

Tennis Geelong Inc

BALLARAT COUNTRY WEEK REPORT

TENNIS GEELONG TEAMS SCORE TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS THE 2013 BALLARAT JUNIOR COUNTRY WEEK

Tennis Geelong teams have registered strong performances at the VCTA Ballarat Junior Country Week competition, which concluded on Friday 25 January, finishing the week as undefeated Champions in two divisions and being runner up in two other divisions. Overall, five Tennis Geelong teams played in finals.

Just under sixty Geelong and district Juniors made up the six Tennis Geelong teams who competed throughout the week, playing matches at Mt Prospect Tennis Club, Creswick, on grass courts. Overall, seventeen teams competed during the week, representing. Buninyong, Mt Prospect and Ballarat 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.

Tennis Geelong had two teams in the Under 19 A division of which the Red team of Allanah Biviano, Amy Higgins, Alice McGregor, Emma Nixon, Joshua Velt, Jarryd Proctor, Luke Kosmetschke, Josh Matthews, Tim Moore and Joel Morrissy lost their Semi final in a closely fought match, while the Blue team narrowly missed the finals.

The Under 19 B division saw Tennis Geelong's Green team of Eloise Puitti, Jacinta Smith, Eliza Walker, Saira Shah, Anna Williams, Jacob Sgro, Phillip Baskharon, Michael Humphrey, Alex Beardsall and Dylan Vaughan were undefeated throughout the week, even so their final grand final against Ballarat was a close affair, featuring many long rallies.



Under 19B Champions -

Back row: Phillip Baskharon, Jacob Sgro, Alex Beardsell, Michael Humphrey, Dylan Vaughan.

Front row: Jacinta Smith, Eloise Puiatti, Saira Shah, Eliza Walker, Anna Williams.

Meanwhile, in the Under 19 C division, the Geelong White team of Lily Smith, Taylor Solomon, Courtney Johansson, Tanika Vercoe, Claire Fitzgerald, Uzair Shah, Bradley Pearce, Samuel Nichols, Andrew Fitzgerald and Callum Hodge lost their grand final to Ballarat in yet another very close encounter.

The Under 14 A division saw a match full of highlights with the Geelong Green team of Savannah Matthews, Claudia Britt, Stephany Golightly, Julia Pearce, Jaweria Shah, Brooke Vigilante, Jeremy Goddard, Rhiley James, Mackenzie Spong, Campbell Spong, Liam Digby and Jack James going down to the Ballarat team by just five games.

In the Under 14 C (Boys) division, the Geelong Red team consisting of Ryan Harris, Max Kos, Zac Kos, Michael Maertzdorf and Ethan Franks, played excellent tennis throughout the week, defeating Ballarat No.1 in the grand final, thereby finishing as undefeated champions.



Under 14C (Boys) Champions -
Ethan Franks, Michael Maertzdorf, Max Kos, Zac Kos, Ryan Harris

At the conclusion of the Grand finals, presentations were made to the premiers and runners-up in each division, concluding a most successful and enjoyable week of junior tennis for all concerned.

The summary of Grand Final results at Ballarat Junior Country Week is as follows:

Under 19-A	Mt Prospect Purple 6-64 defeated Buninyong 2-38
Under 19-B	Geelong Green 5-64 defeated Ballarat 3-47
Under 19-C	Mt Prospect 4-61 defeated Geelong White 4-53
Under 14-A	Ballarat 6-62 defeated Geelong Green 2-57
Under 14-B	Buninyong Black 7-65 defeated Buninyong Red 1-34
Under 14-C (Boys)	Geelong Red (Champions) 3-27 defeated Ballarat No.1 1-15

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