

Australians won the hearts of Baranja

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A friendly match between the home team Beli Manastir and the Australian National Team was held in a packed Beli Manastir Sports Arena. The match was a test for the Australians as part of their preparation for the Handball World Championships to be held in Croatia. Better play by the guests in the beginning provided a two goal advantage after 15 minutes. Some good saves by the Beli Manastir goal keeper Goran Perger and 9 goals by Nenad Korpar turned the game around resulting in a four goal lead by the home team. Around the 45th minute mark, the Australians woke up and started reducing the deficit. Toward the end, accurate shots by Bojan Stojanovic, Michael Thomas and Lee Schofield put the guests in front once again. The home team managed to get back to one goal difference, but Bojan Stojanovic put the dot to the game in the dying seconds.

1200 people watched the game between Beli Manastir and Australia. The Beli Manastir Arena has never been full before. All the tickets were sold out three days before the game, and many followed the match while standing up in the back rows.

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