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Wren reigns and Graham grabs another title

NSW's Kelly Wren has continued her reign over the Australian Tennis Championships for players with an intellectual disability winning her 18th consecutive title at Melbourne Park on Saturday. While Wren celebrated her 18th consecutive title, young Queenslander Archie Graham is well on his way to establishing his own reign collecting his third consecutive title.

Undefeated in 18 years, Wren progressed to the final with a win in the semi final over former doubles partner Kate Wilson (QLD) 6-1. Wren's opponent in the final was Victoria's Carla Lenarduzzi. Making her return to the Australian Tennis Championships after an absence of 8 years, Lenarduzzi won a closely fought semi final over fellow Victorian Sharon Morse 7-6 in a tie break (8-6).

Ironically Wren and Lenarduzzi played each other in the first round in the round robin component of the Championship with Wren winning 6-2. Despite losing, Lenarduzzi's performance in this early match showed she would be a threat for these Championships. This was Lenarduzzi's second finals appearance having played Wren in the Championship decider in 2006.

The final proved to be a worthy match with Wren taking the first set 6-4, before clinching the title with a 6-2 win in the second.

The playoff for third place between Morse and Wilson wasn't going to be as easy as their first round encounter won 6-0 by Morse. Wilson came ready to play taking Morse to another tie-break, Morse winning a very close and hard fought match 7-6.

Playing in his third Championships, Graham made his way to the final with a 6-0 win over doubles partner Damian Phillips in the semi final. The final was to be a rematch of the previous two years against Queensland's Mitchell James who secured his place in the final with a 6-1 win over Victoria's Zvi Schweitzer.

In a thrilling match dominated with some big hitting and base line rallies, Graham proved too strong winning 6-3, 6-3. Graham now joins Tasmania's Scott Crowden and Victoria's Hugh Ennor with three Men's singles titles.

Schweitzer and Phillips played off for third place with Schweitzer winning 6-2.

With the absence of current doubles champions James and Josh Holloway, Graham and Phillips were seeded number 1 and favourites to win their first doubles title. The number 2 seeded team of Schweitzer and David Burke (NSW) took the first set 6-4 before Graham and Phillips bounced back taking the second 6-2 and then dominated the tie break 10-4 to claim their first doubles title.

In the women's doubles the number 1 ranked team of Wren and Morse were favourites to take out their 6th consecutive doubles title. Their opponents in the final were Lenarduzzi and Victoria's Fiona Taylor. Wren and Morse winning 6-2 6-1.

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