

CRUST US OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPS 2011

The Crust US Open Junior Champs were a major success with almost 60 players competing in the doubles and over 50 entrants in the singles. The difference in the weather between the two events could not have been starker, with the doubles played in beautiful spring twilight and the singles on a cold, showery night.



Doubles was held in brilliant twilight

The event became even more significant after Sam Stosur beat Serena Williams to become the first Aussie female to win a grand slam for over 30 years. Sam dominated the best player of her generation to record a magnificent victory in a tournament where she also set a record for the longest match in the Open era and longest tie breaker in US Open history. Sam is a great ambassador for tennis in Australia and richly deserves her success.

VICTEN's junior event was no less exciting with perhaps the highlight of the event the Open doubles in which Toby and Alfie prevailed over Nick and Victor in a 13 – 11 tie breaker. Nick was to prove somewhat of a master of the tiebreaker, playing three consecutive tie breakers in reaching the semi finals of the open

singles. Sam ultimately beat Nick and went on to win the final playing some superb all court tennis highlighted by several amazing volley winners.

The Radical tournament reached a wonderful climax in both boys and girls events. Isobel was able to hold off close friend Alex S 6 – 4 while Tom L was able to beat Oscar by the same margin in the boys event. Oscar was going for the double after teaming with James G to dominate the doubles event.

Speaking of doubles Jamie A was able to achieve this rare feat when he beat Jacob B to win the Hot Shots singles. Jamie and his great friend Jack R had won the doubles event thanks to a great comeback in the final with Will D and Fabien B.



Jamie & Jack made a great comeback in the Hot Shots final

Many thanks must go to our major sponsor, CRUST pizza in Armadale. Thanks to their great support all competitors enjoyed a fantastic dinner to fuel their performance on the night. Well done to everyone for their performances – our next major tournament will be the Melbourne Cup Masters held on Saturday 29th October. The Hot Shots Masters Challenge is also held in Term 4 – stay tuned for more information.

