



Smeets Wins Triple Crown

Spectators at The University of Queensland Tennis Centre (St Lucia) on Sunday 25 July were treated to a great day of Tennis with the Finals of the **2004 Rebound Ace Queensland Open Tennis Championships**.

The Open Singles Championships of Queensland were won by **Robert Smeets** (Brassall, Ipswich) and **Tiffany Welford** (Maroochy River, Sunshine Coast). Eighteen-year-old Robert Smeets dominated the State Titles, winning the triple crown (Open Men's Singles, Open Men's Doubles and Open Mixed Doubles).

101 players entered the Open Men's Singles. In the Final, Smeets defeated the defending champion, John James, 6/2 5/7 6/0 and stopped James' quest to become the first player to win four consecutive Queensland Open Men's Singles Championships.

Smeets looked set for an easy win in the Final when he served for the match leading 5/4 in

the second set. However, James wasn't going to surrender his Title without a fight and dug deep to break back and then break again to win the set 7/5. Smeets responded by lifting his game and routing James 6/0 in the deciding set with an awesome display of controlled power Tennis.

Smeets (No. 1 Seed) reached the Final without losing a set; defeating Scott Eichmann 6/0 6/0, Shane Gooneratne 6/1 6/0, Matt Ilott (No. 14 Seed) 6/0 6/1, Marcus Walker 6/2 6/1 and Clint Harris 6/2 6/2 (Semi-Final). James (No. 2 Seed) also reached the Final without losing a set; defeating Ronny Palat 6/1 6/1, Anthony Ross 6/4 6/3, Ryan Agar (No. 9 Seed) 6/3 6/0, Matthias Hahn (No. 13 Seed) 6/1 6/2 and Derek Burden (No. 3 Seed) 6/2 6/4.

33 players entered the Open Ladies' Singles. The Final between Tiffany Welford (No. 1 Seed) and Gabrielle Baker (No. 2 Seed) was

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Malcolm Parkes (from Rebound Ace Sports) with **Robert Smeets** (holding the R.D. Frew Cup) and **Tiffany Welford** (holding the Mal Molesworth Perpetual Trophy)



Comment

When I was presenting the Edgar Stumbles Memorial Shield to Robert Smeets for winning the Junior Boys' Singles in the 2001 University Open, I remember pointing out to him the names of some of the previous winners such as Pat Rafter, Graeme Brimblecombe and Alan Ross.

I showed him that Brimblecombe, who won the Junior Title in 1983, had gone on to win the Uni Open Men's Singles in 1986. Ross, the winner in 1988, had gone on to win the Open Men's Singles in 1992. I told him that the challenge for him would be to win the Open Men's Singles by 2004 or 2005.

In 2004, he has done just that in awesome style, losing just one set in six matches. That one set was in the Final where he stopped John James' quest to become the first player to win four consecutive Queensland Open Men's Singles Championships.

Pat Rafter, the 1989 Junior Champion, never managed to win the Uni Open Men's Singles but he did win the U.S. Open in 1997 & 1998 and made the Wimbledon Final in 2000 & 2001.

If Smeets is going to emulate Rafter, he will need to be a serious contender for Grand Slam Titles by 2009. Perhaps he will make it to that level. He is a prodigious talent and he is still just 18 years of age.

Doug Bergman
President

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an absorbing match with both players dominating at various stages. Welford survived a match point down in the third set before scraping home 4/6 6/3 7/5.

Welford reached the Final by defeating Georgina Thomson 6/0 6/0, Natasha Williamson 6/0 6/1, Prue Teitzel 6/0 6/1 and Shannon Golds (No. 3 Seed) 6/1 6/0 (Semi-Final). Baker reached the Final by defeating Bianca Smith 6/2 7/5, Lucy Easton 6/1 6/1, Shelley Rothman (No. 7 Seed) 6/2 6/1 and Deanna Roberts (No. 5 Seed) 6/1 6/2 (Semi-Final).

This was the first Queensland Open Singles Championship for Smeets and Welford although both have previously won the Junior (18 & Under) Singles in this tournament. In a remarkable coincidence, it was also Baker that Welford played in the Junior Final in 2000 where the result was a comfortable 6/4 6/0 win to Welford. Smeets won the Junior Title in 2001, defeating Marcus Walker 6/2 6/1 in the Final.

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The winners of the other Queensland Open events were Chris O'Mara & Robert Smeets (Open Men's Doubles), Shannon Golds & Jessica Hoath (Open Ladies' Doubles), Shannon Golds & Robert Smeets (Open Mixed Doubles), Michael Leong (18 & Under Boys' Singles) and Prue Teitzel (18 & Under Girls' Singles).

The Rebound Ace Queensland Open was played in conjunction with the Rebound Ace University Open Championships. The tournament, which was organised by The University of Queensland Tennis Club, was played over three weekends (10-11, 17-18 & 24-25 July) with 368 individual players competing in 34 events for over \$10,000 in prizemoney, trophies and prizes.

The results in the Finals of the Knock-Out Events in the 2004 Rebound Ace Queensland Open and University Open Championships were:

Open: Robert Smeets d John James 6/2, 5/7 6/0 (OMS), Tiffany Welford d Gabby Baker 4/6 6/3 7/5 (OLS), Chris O'Mara & Robert Smeets d John James & Marc Svenson 6/1 7/6 (OMD), Shannon Golds & Jessica Hoath d Kelli Orford & Lisa Orford 6/3 4/6 6/1 (OLD) and Shannon Golds & Robert Smeets d David Campbell & Yasmine Sherriff 6/2 6/3 (OXD).

18 & Under: Michael Leong d Robert Bartlett 7/5 6/3 (18BS) and Prue Teitzel d Lucy Easton 6/2 6/2 (18GS).

16 & Under: Jason Antonioli d Tim Low 6/1 7/5 (16BS), Yuii Nomoto d Samantha Chardon 6/1 6/2 (16GS).

35 & Over: Max Bates d Mark Hodgson 6/1 6/2 (35MS) and Judith Rodins d Donna Bradley w/o.

Special: Brendan Moore d Ryan Agar 6/3 6/3 (SMS), Tiffany Clifford d Shannon Logan 6/0 6/0 (SLS), Max Bates &

Tony Murphy d Mark Anderson & Matt Simmons 6/1 6/2 (SMD) and Matthew McGrath & Nyree Webber d Ashley Irvin & James Skewes 6/2 1/6 6/0 (SXD).

The Winners and Runners-Up in the Round-Robin Events in the University Open were:

A Grade (ITN 4): W Timothy Cooper, R/U Leonid Sheptooha (AMS); W Berveine Mohammed, R/U Angela Szymanowski (ALS); W Timothy Cooper & Leonid Sheptooha, R/U Graham Thams & Mitchell Thams (AMD); W Rebecca Barszcz & Fiona Boyd, R/U Roya Samani & Shrin Samani (ALD); W Ainslie Clouston & Ian Garton, R/U Ben Anderson & Candice Lester (AXD).

B Grade (ITN 5): W Denis Morton, R/U Adam Shirley (BMS); W Lauren Mills, R/U Valeska Hoath (BLS); W Anthony Fichera & Tim Fichera, R/U Lindsay Bettinson & Mark Hodgson (BMD); W Stephanie Johnstone & Sabrina Nitsch, R/U Kellie Gonano & Katherine Killoran (BLD); W Dorothy Wojcieszuk & Julian Wojcieszuk, R/U Danny Moore & Emely Vandeveld (BXD).

C Grade (ITN 6): W Mark Perkins, R/U Sandeep Madhoji (CMS); W Valeska Hoath, R/U Yasmin Van Kasteren (CLS); W Joseph McCormack & Mark Perkins, R/U Luke Gossner & Brian Kunst (CMD); W Emame El-Mezin & Sharne O'Connor, R/U Sandy Birnie & Mary Anne Winter (CLD); W Misha Klayich & Sabrina Nitsch, R/U Stephanie Johnstone & Noel Toscano (CXD).

D Grade (ITN 7): W Andrew Hutley, R/U Julian Peters (DMS); W Sharyn Besch, R/U Karen Dean (DLS); W Sharyn Besch & Karen Dean, R/U Janet Curran & Fiona Hosier (DLD).

Wheelchair: W Michael Esler, R/U David Coulston.

Q & A

Question: We had a home match for our first fixture game so didn't need any balls. As we needed balls for our second match we dropped in at the Club on our way to the match but there was nobody there to give us our balls. Why wasn't somebody there?

Answer: As in any volunteer-based organisation, the UQ Tennis Club's Office is not open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With the start of fixtures, the Club's



Office has been open most days but not all the time. For each competition, all players were informed in writing when they could pick up their team's supply of balls and scorecards for the season. The Office was always open at these times. Teams were provided with a number of options on the days before the first match and just prior to the first match. Unfortunately, a few teams did not collect their balls at the times specified. Even some teams playing at UQ for the first match didn't bother to collect their balls if they had a home match. The Club Committee goes to a lot of trouble to make sure everybody knows exactly what is happening and what is required. It is really important for members to follow any instructions provided.



Fiona Boyd and Rebecca Barszcz
2004 University Open - A Grade Ladies' Doubles Champions

Doubles Tournament

The Club's final tournament for the year will be the **Ladies' Invitation Mixed Doubles Tournament** to be played on Sunday afternoon 10 October.

An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Entries close on Thursday 30 September.

This is a new style of fun participation mixed doubles tournament.

Entry for the ladies is free.

The catch is that they have to find a

male partner. Of course, entry for the guys is not free.

Players will be able to nominate for A, B or C Grade levels. The tournament will be played using a Round-Robin format to ensure that all pairs get plenty of Tennis.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each level. In addition, all players on the day will go into a Lucky Prize Draw for Dunlop/Slazenger products. The tournament will be followed by a free Sausage Sizzle for competitors.

UQ Tennis Club AGM

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of The University of Queensland Tennis Club Inc. will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday 31 October in the Tennis Pavilion.

The major items to be dealt with at the AGM are the election of the new Management Committee and the adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Elections for the following positions on the Management Committee will be held:

- President
- 2 Vice-Presidents
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- 10 Executive Officers.

A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday 11 October.

5 p.m. on Monday 11 October is also the deadline for the lodgement of any notices for business, motions or special resolutions to be considered at the AGM.

SOCIAL TENNIS

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

at the UQ Tennis Club

\$6 for Club members
(\$8 for non-members)

Balls and afternoon tea provided
All standards welcome

Regular or occasional attendance
Table Tennis and Snooker are also available

N.B. There will be no Social Tennis on 19 September (because of the Men's Satellite Tournament Qualifying Rounds)

* Social Tennis uses the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. timeslot from April to September and the 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. timeslot from October to March



Tennis Centre Briefs

Tennis Centre Open Day

Mark 12 September in your diary.

To celebrate the completion of the Tennis Centre renovations and the re-opening of the Pro Shop, the Tennis Centre will be holding an Open Day and Pro Shop Opening Sale on Sunday 12 September from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open Day activities will include free coaching sessions, a fast serve competition, demo racquet testing and free court hire.

Adult Group Coaching

Enrolments are now being accepted for the next course of Adult Group Coaching Classes. These classes are offered at four levels (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Squad) and are the most economical way of getting coaching.

The deadline for enrolments is Friday 17 September with classes commencing in the week beginning 20 September.

For more information, contact us by phone (3365 6933) or e-mail (tennis@uqsport.uq.edu.au).

SEE YOU SOON

Troy McGrath
(Tennis Centre
Coordinator)



UQ SPORT

Satellite Tournament

International Tennis returns to the University of Queensland in September.

The First Leg of the Uncle Tobys Tour Queensland Men's ITF Satellite Circuit will be played at the University of Queensland Tennis Centre on 21-26 September. The Qualifying Rounds will be played on 18-20 September.

Because of the number of courts needed for the Qualifying Rounds on 18-20 September, there will be no Social Tennis on 19 September. **There will be Social Tennis on 26 September.** As a bonus, Social players will get to see the Finals of the Satellite tournament during the late morning and early afternoon.

Trivia Quiz

Entries in the Tennis Trivia Quiz must be lodged by 5 p.m. on Friday 8 October.

The Tennis Trivia Quiz is a chance for members to test their Tennis knowledge and win some great prizes. The Quiz is supposed to be a challenge so it is unlikely that anybody will be able to answer all of the questions without doing a bit of research.

The ten quiz questions and full details of the competition were sent to all members with their 2004 Membership Card & Membership Information Pack. Details were also provided in the July newsletter. Copies are available from the Club Office.

Reminders

Teams have been given their season supply of balls & result cards. This means that the captain, if he/she isn't playing, must make sure somebody else in the team has the balls (away match) or scorecard (home match).

Complete copies of all Draws and Teams Lists are on the notice boards under the Clubhouse.

Used balls can be kept by teams. However, if you don't want the balls, don't throw them in the bin or leave them on the court. Instead, return them to the Club Office or leave them in the Used Balls Receptacle under the Clubhouse so that they can be used for Sunday Afternoon Social Tennis.



Karen Dean and Sharyn Besch
D Grade Ladies' Doubles Champions
2004 University Open



Denis Morton

B Grade Men's Singles Champion
2004 University Open

Do not forfeit unless there is a last minute emergency. The best source of fill-in players is from other teams in the same or lower grades in the same competition. Remember, most UQ teams have a spare player each week. If there are no spare players within the competition, social players or players from other competitions can be used as emergency registrations (but check the relevant rules for details as fees may apply). All players have a complete list of all UQ Fixture Teams. This is a great source of emergency registrations. If you do have to forfeit, let the opposition know ASAP.

Make sure result cards are filled in properly and lodged promptly (late card penalties apply). Result cards must show team names, the date, surnames & first names, scores and the result.

Calendar

4-5,11-12 Sept	Annual Club Championships
18-20 September	Rothwell Junior Masters
23-26 September	Redcliffe Age
23-24 October	Brackenridge J.M. (B Cir.)
24-26 September	Sunnybank J.M.
1-3 October	Pine Rivers Age
1-3 October	Carindale Junior Masters
9-10,16-17 Oct	Qld Junior Team Carnival Qualifying (Metropolitan)
10 October	Club Doubles Tournament
30-31 Oct, 6-7 Nov	Wynnum Open
31 October	Club AGM
8 November	UQ Examinations begin
13-14 November	Cambridge J.M. (B Circuit)
27-28 November	Lifetime Age
29 November	UQ Summer Semester begins
3-5 December	Frawley Age
10-12 December	Junior Masters Final
15-19 December	Queensland Junior Teams Carnival