

Exceptional weather, with events played from 9.30 Friday 28th – the State champs have produced some sensational tennis matches! We have reduced numbers from 2017, but high quality tennis just the same! A few upsets have made it interesting in the Men's Singles, with Rick Anderson keeping Neville Rodwell going for three hours on Sunday! Bob Morgan ousted #2 seed, Dennis Bindon in the 75MS and after three and a half hours, in the 50s, Tim Sedgwick conceded to Michael Vickery on Saturday. Tim then had to front up with his mate Matt Taylor for Doubles....scintillating stuff, taking out the #2 seeds! They will feature in the Final on Monday against Victorians Stephen Sharpe and Martin Warwick.

The 35s was reduced to 3 participants this year – won by Victorian Agim Kurti who was defending the title. 40s top seed Steven Eckstein (from RSA, and now QLD) will meet Batemans Bay's Doug Skipper, (a dark horse) in the Final. Neither Igor Jovanovic #1 nor Richard Dodson #2 has been stretched in the 45s, as both have had comfortable wins all the way to the Final. # 1 and #2 seeds will also meet in the 50MS – with Chris Gillis and Ivan Stride facing off. Bruce Ferguson will meet his partner Brad Middleton in the 55s, and in the 60s, Terry Hobson will meet Wayne Pascoe, who has only conceded 1 game on the way to the Final. Two Q'landers, Howard Nielsen and Allen Hooper will battle it out in the 65s, having played together in the Doubles. Two round robin groups in the 70s have led Mike Pyne and Neville Rodwell to a Final's berth, and John Butler will play Bob Morgan in the 75's. Defending 80s champ John O'Brien (85+) will play Norm Richardson (recovering from serious illness) in the final.

Not many women ventured into Singles – so it was reduced to 4 age brackets. The youngsters (incl a couple of siblings) produced some excellent tennis – with Nicole Pinchbeck defeating both Monique Wakefield (her sister) and Natasha Melville. Narelle Raftery will face Wanda Howes once again in the 50-55s, and Suzy Ellis and Sara Goddard will play out the 60s. Mary Gordon (in her 80th year) took Judith Rodins to three sets on Sunday, and will play Marilyn Simpson on Monday, in the 65-75s. What a sensational performance - well done, Mary!

See the draws on www.92computing.com.au – for all the other Finals (in Doubles and Mixed) coming up on Monday.