

Triple success for UBSport alumni

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Joel Hinds helped Great Britain reclaim the team titles in the 7th World University Squash Championships held at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, after a tight final against newcomers Hong Kong (Saturday, July 17).



Joel Hinds

The European Politics, Society and Economics 2009 graduate, who also won the men's individual title, won a spectacular five match set against Leo Au 11-7, 10-12, 5-11, 11-5, 11-6 to level tie.

Leo Au fended off two match points before Joel coolly claimed victory.

The decisive final match was won by Peter Creed, from the University of Wales in Cardiff, and sealed victory for Great Britain after beating Hong Kong's Chiu Ho Fai 11-5, 11-1, 11-4.

There was more success in Roth, Germany with Chrissie Wellington breaking the world record for the iron-distance triathlon, recording a time of 8.19.13, the fastest ever achieved by a woman in the competition.

The 1998 Geography graduate beat her own previous record by 12minutes and 46 seconds, and won the event by over half an hour by completing the 26.2 mile marathon in an incredible time 2.48.54, after swimming 3,800meters, and biking 112 miles.

Chrissie said of her race, 'I'm overjoyed, yet overwhelmed. Hopefully I have redefined the limits for myself, and for others, of what is possible. It has been one of the best days of my life.'

Chrissie is also the reigning World Ironman Champion, having won the title for the third consecutive year in Hawaii last October.

Finally, over in Visegrad Hungary, Naomi Folkard also claimed a medal for GB in the World Field Archery Championship.

Naomi, who graduated in 2005 with a degree in Music, won silver in the women's recurve final at the event held from the 13-18 July.

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