

VICTEN v FUTURES CHALLENGE 2008

Our disappointing loss to the TopTenn Academy in November last year had led to us surrendering one of our treasured Challenge Cup's. The team was desperate to defeat the Futures Tennis Academy and restore our pride on July 11th. Having the home court advantage at Orrong Park Tennis Centre was crucial as 24 of the VTA's most promising juniors battled it out.

Captained for the first time by Mimi Gibson and Nathan Ficatis the team performed superbly all day in a very close contest. The challenge was broken into three divisions, Super Stars, Stars and Future Stars – and all three divisions were very closely contested.

Our Future Stars had an incredibly close battle eventually winning 24 sets to 23. The team of Callum, Millie, Will, Paul, Ellison, Oscar, Sam and Will held on as Futures surged later in the day to almost snatch the lead.

The Stars had an even closer challenge, and eventually scores were level after over four hours of tennis. Toby, Gitai, Bevan, Calum, Mitch and Nick all played excellent tennis and supported each other in a Davis Cup like atmosphere to square the matches.

Our Super Stars were the difference winning their tie 19 sets to 5 – in a very strong performance. Mimi, Nathan, Caroline, Joel, Sara, Michael and Sho were determined to lead our young team to victory and they dominated their opposition.



The victorious VTA team with the Challenge Cup

Extra Photos

