

Tasmanian Trampolinists Selected to Represent Australia in World Open Championship 2013



Trampoline World Championships 2013

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Congratulations to Jack Penny, Hugh McConnell, Makonnen Brown & Joshua Hedley-Williams heading off to Bulgaria in November...

Jack Penny the 23-year-old TIS scholarship holder and 2012 Indo-Pacific champion has recovered from bone spurs and recent surgery and will represent Australia at the world open championships in Bulgaria in November. Thrilled to compete in the senior men's individual trampoline and synchronised trampoline events, Penny said he was looking forward to seeing where he fit at world level in individual competition. "I've done a couple of world cups and competed in the double-mini, but I'm looking forward to testing myself individually on the biggest stage of them all," he said. Penny is one of four Tasmanians selected for the championships, with Hugh McConnell and Makonnen Brown selected to compete in the under-17 events, and Joshua Hedley-Williams in the under-15s.

State coach Ben Kelly is optimistic about the chances of the four gymnasts, especially with Penny's and McConnell's previous championship experience. "I'm really pleased for them, especially Jack after the problems he has had with injuries recently," Kelly said. "I think we'll do quite well. In the under-17 individual trampoline we are hoping for a top-12 finish especially after Hugh McConnell finished in fifth place in the under-15s two years ago." "For Jack, we are hoping for a top-25 finish in the senior men's individual trampoline." Kelly said trampolining was a sport on the rise in Tasmania. "Gymnastics is really growing in the state, and from our recent good results we are known for our strong reputation in trampoline across the nation," he said.

Kelly will also attend the championships as assistant coach of the open team for both individual trampoline and double-mini, while Gymnastics Tasmania squad manager Joanne Penny has been appointed team manager for both events.