# GDTA Report on the Les Tapp Juniors Tournament – January 2017

The Les Tapp Inter-association Juniors Tennis Tournament was organised by Tennis SA and held at Next Generation, Memorial Drive from Wednesday 4th January to Friday 6th January 2017.

The weather was very hot, 33 degrees on Wednesday, 36 degrees on Thursday and 39 degrees on Friday. The Friday sessions were cancelled once the 8.30am round was completed. Despite the very hot weather conditions, the GDTA juniors performed strongly and represented us well.

Three different surfaces were used giving our juniors opportunity to play on grass, clay and hardcourt.

GDTA enlisted 11 teams in the tournament including:

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| Girls | Boys |
| Under 10’sUnder 12’sUnder 14’sOpen Girls | Under 10’sUnder 12’sUnder 14’s (three teams)Open Boys (two teams) |

In total 19 girls and 34 boys from GDTA participated in the tournament.

Three teams went through undefeated including the:

* Open Girls Team
* Under 14 Division 1 Boys Team
* Under 14 Division 2 Boys Team 1

The Open Girls Team competed on all three days, they played exceptionally well in the hot conditions and finished undefeated. The four girls included Billie Rose Higg, Olivia Manzie, Bonnie Hart and Poonyarrah McKenzie.

The Under 14’s Division 1 Boys Team included Kristo Daminato, Brodie Johns, Dylan Draper and Rory Hart. This team dominated the division going through undefeated.

The Under 14’s Division 2 Boys Team 1 included Kane Fountas, Toby Fuller, Fletcher Nield and Ben Cullum. This team dominated the division going through undefeated.

The Open Boys Team 1 included Tom Downey, Seth Henderson, Pierce Hynes, Nathan Lean, Jack Crew and Lachlan Coombes. A highlight of the tournament was their defeat of an exceptionally strong Western Districts Team and they only lost to one team during the entire tournament.

The Under 14’s Division 2 Boys Team 2 also played very well and only lost to one team during the tournament, this was to the other GDTA team in that division.

Younger age groups competed well and all players improved as they familiarised to the grass court conditions.

Thank you to the dedicated parents who transported and encouraged the players in hot conditions. Thanks also to Next Generation for allowing us to use the club facilities over the three days, this was very much appreciated. Finally well done to Tennis SA for organising and running a successful tournament.

Congratulations to all players who competed in excellent sportsmanship and proudly represented the Glenelg District.

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