

UQ Tennis News

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University Open 2003

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

Since 1972, the University Open has been a major event in the Queensland Tournament Circuit and is now the State's largest open tournament.

The University Open is the major community Tennis tournament in Brisbane. It is a tournament for all players as it caters for all ages and standards — not just the top juniors and seniors.

If you are a top player, you should be entering Open and Special events.

A Pennant standard Fixture player should be entering Special and A Grade events.

Good to medium standard Fixture players should be entering B Grade and C Grade events.

Lower standard Fixture players should be entering the D Grade events (and the C Grade events if they want an extra challenge).

The Grade events are aimed at the average Fixture player and use the Round-Robin format to ensure that all entrants get plenty of Tennis. The Round-Robins are pre-scheduled so that competitors know their first-round playing times when they enter.

Again this year, the open events will carry the status of being the Queensland Open Championships.

Entries close on Tuesday 24 June. An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter.



John James
Open Men's Singles Champion in the
2001 & 2002 Rebound Ace
University Open Championships

2nd Season Fixtures

An application form to play for UQ in BHTA and BNTA Fixtures in the 2003(2) Season is enclosed. This form also covers the Club's Monday & Thursday Night Internal Fixtures.

Players will not be included in UQ teams unless they have lodged an application form and fees by the designated closing date.

The competition closing dates are:

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| 23 July | BHTA Saturday Mixed |
| 30 July | BNTA Monday |
| | BNTA Tuesday |
| | BNTA Wednesday Threes |
| | BNTA Thursday |
| 5 August | BHTA Saturday Pairs |
| | UQTC Monday |
| | BNTA Wednesday Pairs |
| | UQTC Thursday |



Comment

UQ's 2003 Tennis Intervarsity campaign gets under way in July with the Northern University Games. (NUG)

The NUG will be staged in Brisbane from Sunday 6 July to Thursday 10 July, with competition starting on 7 July. The NUG Tennis Competition is being played at Brisbane Grammar School and Gregory Terrace.

The UQ will be fielding two men's and two women's teams in the NUG Tennis Competition. The UQ players are: Jane Boulton, Genevieve Butnoris, Amy Chardon, Pam Connor, Paul Cullen, David Geard, Jane Gray, Joe Haase, Glenn Huddleston, Kylie Jendra, Cameron Liggett, Megan Meineke, Sara Merry, Stephanie Moore, Scott O'Neill, Graham Prickett, Theo Sison, Rachel Smith, Nick Stead and Damien Weber

The defending NUG Tennis Champions are UQ (Men) and UNE (Women).

UQ has to finish 1st or 2nd in the NUG Tennis Competition to be guaranteed of qualifying for the Australian University Tennis Championships (UQ, 28 September to 2 October).

Add some atmosphere to the Games by cheering on the UQ teams. Draw details will be available on the NUG Web Site (www.unigames.com.au/nug).

Doug Bergman
President

Ipswich Open Championships

Robert Smeets and Lisa Orford took out the Open Singles Titles in the **2003 Ipswich Open Tennis Championships**. The Championships were played on 5-6 and 12-13 April.

In the Final of the Open Men's Singles, Smeets defeated Cameron Liggett 6/2 6/4 and in the Final of the Open ladies' Singles, Orford defeated Natasha Kersten 6/2 6/2.

In the Doubles Finals, Simon Merrin & Chris Bates defeated Luke Milne & Marc Svenson 6/2 6/3 (OMD) and Lisa Orford & Andrew Orford defeated Natasha Kersten & Josh Teece 6/3 3/6 7/5 (OXD).

In the Junior Singles Finals, Alex Bothe d Mark Lehmann 6/3 7/5 (18BS), Shayna McDowell d Natasha Williamson 6/3 6/1 (18GS), Mark Lehmann d Damien Snare 6/1 6/2 (16BS), Ebony Banes d Elise Rothman 7/6 6/1 (16GS), Daniel Ballantine d

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Aaron Turner 3/6 6/1 6/1 (14BS) and Holly Banes d Jessica Mills 7/5 6/1 (14GS).

International Tennis Number

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has launched an International Tennis Rating System for world Tennis.

The rating system will be known as the ITF International Tennis Number (ITN).

The ITN represents a player's general level of play. In time, it is hoped that every Tennis player worldwide will have an ITN.

Under this system, players will be rated from ITN 1 to ITN 10. ITN 1 represents a high level player (with an ATP/WTA ranking or of equivalent standard) and ITN 10 represents a player who is new to the game.

A rating is a description of standard that is used to determine the general competitive level of a player. It groups players of a similar level together within a category. The best known example of a global rating in sport is the Golf Handicap. The relative level of players within each category is not determined by the rating system. That is the job of a ranking system.

A ranking is a more accurate estimate of the relative standard of players, based upon specific tournament results or competitions. A ranking is a comparison of similarly 'rated' players based on results for players within a specific rating category. For example,

the ATP/WTA rankings provide the relative order of players within the ITN 1 rating level.

A chart showing the concise summary of the ten ITN categories is enclosed with this newsletter. This is the simple version that you will see on posters around Tennis Clubs and Tennis Centres.

For more information about the ITN, go to the ITF's ITN Website (www.internationaltennisnumber.com). A more detailed description of the ITN standards can be downloaded from this site (www.internationaltennisnumber.com/ITN-Description-of-Standard.pdf).

The ITN was launched at the 2003 Australian Open when Tennis Australia became the first ITF member nation to adopt the ITN as its official national rating system [replacing the National Tennis Player Rating (NTPR) system introduced in 1997].

Obviously, once provisional ITNs have been assigned for each player, competition results will be used to adjust a player's ITN if necessary.

Fixture Points

Progressive Points Tables for most Fixtures are available on the Internet.

For Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association Fixtures, go to:
www.tennisone.org.au

For Brisbane Night Tennis Association Fixtures, go to:
www.bnta.org.au

For the Club's Internal Fixtures, go to:

Fastennis Singles

The UQ Tennis Club's **Fastennis Singles Challenge Tournament**, played on Sunday 13 April, was a great success with 40 players competing.

Glenn Huddleston won the tournament with a solid 21/10 victory over Dominik Pietkun in the Final.

Under the novel format used for the Fastennis Singles, all players (male & female, good or not-so-good) went into a single draw. Because of the Continuous Play Draw, whereby all players went into successive consolation rounds whenever they lost, every competitor got 4 to 6 singles matches and finished the tournament with a ranking from 1 to 40.

It was an action packed afternoon of Tennis with 100 matches being played in 5 hours using 12 courts.

On the basis of provisional International Tennis Numbers (ITNs) determined from last season's Fixture performances or this year's grading sessions, players were assigned to A Grade (ITN 4 and above), B Grade (ITN 5) and C Grade (ITN 6 and lower) levels and prizes were awarded to the best-performed players in each level. The winners, who received \$25 gift vouchers from the UQ Tennis Centre Pro Shop, were: **Glenn Huddleston** (A Men), **Dale Riggs** (B Men), **Janey Kuzma** (B Women), **Danny Moore** (C Men) and **Valerie Webb** (C Women).



FASTENNIS SINGLES TOURNAMENT BARBECUE
 (left to right): Tomas Klein, Michael Milford, Glenn Huddleston, Jane Boulton, Amy Chardon and Adrian Smerdon

Most players stayed for the Barbecue held at the end of the tournament. In the Lucky Prize Draw conducted during the Barbecue, **Dave Waanders** won a Slazenger Mystique Titanium Lite tennis racquet, **Amy Chardon** won a Dunlop sports bags and **Guy McNicol** won a can of Slazenger Hydroguard Ultra Vis tennis balls.

The Final Positions for the competitors in the Fastennis Singles Challenge Tournament were:

- 1 Glenn Huddleston
- 2 Dominik Pietkun
- 3 Dale Riggs
- 4 Tomas Klein
- 5 Michael Milford
- 6 Michael Carroll
- 7 Scott Mewburn
- 8 Andrew Scott*
- 9 Jason Bohl
- 10 Adrian Dolley
- 11 Timothy Lynagh
- 12 Adam Spence
- 13 John McMonagle
- 14 Graham Nilsson
- 15 Janey Kuzma
- 16 Aaron Besch***
- 17 Alan Ng
- 18 Jane Boulton
- 19 Phil Gaffney
- 20 Pamela Connor
- 21 Guy McNicol
- 22 Dave Waanders
- 23 Pele Maras
- 24 Danny Moore
- 25 Mike Barden
- 26 Ross Maxwell
- 27 Peter Allen
- 28 Lindsay Hocking

- 29 Adrian Smerdon
- 30 Lisa Goldsworthy
- 31 Daniel Williams
- 32 Amy Chardon
- 33 Steve Crofton
- 34 Nathan Allen
- 35 Wayne Bovey
- 36 Valerie Webb
- 37 Ben Perkins
- 38 Byron Clements
- 39 Jarrod Sweetman
- 40 Marcelle Webster

N.B. A few players withdrew from the tournament during the afternoon (indicated by * for each match forfeited) and therefore their final positions may be misleading.

Fixture Entries

UQ players may receive Team Registration Forms directly from the BHTA and BNTA.

Do not use BHTA or BNTA Team Registration Forms if you are going to play for UQ.

The only form you use is the UQ Tennis Club's Second Season Fixture Application Form enclosed with this newsletter.

Once the Club's Selection Committee has finalised the teams, the Club will complete and lodge Team Registration Forms and Registration Fees with the relevant Fixture association.

Blue & Maroon Sports Breakfast

Dual AFL Premiership winner **Luke Power** will be special guest at UQ Sport's inaugural **Blue & Maroon Sports Breakfast** at the Rugby Club Downtown (Eagle St Pier) on Friday 27 June (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.).

Channel 9 sports reporter Ben Dobson will MC the Breakfast.

This is a sports alumni fund raising event so lots of sporting memorabilia and prizes will be raffled.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 per table of ten. RSVP by Friday 20 June.

For further information, contact Katie Obst on 3346 9691 or e-mail functions@uqsport.uq.edu.au.

Registration forms can be downloaded from UQ Sport's Website (www.uqsport.uq.edu.au).

Can They Do It Again in the 2003 University Open?



Mike Barden & Ross Markwell
C Grade Men's Doubles Champions in the
2002 Rebound Ace University Open



Judith Rodins
B Grade Ladies' Singles Champion in the
2002 Rebound Ace University Open



Lisa Orford
Open Ladies' Singles Champion in the
2002 Rebound Ace University Open



Leigh Scholefield & James Flanagan
C Grade Mixed Doubles Champions in the
2002 Rebound Ace University Open

Or maybe you'll be a winner! You'll never know if you don't have a go. Entries for the 2003 University Open close on 24 June.

Q & A

Question: What do we do if not enough of our players are available to field a team?

Answer: The last thing you should do is forfeit. All Fixtures have pretty flexible rules about finding fill-in players. All competitions allow teams to borrow players from teams in the same grade or a lower grade *in the same competition.* Most UQ teams will have a spare player each week. Ring the captains of the other teams in your grade to see who is spare. Obviously, if there is a bye in your grade, the team with the bye is the first team to contact. Remember to write the players name, team & grade on the back of the scorecard. If you don't have any luck getting a fill-in from the same competition, then you can use an Emergency Registration. The complete list of all UQ teams is a great source of Emergency Registrations. Please read the competition rules summaries distributed to every player at the beginning of the season for the exact rules for your competition (how many fill-ins can be used, is there an emergency registration fee & are there limits to the number of times a player can fill-in without registering in the team). *And remember, if you do have to forfeit, please let your opposition know as soon as possible.*



Davis Cup Semi-Final

Tennis Queensland Registered Players have priority access to tickets for the Davis Cup Semi-Final (Australia v Switzerland) to be played in Melbourne from 19 to 21 September (Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne Park).

Applicants are restricted to 4 series tickets each. A 3-day series ticket costs \$258 (or \$208 concession - 15 years & under, full time students & Pension Card).

Applications, with full payment, must be lodged with Tennis Queensland by **Friday 20 June**. In the event that demand exceeds the TQ ticket allocation, a ballot will be conducted.

Will they go one better in the 2003 Uni Open?



Jeff Law & Shannon Strang
C Grade Mixed Doubles Runners-Up in the
2002 Rebound Ace University Open

Copies of the application form are available from Tennis Queensland and the UQ Tennis Club.

NUG Volunteers

AUSnorth needs around 200 volunteers to help run the 2003 DrinkSmart Northern University Games (NUG) which will be staged at various venues around Brisbane from Sunday 6 July to Thursday 10 July.

Anybody interested in volunteering should go to the NUG Website (www.unigames.com.au/nug/volunteer.html) to obtain the position descriptions and a Volunteer Registration Form.

The Tennis Trivia Quiz

Here is a chance to test your Tennis knowledge. The Tennis Trivia Quiz is supposed to be a challenge so it is unlikely that anybody will be able to answer all of these questions without doing a bit of research.

Write your name and your answers to all

five questions on a single sheet of paper. Entry is restricted to current financial members of the UQ Tennis Club. Each member may lodge only one entry.

Entries must be lodged at the UQ Tennis Club Office by 5 p.m. on Thursday 16 October 2003.

All correct entries will go into a draw to select one grand prize winner. The grand prize consists of a Dunlop Integra tennis racquet, a Slazenger sports bag, a can of Slazenger Championship tennis balls and a 2003 University Open T-Shirt.

The Executive Committee shall be the sole judge for the competition. At its discretion, the Committee may award some consolation prizes in addition to the grand prize. If nobody gets all questions correct, there will be no grand prize awarded.

The five quiz questions are:-

Question 1: Who won the first Grand Slam?

Question 2: What was the significance of Lew Hoad's loss in the Men's Singles Final of the 1956 U.S. Open Championships?

Question 3: Who was the last Australian player to win an Australian Open Singles Championship?

Question 4: How many players have lost three consecutive Wimbledon Singles Finals and name them?

Question 5: Where was the 1974 Davis Cup Final played?



Tennis Centre Briefs

Here's all the latest news from the UQ Tennis Centre.

FREE COURT HIRE!

Purchase 1 hour's court hire at the UQ Tennis Centre from 16 June to 15 July and receive an additional hour free*.

* Conditions:

- valid from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (i.e. court booking must finish by 4 p.m.)
- the free court hour must be taken immediately after the paid hour (i.e. the total booking must be for 2 consecutive hours)
- valid Monday to Saturday only
- subject to court availability

NEW OPENING HOURS

UQ Tennis Centre Opening Hours from 1 June:

Sunday to Friday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS

Holiday Junior Coaching Clinics will be held on 9-11 July and 14-16 July.

- two Sessions available (8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
- cost - \$88 per child
- great prizes to be given away
- includes T-shirt or cap plus lunch and Free Admission to the Aquatic Centre
- maximum of 8 pupils per coach
- contact the Tennis Centre for more information

PRO SHOP SALE

Up to 20% off selected NEW BALANCE tennis shoes. Don't forget, all UQ Tennis Club Members receive 15% off all non-sale racquets, apparel and footwear.

For more information on the UQ Tennis Centre, contact us by phone (3365 6933 or 3371 7906) or e-mail



DOUBLES SURPRISE TOURNAMENT PRIZE WINNERS
Jarrod Sweetman, Jane Boulton, Danny Moore & Jason Bohl

Doubles Tournament

The Club's **Doubles Surprise Challenge Tournament**, played on Sunday 18 May, was a lot of fun with 16 players participating, using 4 courts.

The tournament ran itself once the initial pairs had been drawn and allocated to their courts. After each match, the winners moved up a court and the losers moved down a court. Once players moved to their new court, they swapped partners. Under this format, the better players should have been able to reach the No. 1 court provided enough rounds were played during the afternoon.

Every player got seven sets and seven players (Jason Bohl, Wayne Bovey, Brian Ferry, Phil Gaffney, Nikolas Moore, Michael O'Shea & Valerie Webb) managed to play on all four courts. In the final match on the No. 1 court, Jason Bohl & Jane Boulton defeated Phil Gaffney & Danny Moore 6/0.

On the basis of their provisional ITNs, all players were assigned to A or B Grade. Prizes, of \$20 gift vouchers from the UQ Tennis Centre Pro Shop, were awarded to the best-performed player in each grade as determined by the ratio of total games won to total games lost for each player. The overall Champion was **Jane Boulton**, who won 6 out of 7 matches. The prize winners were **Jane Boulton** (A Women), **Jason Bohl** (A Men) and **Danny Moore** (B Men).

In the Lucky Prize Draw conducted during the Pizza Feast which followed the tournament, **Jason Bohl** won a Dunlop Sports Bag and **Jarrod Sweetman** won a Slazenger Mystique Titanium Lite tennis racquet.

Scholarship

The Tennis Club's **Dale Riggs** has been awarded one of UQ Sport's inaugural **Club Scholarships**. The 15 Club Scholarship recipients will receive free entry to the cardio studio & gym, free access to their sport's facilities and club membership fees waived.

The Club Scholarship Scheme is intended to complement UQ Sport's existing Sports Scholarship and Development Scholarship Schemes.

Calendar

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, 26-27 July	University Open & 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 Qualifying (Metropolitan)
12 October	Club Tournament
26 October	Club AGM
1-2, 8-9 November	Wynnum Open
10 November	UQ Examinations begin
1 December	UQ Summer Semester begins
5-7 December	Frawley Junior
12-14 December	Junior Masters Circuit Finals (Coops)
17-21 December	Queensland Junior Teams Carnival