

## **Sally Peers makes huge run through to Australian Open Quarterfinal**

Kooyong's Sally Peers has made a brilliant run through the Australian Open doubles event with young British sensation Laura Robson.

The teenage pair were given a wildcard into the event and started with a match against experienced Americans Jill Craybas and Abigail Spears.

Peers and Robson started well by winning a tight first set 6/3 and the girls continued to play well by winning another close set 7/5 to take the match and move into the second round.

The girls then faced the seeded pairing of Chia-Jung Chuang of Taipei and Kveta Peshcke from Czechoslovakia and despite being the underdogs going into the match they took it up to the twelfth seeds and made the first set their own.

After taking the first set 6/3, Peers and Robson continued to keep their noses in front and eventually took the set and the match 6/4 to oust their highly credentialed opponents in straight sets.

This was by no means an easy feat and allowed the girls to move into the round of 16 where they were to meet Vera Dushevina of Russia and the recently naturalised Anastasia Rodionova of Australia.

Again Peers and Robson outplayed their more seasoned opponents and were able to shine on the international stage while the pair at the other end of the court looked to be extremely frustrated as they were taken out by a pair of teenagers, as talented as they may have been.

The girls won their way through to the Australian Open quarterfinal with a convincing 6/3 6/3 victory and a meeting with two of the world's most talented players in Maria Kirilenko from Russia and Agnieszka Radwanska from Poland.

This match was always going to be tough for the two girls and it proved to be exactly that in the first set as Kirilenko and Radwanska won it 6/1.

The girls then fought their way back into the match but it wasn't to be as Peers and Robson were unfortunately knocked out 6/1 6/4.

It was a wonderful run through the Australian Open and will no doubt give Sally and Laura great confidence that they can match it with the best players in the world.

Well-done Sally!