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Pilven Qualifies for Youth Olympics

UB WestVic Academy badminton athlete Tara Pilven has qualified for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games to be held in Singapore in August.

Pilven won the right to be Australia's female singles representative by winning the Junior Women's Singles at the Oceania Championships in Invercargill, New Zealand on Saturday. The championships included players from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

In the final Pilven defeated New Zealand's Victoria Cheng, who came out strong to take the first game against Pilven to win 21-12. Pilven then wore her opponent down with her superior fitness to take the final 2 games 21-12, 21-14.

26 sports will be represented at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games with Singapore being the first venue for the games. The Youth Olympic Games will be a sport and cultural festival to be used as a stepping stone towards representation at future Olympics.

Results for the Oceania Championships can be found at <http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=3DB68536-FDDA-4757-A45D-49A987C87474>

Details on the Youth Olympic Games can be found at <http://www.singapore2010.sg/public/sg2010/en.html>

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