

Boomerangs VS Turkey

The Australian Boomerangs, the men's basketball team for athletes with an intellectual disability, commenced their INAS World Championship campaign with a win over host nation Turkey in a hard fought battle.

The host nation played their first game following a spectacular opening ceremony on Ankara Arena to open the 7th INAS World Championships. Unfortunately for the home crowd a determined Polish team narrowly edged them out.

After losing their first game, Turkey was in a must win situation. They opened the game with energy and played with tenacity and emotion, which resulted in a quarter time lead. The Boomerangs settled and rallied through the final three quarters to pull away inevitably as comfortable winners. Coach Simon Robinson was impressed by both teams athleticism but felt his team's extended defensive pressure throughout the game was the difference.

The Australian Boomerangs will play Poland to determine the final standings of their pool as they push for a medal placing, hoping to better their fourth place finish at the last international meeting.

The squad however has changed significantly, but with newcomers Jarrod Thomson and the Kinross twins performing well in the opening game, there is optimism around the camp.

Coach Robinson was excited to see Turkey, a European basketball powerhouse back in the competition. He was encouraged by his own team's performance and says they will take each game as it comes but feels the team has the capabilities to play in the Gold Medal Game.

Australia def Turkey 68-46

J Thomson 15; B Kinross 12; C Slacik 8