

## Marc Jenkins

By now many of you will have heard that Marc Jenkins has been in hospital for the full details please see the report below.

The WTA wish Marc and his family all the best in these difficult times and hope to see his return to competition once he has fully recovered.

Marc is now out of hospital and recovering at home.

Visit Marc's Website [www.marcjinx.com](http://www.marcjinx.com) for further information and updates on his recovery.



Marc at the Olympics

Upon hearing the news David Evans Elite Cymru Manager for the Sports council of Wales said

"Despite this being a setback for Marc, there is confidence that he will make a full recovery in time to make selection for the Welsh team to compete at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne next March. Mark is a very dedicated athlete and the Sports Council for Wales will provide every possible support during the period of rehabilitation."

## Medical Report on Marc Jenkins by Dr Dean Hardie

Marc came to see me on Monday 23rd May 2005 complaining of pain and swelling in his right calf muscle. He also reported that his training over the last week has been difficult - he struggled to hold his swim times and had to pull out of a run interval session because of shortness of breath.

On examination it appeared he had a blood clot (venous thrombosis) in his leg which we confirmed by ultrasound scan. We were also concerned that he may have had some clots in the lung (pulmonary emboli) and a CT scan proved this to be so. I arranged for him to be admitted to hospital where he was put on warfarin to thin the blood. He will make a full recovery but is unlikely to be able to train for at least 3 months.

Marc has had a number of episodes of pleurisy over the last few years which have been put down to infection but which in fact are more likely to have been small pulmonary emboli. These presumed recurrent emboli probably explain his unexpected dips in form in between his periods of excellence.



Madeira World Champs 2004  
Picture courtesy of Nigel Farrow.

