



Federer wins second AAMI Classic title

Roger Federer has completed his preparation for the Australian Open in the best way possible as he breezed past Stanislas Wawrinka in the final of the AAMI Classic.

The all Swiss final was billed as the master versus the apprentice but the champion raced out of the blocks to a 4/0 lead before Wawrinka knew what was happening.

Federer was in total control from the beginning and never let up as he destroyed his countryman in the first set 6/1.

The world number two looked set to wreak havoc again in the second set until Wawrinka began to find his range and worked his way into the match but it was just too late.

Federer had taken an early break in the second set and continued to dominate the match in all aspects as he cruised to victory against his Davis Cup teammate.

The 6/1 6/3 scoreline underlined Federer's dominance despite Wawrinka playing himself into the match in the final few games and bodes well for Federer's chances at next week's Australian Open.

We could also see a rematch of the AAMI Classic final next week as Wawrinka is drawn to play Federer in the fourth round if they make it through their first three matches.

One thing is for certain, the tennis world will have taken note, Roger Federer is ready for next week's Australian Open and is keen to resume his spot at the top of the rankings in 2009.

In the earlier playoff for 3rd and 4th Fernando Verdasco won the battle of the forehands when he defeated Fernando Gonzalez 6/4 6/3 to top off a great week for the Spaniard.

He will enter next week's Australian Open with plenty of confidence after his breakthrough year in 2008.

It's been another wonderful week here at the AAMI Kooyong Classic as we look forward to Monday's Australian Open.

