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## **AUSTRALIAN U17 WOMEN FINISH 7<sup>TH</sup> AT WORLDS**

The Australian U17 Women's team has smashed European Champions Spain, 74-48, to claim seventh place at the 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship for Women in Toulouse, France tonight.

The Australians finish the inaugural U17 world titles with four wins and four losses.



The Australian inside pairing of Tayla Roberts and Gretel Tippett was too much for the Spanish to handle; Roberts led all scorers with 25 points and grabbed a game high 14 rebounds, Tippett had 14 and six rebounds.

It was a fantastic effort from the young Australians to recover from a disappointing loss yesterday and pull together to win seventh place with 11 of the 12 Australian players scoring, as well as the team dishing 18 assists to Spain's nine.

Spain scored the opening four points before the Australians got on board with an Olivia Thompson free throw.

Roberts and Tippett soon got in on the act but the Spaniards held on to their four-point lead at the first break, 12-8.

The Australians found their range in the second quarter, with Tippett and Aneeka Smith both nailing a 3-pointer from deep, and Spain started to struggle with their shooting, allowing the Aussies steal back the lead for a six-point advantage at halftime, 30-24.

A 16-0 run by the Australians to open the third quarter closed the door on a Spanish comeback and the green and gold ran out winners by 26 points.

In other games today Japan edged Russia for fifth place, 74-68, while overnight China and Belgium will battle for Bronze and host nation France will take on the United States for the title.

After the Australians' final game both Roberts and Tippett ranked in the top five players at the championship in scoring; Tippett fourth with 18 points per game and Roberts fifth with 16.1 points.

Quarter by quarter:

1: ESP 12 AUS 8  
H: AUS 30 ESP 24 (22-12)  
3: AUS 50 ESP 29 (20-5)  
F: AUS 74 ESP 48 (24-19)

**AUSTRALIA 74** (T Roberts 25, G Tippett 14, S Blicavs 10) def  
**SPAIN 48** (Y Castellano 14, A Aragones 12, M Gonzalez Grueso 10)  
In Toulouse, France

### **Australian U17 Women World Championship Schedule**

Friday July 16: Australia 58 def Spain 57  
Saturday July 17: China 92 def Australia 75  
Sunday July 18: Australia 77 def Argentina 57  
Tuesday July 20: Australia 88 def Mali 39  
Wednesday July 21: Belgium 67 def Australia 61  
  
Friday July 23: Quarter Finals: France 69 def Australia 59  
Saturday July 24: Classification Final: Japan 95 def Australia 92  
Sunday July 25: Seventh place playoff: Australia 74 def Spain 48

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