



PRESS RELEASE

Australian Youth Teams travel to Kuwait for Asian Youth Championships

Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited will have a new crop of talented Youth players travelling to Kuwait on Wednesday to represent Australia at the 15th Asian Youth Championships. The event will run from the 24th January through to 2nd February 2010 at the Cozmo Bowling Center Kuwait City.

Jacinta Gilliland from Queensland is the 2009 Adult Masters winner and 3rd ranked Youth player for 2009. Jacinta will be representing her country for the first time and we look forward to hearing all about the results of her high strike ratio.

Lexi Nicoll from New South Wales is another new Australian representative and the current number 2 ranked youth bowler in Australia. Lexi has started the year off with a win in the 2010 National Youth Cup, and is currently in great form.

Emily Robertson from Victoria is another new Australian representative. Emily has 6 Australian youth titles to her name, and is very consistent on the target. Good luck Emily.

Rebecca Whiting from Victoria will be representing Australia for the second time after a very successful tournament at the Asian Schools Championship in Hong Kong last year. Rebecca was part of our Gold winning Girls team and also won the bronze medal in the masters. Let's hope that Beck's previous international experience ensures the return of more medals following this competition.

Mitch Marris from Perth will be representing his country for the first time. Mitch has a number of national tournaments to his name and was part of the winning Western Australia's Men's Youth team at this year's National Youth Team Challenge. A strong mental game will result in Mitch being hard to beat.

Kevin McRae from New South Wales will also be representing his country for the first time. Kevin has also started 2010 with a bang winning the National Youth Cup as well as winning 3 Silvers and 2 Gold during the National Youth Teams Challenge. Kevin is in great form and with a strong mental game will be hard to beat.

Hamish Rogers from Queensland will be representing his country for the first time. Hamish is Queensland's top youth player for 2009. The coaching team are keen to work with Hamish to ensure that he makes the most of his great ability.

Ashley Warren from South Australia will also be representing his country for the first time. Ashley has also started the year with a Gold medal in the doubles at the National Youth Teams Challenge. Ashley has worked really hard and is currently in great form and improving every day.

Australian Coach Chris Batson has said that the athletes have worked hard to prepare for the event. When asked about the chance of the team's success he said "I think we are a chance of winning a couple of medals at the Asian Championships". "All youth team bowlers were extremely competitive at the recent National Youth Cup and Youth Challenge last weekend, proving that they are hitting their best form at the right time".

On behalf of the Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited Board and Management team we would like to wish each of the athletes and coaches every success during the Championships.

Australian Women's Youth Team

Jacinta Gilliland (QLD)



Lexi Nicoll (NSW)



Emily Robertson (VIC)

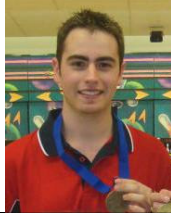


Rebecca Whiting (VIC)

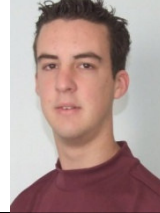


Australian Men's Youth Team

Mitch Marris (WA)



Kevin McRae (NSW)



Hamish Rogers (QLD)



Ashley Warren (SA)



Australian Coach
Coach – Chris Batson



Australian Team Manager
Manager/Assistant Coach
Ken Thompson



Australian Team
Assistant Coach
Jason Taafe

