

TWO PREMIERSHIPS TO GEELONG JUNIORS

Tennis Geelong junior teams have registered strong performances at the VCTA Ballarat Junior Country Week competition which concluded on Friday 13th January, contesting Grand Finals in four of the six divisions, winning two premierships in Under 14A and Under 14B and being runner up in three divisions. Overall, seven Tennis Geelong teams played in finals.

GREEN DEFEAT RED IN THE ALL-GEELONG UNDER 14A GRAND FINAL

In a closely fought match, the Geelong Green team of India Preston, Eliza Walker, Sophie Chapman, Ruby Knight, Eliza Sheehan, Callum Hodge, Alex Beadsall, Tom Kokalis, Fynn Sebastian, Max Kos and Lachlan Burns defeated the Red team of Eliza Crawford, Claudia Britt, Stephany Golightly, Savannah Matthews, Emma Furphy, Jeremy Goddard, Tom Howe, Zac Kos, Ollie McLachlan and Ryan Harris by 5 sets 53 games to 3 sets 49 games

In the Under 14B division, the Geelong Blue team consisting of Julia Pearce, Taylor Solomon, Skye Clayton, Claire Morrison, Jaweria Shah, Tess Gerbert, Zane Beasley, Travis Downes, Michael Maertzdorf, Max Kokalis and Ethan Franks played excellent tennis to register a win over Buninyong Black to take out the premiership by 5 sets 65 games to 3 sets 22 games

Tennis Geelong had two teams in the Under 19A division of which the Blue team of Danielle Gillett, Rhiannon Gillett, Cara Leigh, Georgie Beardsall, Meredith Plummer, Xavier Christensen, Mathew Batterham, Jarrod Proctor, Patrick Clifton and Joel Morrisy lost their semi-final in a closely fought match, whilst the Red team just missed the finals.

The Under 19C division saw Tennis Geelong's Red team of Ellie Batterham, Isabelle Bennison, Claire Fitzgerald, Saira Shah, Allanah Biviano, Nina Brown, Kim Lizmore, Lachlan Grant, Jacob Sgro and Phillip Baskharon lose the grand final to a strong Melton Blue team 1 set 28 games to Melton's 7 sets 71 games, while the Green team missed the finals.

In the Under 19 Boys division, the Geelong Green team of Uzair Shah, Robbie Britt and Joshua Velt lost their grand final to Melton Gold 3 sets 27 games to 0 sets 4 games.

80 Geelong and district juniors made up the 10 Tennis Geelong teams who competed throughout the week, playing matches at Mr Prospect Tennis Club, Creswick, on grass and hard courts. Overall, 27 teams competed during the week representing Buninyong, Mt Prospect, Ballarat and Melton, as well as Geelong.

Many of the Geelong players and their families stayed in Ballarat for the week, enjoying the tennis and a holiday at the same time. Other players travelled daily to Ballarat on a bus arranged by Tennis Geelong.

Nigel Wilson, Tennis Geelong Junior Secretary, said at the conclusion of the Grand Finals, presentations were made to the premiers and runners-up in each division thereby concluding a most successful and enjoyable week of junior tennis.

PHOTOS – Under 14A team L to R Back Row – Callum Hodge, Alex Beardsall, Max Kos.

Front row – Tom Kokalis, Eliza Walker, Fynn Sebastian, Ruby Knight, Eliza Sheehan, Sophie Chapman, India Preston.



Under 14B team (0003.jpg) L to R Standing – Michael Maertzdorf, Taylor Solomon, Tess Gebert, Jaweria Shah, Julia Pearce, Ethan Franks.

Kneeling – Max Kokalis, Zane Beasley, Travis Downes. (Absent, Skye Clayton).

