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CHINA DOWN BOOMERS

This article is courtesy of Bill Baxter, Basketball Australia.

China defeated Australia's men's basketball team, the Boomers, by six points in Beilun overnight in the first of two international friendlies, 84-78.

Toronto Raptors forward Nathan Jawai top scored for Australia with 14 points to go with 8 rebounds while Gold Coast Blaze guard James Harvey, who was named Captain of the Boomers for the tour prior to the game, added 12 points and 4 rebounds.

Townsville Crocodile Peter Crawford had an outstanding defensive game and finished with 9 points.

China led 11-3 after the opening minutes to the delight of a vocal crowd but Australia fought back to tie the game after six minutes and managed a small lead after one quarter, 23-19.

The lead changed hands throughout a physical second quarter and at half time China had re-taken the advantage by one point, 42-41.

Crawford continuously forced the Chinese to shoot over a contested hand to restrict the potent Chinese perimeter players in the second half while Jawai remained a huge presence inside the paint as the Boomers fought their way back into the game with some excellent rebounding.

But despite the Boomers' valiant effort, China extended the lead to five points with one quarter to play, 62-57, and won the match by six points.

Australia won the rebound count 36-20.

Quarter by quarter:

1 AUS 23 CHN 19

H CHN 42 AUS 41 (23-18)

3 CHN 62 AUS 57 (20-16)

F CHN 84 AUS 78 (22-21)

CHINA 84 bt AUSTRALIA 78 (Nathan Jawai 14, James Harvey 12, Peter Crawford 9)
in Beilun, China

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