

JUNIOR PENNANT REPORT 2012

It's that time of the year again, when we wrap up another rewarding season of Junior Pennant. Numbers were up this year on last, with 79 of Eastern Region's talented juniors competing in this Sunday morning competition. We fielded a total of 17 Teams in the following age groups:

Girls – 16A, 16B, 14A, 14B, 12A and 12C. Boys – 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 14B, 14C, 14E, 12A, 12C, 12D and Mixed 10A. These teams played out of four Eastern Region clubs: Donvale, Guy Turner, Heathmont and Wantirna. Many thanks to these clubs for making their courts available.

For those of you who are unfamiliar, Tennis Victoria's flagship junior competition, Junior Pennant, is a team based competition whereby players are selected to represent their local metropolitan association. Clubs within Eastern Region Tennis, nominate juniors of a required level to try out for selection.

The Junior Pennant competition consists of:

- Ten rounds of matches
- Four player teams
- Played every Sunday morning with no play on the first two weekends in the September/October school holidays and Melbourne Cup weekend
- Play commences at 8:30 am and concludes by 1 pm
- Four singles rubbers (best of two sets) and two doubles rubbers in each home and away match
- Graded within age groups 10/u to 18/u

The 2012 season brought mixed success for our teams. However, five teams made it through to finals. Our five finalist teams were: Girls 16A, Boys 12A, 14E, 16C and 16D. We were delighted to have 3 teams victorious on the day. A comfortable win to the 16A girls, a come from behind, nail biting and exciting win to the 12A boys and comfortable win to the 16C boys (a big thank you to Mitchell Wilson from the 14B team for filling in). Eastern Region is very proud of our players. We are especially proud of three of our team members who were awarded Junior Pennant Players of the Year. The worthy recipients were: Matthew Larsen 12A (Heathmont TC), Elli Zafiridis 12A (East Camberwell TC) and Emily van Dijk 16A (Selby TC). These winners are determined by calculating the percentage of singles rubbers won x 2 plus percentage of doubles rubbers won. We look forward to watching these and all players progress over the coming years. Many thanks to all team captains, managers and players. Your support over the season is immense and greatly appreciated.

We wish you a happy and healthy festive season and hope to see you in the new year.

ERT Tournament/Development Committee – Fran Absolom, Deb Innes and Chris Thompson



12 & Under Boys Winners: 12A

L-R: Jackson Bruce-Tennant (Montrose), Mitchell van dijk (Selby), Joel Goldie (Ferny Creek), Matthew Larsen (Heathmont)

Scores: ERT def NSJTA 3-6-50 to 3-6-43



16 & Under Boys Winners: 16C

L-R: Zachary Teh(Canterbury), Ganesh Ponnampalam (East Camberwell) , Alex Zafiridis (East Camberwell), Mitchell Wilson (Wonga Park) *
Missing David Chambers (Box Hill)

Scores: ERT def NSJTA 4-7-54 to 2-4-37



16 & Under Girls Winners: 16A

L-R: Charmaine Kong (South Hawthorn), Jessica Coyle (Bulleen), Tiffany Noonan (Guy Turner), Maddi Brackenreg (Heathmont), Emilly Van Dijk (Selby)

Scores: ERT def NEJTA 5-9-53 to 0-2-39

TENNIS VICTORIA JUNIOR PENNANT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:



ELLI ZAFIRIDIS 12A
(East Camberwell)



MATTHEW LARSEN 12A
(Heathmont)



EMILLY VAN DIJK 16A
(Selby)