

The tennis season was started with two junior tournaments held over the long weekend. The first was the Franklin Primary schools tournament, which was run on Friday. 15 schools from the area sent 30 Boys and 25 Girls to compete. A lot was at stake as the winners in the year 7 & 8 section qualifying to play in the North Island Champs to be held in Pukekohe in the first week of December.

Winner of Year 7 & 8 Boys Trent Smith (Pukekohe Intermediate). Runner up Bradley Hagan (View Road).

Winner of Year 7 & 8 Girls Kelly Drew (Pukekohe Intermediate). Runner up Shaylee Syme (Patumahoe School)

Winner of Year 6 and below Boys Max Gaskell (Pukekawa). Runner up Devon Syme (Patumahoe)

Winner of year 6 and below Girls Caitlin Ward (Bombay) Runner up Anna Volz (AkaAka School)

Kelly Drew and Trent Smith will now represent the region at the North Island Championships.

The Hunter Withers Counties Open was played over the Saturday and Sunday.

Of the 72 entries we were pleased to host 27 Auckland Players, 13 from Waikato, 7 from Thames Valley and the balance being our local players.

A high standard of tennis was played especially in the boys 16s age group. Of our locals Trent Smith was runner up in the Boys 14s, Shaylee Syme was Runner up in the 14s girls. Connor Smith and Roddy Peat were runners up in the Boys 16s Doubles final.

It was a successful weekend , made easier with the abundance of sun shining to enable the games to go on as scheduled.

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