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The Japanese men and the Chinese women dominated the first two days of gymnastics competition at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival, a multi-sport event for junior athletes that began Wednesday in Sydney.

Led by **Jing Tian**, the Chinese women won the team title and swept the top three places in the all-around. Jing, 14, earned her highest score on uneven bars with a 15.125. Teammate **Lin Zhang**, third all-around, earned the highest individual score of the women's competition with a 15.550 on balance beam.

Men's all-around champion **Kazuaki Koizumi**, 17, helped Japan defeat China by more than five points in the team competition. Great Britain's **Lois Smith** edged **Yang Jialin** for the all-around silver.

Inaugurated in 2001 as the Sydney Youth Olympic Festival, the multi-sport competition is held every other year in many of the same venues used during the 2000 Olympic Games. The 2007 edition features 1600 athletes competing in 20 sports.

Past winners of the event include Australia's **Monette Russo** (2003) and China's **Feng Jing** (2001).

The artistic competition continues on Saturday with the first day of apparatus finals.

## 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival

January 18-19, Sydney

### *Women's Team*

1. China 168.300
2. Japan 163.425

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3. Great Britain 157.425
4. Australia A 156.325
5. Malaysia 143.875
6. Australia B 135.825
7. New Zealand 89.975

*Men's Team*

1. Japan 254.313
2. China 248.812
3. Great Britain 248.395
4. Australia A 230.479
5. Australia B 224.330
6. Malaysia 197.513
7. New Zealand 76.865

*Women's All-Around*

1. Jing Tian CHN 58.225
2. He Yinghui CHN 57.350
3. Lin Zhang CHN 55.825
4. Mai Yamagishi JPN 55.475
5. Wei Guo CHN 54.425
6. Momoko Ozawa JPN 54.350
7. Emma Dennis AUS A 53.325
8. Chinami Otaki JPN 53.300
9. Jordan Lipton GBR 52.175
10. Yves Berryman AUS A 52.150
11. Kerby Purcell AUS B 52.100
12. Danusia Francis GBR 51.925
13. Nicole Hibbert GBR 50.450
13. Tain Molenidijk AUS A 50.450
15. Niamh Rippin GBR 50.375
16. Sachiko Maeda JPN 49.900
17. Tanya Harle AUS B 48.400
18. See Teng Cheong MAS 48.025
19. Briana Mitchell NZL 46.800
20. Hui Xin Loh MAS 46.225
21. Abdul Hadi Farah Ann MAS 44.425
22. Hasnan Noor Hasleen Fatihin MAS 44.000
23. Jessica Rawnsley NZL 43.375

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### *Men's All-Around*

1. Kazuaki Koizumi JPN 86.998
2. Louis Smith GBR 85.849
3. Yang Jialin CHN 85.615
4. Chen Xuezhong CHN 85.416
5. Daniel Keatings GBR 85.115
6. Mathew Curtis AUS A 83.915
7. Yodai Hojo JPN 83.766
8. Kristian Thomas GBR 83.532
9. Zhu Junting CHN 82.215
10. Hiroaki Sato JPN 82.199
11. Daniel Purvis GBR 81.216
12. Luke Wadsworth AUS A 78.432
13. Mikhail Koudinov NZL 77.882
14. Michael Mercieca AUS A 76.082
15. Mitchell Morgans AUS A 73.732
16. Arran Gray AUS B 72.548
17. Sebastian Hui AUS B 72.483
18. Jayden Bull AUS B 72.115
19. Ahmad Saruji Hairi Zaid MAS 67.483
20. Zain Wan Mohamad Akmal Ha MAS 66.399
21. Yi Fan Lim MAS 64.232
22. Zhi Jie Lee MAS 56.216

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