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TOURNAMENT REPORT

Mens International 2018

Australia sent an 18 goal side to Zambia over the weekend 13,14 and 15 July 2018 comprising:

- Hugo Fischer 4 goal
- Matt Welsh 4 goal
- Jake Daniels 5 goal
- Dirk Gould 5 goal

The players were hosted by members of the Lusaka Polo Club, the organiser of the tournament. Horses were leant to the Australians by members of the ZPA.

On Friday 13 July the Australian side played the Zambian B side comprising:

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| • Andrew Kirby | 3 goal | Mazabuka Polo Club |
| • Daniel Luyt | 2 goal | Lusaka Polo & Hunt Club |
| • Gavin Robinson | 3 goal | Lubombo Polo Club |
| • Ian Robinson | 4 goal | Lubombo Polo Club |

The game was played off handicap, so the Zambian side started with 6 goals on the board. After a hard-fought 6 chukkas, Zambia came out winners by 11 goals to 10.

On Saturday 14 July the Australians faced the first of the two test matches against the Zambian A side comprising:

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| • Mark Coventry | 4 goal | Lubombo Polo Club |
| • Kev Coventry | 4 goal | Lubombo Polo Club |
| • Shane Coventry | 4 goal | Lubombo Polo Club |
| • Eric Stubbs | 4 goal | Lusaka Polo & Hunt Club |

The game was played off scratch. After 6 chukkas, the Australians finished ahead, 8 goals to 6. The second game played on Sunday 15 July after the Zambian Police Force band played the National Anthems of both sides, was a very tough game finishing the sixth chukka with Zambia ahead 13 goals to 11. As this meant the two teams were tied over the two games, an extra sudden death chukka was played with widened goalposts to decide the overall victor. The pressure showed with both teams fighting hard and making mistakes in the minute of play that ensued. In the end Mark Coventry put the ball through the posts to bring Zambia the trophy for the tournament.

Gavin Robinson
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