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The London line-up



COMPETITION CATEGORY

Badminton

BADMINTON made its full Olympic debut at the 1992 Games. Athletes have lightning quick reactions making it a fast, dynamic sport. The aim is to hit a shuttlecock over the net into the opponent's half of the court within the boundaries so it cannot be returned. Matches are played over the best of three games. The first to reach 21 points by two clear points wins a game. At London 2012 medal events are men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

AUSSIES COMPETING: Leanne Choo, Victoria Na, Renn Veeran, Ross Smith, Glenn Warfe (pictured)

Water polo

TWO teams of seven in a pool each trying to push, pass or carry the ball over their opponent's goal line into a netted goal may sound simple but this sport is gruelling. Players have to be strong technically and tactically as they cannot touch the sides or bottom of the pool during play. Matches are divided into four periods of eight minutes. Each team has 30 seconds to score before the ball returns to the opposition. At London 2012, 12 men's and eight women's teams will compete in two medal competitions. Men's water polo has featured on the Olympic program since the Paris 1900 Games. Women's water polo was introduced at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

AUSSIES COMPETING: The Stingers (women's team pictured); The Sharks (men's team)

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After 70 days travelling from Greece, the Olympic Flame arrived at the London 2012 Olympic Games opening ceremony to light the cauldron and start the events.

THE Games of the XXX Olympiad are now in full swing after their official opening on July 27.

Big Ben kicked off proceedings, heralding the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games by chiming loudly for three minutes. Then more than one billion sets of eyes worldwide turned to the Olympic stadium to be dazzled by fireworks, entertainment and the formal proceedings of the Opening Ceremony. Queen Elizabeth II played her part. After co-starring with James Bond (aka Daniel Craig) in a clever video, she went on to declare the Games open.

At the end of the 3-hour-45-minute show, seven teenage athletes in keeping with the London 2012 "inspire a generation" motto, lit the cauldron made up of 204 copper petals brought in with each team during the athlete's parade.

With the Olympic flame alight in London the Games could begin.

Opening Ceremony Procession Order

During the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, the procession of athletes is always led by the Greek team, followed by all the other teams in alphabetical order (in the language of the host country), except for the last team which is always the team of the host country.

In which position did the Australian team enter the stadium?

Burning Bright

The London 2012 torch relay has been on a 70-day journey passing

FAST FACTS

- ▶ The gold coloured torch used in the relay is made from lightweight aluminium, weighs 800gm and is 800mm high
- ▶ A torch relay has taken place at every Summer Games since 1936.
- ▶ In Badminton, the Olympic shuttlecock contains 16 feathers, each plucked from the left wing of a goose. The shuttlecock can travel at speeds in excess of 400km/h.
- ▶ In water polo of the seven players in a team only the goalkeeper can touch the ball with both hands.
- ▶ For the first time in Australian Olympic history the official Opening ceremony uniform was unveiled ahead of the Games.

famous landmarks, through villages, towns and cities throughout the United Kingdom.

The Olympic flame began its tour at the traditional lighting ceremony that took place in front of the ruins of the Temple of Hera in Olympia, Greece on May 10 and finished at the London Olympic Stadium where it was used to light the Olympic cauldron during the Opening Ceremony.

The Flame will remain lit for the duration of the Games and will be extinguished at the closing ceremony. The torch has passed through the hands of 8000 torchbearers who carried the flame approximately 8000 miles (12,800km) during the relay.

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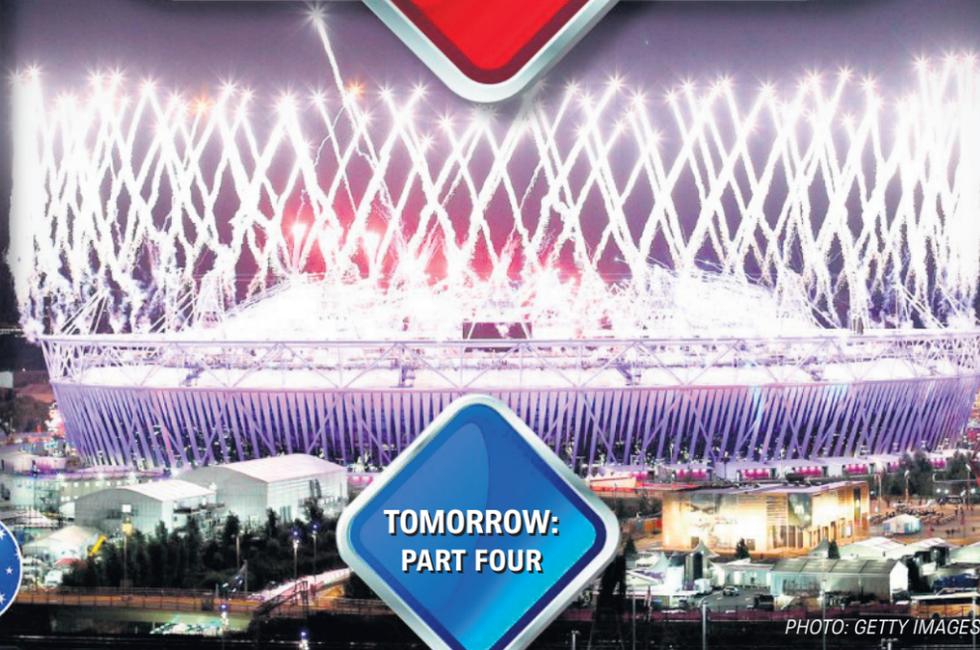


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In uniform

AS THE Australian Team marched into the London 2012 Opening Ceremony the pride they all had wearing our national colours was obvious. The white pants/skirts and dark green blazers finished with blue trim, gold buttons, gold Australian emblem and Olympic rings looked classy. The outfit was complemented by a pair of iconic white Dunlop Volley shoes with bottle green and navy trim, green laces, a gold embroidered Olympic ring motif and an "AUS 2012" gold tag. On the sporting fields and arenas our Aussie athletes are outfitted in competition wear of green and gold with a touch of fluoro yellow, hidden kangaroo prints and the Southern Cross. Designed and made by adidas they incorporate state-of-the art technology to help the athletes perform their best. Hopefully we will see the team uniforms on the podium regularly throughout the Olympics.



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