

VICTEN v TOPTENN CHALLENGE 2008

One of the greatest traditions of the Victorian Tennis Academy is the TOPTENN Challenge. Now in its 10th year the challenge is a highlight for both players and coaches alike. Leading into this year challenge, TOPTENN held the trophy, while VICTEN had won the title 5 – 4 – all the previous challenges have been closely contested and created a great relationship between the two academies.

This year we were missing several of our top players – we would have to rely on the depth of our squad and the young emerging players to take home the Challenge Cup. The coaching group had been spending a lot of energy in developing these players in 2008. It was most rewarding to see these very players perform superbly to set a most enjoyable day.



VICTEN looked very smart in red t-shirts and black caps [with section captains in white caps.] The teams lined up and sized each other up before the challenge. All players were divided into age group divisions and seeded against similar players from TOPTENN ensuring closely contested matches.

For the first time in challenge history we involved our players aged 7 – 9 years old. While traditionally this age group has been encouraged to only take lessons, VICTEN is encouraging its young players to compete in modified matches and learn how to “play” the game. These youngsters were the stars of the VICTEN team and comfortably won their section. They are seen in action in this picture.



The team was jubilant to have won the trophy. The strength of the teamwork and camaraderie was a highlight of the day. In the end VICTEN won by 79 sets – 55.

Red Section 24 – 19

Orange Section 24 – 5

Green Section 35 – 31

Well done to the team – it was one of the best victories in the challenges history and a wonderful day for VICTEN!



