

■ tennis

Doing the hard yards

THE two stars of the Pure Tennis Academy were in town last week and did not disappoint.

Highly-ranked Australians Mirenko Matosevic and Nick Lindahl trained at

the Ferny Hills Tennis Centre for the first time before leaving for the American hardcourt circuit.

Pure Tennis Academy's co-owner Marc Kimmich took them, along with fellow

tour players Leon and Isaac Frost, through their paces for five hours a day in the sultry Brisbane conditions.

Ferny Grove State High tennis students also got a chance to watch the ATP

stars from adjoining courts as they worked at perfecting their games.

Academy co-owner Wayne Brumm said Matosevic and Lindahl loved their new Australian base.

"They'll be back between tournaments," he said.

"They loved the courts because they've been resurfaced and are a similar pace to what they are used to on tour."



WINNING MOVE: Mirenko Matosevic (above).

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POWER PLAY: Nick Lindahl (right).

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TOP SHOT: Isaac Frost (left).

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■ rugby league

Brothers show strength in their 75th year

ON THE back of their first senior premiership in more than a decade, Brothers are going from strength to strength in 2010.

As the Brethren prepare to celebrate their 75th year, they have nominated three senior teams to compete in the Brisbane Second

Division rugby league competition.

Last season, under the guidance of Shane Kelly, the Northside 3 team steamrolled to a title before moving up a division.

Kelly will coach them again this season.

The two other senior

teams are a Northside 3 team to be coached by Matt Haydon, and an under-20 outfit led by former player Peter Butterworth.

President Roger Whyte said Brothers were also looking strong in the juniors after two sign-on days, but were still looking for

players in the under-11s, under-15s and under-16s.

"The 16s are coached by former Brothers and St George player Trevor Bailey, so what a great opportunity for any young footballer," he said.

There are plans to celebrate the landmark year

off the field as well as on with an anniversary dinner at Kallangur's Norths Sporting Club on June 19.

A Karl Dunn Memorial Golf day will be held on March 19 at Wantima Golf Club.

The four-ball ambrose event is \$85 a head.



Reds at clinic

RUGBY Queensland Reds Morgan Turinui and Liam Gill will be at the Albany Creek GPS Rugby Club on Wednesday to help conduct a pre-season coaching clinic. The Brumbies are holding clinics in February to help bridge the gap between sign-on day and the start of official training in March. Last week's first session was a roaring success. The club had 160 youngsters refining their skills. On Wednesday, Turinui and Gill will help with the clinic between 6-7pm and sign autographs.

West's winners

RUGBY LEAGUE Wests Mitchelton continued a red hot run in the North West Pre-Season Challenge on Friday with a win over Ferny Grove. Wests Mitchie won 50-0 to make it two-from-two after their first-up 30-0 victory over Wests Arana Hills. They will look to make it a clean sweep against Brothers at Kev McKell Oval on Friday night. Wests Arana bounced back from the week-one hiding with a strong 18-16 win over Brothers. Wests Arana will play Ferny Grove in the first game on Friday.

Going for gold

SWIMMER Hannah Beighton led the Albany Creek charge at the Queensland sprint swimming championships earlier this month, winning the club's only gold medal.

Hannah won the 14 years girls' 50m breaststroke as Albany Creek also cashed in with a swag-full of minor medals.

Kedron in final

NETBALL Kedron Lions Blue have booked a spot in the Grand Final of Brisbane Netball Association's Wednesday night A Grade competition after an easy win over Flashez last week. Kedron were comfortable 50-37 winners and will play the winner of Tuesday night's match between Kedron Lions Gold and Wildcats, which was rescheduled.

Racing ahead

SWIMMING Newmarket Racers continued a strong start to the year with a number of medallists at a senior meet at Chandler at the weekend. Drew Martin won two silvers, while Brendan Judd and Aoife Scales won silvers. Aoife also collected two bronze medals, and Kaitlin Borgeaud-Moo won a bronze. Newmarket's boys under-16 medley relay team of James Tooley, Judd, Martin and Harry Podbury finished third in their event.

Crews named

ROWING Clear Mountain's Chris Anderson has been selected to row for Queensland's Men's Youth Eight team at the national championships in Victoria next month. Anderson's selection was confirmed last Friday as Queensland named all of its interstate crews for the regatta at Lake Nagambie, March 1-7.