

BUTCHER VS JAPAN - THIS WEEKEND!

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18 year old Lane Cove swimmer, Phillip Butcher, has been selected to compete for Australia in this weekend's Duel in the Pool contest against Japan.

Butcher will join freestyle king, Eamon Sullivan, butterfly champion, Andrew Lauterstein, and the rest of the World Championship team in Canberra for the meet.

The contest is being held in the middle of Australia's World Championship Orientation Camp.

Australia has contested three Duel Meets in 2003 (Indianapolis), 2005 (Irvine) and 2007 (Sydney), losing all three to the might of the world's number one team, the USA.

Butcher is determined to do his bit to make sure that Australia gets up against the Japanese.

"I'm excited by this opportunity and I can't wait to representing my country again" he said.

The talented butterflyer won two gold medals and a bronze medal at the Youth Olympic Festival in January.

More recently, he won a Bronze at the National Age Swimming Championships in his pet event – the 100 butterfly – leading the Lane Cove team to another impressive championship performance.

The 2009 National Age team was the club's biggest ever – not even including the relay swimmers:

<i>Monique Bain</i>	<i>Allegra Bauchinger</i>	<i>Phil Butcher</i>
<i>Angus Callister</i>	<i>Sally Gilbert</i>	<i>Shori Hijikata</i>
<i>Chris Huang</i>	<i>John O'Neill</i>	<i>Mamo Shiitsu</i>

The Club's Head Coach, John Thompson, was pleased with the performance of the team.

"Virtually every swimmer improved their times – and finished higher in the national rankings" Thompson said.

He added "this is a tribute to the dedication and commitment of the team at Lane Cove."

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