POOL AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

SASI's swimming superstars were unstoppable in Birmingham, serving up stellar performances and making significant contributions to Australia's medal tally.

As a member of the Dolphin's leadership team, Madi Wilson set the pace adding two gold medals, a bronze and a world record to her extensive list of accolades.

At her second Commonwealth Games, the SASI superstar got off to a great start by claiming bronze in the Women's 200m Freestyle.

Wilson played a pivotal role in the Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay gold medal win, continuing Australia's winning streak in this event since 1990.

The 28-year-old achieved back-to-back gold medals in Birmingham contributing to a world record breaking performance (7:39.29), alongside Kiah Melverton, Mollie O'Callaghan and Ariarne Titmus in the Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay.

Wilson took to Instagram after the event to express her excitement after the swim exclaiming, "Is this real life? This team, one dream! The best team I could ask for."

On a star-studded squad, Meg Harris showed her talent securing silver on her Commonwealth Games debut.

Harris won the medal in the Women's 50m Freestyle, competing against golden girl Emma McKeon and beating fellow Dolphin Shayna Jack within 24.32 seconds.

In his second Commonwealth Games appearance, Zac Incerti made a splash at the Sandwell Aquatics Centre alongside Flynn Southam, William Yang and fellow SASI swimmer Kyle Chalmers, to take the top spot in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle.

The team punched through the water to set a new Commonwealth Games record time of 3:11.12.

Incerti also delivered a gold medal-winning, Games record-breaking performance in the Men's 4x200m Freestyle Relay with the Aussies delivering a time of 7:04.960, beating England by more than two seconds.

Commonwealth Games debutant Matthew Temple managed to pull off an incredible feat on day five, taking out the top spot alongside swimming royalty Emma McKeon, Kaylee McKeown and Zac Stubblety-Cook in the Mixed 4x100m Medley, touching the wall at 3:41.30.

Temple gained another medal to add to his collection when he tied with England's James Guy for silver in the Men's 100m Butterfly.

Kyle Chalmers put on an exceptional display in water winning three gold and one silver medal throughout his Commonwealth Games stint.

Chalmers started his Birmingham campaign with a bang winning gold in the Mixed 4x100m Freestyle, the Men's 4x100m Freestyle and the Men's 100m Freestyle – an astonishing achievement!

After taking out the top spot on the podium in the Men's 100m Freestyle, Chalmers dedicated the win to his supporters.

"Thank you all for the support and giving me the courage and strength to stand back up and do that tonight! That one was for you guys," Chalmers said on Instagram.

Chalmers joined forces with Matt Temple, Zac Stubblety-Cook and Bradley Woodward on the final day of the swimming program, clinching the silver medal in the Men's 4x100m Medley narrowly going down to England by 0.08 seconds.

The youngest member of SASI's Birmingham squad, Para-swimmer Isabella Vincent, came away in fifth place in both the Women's 100m Backstroke S8 the Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6 with impressive performances in the pool.

The 16-year-old has shown she has a bright future ahead of her in the sport.

*The SASI swimming program team is recognised nationally as the benchmark swimming hub program. The SASI/ SA hub program has a wide-ranging influence on the national system through Peter Bishop as national coach, Tim Rawlins as Performance Analysis Lead, Dr Sian Barris as Skill Acquisition Lead and Dr Jamie Stanley as Performance Solutions Manager for Swimming Australia.*



# INDIVIDUAL

Individual Athlete Scholarships offer financial and service assistance to athletes who have achieved an elite level of performance at the senior or junior international level in non SASI program sports.

## ATHLETICS

Isobel Batt-Doyle  
Matthew Clarke  
Jack Downey  
Angus Hincksman (para)  
Daniel Kirk (para)  
Aidan Murphy  
Olivia Sandery  
Jessica Stenson  
Michael Roeger (para)

## BADMINTON

Richard Davis (para)  
Zashka Gunson (para)  
Angelina Melki (para)  
Dania Nugroho  
Gavin Ong  
Catrina Tan

## BOXING

Callum Peters

## CYCLING – BMX

Joel Marsh  
Matthew Tidswell

## FENCING

Georgina Barratt  
Roshan Chandran

## FIGURE SKATING

James Min

## GOLF

Jack Buchanan  
Nick Siegmund  
Jack Thompson  
Millie Whinney

## GYMNASTICS - ARTISTIC

Jesse Moore  
Chris Remkes  
Clay Stephens

## GYMNASTICS - TRAMPOLINE

Claire Arthur\*  
Rebekah Thomson (CAA)  
Abbie Watts

## KARATE

Michelle Wilson

## LAWN BOWLS

Liam Coe (CAA)  
Cody Letton (CAA)  
Wayne Ruediger  
Joshua Studham

## SAILING

Carter Baker  
Alex Higgins  
Angus Higgins  
Ben Hinks  
Fallon Katz  
Joal Mackenzie  
Ellen Sampson

## SOFTBALL

Maddie Cameron  
Jordan Harris  
Georgia Hood  
Chelsea Robinson  
Stephanie Trzcinski  
Belinda White

## SPORT CLIMBING

Theodora Kasimidou

## SQUASH

Alexandra Haydon

## SWIMMING – PARA

Jesse Aungles  
Isabella Vincent

## TABLE TENNIS - PARA

Caleb Crowden  
Sam von Einem  
Connor Holdback  
Hayley Sands  
Amanda Tscharke

## TAEKWONDO

Damon Cavey  
Tyrone Staben

## TRIATHLON

Sophie Linn

## WATER POLO

Joseph Parnis  
Samuel Mckenzie  
Alyssa West

## WEIGHTLIFTING

Kiana Elliott

## WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Fernando Grez Montiel  
Nathan Simpson  
Cooper Spillane  
Samuel White

\*Retired (CAA) Country Athlete Award





## COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

### Jessica Stenson - Athletics

1 Women's Marathon

### Callum Peters - Boxing

2 Men's Middleweight

### Sophie Linn - Triathlon

3 Mixed Team Relay

5th Women's

### Clay Stephens - Gymnastics

4th Men's Team

7th Men's Floor Exercise

11th Men's All-Around

### Kiana Elliott - Weightlifting

4th Women's 71kg

### Jesse Moore - Gymnastics

4th Men's Team

6th Men's Pommel Horse

### Isobel Batt-Doyle - Athletics

8th Women's 5,000m

8th Women's 10,000m

### Isabella Vincent - Para Swimming

5th Women's 100m Backstroke S8

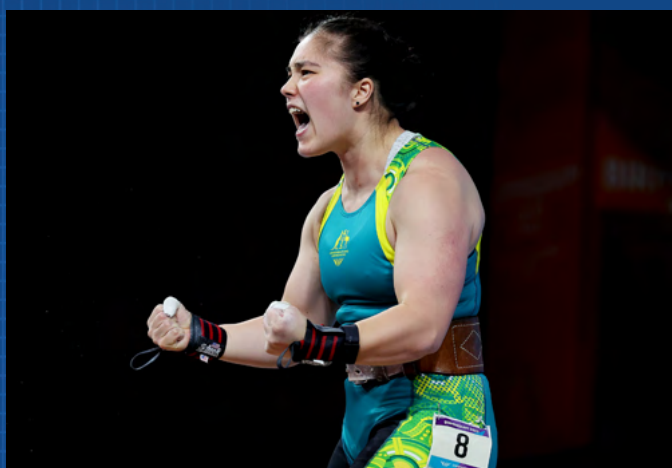
5th Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6

### Amanda Tscharke - Para Table Tennis

4th Women's Classes 3-5 (group 2)

### Alexandra Haydon - Squash

9th Women's Doubles





# INDIVIDUAL

## A MARATHON FEAT – JESS STENSON WINS GOLD

Jess Stenson put in a herculean effort to bring home gold for Australia in the Women's Marathon in Birmingham.

It was the first time Stenson had stood on top of the podium at the Commonwealth Games after coming away with bronze medals at the Gold Coast Games in 2018 and Glasgow Games in 2014.

The win marks a remarkable comeback for Stenson who had to miss out on the Tokyo 2020 Olympics because of a bone-stress injury where she fractured her femur and lower back.

The South Australian mum has become the first female athlete of any country to win medals in three Commonwealth Games marathons.

Stenson ran the fifth fastest time in Commonwealth Games history, ending the marathon at an impressive time of 2:27.31.

The 34-year-old finished 29 seconds in front of Kenyan, Margaret Muriuki and 1 minute, 8 seconds ahead of the reigning champion Helalia Johannes from Namibia, who claimed the bronze.

Inspiring her was the memory of her idol Kerryn McCann, the 2006 Melbourne gold medallist who tragically died from cancer two years after her heroic final burst at the MCG.

"I thought about Kerryn's closing kilometres in that battle against the Kenyan woman as she entered the MCG," Stenson said.

"All of that history really turns into strength that we can use to try and continue that history.

"I so badly wanted to do Australia and my support team proud today."

Stenson's fellow Aussie teammates rounded out the top five of the race, with Eloise Wellings placing fourth and Sinead Diver in fifth.

The marathon win was dubbed a team effort by Stenson - after hitting the halfway mark and not being met with caffeinated gel she was expecting, teammate Eloise Wellings sacrificed her own gel, giving it to the eventual champion.

All three of Australia's female marathon runners are mums and Stenson explained that becoming a mother has had a big impact on her performance.

"I really wasn't thinking about the outcome today, I was just trying to tick off each 5k and that's what you do as a mum, you can't think too far ahead it's just one moment at a time and you can't control it you just have to respond to what is happening and I think that gives women a lot of strength as parents," she said.

"I think being a mum makes you stronger; physically and emotionally.

"To all of the mums out there, just dream big and thanks for all your support and thanks to the mums before me who have shown this is possible.

"So, go mums!"

The gold medallist also thanked her Coach Adam Didyk for pushing her to continue preparing for Birmingham after she was diagnosed with COVID-19 less than a month out from the Games.

"My coach Adam was really calm throughout it all," she said.

"I think his composure in this prep was really important and I have to give a big shout out to my family."







## CLASSY CALLUM PETERS TAKES HOME SILVER IN A SHOWSTOPPING BOUT

At the Commonwealth Games, Callum Peters brought home a silver medal against Scotland's Sam Hickey in a split decision during the middleweight gold medal decider.

The 19-year-old was the youngest member of the boxing team and one of ten Indigenous athletes on Australia's roster – a record for the Birmingham team.

This was the Barossa-born fighter's first senior international tournament, proving to be an epic battle from start to finish.

The rollercoaster contest was arguably one of the best fights seen at the Games, with it being too hard to call for the entirety of the match.

The youngster dominated the final round landing plenty of clean shots on his rival, which perplexed spectators when he was ultimately named runner up.

The fight ended in a controversial split decision 29-28 x3 and 28-29 x2, with majority judges agreeing that Peters had won the third round.

Despite Hickey receiving multiple warnings about using his head liberally during the fight, it was a points difference leaving him victorious.

Peters showed great sportsmanship amidst defeat congratulating his opponent with a warm embrace post-fight.

"The last round, I thought I won, but stuff happens," said Peters.

"I got a few headbutts throughout the rounds, surprised he didn't get told off. But it's my first international, I'm young, 19. Got a couple of elbows on the neck – but you have to learn from it, mate.

"But at least I came and showed everyone who I was, and I'm very excited for the future.

"Going pro's definitely a possibility, but later down the track. Another Comm Games would be good – get that Comm Games gold back! Definitely, I can win these tournaments."

If this faceoff against the Scotsman is anything to show for what Callum Peters can do, he is in for exciting career in the ring and is one to keep an eye on.



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