

2003 Intervarsity

2003 is a very significant year for UQ Intervarsity Tennis.

- **2003 is the 50th Anniversary of UQ's first Intervarsity Tennis victory.**
- **UQ will be hosting the 2003 Australian University Tennis Championships.**

UQ had been competing in the Intervarsity Tennis competition for 36 years without success when the 1953 UQ Men's Team broke the Sydney/Melbourne stranglehold on the event.

The winning 1953 team was made up of Houston Howard, Clem Jones (Captain), David O'Sullivan, Lawrence Ridgeway, Neil Roberts, Glen Sheil, Leo Thomsen and Evan Wright.

Of course, the Intervarsity competitions have changed dramatically over the years. For a start, the terms Intervarsity and I.V. have disappeared from official usage and we now have Australian University Championships and the Australian University Games (AUG).

These days, there are too many universities for all teams in a sport to compete in a single event. Teams now have to qualify for the 12 places for each sport in the Australian Championships through Conference Games.

UQ has to qualify through the Northern University Games (NUG). The 2003 NUG will be played in Brisbane from 6 to 10 July (at Brisbane Grammar School).

Each year, the Australian University Championships for around 20 sports are conducted as part of the AUG. Individual Championships are conducted at various locations and times for the sports not included in the AUG. The 2003 AUG will be played in Newcastle and for the first time since the Games was established, Tennis will not be included.

The Australian University Tennis Championships will be played as an individual event at UQ from 28 September to 2 October.

Representing their university in Intervarsity Sport should be a career highlight for all university athletes. Now is the time for top Tennis players at UQ to step forward and play for their University.

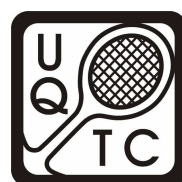
The Australian University Tennis Championships is a tough competition to win. UQ has won the Championships in 1953 (M), 1956 (M & W), 1960 (W), 1961 (W), 1983 (M), 1984 (M), 1987 (W), 1993 (M), 1994 (M) and 1998 (M). However, in recent years, UQ has not done very well in the Championships. In 2002, the Men's Team finished 11th and the Women's Team did not qualify. The first step in the quest for the 2003 Australian University Tennis Championships is to qualify for the Championships through the NUG.

If you are a UQ student, a high level player and wish to try out for UQ's NUG Tennis Team, please contact the Intervarsity Tennis Manager, Graham Prickett, NOW (Phone 3351 4483 (h), E-Mail s361427@student.uq.edu.au) for information about selection trials and training times.

This is extremely urgent, as the team selections must be finalised in time for the NUG Team nomination and behaviour bond payments to be lodged with UQ Sport by mid May.

For more information about Intervarsity Sport, visit the Australian University Sport Web Site (www.unisport.com.au).

Special Note: 2003 is the 50th Anniversary of UQ's first Men's Intervarsity Tennis victory. Coming up in 2006, we will have the 50th Anniversary of UQ's first Women's Intervarsity



Comment

All 2003(1) Season Fixtures are now under way.

It has been a torrid time for the Committee. We conducted 6 Grading Sessions in the space of 11 days and then organised 143 teams for 7 competitions starting in the space of 10 days.

Including the teams in the competitions that started in February, the Club is fielding 148 teams in 8 competitions this semester.

With this newsletter, players will receive a complete list of all UQ Teams in all Fixtures. This is a valuable resource as it provides an almost unlimited supply of emergency registrations if your team is short of players at anytime.

This season we have started to send out e-mail reminders about important matters (such as entry deadlines and competitions starting). The e-mail reminders are intended to complement the information provided through the newsletters.

We can only do so much to inform members about what is happening. Members do have to read the Fixture Information for themselves.

I find it amazing that despite everything sent out, many players did not contact their team members before the first match, quite a few teams have still not picked up any balls, many result cards lodged are hopelessly incomplete, a few players do not seem to know any of the competition rules or where they are playing each week, too many teams have forfeited already and some result cards are still being sent to the wrong organisation.

Fortunately, the majority of players have taken the time to read the concise and clear information provided and know exactly what is happening and what they have to do.

In view of the wide range of Fixture, Tournament and Social Tennis Programmes on offer, members should be able to play plenty of Tennis this semester.

Best wishes for a successful season.

Doug Bergman
President

**BNTA FIXTURE BOOKS
are now available
for collection from the
Club Office**

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BNTA Summer Finals

The Club was very successful in BNTA Summer Fixtures with 8 UQ teams reaching premiership Finals.

The results in the **Monday Night Summer Competition Finals**, played on 24 February, were:

<i>Pennant</i>	Everton Eagles d Pine Aces
<i>P. Res. 1</i>	UQ Minor Details d UQ Fruitpickers
<i>P. Res. 2</i>	Kevin d UQ Storm
<i>Div 1</i>	The Westies d Alpine Rebels
<i>Div 2</i>	Boomerangs d Morningside Aces

The **Wednesday Night Summer Competition** became a very protracted affair with the Finals being rained out on 5 March and again on 12 March. With the 2003(1) season starting on 19 March, the finalists in each grade had to organise to play at mutually convenient times. The results in the **Finals** were:

<i>Pennant</i>	3 Stoogers d Gimp
<i>P. Res.</i>	UQ Alumni d Morningsiders
<i>Div 1</i>	UQ Hey Ho Mortos d G-Power
<i>Div 1 Uni</i>	UQ Psychos d UQ Jag
<i>Div 2</i>	Coorparoo Slams v Coorparoo Falcons - <i>not played</i>
<i>Div 3</i>	Tupong d UQ Diamonds

Qld Close Champs

Chris Novic and **Lisa Orford** took out the Open Singles Titles in the 2003 Queensland Close Championships.

The Championships were played at the UQ Tennis Centre on 22-23 February and 1-2 March.

In the Final of the Open Men's Singles, Novic defeated Cameron Liggett 6/3 6/4 and in the Final of the Open Ladies' Singles, Orford defeated Krysten Boyle 6/2 7/6.

In the Doubles Finals, Max Bates & Chris Bates defeated Matthew Clair & Mark Handley 7/5 7/5 (OMD), Kelli Orford & Lisa Orford defeated Katie Anderson & Kelli Zahmel 6/4 6/1 (OLD) and Lisa Orford & Andrew Orford defeated Ian Prangley & Kelli Zahmel 4/6 7/6 10-8 (OXD).

Court Bookings

To book courts, please phone the UQ Tennis Centre on 3371 7906 or 3365 6933.

Do not phone the UQ Tennis Club Office to book courts, arrange coaching, check on restrings or ask about equipment on sale. The Club has no involvement with running the Tennis Centre, which is operated by UQ Sport.

Q & A

Question: Last season, we nominated as a group of 3 players for the BNTA Wednesday Threes Fixtures but got a 4th player added to the team. Why did we get the extra player?

Answer: Because of the demand for places in UQ teams on Wednesday nights, it is not possible to form teams with the bare minimum of players. We also find that teams with the bare minimum of players are prone to forfeit. The Club's policy of having 1 more than the bare minimum of players in gender neutral teams is clearly spelt out on the entry form and is repeated *ad nauseam* in these newsletters. Under our policies, we are able to cater for 152 players (in 38 teams) in the Wednesday night competition (compared to just 114 if 3-player teams were formed).

N.B. You aren't suffering from déjà vu. This Q & A was also published in the last newsletter. However, after some of the complaints received over recent weeks, there is obviously a need to repeat the message.

World Student Games

The World Student Summer Games will be held in Daegu, Korea from 21-31 August, 2003. The Tennis Competition will be held from 21-29 August.

Nominations for the Australian Tennis Team close on Tuesday 22 April. Nomination forms are available from UQ Sport and the Tennis Club.

The maximum size team to be selected is 4 men and 4 women. The selection standards are very high. Players are required to provide details of their performances in ATP/WTA events, ITF events, AUG, NUG and State tournaments.

More information about the Games is available on the Australian University Sport Web Site (www.unisport.com.au).



Orientation Day 2003 - Petra Singer, Bec Hamilton (partly hidden) and Tomas Klein (totally hidden except for his left elbow) spreading the good word about the UQ Tennis Club to a group of Freshers

Doubles Surprise Tournament

The Club's second tournament for the year will be the **Doubles Surprise Challenge to be played on Sunday afternoon 18 May.**

As with the Fastennis Singles Challenge, entry in this tournament is restricted to current financial members of the University of Queensland Tennis Club, the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association and the Metropolitan Tennis Association.

Although this is a Doubles tournament, players will enter as individuals.

All players (male or female, all standards) will be paired initially through a random draw (that's the "surprise") and allocated to numbered courts for the first match.

After each match, the winners will move up a court and the losers will move down a court. Once the players have moved to their new court for the next match, they swap partners (another "surprise").

Each match will consist of a single set

(first-to-six games). All entrants will get lots of Tennis and will play with and against a large variety of players.

Gradually, during the afternoon, the better players should move towards the No. 1 court. In the 2002 tournament, every player got 6-7 sets during the afternoon.

All players will maintain a Personal Result Card listing the number of matches & games they have won and lost. There will be lots of small prizes for the best performed players, determined from their win/loss averages, in designated levels (based on provisional ITNs).

In addition, all participants will go into a draw for Dunlop/Slazenger products.

The tournament will be followed by a free Pizza Feast for competitors.

An entry form for the Doubles Surprise Challenge is enclosed with this newsletter.

Because the exact numbers are needed to book enough courts, **entries will only be accepted up until Wednesday 7 May.**

The entry fee is \$10 per player.

The first tournament for the year, the Fastennis Singles Challenge, will be played on Sunday 13 April. Entries for this tournament closed on 2 April.



Tennis Centre Briefs

The UQ Tennis Centre Pro Shop has all the Tennis equipment to make any Tennis Club member look and feel like a professional player.

The Pro Shop stocks a great range of racquets, clothing and footwear.

Why not let our expert staff help you look for the best equipment to suit your game and budget.

Remember, Tennis Club members receive a 15% discount on racquet, clothing and footwear purchases.

For more information on the Tennis Centre, contact us by phone (3365 6 9 3 3) o r e - m a i l



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Troy McGrath

(Tennis Centre Coordinator)

Sporting Scholarships

World Champion Rower Marguerite Houston, Winter Olympian Mark McNee and 2002 Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist Kellie Waite are among a host of national representatives to receive the 2003 UQ Sporting Scholarships.

11 Full Sport Scholarships and 25 Development Scholarships have been awarded in 2003 as part of the continuing partnership between UQ Sport and the UQ Alumni Association to support the development of elite athletes enrolled at UQ.

The Full Sport Scholarship recipients are Joshua Robinson (Athletics), Duncan Betts (Cricket), Marguerite Houston

Want to be a Tournament Sponsor?

Finding tournament sponsors is a tough job. Even major events struggle to find sponsors.

The University Open Tennis Championships is, by far, the largest open tournament in Queensland. Since 1996, it has also been the Queensland Open Championships. Yet even this prestigious event struggles to find a reasonable level of sponsorship.

Putting together proposals that provide real value for the sponsors is a major problem for non-profit organisations with no commercial outlets.

Getting the sponsorship proposal into the hands of the right people in the corporate world is another problem.

However, there are many members of this Club who run their own businesses or are in positions of influence in large companies. These are the people who can help us find sponsors for the University Open.

Sponsorships can range from thousands of dollars for event naming-rights down to just a few hundred dollars for an entry form advertisement.

We are now finalising the major sponsors and entry form advertisers for the 2003 University Open.

Any Club members who think they might be able to help in our search for sponsors, should contact the Club (preferably by e-mail to tennis.club@mailbox.uq.edu.au) a.s.a.p.

Although the Club is perfectly happy to accept "donation" sponsorships, the Club does have a range of standard sponsorship benefit packages which do provide good value for each level of sponsorship and is always willing to listen to any new proposals.

University Open 2003

The 2003 University Open Tennis Championships will be played on 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 July.

The University Open is a tournament for all players as it caters for all ages and standards.

The University Open is the Club's major undertaking for the year. However, it can only be a success if there are enough

voluntary workers to run it.

Helping to stage an important community event, like the University Open, can be a very rewarding experience.

If you are interested in getting involved in running this year's tournament and haven't already lodged a "Can You Help in 2003" questionnaire, please contact the Tournament Director, Doug Bergman, by e-mail (tennis.club@mailbox.uq.edu.au) for more information.

As well as the jobs in the Tournament Office, we also need lots of people to act as Court Supervisors. Court Supervisors look after a block of courts and sort out minor on-court problems, alert the Referee to major problems and inform the Tournament Office when matches finish and courts become free for the next match.

Some of the jobs involve a commitment for the whole tournament but many jobs only require a one-day commitment.

Calendar

6,13 April

Frawley Junior Development Tournament

13 April

Club Tournament

19-22 April

Laffs Junior Masters

24-27 April

Logan Junior Masters

3-5 May

Beenleigh Age

3-5 May

Coops Junior Masters

18 May

Club Tournament

7-9 June

Chandler Junior Masters

16 June

UQ Examinations begin

20-22 June

Logan City Age

29 June-4 July

Rod Laver Queensland Junior Championships

5-8 July

Little Masters

6-10 July

Northern University Games

9-11 July

Ipswich Junior Masters

12-13,19-20,

University Open &

26-27 July

Queensland Open Championships

28 July

UQ Second Semester begins

30-31 August

Beenleigh Open Singles

6-7,13-14 Sept

Club Championships

20-22 September

Rothwell Junior Masters

25-28 September

Redcliffe Age

26-28 September

Sunnybank J.M.

28 Sept-2 Oct

Australian University Tennis Championships

3-5 October

Pine Rivers Age

3-5 October

Carindale Junior Masters

11-12,18-19 Oct

Qld Junior Team Carnival

12 October

Qualifying (Metropolitan)

26 October

Club Tournament

1-2,8-9 November

Club AGM

10 November

Wynnum Open

1 December

UQ Examinations begin

5-7 December

UQ Summer Semester begins

12-14 December

Frawley Junior

17-21 December

Junior Masters Circuit

Finals (Coops)

Queensland Junior Teams Carnival