

2008 NORTH QUEENSLAND OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

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The President's Message

Tennis Townsville was delighted to successfully host the 2008 Windmill Bricklaying North Queensland Open Championships incorporating the 2008 Xstrata North Queensland Wheelchair Championships 28 to 30 June at Townsville Tennis Centre, North Ward. The two championships carried \$14,000 in prize money.

Tennis Townsville would like to congratulate the Windmill Bricklaying North Queensland 2008

- ▶ Open mens singles champion John Patrick Smith
- ▶ Open ladies singles champion Alice Watter

Xstrata North Queensland Wheelchair

- ▶ Mens singles champion Glen Barnes (NZ)
- ▶ Ladies singles champion Tiffany Perry (NZ)

The North Queensland Open Championships provides an opportunity for the association to showcase tennis to the local community and media while providing an opportunity for local players to compete against some of the finest players from around Queensland and interstate

The Wheelchair Championships provided an opportunity for disabled tennis players to compete in a tournament in North Queensland. They also allowed the local community to witness the ability, skill and determination these players have developed despite their physical disability.

Our special guest Evonne Goolagong-Cawley was very well received by players, sponsors and media and we would like to thank Evonne for coming to Townsville for the event.

On behalf of Tennis Townsville management committee I would like to convey my appreciation to staff, committee members and players for the time and effort they provided in organising and conducting the championships. The effort by the management committee in assisting with the tournament was excellent. Tennis Townsville is delighted to have secured Windmill Bricklaying for another two years as the naming rights sponsor.

It certainly was one of our most successful championships.

Vic Bayer



Windmill Bricklaying North Queensland Open Championships

The 2008 North Queensland Open Tennis Championships was a huge success with 182 (149 in 2007) players, including wheelchair, participating in 29 events. Total number of entries for the three days was 379 (276 in 2007). The championships were played from 28 to 30 June 2008 at Townsville Tennis Centre, North Ward. The dates coincided with the start of Queensland school holidays. The weather was excellent for the 3 days. The championships had an Australian ranking of A4.



John Patrick Smith
2008 North Queensland
Champion



Alice Watter
2008 North Queensland
Champion



Katie Lee
Runner Up



Mark Draper
Runner Up

The Open mens singles event was contested by 39 players and the field was one of the strongest on record with 4 previous champions competing, namely Mark Draper (2003, 1990, 1989), John James (2006, 1994) Ian Malpass (2005, 1994), Manny Bernhardt (2004). The seedings were

Seeding	Competitor		National Ranking
1	John Patrick Smith	Townsville	51
2	Mark Draper	Gold Coast	59
3	John James	Boondall	255
4	Jacob Richardson	St Lucia	116
5	Chris Hopkins	Bridgemann Downs	136
6	Scott Puodziunas	Stafford Heights	159
7	Steve de Waard	Sandgate	195
8	Jason Antoniolle	Graceville	230

John Patrick Smith, No.1 seed, who reached the finals in 2005 and 2006 proved much too good for Mark Draper (No.2 seed) in winning the Windmill Bricklaying mens singles championships 6-2 6-2 for the first time. John Patrick Smith came for the tournament United States college to take part and has vowed to come back to defend the title.

Alice Watter took out the Windmill Bricklaying ladies championships defeating Katie Lee in the final 6-0 6-3. The open ladies drew a large field of 22 players. The top 4 seeds were:

Seeding	Competitor		National Ranking
1	Alice Watter	Newcastle	59
2	Amy Barton	The Gap	102
3	Elizabeth Pambou	Bayview Heights	116
4	Katie Lee	Ashgrove	124

Total prize money and trophies paid out in the championships was \$8,875. Open events carried prize money totalling \$4,200.

New initiative by Tennis Queensland of introducing Under 23 mens and ladies singles, with prize money of \$2,100 for the two events and a bonus pool of \$1,000 for each was very successful. The events in Townsville attracted 36 entrants in mens singles and 18 entrants in ladies. Chris Walker took out the mens singles from John Patrick Smith who was unable to play the final through injury. The ladies singles was won by Alice Watter who defeated Amy Barton in the final 7-6 6-3. Alice also picked up the State bonus pool of \$1,000.



Travis Dragojlo

The open mens singles consolation went to Travis Dragojlo from Townsville. Travis defeated Gavin van Peperseel (Brisbane) in a hard fought exciting final 3-6, 7-6, 7-6. The ladies consolation went to Emily Cox from Robina who also had an exciting final defeating Danica Black (Calen) 6-2, 5-7, 7-6.



Emily Cox

The grade events were very well supported by local players. The aim of staging the grade events is to provide an opportunity for players of all grades to play over the whole weekend and to have fun.

The championships major sponsor for the second year was Windmill Bricklaying. Our thanks go to Conor Kersh for his outstanding support to tennis. Conor has agreed to continue with the naming rights sponsorship until end of 2010.

Xstrata NEC North Queensland Wheelchair Championships



Glen Barnes
2008 North Qld
Wheelchair champion

The Xstrata North Queensland Wheelchair Championships are part of the International Tennis Federation's NEC futures circuit and players compete for world ranking points. The Championships attracted 12 male and 5 female players from Victoria, NSW, Queensland and New Zealand. The 17 participants was the same number as in 2007. The prize money for the event was increased from AUS \$3000 to AUS \$5,000.

The top 4 seeds for the men's title were:

1. Richard Engles (NSW)
2. Glen Barnes (New Zealand)
3. Andrew Browning (Vic)
4. Ben Baker (Brisbane)



Tiffany Perry
2008 North Qld
Wheelchair champion

The No. 2 seed, Glen Barnes, took out the mens championship title when he defeated David Coulson in an exciting final 6-4 6-3. David Coulson (Brisbane) caused an upset when he defeated the No.1 seed Richard Engles (NSW) in the first round 6-2 6-3. The top seed in the Xstrata Open Ladies' Singles was last year's winner Tiffany Perry from New Zealand. Janelle Manns (NSW) was seeded No.2. The final was fought out by Tiffany Perry and Janelle Manns with Tiffany becoming the 2008 North Queensland Wheelchair Ladies Champion. The score in the final was 6-4 6-3.

The wheelchair participants took part in a high performance training camp on the Friday prior to the championships. The training camp was conducted by Andrew Ash from Tennis Queensland and Rob Leeds from Tennis Australia and was sponsored by Tennis Queensland. The training camp has become an integral part of the week and players look forward to improving their tennis skills and physical fitness.

The wheelchair players like the North Queensland tournament because it is combined with the Open tournament and thereby creating a wonderful playing atmosphere.



Janelle Manns

The 2008 Xstrata NEC North Queensland Wheelchair Tennis Championships was sponsored for the third year in a row by Xstrata mining company.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Avril Plath and Xstrata.



David Coulson

Tennis Townsville once again provided transportation to players from the airport and hotels to the tennis courts. Pickering and Thrifty Cars provided the vehicle.

Evonne Goolagong-Cawley



The championship was launched on Friday night at Townville Tennis Centre. The night was attended by players and sponsors and the highlight of the night was the guest appearance of Evonne Goolagong-Cawley. Evonne Goolagong-Cawley is one of Australia's most successful tennis players. During the 1970s, Goolagong-Cawley won the women's singles title at the Australian Open four times. Wimbledon twice and runner-up three times. At the US Open, she lost in the final four consecutive years (1973-76).

Tennis Townsville would like to acknowledge the following who provided valuable financial assistance with bringing Evonne to the championships –



- ▶ Jon and Sharon Van Grinsven - Cactus Jack Restaurant
- ▶ Paul Hanrahan – Townsville Orthodontics Specialists
- ▶ Dawn Gleeson - Rydges Southbank Hotel
- ▶ Tony Divertie – Ecolec Electrical
- ▶ Debbie Giudes – Escape Travel

The Xstrata Junior Elite Training Squad gave an exhibition of their skills during the evening. The launching night was sponsored by Heritage Bar and Grill Restaurant and The Reef Thai Restaurant.

Marketing and Promotion



Alice Watter

The nomination form was the main marketing tool used to promote the 2008 North Queensland Open. A four page brochure was produced. A total of 1600 were printed. 1,100 of the forms were posted to affiliated clubs, associations and last year's participants in April. A batch of entries was sent to Tennis Queensland. Information about accommodation options was included in the brochure. Sponsors were also given publicity by the inclusion of their logos on the form. The Wheelchair entry forms were completed and distributed by email only. Distribution was to all State associations and players.

Tennis Townsville and Seven Network in Townsville entered into a business arrangement on advertising. A total of 55 television spots were recorded over the two weeks prior to the event. The coverage by the press, radio and WIN television was excellent. However, coverage by Seven Network was disappointing. Tennis Townsville's effort in providing editorials to media was not as good as in previous years.



The launching party was very well attended and received by players and sponsors and was held at North Ward. Tennis Townsville was successful with the invitation to Evonne Goolagong-Cawley to appear and it was a great success. Evonne's appearance also created a fair bit of publicity for tennis.

Rebound Ace Sports gave away two tickets to the 2009 Australian Open as part of the weekend festivities. The winner was Aidan Griffin from Home Hill. Giveaways to players and spectators were drawn hourly during the championships. Tickets to the draws were given to everyone who made a purchase from the bar or canteen. Giveaways and prizes were provided by sponsors and Tennis Townsville would like to thank the following sponsors- Escape Travel, Ecolec Electrical, Skilled Group, Suncorp, Seven Network,

Website

Extensive and relevant information, as well as the option of downloading the Nomination Form, was included on the Tennis Townsville, Tennis Australia and Tennis Queensland websites. This proved to be an important tool, considering many participants at the event were from areas away from Townsville. The website is a very important communication tool.

Draws and Matches

Nineteen tennis courts were used during the championships. In addition to 12 tennis courts at Townsville Tennis Centre, 3 courts were used at Townsville Tennis Club, two courts at Cleveland Tennis Club and two at Norths Tennis Club. Tennis Townsville would like to thank Townsville Tennis Club, Cleveland Tennis Club and Norths Tennis Club for making their courts available for the championships.

With the huge number of entries the officials commenced play at 7.30 am and finished around 10.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Four hundred and fifty matches were played over the three days.

Ross Smythe did a great job with drawing of matches, taking into consideration the need to play finals commencing at 8.30 am on Monday. Ross used Computer 92 software and TMS for making the draw. Pauline Shield assisted in the tournament box and by keeping the draw up to date on the notice boards. Jess Gautherot updated the TMS on a regular basis on the website.

Our referee, Vince Roberts, was very diligent, throughout the tournament and the tournament ran very smoothly. Vince was ably assisted by Jon Cleary from Cairns and Kate Casswell from Home Hill.

Facilities

- ▶ Tennis Townsville caretaker was not available during the championships and the committee did a great job in getting the centre into top condition. Special thanks to Peter Duncan, Michael Kern and Paul Holden.
- ▶ Slazenger tennis balls were exclusively used for the championships.
- ▶ Wayne Hannah provided restringing facility and was kept very busy the whole weekend.
- ▶ For the first time Tennis Townsville made available a massage therapist at the centre and this was very popular with players. Tennis Townsville would like to thank Denis Monaghan for providing this service.
- ▶ As a new feature Tennis Townsville had purchased a coffee machine which was well received by both players and spectators over the weekend.
- ▶ The canteen operated very efficiently and effectively over the three days. The canteen was open for breakfast till late at night. The canteen was operated by families whose children participate in Pickering and Xstrata junior squads. They all did an excellent job.
- ▶ TBM Photo took photos during the championships for players and Tennis Townsville's use.

Voluntary and Paid Workers

Labour for the event was supplied courtesy of Tennis Townsville Management Committee, who volunteered great amounts of time to help with the officiating, running the bar and canteen, provide transportation for the wheelchair players among many other tasks. This event could not be run without the support of these loyal volunteers. We'd like to give a special "thank you" to:

- ▶ **Robyn Bayer** who did any outstanding job with collating entries, organising accommodation and transport for wheelchair players, collection of fees, ordering for both the bar and canteen, looked after the bar and general administrative matters with the tournament.
- ▶ **Pauline Shield** who assisted Ross Smythe in the tournament box over the weekend.
- ▶ **Peter Duncan** assisted in the bar area especially in making coffee and with the preparation of the courts.

- ▶ **Jessica Gautherot** was responsible for prizes and giveaways and updating the website with the latest results.
- ▶ **Mary Anne Chappel:** organised the prize money; floats and assisted in the bar.
- ▶ **Lyn and Mal Campbell and Greg Beaver:** assisted with transport of wheelchair players.
- ▶ **Teena Kern** managed the canteen rosters and provided general assistance.
- ▶ **Jenny Svane** in organising the food for the canteen.
- ▶ **Kane Rochford** assisted through out the tournament in various capacity
- ▶ **Wayne Hannah:** organised ball boys and umpires and provided restringing services throughout the weekend.
- ▶ **Vince Robertson, Jon Cleary and Kate Casswell:** ensured that the tournament was played in accordance with tournament rules and players participated fairly. An excellent job.
- ▶ **Ross Smythe;** did a great job with making the draw and scheduling the matches.
- ▶ **Franco Giacomantonio** for cleaning the site every morning.
- ▶ **Canteen** was very well managed and manned by parents of Xstrata and Pickering squads. The volunteers included Teena and Mike Kern, Santina and Steven Winterkorn, Lorrae and Mark Day, Stephen Smith, Helen Smith, Judy Sorensen, Lenny and Di Mancinelli, Kate Casswell, Rattana Kaess, Julie Hannah, Lee Siriya, Alison Blakey, Lolita Schwabb, Gail Monaghan under the guidance of Jenny Svane.

Business Partners

Tennis Townsville was delighted with the business partners that participated in presenting the 2008 North Queensland Open. Business partners are an essential part of the championships without which the conduct of such an event would not be possible.

The major sponsor for the Open was Windmill Bricklaying for the second year. Xstrata once again was the naming right sponsor for the wheelchair championships for the third year.

We would like to welcome our new partners namely Ecolec Electrical, Loloma Jewellers and Escape Travel.

Our business partners for 2008 are:

- ▶ Windmill Bricklaying Pty Ltd
- ▶ Xstrata
- ▶ Abigroup Construction Pty Ltd
- ▶ Rebound Ace Sports
- ▶ Coca Cola
- ▶ Townsville Orthodontics Specialist
- ▶ Rydges Southbank Hotel
- ▶ Cactus Jacks Restaurants
- ▶ Pickerings Auto
- ▶ Thrifty Car Hire
- ▶ RLA Finance
- ▶ Advantage Sports and Leisure
- ▶ Loloma Jewellers
- ▶ Dunlop Sports
- ▶ The Reef Thai Restaurant
- ▶ Heritage Bar and Grill Restaurant
- ▶ Escape Travel
- ▶ Tennis Queensland
- ▶ Tennis Australia

Tennis Townsville during the year organised the standard sponsors signage on the courts and they look very good.



Statistics

Open and Wheelchair events

Prize money & prizes	\$14,200	Competitors statistics	
No. of competitors	182	Townsville	61
Events conducted	29	Cairns	28
No of entries	379	Brisbane	36
Matches played	450	Mt Isa & Hughenden	14
		NSW	7
		Victoria	4
		Mackay	3
		Home Hill & Ayr	3
		Innesfail	4
		New Zealand	2
		Other Queensland towns	20



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WINDMILL BRICKLAYING NORTH QUEENSLAND OPEN 2008 RESULTS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Entries</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner up</i>	<i>Score</i>
Open Mens Singles	39	John Patrick Smith (TVL)	Mark Draper (Brisbane)	62 62
Losing semi-finalists		Steve de Waard (Sangate)	John James (Boondal)	
Open Ladies Singles		Alice Water	Katie Lee (Ashgrove)	60 63
Losing semi-finalist	22	Elizabeth Pambou (Cairns)	Amy Barton (The Gap)	
Open Mens Doubles	14	Ian Malpass (Wakely) & Mark Draper (Bris)	Chris Hopkins (Bridgeman Downs) & Steve de Waard (Sandgate)	64 76
Open Ladies Doubles	10	Amy Barton (The Gap) & Katie Lee (Ashgrove)	Danica Black (Calen) & Kayla Stevenson (Rockhampton)	64 64
Open Mixed Doubles	3	Travis Dragojlo (TVL) & Kelly Priddey	Stephen Smith & Laura Smith (TVL)	76 46 76
Open Mens Consolation	20	Travis Dragojlo (TVL)	Gavin van Peperzeel (Sandstone Point)	36 76 10-3
Open Ladies Consolation	12	Emily Cox (Robina)	Danica Black (Calen)	62 57 76
23 Mens Singles	36	Chris Hopkins (Bridgeman Downs)	John Patrick Smith (Townsville)	w/o inj
23 Ladies Singles	18	Alice Watter	Amy Barton (The Gap)	76 63
Mens ITN 3-5 Singles	17	David Single (Charters Towers)	Reece Hinchy (Innisfail)	64 36 64
Ladies ITN 3-5 Singles	11	Leanne Mascall (Point Vernon)	Mary Harrison (TVL)	57 60 w/o
Mens ITN 3-5 Doubles	10	Scott Curry (Margate) & Gavin van Peperzeel	Matthew Blackey (Mackay) & Damien Casey (Mackay)	85
Ladies ITN 3-5 Doubles	6	Mary Harrison & Paula Simpson (TVL)	Patrea Bojack & Hannah Casswell (TVL)	54
Mixed ITN 3-5 Doubles	7	Aaron Klumpp & Hannah Casswell (Home Hill)	Paula Simpson & Geoffrey Birt (TVL)	
Mens ITN 5-7 Singles	27	Harry Lee (Ashgrove)	Cameron Duffy (Cairns)	60 60
Ladies ITN 5-7 Singles	13	Jenna Cochrane (Kamerunga)	Mikaela Anich (Kanimbla Heights)	64 62
Mens ITN 5-7 Doubles	11	Geoffrey Birt & Kieran Molloy (TVL)	Lachlan Kern & Marvin Siriya (TVL)	85
Ladies ITN 5-7 Doubles	6	Jenna Cochrane & Rachael Cochrane (Kemerunga)	Mikaela Anich (Kanimbla Heights) & Kate Cordwell (Mt Sheridan)	
Mixed ITN 5-7 Doubles	11	Geoffrey Birt & Cat Johnson (TVL)	Joanna Hersom & Darren Wyatt (TVL)	
Mens ITN 7-10 Singles	23	Jacob Monaghan (TVL)	Tom Gardiner (Brinsmead)	61 75
Ladies ITN 7-10 Singles	14	Rachael Hughes (TVL)	Amy Hughes (TVL)	62 06 60

Mens ITN 7-10 Doubles	8	Aidan Griffin & Bryce Day (TVL)	Ryan Schwabb & Seth Siriya (TVL)	84
Ladies ITN 7-10 Doubles	3	Sally- Anne Hannah & Rachael Monaghan (TVL)	Mina Kaess & Lisa Payne (TVL)	
Mixed ITN 7-10 Doubles	9	Tynneal Mancinelli & Jai Blakey (TVL)	Mina Kaess & Ryan Schwabb (TVL)	



XSTRATA NORTH QUEENSLAND WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 RESULTS

<i>Event</i>		<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runner up</i>	<i>Score</i>
Open Mens singles	12	Glen Barnes (N.Z)	David Coulson (Brisbane)	64 63
Semi-finalists		Ben Baker (Brisbane)	Andrew Browning (Vic)	
Quarter-finalist		David McCormick (Muttabra)	Mark Towner (Brisbane)	
Quarter-finalists		Kent McKelvie (Gordon Park)	Richard Engles (NSW)	
Open Ladies singles	5	Tiffany Perry (N.Z.)	Janelle Manns (NSW)	64 63
Open Mens Doubles	6	Glen Barnes & Andrew Browning	Richard Engles & David McCormick	16 62 62
Open Ladies Doubles	2	Tiffany Perry & Janelle Manns	Rosalie Turnbull & Lisa Edwards	
Open Mens Consolation Singles	4	Mark Rushton (NSW)	Byron Smith (Wooloowin)	86



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