Under 21 GC Worlds – Day 0

The U21 World Champs is now underway. It was opened this evening in one of the most efficient and brief opening ceremonies I have ever attended. Most of the players have arrived and been practising. The Egyptians don't arrive until midnight and have all been placed as no 3 seeds in their blocks and been given a first round bye. I approve of this considerate treatment for a country that has treated all its visitors so well.

So, first round tomorrow, we have the excitement of no1 seeds v no2 seeds. The lawns have been very good today - the main ones running fairly smoothly at 11 seconds, with the far lawns about 10 seconds. It will be interesting to see what the hoops are like in the morning - many Kiwis said they were wide today and most of them have taken a fair bashing throughout the day.

Fordyce v C. Leahy, Webby v McLaren, Freeth v A Coulter and G. Coulter v Hughes are the top of the table clashes and there a potentially interesting game in the afternoon between McLaren and Wilson. Additionally, the 4 Egyptians will play the no4 seeds, so plenty to look forward to.

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