

## **OLYMPIC VETERAN TO LEAD AUSTRALIA IN POSSIBLE SWANSONG**

Two-time Olympian Deborah Acason will lead a seven-strong Australian weightlifting team to this year's World Championships in what is likely to be her last appearance for Australia.

31-year-old Acason, who this year appeared at her fourth Commonwealth Games, has indicated she's likely to retire from the sport she's dominated in Australia for more than a decade at the end of 2014.

This year's World Championships in Kazakhstan is also a major qualification event for the Rio 2016 Olympics, and Australia is hoping to qualify two female weightlifters for the first time.

Four other members of Australia's Glasgow team have also been selected in the World Championship team.

Tegan Napper, Erika Ropati-Frost, Seen Lee and Kylie Lindbeck will be joined by Tasmania's Kaitlyn Fassina and Victoria's Jacquie White.

Acason competed at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, and says she wants to help Australia send two lifters to Rio.

"I'm going to get quite good points for the team," Acason said.

"I should get a high placing, to be able to get good points for whoever's going to make the team for Rio.

"It would be so good to have two girls at the Olympics. It would have been nice to have someone else there with me in Athens and Beijing.

"I mean, it was great to be there as the only one, but the more that we get representing Australia, the more we can break into the world scene."

The full Australian squad for the World Championships, to be contested in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from November 4-16<sup>th</sup>, is;

Tegan Napper (Qld) 53kg; Erika Ropati-Frost (Qld) 53kg; Seen Lee (Vic) 58kg; Jacquie White (Vic) 63kg; Kylie Lindbeck (ACT) 75kg; Deborah Acason (Qld) +75kg; Kaitlyn Fassina (Vic) +75kg.

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