

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

APPARATUS FINALS REPORT

Saturday 22 January

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA DOMINATE MEDALS

Men's Floor

1 st	Zou Kai (China)	9.762
2 nd	Thomas Pichler(AUS)	9.662
3 rd	Takuya Nijjima(Japan)	9.512

In a close final Zou Kai(China) continued the Chinese dominance at this event just beating Thomas Pichler who continues to improve with each event.

Women's Uneven Bars

1 st	Chloe Sims (Australia)	9.400
2 nd	Han Bing (China)	9.262
3 rd	Lu Huang	9.237

Australia took out its first Apparatus Gold Medal with a good routine from Chloe Sims. She held off a charge from the Chinese who performed well but could not match Sims on the day.

Men's Pommel

1 st	Prashanth Sellathuari(AUS)	9.725
2 nd	Takamasa Suzuki (Japan)	9.225
3 rd	Heng Wang (China)	8.875

Prashanth Sellathuari showed his class on this apparatus to beat both the Japanese and Chinese on their specialist apparatus. With this result Prashanth stamped a big claim on a Commonwealth Games team berth.

Women's Floor

1 st	Daria Joura (AUS)	9.262
2 nd	Han Bing (China)	8.912
3 rd	Hollie Dykes (AUS)	8.650

Daria Joura competing in her first international competition produced a first class routine to win her first gold medal.

Men's Rings

1 st	Prashanth Sellathuari(AUS)	9.725
2 nd	Heng Wang (China)	9.462
2 nd	Sam Offord (AUS)	9.462

Prashanth Sellathuri produced the best ever Rings routine performed by an Australian athlete (including Senior athletes) in an incredible display of strength on this very difficult apparatus. If he produces this routine in Melbourne 2006 he could easily win a gold medal!