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Welcome to the University Open 2009

Over the next two long weekends (24 July - 26 July & 31 July - 2 August), fixture players and tournament players will be playing alongside each other in the **2009 Rebound Ace University Open Tennis Championships**.

It is disappointing that the University Open is again having to be played on 2 weekends and 2 Fridays as in 2008.

Things were looking up when Tennis Queensland published the draft tournament calendar showing, as requested, the usual qualifying weekend for the University Open followed by 2 weekends for the main draws. A successful format for over 25 years.

But when the final calendar came out, we were back to 2 weekends and 2 Fridays. No consultation. No explanation. Friday play for open tournaments is clearly detrimental to the game as it rules a lot of people out of participating. Unfortunately, we have to live with this inane decisions.

Best wishes for a great tournament and I hope to see lots of people here over the next two weekends watching the State's top players in action.

If all goes to schedule, the Final of the Open Ladies' Singles will be played at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday 2 August. This will be followed by the Final of the Open Men's Singles at around 11 a.m.

Even if you are out of the tournament by the final Sunday, come along to watch the major Finals and to check out the UQ Tennis Centre's Open Day.

Doug Bergman
Tournament Director

Jennifer Nguyen & Monika Wejnert



University Open 2008

Past champions dominated the Open events in the **2008 Rebound Ace University Open Tennis Championships**, played at The University of Queensland Tennis Centre (St Lucia, Brisbane) on 25-27 July and 1-3 August.

Mark Draper, the champion in 1993, made a welcome return to the tournament and easily won the Open Men's Singles without losing a set. Monika Wejnert, the champion in 2006, also won without losing a set. Wejnert made history at the 2006 University Open when, at just 14 years of age, she became the youngest winner of the Open Ladies Singles.

114 players contested the Open Men's

Singles. In the Final, Mark Draper defeated Isaac Frost 7-5 6-0. Draper, the No. 2 Seed, reached the Final by defeating Lachlan Treacher 6-2 6-1, Robert Dorman 7-6 6-1, Sean Fyfe 6-3 6-3, Brad Clews 6-1 6-1 (Quarter-Final) and Steven De Waard 6-2 6-3 (Semi-Final). Frost, the No. 1 Seed, reached the Final by defeating Denis Hazbic 6-4 6-4, Josh Palmer 6-0 6-0, Kieren Thompson 6-4 6-0, Hugh Clarke 6-3 6-3 (Quarter-Final) and Scott Puodziunas 5-7 6-4 6-3 (Semi-Final).



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Isaac Frost & Mark Draper

A record 40 players entered the Open Ladies' Singles. In the Final, Monika Wejnert (No. 1 Seed) defeated Jennifer Nguyen (unseeded) 6-3 6-2. Wejnert reached the Final by defeating Ashleigh Barty 6-1 6-0, Yuii Nomoto 6-4 6-0, Katarina Dikosavljevic 6-2 6-1 (Quarter-Final) and Cody Morris 6-4 6-4 (Semi-Final). Nguyen reached the Final by defeating Shawnee-Ann Brelsford 6-2 6-1, Rachael Tredoux 6-3 6-0, Amy Barton 3-0 rtd (Quarter-Final) and Lyann Hoang 6-4 6-3 (Semi-Final).

The tournament was played over six days with 334 individual players competing in 34 events for over \$10,000 in prizemoney, trophies and prizes.

The results in the Finals of the 2008 Rebound Ace University Open Knock-Out events were:

Open: Mark Draper d Isaac Frost 7-5 6-0 [OMS]; Monika Wejnert d Jennifer Nguyen 6-3 6-2 [OLS]; Robert Bartlett & Hugh

McDonald d Jason Antonioli & Marc Svenson 6-3 6-7 (13-11) [OMD]; Katie Lee & Alice Watter d Cody Morris & Kristy Sinclair 1-6 6-4 (10-8) [OLD]; Amy Barton & Steven De Waard d Brad Clews & Alice Watter w/o [OXD]

Junior: Scott Puodziunas d Mitchell Thams 4-6 7-6 6-2 [18BS]; Yuii Nomoto d Steffi Carruthers 6-4 6-2 [18GS]; Troy Randall & Anthony Raud d Adem Mumcu & Cory Shepherd 1-6 6-2 (10-5) [18BD]

Senior: Alex Locke d Adam Gromadzki 6-1 6-0 [35MS]; N Webber d Y Frost 7-5 6-0 [35LS]; Michael Russell d Tony Scott 6-3 6-3 [40MS]

Special: Mark Anderson d Aaron Turner 6-2 6-2 [SMS]; Lyann Hoang d Lechia Witt 5/7 6/3 6/1 [SLS]; Matt Ilott & Jay Pike d Harry Bell & Surinder Pal Singh 6-4 6-4 [SMD]; Anand Jayaraman & Martine Wels d Elise Rothman & Matt Simmons 6-2 6-3 [SXD]

The Winners and Runners-Up in the 2008 Rebound Ace University Open Round-Robin events were:

Junior: W Ryan Cheney, R/U Jotham Joubert [16BS]; W Adelaide Gee, R/U Maddie Glasby [16GS]; W Stevie Douglas, R/U Priscilla Hon [14GS]

ITN 4 (A Grade): W Gary Jones, R/U Kevin Smith [AMS]; W Maddie Glasby, R/U Ashley Wilkinson [ALS]; W Anthony Fichera & Andrew Fichera, R/U Callum Scott & Tony Scott [AMD]; W Ellen Clark & Allan Say, R/U Jeffrey Frost & Yolanda Frost [AXD]

ITN 5 (B Grade): W Michael Dixon, R/U Raymond Lam [BMS]; W Ashley Wilkinson, R/U Sharyn Besch [BLS]; W Damien Willis & Kester Piercy, R/U Robert Dair & Jeremy Hammant [BMD]; W Krystyna Anderson & Hank Szeto, R/U Rachael Vetter & Allan Say [BXD].

ITN 6 (C Grade): W Damien Marsland, R/U Francisco Ossa [CMS]; W Naomi Westa-

way, R/U Alison Sun [CLS]; W Craig Lam & Raymond Lam, R/U Klay Stephens & Jeff Law [CMD]; W Brodie Preece & Sally Wood, R/U Klay Stephens & Viviane Crosthwaite [CXD]

ITN 7 (D Grade): W David Mullins, R/U Rob Moyle [DMS]

Wheelchair: W David Coulston, R/U Ben Baker [OWCS]; W Byron Smith & David Coulston, R/U Lisa Edwards & Mark Towner [OWCD]

Flashback to1989

Twenty years ago, the Open Singles Champions in the University Open Championships were **SHANE BARR** and **LORRAE GUSE**.

In the Open Singles Finals, Barr defeated Ashley Naumann 6/2 6/1 and Guse defeated Nicole Kenneally 6/4 7/6.

In the other major Open Finals, **MARK DRAPER & HEATH DENMAN** d Glen Eaton & Ken Oehlerich 7/5 4/6 7/6 (OMD), **SHARON ELLIS & EIRA SINKINS** d Rachel King & Kirsten Schwenke 7/6 6/4 (OLD) and **IAN MALPASS & RACHEL KING** d Mark Draper & Nicole Kenneally 6/2 6/3 (OXD).

In the Junior Singles Finals, **PATRICK RAFTER** d Nick Brownrigg 2/6 7/5 6/2 (18BS), **LORRAE GUSE** d Kirsten Schwenke 7/6 6/0 (18GS), **CHRIS MAHONY** d Scott Draper 6/2 6/0 (16BS), **NICOLE JOHNSTONE** d Lisa McShea 6/2 0/6 6/2 (16GS), **JOHN DOUGLAS** d Michael Reibelt 3/6 6/3 6/4 (14BS) and **KYM HAZZARD** d Melissa Beadman 6/0 6/1 (14GS).



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