
The 62nd Mrs. Pat Pearce Memorial Shield

Eastern Region Tennis, March 25th — 27th, 2016

The 62nd Mrs. Pat Pearce Memorial Shield Junior Tennis Carnival was hosted by Waverley Tennis at Robinson Reserve Tennis Centre from March 25th — 27th, 2016.

Four tennis associations competed this year to take home the prestigious Pat Pearce Memorial Shield. The participating teams were Eastern Region Tennis, North Suburban Junior Tennis Association, North Eastern Junior Tennis Association and Waverley Tennis.

The Eastern Region Tennis Representatives

Representing the 15 & Under Team this year were Jessie Burbridge (Montrose TC), Jackie Noonan (Guy Turner TC), Grace Staindl-Dymond (Ferny Creek TC), Emma Wong (Templetowe Park TC), Clement Chan (Doncaster TC), Joel Goldie (Ferny Creek TC), William Patton (Willison Park TC) and Christopher Vines (Heathmont TC).

The 13 & Under Team representatives were Daniela Alfaro (Bulleen TC), Vanessa Alfaro (Bulleen TC), Sarah Cornhels (Bulleen TC), Lu Huang (East Camberwell), Aaron Huang (Croydon TC), Thomas Patton (Willison Park TC), Jed Rule (Canterbury TC) and Alexander Taylor (Canterbury TC).

Day 1

At 7:30am on Good Friday, all of the Eastern Regions players were up bright and early warming up

on the Robinson Reserve Tennis Centre courts. At the opening ceremony, it was announced that North Eastern Junior Tennis Association would be Eastern Regions first opposition for the tournament.

The Boys and Girls Doubles were played first. The result was 4 rubbers all, including 2 super tie-break matches. The Eastern Region team pushed through and did really well in their Singles and Mixed Doubles. At the end of the first day, Eastern Region had defeated their first opponents — winning 19 out of 32 rubbers. A great start to the tournament!

Day 2

The following day, Eastern Region faced against North Suburban Junior Tennis Association. Using their momentum from the previous day, Eastern Region carried out an exceptional performance. By the end of the 2nd day, Eastern region had won all of their 32 rubbers except for one.

Day 3

The last day of the carnival, Eastern Region played against the defending champions of the Pat Pearce Memorial Shield: Waverley Tennis. Eastern Region knew that this would be a difficult battle.

That morning, Eastern Regions number one girl, Jessie, in the 15 & Under girls group had fallen ill and could not play. In true Eastern Region spirit, a phone call to Natalie Ronge (Canterbury TC) saved us as she sacrificed her sleep-in that morning to come down and fill in for Jessie.

The day started out tough for Eastern Regions players, where out of 8 doubles, they only managed to win 2. While Eastern Region displayed a great performance during their singles matches, by the time the Mixed Doubles were scheduled Waverley Tennis were too far ahead for Eastern Region to turn the results around. Eastern Region lost to the defending champions 11 rubbers to 21.

Eastern Region Tennis finished 2nd in the tournament with many friendships formed between parents and players. And like always, great sportsmanship was demonstrated within the team where all players were supportive of each other.

And to top it all, Eastern Region had two winners for the Age Group Trophy who wowd the opposing team managers and captured their votes based on the three criteria: best player, sportsmanship and results. These players were Clement Chan (winner of 15 and Under Boys) and Jed Rule (winner of 13 and Under boys). Congratulations, boys!

Overall, Eastern Region displayed a strong performance throughout the tournament, and will no doubt be back next year.



"We are all behind you, Sander!"



"You take a rest, we'll prepare the court for you"



Keep up the good work, Aaron!



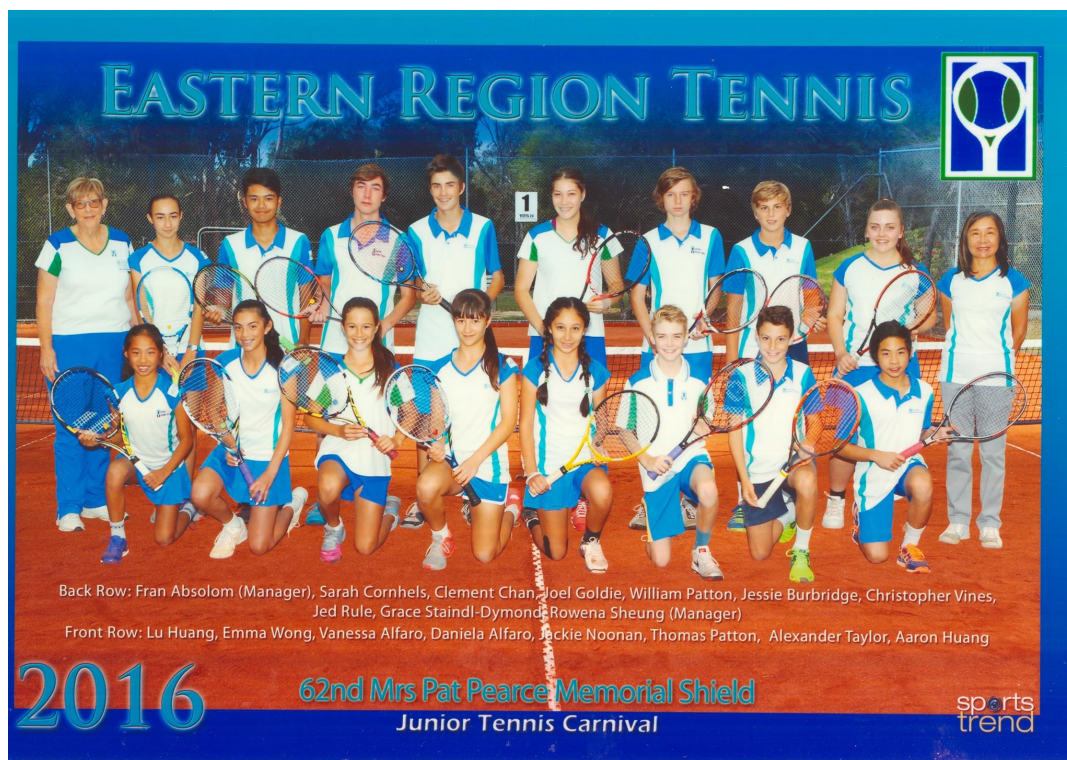
The team manager, Fran, giving the Eastern Region team some pep talk



Clement Chan (L) winner of 15 & U trophy and Jed Rule (R) winner of 13 & U trophy



Until we meet again



The 2016 Mrs. Pat Pearce Memorial Shield Eastern Region Tennis Team