



Barry Blanchard (NSW) Open Men's Head Coach number # 3

Barry Blanchard was appointed as the Open Men's Head Coach from 1995 and 1996.

In preparation for the 1996 World Championship, the Australian men completed a tour of New Zealand in 1995 where they played 10 tour games and a five Test series against New Zealand.

The men won seven out of the 10 tour games and lost the Test series to New Zealand 5-0. They showed great improvement throughout the tour. The last two Test matches were close encounters going down 1-0 and 3-2 in a tie breaker.



At the 9th ISF World Championship held in Michigan USA, the men won six of their 10 games and made it through to the Quarter Finals where they lost 1-0 to Venezuela, eventually finishing in 7th place.

Barry was appointed Assistant Coach of the Australian Open Women's Team in 1997, a position he held until after the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Barry was a selector for the Australian Open Men's program for five years and a women's selector for five years.

He was also part of the 2009 and 2013 ISF Men's World Championships with Australia as Video Analyst.

In total, Barry was part of the National program for 17 years (a two year absence when Barry coached the 2004 Italian Olympic team) and has been to three World Championships and one Olympic Games for Australia.

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