

Kooyong's Sally Peers Reaches Northern Territory International Final

Sally Peers has started her Australian Pro Circuit campaign with a fantastic result at the Northern Territory International in Darwin last week.

After finishing last year ranked 445, Sally has had another big year that has included lowering her ranking to a career high of 344, winning the Junior Wimbledon Doubles title and she also turned 18 a few months ago.

In last week's event she played some fantastic tennis against some of Australia's best young talent before taking it up to Alicia Molik in the final of her comeback event before going down 6/3 6/4.

Sally, seeded eighth, started the week a little slowly as she took on a qualifier, Hayley Ericksen, in the first round but she soon found her form to eventually move through to the second round 3/6 6/3 6/2.

The next round saw Sally take on another one of Australia's promising juniors in Monika Wejnert and it was a fantastic battle between the two girls before Sally came out on top at the end of a long match 7/6 4/6 6/4.

In the third round Sally faced off against another qualifier, Ashling Sumner, who had a very impressive win over the third seed, Marija Mirkovic, in the first round.

This time she was ready for her younger opponent and she took control of the game in the first set and never let Sumner into the match and moved through to the semi final with a 6/3 6/3 victory.

In the semi final Sally faced off against the top seed and good friend, Olivia Rogowska and would have known she was in for a tough battle with the 167th ranked woman in the world.

The first set went to a tiebreaker and it was Sally that came out on top, winning seven points to three, and she continued to play well in the second set before taking the set and the match 7/6 7/5 to move into her first ITF singles final.

In the final, Sally played very well against the experienced Molik but she couldn't quite get past a very good opponent on the day.

It was a fantastic week for Sally and it would have provided her with the confidence that she can beat anyone on the Pro Tour circuit as we move towards next year's Australian Open.

