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## Irishman joins Aussies to bring title back down under

In an interesting twist, an Irish jockey - **Donal MacAuley** - will replace Aussie team leader Steven Pateman for the final two races of the 2011 Australia V Ireland Jumps Challenge this weekend.

Despite winning the first race of the Challenge at Balaklava yesterday, closely followed by his fellow Australian team members in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, Pateman will now fly to New Zealand to compete at Great Northern Day at Ellerslie in Auckland.

MacAuley, who moved to Australia earlier this year to take advantage of the exceptional jumps racing competition, will join the team as an honorary Aussie as it attempts to bring the Challenge title back to Australia at Saturday's Irish Race Day at Morphettville Racecourse.

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year the Challenge has been run in Australia and the 36<sup>th</sup> year overall – with Ireland holding a 22 to 12 title lead (with one tie) over the Aussies.

Following the race at Balaklava, Australia is in a commanding position holding a 14.5 to 5 point lead.

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