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Australia came out firing this morning despite a late evening out in Beijing to watch the Opals play New Zealand in the 'Good Luck Beijing' Test Event at the Olympic stadium.

This outing, to the stadium they hope to be playing at late in the Paralympic tournament in September, appeared to have motivated them and the late night certainly didn't appear to affect the Gliders' focus on the floor, particularly on getting the job done at the defensive end.

Shelley Chaplin was the leader in the first quarter, assuming the role of playmaker and taking the ball strongly to the basket to finish the quarter with 10 of the team's 20 points. The Gliders allowed China only 9 points in the quarter.

The second quarter saw Coach Hewson start a different combination and all was going smoothly until Liesl Tesch had some chair problems and Tina McKenzie injured herself with the help of another player.

Substitutions were made and the game continued to flow for the remainder of the quarter without any more hiccups.

In the third and fourth quarters, the Gliders continued to build upon their lead, with all players once again given the opportunity to contribute to the team's success, winning the game 56-29 and meeting a number of their team goals.

Coach Hewson said after the game that "The girls turned up to play this morning and this game was a good positive end to this series against China."

The Gliders finish the 4 game series against China as winners 3 games to 1.

Scores:

Quarter time AUS 20 CHINA 9

Half time AUS 29 CHINA 15

Three quarter time AUS 40 CHINA 23

Full time AUS 56 CHINA 29

Top scorers:

AUSTRALIA

#12 Shelley Chaplin - 17 points

#9 Liesl Tesch - 9 points

#5 Cobi Crispin - 6 points

#15 Kathleen O'Kelly-Kennedy - 6 points

CHINA

#4 Yuka BETTO - 8 points

#12 Ikumi TAKUBO - 5 points

#13 Naoko SUGAHARA - 4 points

(Article courtesy from Noel Rowsell via BA website)