

Hi Jason

In June our family held a fundraising Trivia Night to cover some of the costs of Matt representing Australia.

Your donation towards our fundraising is greatly appreciated. The night was a very successful & we would like to sincerely THANK YOU for your contribution.

To follow are reports of the Hong Kong & China tour as well as the School Sport Australia Boys Hockey Championships 2010.

Early in July Matt went on a two week tour of Hong Kong & Beijing with the Australian Schoolboys hockey team. The team was very successful winning three games drawing two & losing one against older & more experience opposition. To follow is a report on Matt's performances from the tour hockey manager.

RE Matthew Dawson 2010 School Sport Australia Under 16 Boys Hockey tour to Hong Kong and China.

Matthew has just completed a successful Hockey Tour with the Australian Schoolboys team. He was one of the younger members of the group but this didn't affect his performances. Matthew was in the run on team in each of the 6 games on tour. As a defender/midfielder he acquitted himself well, playing "above his weight" and making valuable contributions at both ends of the field. He often made crucial tackles in breaking down opposition attacking raids. Similarly his strength on the ball and extraordinary vision provided the platform for circle penetrating raids. As the tour progressed he became more and more comfortable with his critical role within the team, eventually winning a well deserved man of the match award for his efforts in the game against Tianjin. Matthew's fitness and athleticism were frequently called upon and in one game played the full 70 minutes and in others only receiving minimal time on the bench.

Matthew has certainly proven that he has what it takes to make it at the next level.

Barry Marler, School Sport Australia Under 16 Boys Hockey Team Manager 2010.

School Sport Australia Boys Hockey Championships 2010.

From 14 -21 August Matt Captained the NSW All Schools Team that competed in the School Sport Australia Boys Hockey Championships in Bunbury W.A.

The team was totally dominant over the six days of competition winning all 6 round games convincingly then defeating Victoria 7-3 in the final (it's always great to beat the Vic's especially in a final). Matt controlled the games from his position of fullback consistently pushing his team attack forward creating problems for the opposition defence. He also regularly hit quality balls through to his strikers that gave them opportunities to score.

The team scored 54 goals for & 10 against to have a goal difference of 44. The next best goal difference was Victoria with 22. This statistic shows how dominant this team was. Matt led the team with confidence & discipline.

At the conclusion of the Championships Matt was named **Player of the Championships** & was announced as one of the nine NSW players named in the Australian Schoolboys Team to tour South Africa in July 2011.

Thanks again for your support of Matt's hockey.

Matt & The Dawson Family

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The photos on the Certificate of Appreciation are of Matt with a junior player from Tianjin where the Aussie boys conducted a coaching clinic before their game, then three of Matt in action & in the jacket he had to wear to dinner when he was awarded man of the match against Tianjin.