

# Australian Junior Championships

## Queensland shines bright at AJC

*Kim Schramm*

The 2019 Australian Junior Championships have just concluded with Queensland athletes winning 5 individual titles and the Combined Team Championship with a nail biting finish against Victoria.



**Sarbani Maitra** (pictured with her coach Robyn Prentice) got the ball rolling with a 11-8, 11-2, 11-3 victory over Maeghan Wang (NSW) in just 12 minutes.

Despite the lack of competition in the Girls U11 event Sarbani is definitely a future star in the making.

#1 seed **Joshua Rahul Raj** beat #2 seed Aryan Madan (SA) 11-6, 11-5, 11-5 (20m) to win the Boys U13 National Championship and chalk up Queensland's second title.



**Madison Lyon** (pictured with Shark coaches Steve Finitis and Nathan Turnbull) was just a class act in the U15 Girls event winning the final against Gabrielle Baines (VIC) 11-5, 11-4, 11-2 in a blistering 13 minutes.

Whilst it was a shock to see the #7 seed win the U17 Boys title it was no surprise to any Queenslander.

**BJ MacDonald** has always been one of the best players in Australia. He has had many epic battles with Greg Chan (who reached the final of the U19 Boys) and fully deserves to win the U17 title.

BJ beat #1 seed Dylan Classen from WA in the semi final 9-11, 11-5, 15-13, 7-11, 11-3 (46m) before taking on his arch rival in Queensland in the final. There he beat #5 seed Luke Eyles 8-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1 (34m).

The U17 event had its fair share of classic five setters. #13 seed Nicholas Briggs from Queensland upset #2 seed Kijan Sultana (Qld) 10-12, 5-11, 11-6, 12-10, 11-7 (57m) to reach the semi final against Luke Eyles. Luke then beat Nicholas 11-13, 6-11, 11-9, 11-3, 15-13 (58m) to reach the final.



**U17 Boys Presentation**



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## Individual Championship Report

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To finish 3rd Dylan Classen had to fight back from 0-2 down to outlast Nicholas Briggs 8-11, 6-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-9 (48m).



**U19 Boys Presentation**

**Katie Davies** dominated the U17 Girls to win the 5th title for Queensland. Katie won all her matches in three and won the final 11-5, 15-13, 11-6 (26m) against Maggie Goodman (NSW).

NSW won 3 titles with Marcus Wang winning the U11 Boys, Maja Maziuk winning the U13 Girls and Jacob Ford taking out the prestigious U19 Boys title.

Victoria and South Australia took home 1 title each. Andre Lynn won the U15 Boys whilst Australia's best female squash player Alex Haydon won the U19 Girls title.

It was Alex Haydon's last AJC. She played in eight and won 7 titles. Squash Media would like to wish her every success for the future.



**Greg with Jenny Duncalf**

Western Australia's **Greg Chan** won the MC Hazell Award for Boys and ACT's **Amber Chen** won the MC Hazell Award for Girls.

Despite WA not sending a team to compete in the Team Championship it was great to see so many of their players competing in the individuals - 12 in fact. Whilst they didn't take home any GOLD they made their presence felt winning 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.

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## Individual Championship Report

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## Individual Results:

### U11 Boys

Champion	<b>Marcus Wang (NSW)</b> 11-9, 11-6, 11-4 (18m)
Runner-up	Flynn Bartlett (QLD)
Third Place	Joel Roshan Raj (QLD)

### U11 Girls

<b>Sarbani Maitra (QLD)</b> 11-8, 11-2, 11-3 (12m)
Maeghan Wang (NSW)

### U13 Boys

Champion	<b>Joshua Rahul Raj (QLD)</b> 11-6, 11-5, 11-5 (20m)
Runner-up	Aryan Madan (SA)
Third Place	Darcy Hayes (VIC)

### U13 Girls

<b>Maja Maziuk (NSW)</b> 13-11, 9-11, 11-4, 11-4 (22m)
Isla Harris (WA)
Hannah Slyth (WA)

### U15 Boys

Champion	<b>Andre Lynn (VIC)</b> 11-1, 11-9, 11-7 (25m)
Runner-up	Kenneth Lamb (NSW)
Third Place	Josh Porter (QLD)

### U15 Girls

<b>Madison Lyon (QLD)</b> 11-5, 11-4, 11-2 (13m)
Gabrielle Baines (VIC)
Caitlin Pratt (WA)

### U17 Boys

Champion	<b>Brendan MacDonald (QLD)</b> 8-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1 (34m)
Runner-up	Luke Eyles (QLD)
Third Place	Dylan Classen (WA)

### U17 Girls

<b>Katie Davies (QLD)</b> 11-5, 15-13, 11-6 (26m)
Maggie Goodman (NSW)
Kurstyn Mather (QLD)

### U19 Boys

Champion	<b>Jacob Ford (NSW)</b> 11-4, 11-6, 11-2 (24m)
Runner-up	Gregory Chan (WA)
Third Place	Dylan Molinaro (VIC)

### U19 Girls

<b>Alex Haydon (SA)</b> 11-6, 11-9, 11-6 (25m)
Remashree Muniandy (SA)
Kate Winters (SA)



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## Team Championship Report

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### Queensland Sharks ... Back on Top!



			U13		U15		U17		U19		TOTAL	
R1	QLD	SA	22	6	27	1	28	0	16	12	93	19
	VIC	TAS	28	0	28	0	27	1	25	3	108	4
	NSW	ACT	27	1	22	6	25	3	0	22	74	32
R2	QLD	TAS	27	1	28	0	27	1	27	1	109	3
	VIC	NSW	26	2	22	6	21	7	28	0	97	15
	SA	ACT	23	5	17	11	10	6	22	6	72	28
R3	QLD	NSW	27	1	21	7	26	2	28	0	102	10
	VIC	ACT	28	0	28	0	28	0	26	2	110	2
	SA	TAS	28	0	16	12	10	6	16	12	70	30
R4	QLD	ACT	23	5	23	5	28	0	21	7	95	17
	VIC	SA	22	6	28	0	28	0	16	12	94	18
	NSW	TAS	22	6	27	1	23	5	2	20	74	32
R5	QLD	VIC	2	26	17	11	27	1	16	12	62	50
	NSW	SA	12	16	22	6	28	0	12	16	74	38
	TAS	ACT	10	18	10	18	10	0	21	1	51	37

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## Team Championship Report

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The Sharks are back to their winning ways. Chasing their 15th title in a row in 2018 the maroons got tangled up in shark nets laid out by the Western Australian Team!

Despite WA beating Queensland on the final day 62 to 50 (10 match wins to 6) the overall points at the end of the Championship stood at 610 to 609!

With the West Aussies not defending their title in 2019 the Sharks were favoured to win and whilst they did but it was another close encounter!

In 2018 Queensland comprehensively beat Victoria 90 points to 22 so it was expected the Sharks would win in 2019.

On the final day both teams were undefeated with Victoria leading the way on 409 points to Queensland's 399. All was looking a little bleak when Victoria crushed Queensland 26-2 to win the U13 team title, however the U15 Sharks snuck home 17-11 before the U17 magnificent maroons trounced the Victorians 27-1. Victoria was just holding on to a slender 2 point lead 447 to 445!

The whole Combined Team Championship came down to the final match and Victoria must have been thinking they were about to win their very first Overall Team Championship when Dylan Molinaro led Josh Penfold 2 games to love but you can never count a Queenslander down and out!

Slowly but surely Josh fought his way back into the match and levelled up the clash at 2 games all. Now everyone was nervous! At 10-9 match ball Josh Penfold served for the match. The match ended with a "no let" call from the referee and Team Captain Josh Penfold had pulled off the greatest victory of his life. The Queenslanders stormed the court to congratulate him. Josh won 7-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9 (47 mins).

The final result saw Queensland win 62 to 50 and the overall points were 461 to 459!

Overall	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 <b>Queensland</b>		62	102	93	109	95	461
2 Victoria	50		97	94	108	110	459
3 South Australia	19	18		38	70	72	217
4 NSW	10	15	74		74	74	247
5 Tasmania	3	4	30	32		51	120
6 ACT	17	2	28	32	37		116
	99	101	331	289	398	402	1620

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**A very brave Victorian Team**

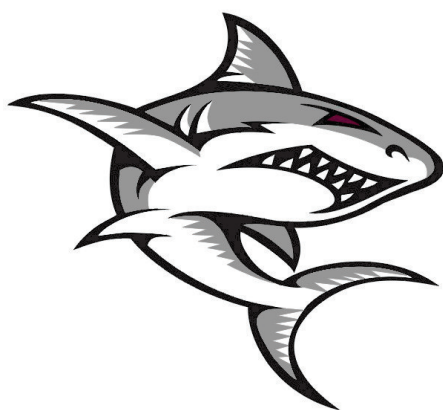
## Results from each age group:

U19		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	QLD		16	16	27	21	28	108
2	VIC	12		16	25	26	28	107
3	SA	12	12		16	22	16	78
4	TAS	1	3	12		21	20	57
5	ACT	7	2	6	1		22	38
6	NSW	0	0	12	2	0		14
		32	33	62	71	90	114	402

U17		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	QLD		27	26	27	28	28	136
2	VIC	1		21	27	28	28	105
3	NSW	2	7		23	28	25	85
4	TAS	1	1	5		6	10	23
5	SA	0	0	0	10		10	20
6	ACT	0	0	3	0	6		9
		4	35	55	87	96	101	378

U15		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	QLD		17	21	23	27	28	116
2	VIC	11		22	28	28	28	117
3	NSW	7	6		22	22	27	84
4	ACT	5	0	6		11	18	40
5	SA	1	0	6	17		16	40
6	TAS	0	0	1	10	12		23
		24	23	56	100	100	117	420

U13		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	VIC		26	22	26	28	28	130
2	QLD	2		22	27	23	27	101
3	SA	6	6		16	23	28	79
4	NSW	2	1	12		27	22	64
5	ACT	0	5	5	1		18	29
6	TAS	0	1	0	6	10		17
		10	39	61	76	111	123	420



## U13 Boys U13 Girls

Flynn Bartlett	Caitlin Clarke
Michael Lawrence	Kayce Hoani-Vincent
Deeptangsu Maitra	Ally Rhodes

## U15 Boys U15 Girls

Henry Bush	Shona Coxsedge
Lachlan Erba	Payton Douglas
Josh Porter	Madison Lyon

## U17 Boys U17 Girls

Nick Briggs	Sophie Fadaely
Luke Eyles	Ariel Lyon
Brendan MacDonald	Kurstyn Mather

## U19 Boys U19 Girls

Lachlan Michel	Katie Davies
Josh Penfold	Lauren Luck
Josh Wood	Tasmin Swan

### Queensland

### Victoria

U13 B1	Michael Lawrence	Darcy Hayes	0 3	6-11, 6-11, 4-11
U13 B2	Flynn Bartlett	Haider Naqvi	1 3	4-11, 9-11, 12-10, 6-11
U13 G1	Kayce Hoani-Vincent	Hala Hegazy	0 3	4-11, 9-11, 13-15
U13 G2	Ally Rhodes	Joanne Joseph	1 3	5-11, 15-13, 3-11, 6-11
U15 B1	Josh Porter	Andre Lynn	0 3	3-11, 9-11, 4-11
U15 B2	Lachlan Erba	Connor Hayes	3 0	12-10, 11-7, 11-5
U15 G1	Madison Lyon	Courtney Scholtz	3 0	11-4, 11-2, 11-8
U15 G2	Shona Coxsedge	Gabrielle Baines	1 3	11-6, 7-11, 8-11, 4-11
U17 B1	Brendan MacDonald	Jack Quinlivan	3 0	11-9, 12-10, 11-9
U17 B2	Luke Eyles	Christopher Pon	3 0	11-3, 11-9, 11-3
U17 G1	Kurstyn Mather	Eishaanii Sukunesan	3 1	11-7, 5-11, 11-8, 11-5
U17 G2	Sophie Fadaely	Nicola Baines	3 0	11-5, 11-7, 11-7
U19 B1	Joshua Penfold	Dylan Molinaro	3 2	7-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9
U19 B2	Lockie Michel	Alex Baines	0 3	3-11, 8-11, 5-11
U19 G1	Katie Davies	Taylah Dyer	3 0	11-0, 11-2, 11-0
U19 G2	Tasmin Swan	Lara du Plessis	2 3	11-9, 8-11, 5-11, 13-11, 9-11

**TEAM RESULTS:** <https://www.sportyhq.com/league/view/event/1426>





*Coach Steve Finitsis with Sharks Captains Katie Davies & Josh Penfold and Coach Nathan Turnbull*

“ AJC this year has by far been my favourite yet! Everyone across the country fought their hearts out throughout both the individuals and teams event. The atmosphere in and around the squash courts was one of an uplifting and positive aroma.

**Katie Davies**

**my AJC experience**

I was very proud to be a member of the winning team, the Queensland Sharks, and even prouder to be given the role of captaining the team. As a result, the other captain and I were given many opportunities to engage with and mentor the younger members of the team on a deeper level.

The teams event brought out the best in everyone. Personally, I was undefeated against all players in the U19s apart from the South Australian U19 girls. As an age group, the 6 of us managed to stay undefeated against all teams and in the end claim the age group gold. Not only did the sharks win gold in the 19s, but also gold in the 17s, 15s and silver in the 13s!!



On the final day against our top competition Victoria, though everyone was tired and not feeling 100%, each showed up exceptionally well and the cheering and support from all players was sensational. No matches were a guaranteed win as anything can happen on the day, but everyone gave it their all and “took care of business” ... as said by Nathan Turnbull (coach).

“ Individuals was tough as I came up against the 4<sup>th</sup> seed in the second round and wasn't able to put it together losing in 3, then going on to win my next two matches in the 9 to 10 draw in 4 and 5, then playing off for 9 to 10 against the 6<sup>th</sup> seed, winning that one in 4 and finishing 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Josh Penfold**

**my AJC experience**

During the team's event we played a total of 5 teams. The first day we played Tasmania and South Australia, on the second day we played New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory and the third day was Victoria.

The scores were very close during the first two days of teams, with Victoria leading by the end of the two days. By the third day we all knew what was expected of us, we had to try our hardest to win as many matches as possible.

The Victorian team started off strong winning the under 13's 4-0. The Queensland's under 15's team were 2 rubbers all at the end and won on a count back of games.

Our under 17's stayed strong throughout the entire teams event winning everything 4-0. However, the under 19's team felt the pressure building as they had to win at least 2 matches out of the 4 to win.

Tasmin Swan had a close 5 setter but was not able to win the fifth and Lockie Michel was not feeling the best but fought hard and lost in a close 3 setter, so it was down to Katie and I to deliver for the team. Katie was on and off the court as quick as possible giving away just two points in total for the entire match, so it was up to me to get the win.

I had a slow start losing the first two games, then as I gained momentum and the team grew louder, I won the next two games comfortably. Going into the fifth I was pumped and ready to go down fighting, but it became a close game with every point being hard fought.

The team backed me up throughout the match, making as much noise as possible. At 9 all I won the point on a crisp drive, taxiing my opponent which then allowed me to have match ball.

The crowd was silent as the final point was played, with me winning it on a “no let” call. It's a moment I will never forget as Queensland rushed on court to congratulate me on the win and celebrate our team winning the teams title.