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WHAT'S BEEN ON AND WHAT'S GOING TO BE ON IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

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A right decision

THE Australian cricket selectors were spot on not to pick Andrew Symonds for the Ashes tour. He barely hit it off the square for Queensland all summer, so how could they possibly justify selecting him? Although in form he's twice the allrounder Andrew McDonald is.

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THEY SAID IT "I don't know."
- MANCHESTER UNITED STAR RONALDO'S SUCCINCT RESPONSE ON WHETHER HE'LL PLAY FOR THE RED DEVILS.

Students to battle for medals on the Coast

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MORE than 1300 students will flock to the Sunshine Coast in July for the 15th year of the Northern University Games.

Students from 10 universities across the state will compete in eight sports, with the overall winner of the tournament taking home the Jodie Martin trophy.

Beach touch and beach volleyball will be held at Moffat Beach, while basketball, lawn bowls, and tennis will be contested on the southern stretches of the Coast.

The University of the Sunshine Coast will host netball and football, with hockey to be played at Ballinger Park.

Australian University Sport CEO Don Knapp said the Coast was the perfect location to host the games.

"There was great support from the University of the Sunshine Coast and the local government, it's a wonderful place to be and a place university students like to come to," he said yesterday.

"Kids come not only for the sport but also for the social life, they come to meet other students from other universities.

"It's more than a sporting event, it's an opportunity to see the Sunshine Coast.

"Not only do they have a



IN TRAINING: Beach touch football players, from left, Stacey Waddell, Courtney Rohan, Julia Linnan, Belinda Fallon and Sam Poulsen will represent the Sunshine Coast University at the Northern University games in July. PHOTO: BARRY LEDDICAT

great time while they're here, but they take away memories and friendships.

"If you're highly competitive there's a spot for you here, but if you're less competitive and want to do more recreational activities,

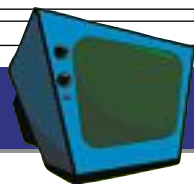
there's a spot here as well." USC basketballer Tim Boulenger, who is on exchange from Tahiti, said the games were a great chance for Queensland students to let off some steam after a hectic exam period.

"I'm pretty excited - been practicing a fair bit ... practicing basketball, not drinking of course," he joked.

"I play in a club so it naturally comes to me to be kind of serious about, but at the same time it is uni games and

it's after exams so you just want to relax."

Olympic rower Bo Hanson has been chosen as patron of the event which runs from July 5-8 with the Australian University Games held at the Gold Coast in September.



On the box

TODAY

RUGBY LEAGUE
St George Illawarra v Penrith (Nine/WIN, 7.30pm)
AFL
Carlton v West Coast (Foxtel Ch518, 7.30pm; SC Seven, 8.30pm)
TENNIS
French Open - day six (Fox Sports 3, 7pm)
GOLF
Crowne Plaza Invitational (Fox Sports 1, 5am-8am)

SATURDAY

AFL
North Melbourne v Brisbane Lions (Ten, 2pm); Western Bulldogs v Sydney (Fox Sports 1, 2pm); St Kilda v Melbourne (Fox Sports 1, 7pm; Ten, 7.30pm); Fremantle v Richmond (Foxtel Ch518, 7.30pm)
RUGBY LEAGUE
Parramatta v Cronulla (Fox Sports 2, 7.30pm)
TENNIS
French Open (Fox Sports 3, 7pm)
MOTORSPORT
V8 Supercars: From Symmons Plains (Seven, 2.30pm)
FOOTBALL
FA Cup final: Everton v Chelsea (SBS, 10.30pm)
GOLF
USPGA Tour: Crowne Plaza Invitational - round two (Fox Sports 1, 5am-8am)

SUNDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE
Newcastle v Bulldogs (Nine/WIN, 4pm); NZ Warriors v Wests Tigers (Fox Sports 2, 2pm)
AFL
Adelaide v Hawthorn (Fox Sports 1, 1pm); Essendon v Geelong (Seven, 3pm); Collingwood v Port Adelaide (Fox Sports 1, 4.30pm)
MOTORSPORT
MotoGP: From Italy (Fox Sports 2, 6.30pm)
TENNIS
French Open (Fox Sports 3, 7pm)
MOTORSPORT
V8 Supercars: From Symmons Plains (Seven, 12pm)
NETBALL
Melbourne Vixens v Queensland Firebirds (Ten, 2.30pm)
GOLF
USPGA Tour: Crowne Plaza Invitational (Fox Sports 1, 5am-8am)
Euro PGA Tour: European Open (Fox Sports 1, 11pm)



Crystal Ball

A look into the future (or just complete guesswork)

THE crystal ball made an overdue return to form last week.

Daily sports reporter Travis Meyn correctly tipped North Melbourne to account for Fremantle at Etihad Stadium, and his suggestion to get on Melbourne with a 33.5 point start against Hawthorn also proved on the money.

Unlike this paper's entire NRL tipping panel, Travis also

backed the Raiders to beat the Warriors.

However, his pick of Richmond with an 11.5 point start against Essendon and Matt Bowen to score first try in the Cowboys v Knights game both fell short.

This week the ball is tipping Wests Tigers with a 6.5 point start against the Warriors on Sunday.



GOOD DAY

South Sydney have pulled off a coup by resigning veteran NRL prop forward Luke Stuart for the next two years.



BAD DAY

Marat Safin walked off the French Open's centre court for the last time after losing to French wildcard Josse-lin Ouanna.