Albury 2009

Victorious U15 Heathfield Team

Team

Malachi Murch
Luke Breen
Michael Shanahan
Beau Thomas
Callan Sarre
Matthew Moore
James Cornish

The boys started the week superbly with a hard fought five setter win over the Victorian state team then an easy win over Sunraysia. The next day they dispatched one of the fancied Queensland teams in four sets then NSW easily in three. Day three Norwood and ACT were defeated emphatically setting up a semi final showdown against the other Queensland team. With consistent serving and team play the boys won in four sets and then had to back up within 20 minutes to play the top Victorian team in the final. The first set was a clinical display of great control and completely surprised the more fancied Vic team. The next four sets were extremely close with both teams fighting in out in a classic, highly entertaining match.
Steady nerves under pressure by all of the players resulted in a fantastic win. Strong leadership was shown throughout the week from the Year 9 boys of Malachi Murch, Luke Breen, Beau Thomas and Callan Sarre and the Year 8 boys produced shots well beyond their experience all week but particularly in the dying stages of the gold medal match. A special mention has to be made of Malachi Much, clearly the best player in the competition by a country mile. He had an unbelievable 156 kill points for the competition and a displayed a level of sportsmanship that invoked praise from the organisers and opposition coaches.
An outstanding effort from the players, well done!

Results:
Defeated Victoria White 3-2
Defeated Sunraysia 3-0
Defeated Queensland Maroon 3-1
Defeated NSW Navy 3-0
Defeated Norwood 3-0
Defeated ACT 3-0
Defeated Queensland (Semi) 3-1
Defeated Victoria Blue (Grand) 3-2