



Welcome to the Sixth Asia Oceania Korfball Championships

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Day Two

Welcome to the second day of the 6th Asia Oceania Korfball Championships. Tonight's main match sees hot favourites Chinese Taipei against last night's winners, Australia.

Australia vs Chinese Taipei

6.45 Wednesday

The Chinese Taipei finished in 4th place at the 2003 World Championships. The team is well known for its high level skills, agility and speed. The squad has been exposed to international korfball via a progressive age group system, which takes two or three young teams to Europe for high level competition each year.

Australia out performed New Zealand in Wednesday night's opening game. With 20 year's international experience under their belt they finished in 7th place at last year's World Championships. Captain Jeremy Harris (number 22) is a player to watch – he played at the 1999 and 2003 World Champs.

Invitational Team vs New Zealand

8.15 Wednesday

Tonight the Invitational Team match up against the New Zealand squad. Last night the Invitational team

started strong against Chinese Taipei but the team's inexperience of playing together showed in the second half when Chinese Taipei stormed ahead. The final score was 24-4 to Chinese Taipei.

Why an Invitational Team? Unfortunately Indonesia, the original fourth team in this event, was forced to pull out late last week. This left a gap in the draw which has been filled by an Invitational Team. This team will consist of players from clubs in New Zealand, guests to New Zealand and a few players borrowed from the international squads. The Invitational team will play each night after the first game has finished.

Thursday's Games

Come along on Thursday night to watch New Zealand play Chinese Taipei at 6.45pm followed by Australia taking on the Invitational team at 8.15pm.

Spectators

Entry to the stadium to watch two games of international korfball is \$5 a night or \$15 for a season pass. Remember to pick up a programme at the stadium for information on how the game is played.

Championship Schedule

Tuesday	<i>Australia bt New Zealand 20-4</i> <i>Chinese Taipei bt Invitational Team 24-4</i>	Saturday* 1pm	Chinese Taipei vs Australia
		2.45 pm	New Zealand vs Invitation Team
Wednesday	6.45 pm Chinese Taipei vs Australia	6.30 pm	New Zealand vs Chinese Taipei
	8.15 pm Invitational Team vs New Zealand	8.15 pm	Invitation Team vs Australia
Thursday	6.45 pm Chinese Taipei vs New Zealand	Sunday* 1 pm	Third vs Invitation Team
	8.15 pm Australia vs Invitation Team	2.45 pm	Final
Friday	6.45 pm Australia vs New Zealand	4.15 pm	Closing Ceremony
	8.15 pm Chinese Taipei vs Invitation Team		

*Saturday and Sunday's games may change

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www.korfball.org.nz