

## Chinese burn gets Barbarians on board



Dan Young scored five goals and teammate Tyler Martin four when the Barbarians notched an impressive 12-9 water polo win against China in the Tom Hoad Cup at Bicton Pool yesterday.

While Young and Martin dominated the scoresheet, goalkeeper Luke Quinlivan was in miserly form at the other end of the pool, guarding the cage for the winners.

Success against China came as no surprise after a bold showing the previous night in a 9-6 loss against Partizan Belgrade.

The Barbarians threatened to cause a major upset, edging ahead 5-4 late in the third quarter, before the European powerhouse rattled off three consecutive goals to clinch the game.

It was a different story yesterday, the Barbarians outscoring the Chinese 3-0 in the final stanza after the scores were tied 9-9 at the last change.

Coach Scott Chrystal said it was a good result for a young team comprised mainly of young Australian squad members, players pushing for a spot in the senior national squad and promising

WA juniors.

"I thought it was going to be a very difficult game against China, who are ranked 14th in the world and are probably at their peak as a team," Chrystal said.

"We are only a young group, a bunch of 20 and 21-year-olds, so to see them gel together so quickly as a group was really pleasing."

Chrystal said the efforts of Young, Martin and Quinlivan were a key to his team's win.

"Dan's had a great competition and I think he scored two goals against Partizan as well, so he is finding the back of the net very easily," Chrystal said.

"Tyler has played centre-back and has had a tough job defensively, so to score goals at the other end was a great help to us.

"Luke Quinlivan, our captain, was outstanding today in goals. He is looking to get to the London Olympics and the two games he has played so far at this competition have been fantastic."

Partizan strengthened their title claims with a convincing 13-9 victory over Fremantle Mariners last night with Japan edging out China 8-6 in the early game.

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