

# Belinda Woolcock Wins National 14's Title

Kooyong's Belinda Woolcock has continued the recent success of Jessie Tamber, who won the 14's Optus Winter Nationals title, by winning the 14's Optus Spring Nationals in Perth last week.

Seeded fourth for the event, Belinda had a bye through the first round before cruising past WA's Andrea Neoh in the second round 6/1 6/2.

Apart from the final, Belinda's third round match turned out to be her toughest encounter for the week. She faced the unseeded Ali Connell from WA and made hard work of the first set before escaping in the tiebreaker.

The second set was all one-way traffic as Connell fought her way back into the match, wrapping the second set up six games to love but Belinda was able to steady herself as the final set began.

It remained tight throughout the final set but eventually Belinda's experience shone through as she took the vital break late in the set to win the match 7/6 0/6 7/5 to move through to a quarter final against the eleventh seed, Morgan Brand from South Australia.

Belinda stamped her authority on the event in the next two matches, she won her quarter final and semi final in convincing fashion to move into the final against the exciting young talent from the Northern Territory and top seed, Kassandra Duner.

The final turned out to be a classic battle as both girls fought for the ascendancy in the first set and it needed a tiebreaker to separate them.

Belinda fought through the tiebreaker to win the set and give herself a great opportunity of winning the title but Duner wasn't finished yet.

The top seed made the second set her own and got herself back into the match by it 6/3 but the fight back may have taken its toll as Belinda raced through the final set to win the match 7/6 3/6 6/1 to win the National title.

Belinda also played well in the doubles, making it through to the semi final with her partner Grace O'Rourke.

Congratulations Belinda on a wonderful effort!

