

## **FRANK SEDGMAN CUP**

Saturday 29 July – Sunday 30 July 2017

Bendigo Tennis Centre

After a great NEJTA team warm up, some photos and some manager's last minute tips, advice and best wishes, the 11/u Frank Sedgman Cup commenced.

Mixed doubles was on and followed by each of the players playing a singles match. At the end of the first day, team number 1, managed by Bryce Lindeman, was undefeated while Team 2, managed by Andrew Noblett, only lost one round by the slightest of margins.

Saturday night included a group dinner at All Seasons, where all players, parents, supporters, staff and managers could catch up and enjoy a successful first day. We thought we had slightly windy conditions until we saw what Melbourne was experiencing, which made our weather in Bendigo look fantastic.

Sunday morning included the final round of the pool matches to see which teams would qualify for the semi finals and playoffs. Team 1 won their pool and moved on to the 1-4 playoffs while team 2 moved into the 5-8 playoffs. Two tough matches later, including some finger nails bitten below their normal level and some elevated heart rates, team 1 managed to win the Frank Sedgman Cup and team 2 won a gallant 5th.

It was a successful weekend by all NEJTA players and both managers had a fantastic time and appreciated all the help and support from the player's families.  
Bryce & Andrew.

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The 2015 Frank Sedgman Cup for 11 and Under teams was this year held in Traralgon. Our team consisted of Whitney Guan (Clifton), Kate Ensor (Eltham), Alex Scrutton (Eaglemont), Nick Miloi (Eaglemont) and manager Jason Lindeman.

13 teams from across the State entered - some travelling up to 7 hours to attend! Tennis Victoria allocated the teams into 3 pools that each played a round robin on the Saturday, with the top 4 teams then playing off for positions 1—4, the next 4 playing off for positions 5-8 etc on Sunday.

The weather on the Saturday was wet and miserable, so play didn't get underway till lunchtime. A quick drive to the shops to purchase a board game, and our team bonded over a game of "Scattergories" during the rain delay which was quite fun!

The playing format was shortened and unfortunately we drew the eventual winners first match. Whitney Guan played the singles match of her life, beating a much higher ranked opponent, making only 3 errors for the set, but unfortunately that was the only set we won. The next 2 matches we dropped only a handful of games in total winning both matches 6 sets to nil.

Missing out on the top 4 by a tiny percentage, we then played the host region, Central Gippsland on Sunday morning and won 4 sets to 2. Our last match was then against Eastern Region, and we lost 2 sets narrowly and went down 4 sets to 2.

Finishing 6th was an admirable result, given our players were very inexperienced compared with many of the other players.

Well done to all and thanks also to the parents for supporting their kids!

A big thankyou to Jason Lindeman who supported the kids (and the parents) for the entire weekend.