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> MELBOURNE 2005 20TH DEAFLYMPIC GAMES

From January 5th to the 16th 2005 the streets of Melbourne will come alive with elite Deaf and Hard of Hearing athletes and their supporters from around the world. The Deaflympic Games, under the International Olympic Committee, is the second oldest multi sport and cultural festival on earth. This is the very first time the event has been held in Australia. Approximately 3,500 athletes and team officials are expected to attend this 12-day carnival of elite sports and cultural events.

> TIME TO CELEBRATE!

January 5
"Let the Games begin"
The Opening Ceremony

January 16
"Celebrations and Final Farewells"
The Closing Ceremony.

> GAMES MASCOTS
VIC AND MEL

Vic & Mel represent the names of the major Host City (Melbourne) and Host State (Victoria) and represent the hands of friendship.

Vic & Mel's colours represent the diversity of Australia and the warmth and friendliness of the Australian people.
The colours also represent every national flag around the world.

> VENUES

Sports will be played at seven venues around Melbourne and Ballarat.

> SPORTS

The following sports will be played during the Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games.

> Athletics (includes Marathon)
> Swimming
> Cycling
> Orienteering
> Soccer
> Basketball
> Badminton
> Handball
> Shooting
> Table Tennis
> Tennis
> Indoor & Beach Volleyball
> Water Polo
> Wrestling
> Tenpin Bowling

> IT'S A NUMBERS GAME

77-years ago since the first Deaflympic Games in 1924.

3,500-the number of athletes and officials coming to Melbourne in 2005.

15-Sports will be played at the Games.

7-number of venues being used for the Games.

2-number of Host cities (Melbourne & Ballarat).

1500-number of volunteers at the Games.

12-number of competition days (5-16 Jan).

85-number of countries participating in the Games.

180-number of medals to be won at the Games.

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