



TENNIS JAMAICA NEWSLETTER

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Tennis Jamaica July 2009 Rankings

Based on tournament results August 2008 – July 2009, the top ranked players in each category are:-

Boys

| Age Category | Player | Points |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|
| 18 & Under | Camarsh Crumbie | 455 |
| 16 & Under | Daniel Harris | 410 |
| 14 & Under | Alex Anderson | 387.5 |
| 12 & Under | Roger Lyn | 440 |

Girls

| Age Category | Player | Points |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|
| 18 & Under | Sicquena Sinclair | 500 |
| 16 & Under | Shelita Haughton | 310 |
| 14 & Under | Michaelann Denton | 430 |
| 12 & Under | Shae-Ann Kameka | 305 |

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ROSE HALL JUNIOR TENNIS CLASSIC PART II



Maiz Sinclair receives the Boys 14 runner-up trophy from Tournament Director, Mr. Simon Casserly.

WESTERN SPORTS The Sports People

All of Kingston flocked to Montego Bay for the Rose Hall Junior Tennis Series Part II which was held on May 30 – May 31, 2009, at the Hilton Resort. It was an exciting and enjoyable competition sponsored by Gore Developments Limited, Rose Hall Resort and Spa, Good Fit, Caribbean Storm Protection, First Global Bank, Fontana Pharmacy and Dango's Enterprise.

The results were:

| Singles | Winner | Runner-Up |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Boys 10 | D'Mitri Bird | George Olverson |
| Boys 12 | Roger Lyn | Jacob Bicknell |
| Boys 14 | Roger Lyn | Maiz Sinclair |
| Boys 16 | Sheldon McIntosh | Oshane Trail |
| Boys 18 | Sheldon McIntosh | Camarsh Crumbie |
| Girls 12 | Shaeda Nickle | Olivia Chin |
| Girls 14 | Shadae Finlay | Shae-Ann Kameka |
| Girls 16 | Shelita Haughton | Sharah Orett |
| Girls 18 | Shelita Haughton | Nordian Campbell |

PAN CARIBBEAN ALL JAMAICA JUNIOR



Girls 18 & Under Singles champion and Girls MVP Nia Rose receives her trophy from Miss Tanya Allgrove of Pan Caribbean.



Boys 14 Singles Champion Daniel Harris receives his trophy from Miss Tanya Allgrove of Pan Caribbean.



Joseph Ross Boys 16's & 18's Champion and Boys MVP receives his trophy from Miss Tanya Allgrove of Pan Caribbean

The Pan Caribbean All Jamaica Junior Championship was held at Tennis Jamaica's Head Quarters at the Eric Bell Tennis Centre in Cross Roads from July 1-5. The Tournament saw a record number of competitors in both boys and girls categories. The competition attracted over 120 juniors from across the island.

The results were:

| Singles | Winner | Runner-Up |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Boys 10 | Jacob Bicknell | D'Mitri Bird |
| Boys 12 | Roger Lyn | Neils Van Dam |
| Boys 14 | Daniel Harris | Alex Anderson |
| Boys 16 | Joseph Ross | Sheldon McIntosh |
| Boys 18 | Joseph Ross | Sheldon McIntosh |
| Girls 12 | Olivia Chin | Bianca Peterkin |
| Girls 14 | Michaelann Denton | Shadae Finlay |
| Girls 16 | Shantal Blackwood | Nia Rose |
| Girls 18 | Nia Rose | Shantal Blackwood |

| Doubles | Winners | Runners-Up |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Boys | Joseph Ross / Vincent Williams | Jared Morgan / Sheldon McIntosh |
| Girls | Shantal Blackwood / Sicquena Sinclair | Monique Hanson / Shadae Finlay |

| Most Outstanding | Boy | Girl |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Joseph Ross | Nia Rose |
| Sportsmanship | Alex Anderson | Shelita Haughton |

ITF JAMAICA JUNIOR



Brandon Burke ITF Jamaica Boys 18 & Under Champion in action.



Brandon Burke receives his ITF Boys 18 & Under Champions trophy from Tennis Jamaica's Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Christine Gore.

The ITF Jamaica Junior Championship was held July 11–18, 2009 at the Eric Bell Tennis Centre and the Senior Common Room at the U.W.I. The Tournament is one of the most prestigious summer tournaments on Tennis Jamaica's Annual Calendar. It has become one of the premier junior summer tournaments in the ITF Central American and Caribbean Circuit.

Over sixty players from twenty-three (23) different countries (Russia Japan, Italy Argentina, to name a few), as well as thirty (30) of our local junior competitors participated.

The Tournament featured some tremendously exciting Tennis in all categories captivating spectators and the media. The highlight of the event was Jamaica's own 16 year old sensation Brandon Burke coming through and winning the boys 18 singles title. This win has helped to propel Burke's ITF world junior ranking to number 154 which should soon enable him to gain entry into some of the top level ITF junior events worldwide.

Tennis Jamaica would like to thank the sponsors whose assistance made this event a success; Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and Wisynco. We also wish to extend a very very special thank you to our World Cup Cricket volunteers led by Mrs. Vilma McDonald, as well as our Tennis Playing Parenting Team of, Mrs. Charmaine Chin Loy, Mrs. Paula Harris, Mrs. Anita Bicknell and Mrs. Elena Girvan, whose support was invaluable.

Fourteen year old Jamaican Daniel Harris also won the boys 14 & under singles event.

Whilst the ITF had a list of improvements which they would wish to see us made to our facilities, all of which are expensive, they did give us a very positive grade. The ITF supervisor Colleen Degannes reported: "The strength of the event is in its organization and the commitment of, to name a few, Mr. Burke, Miss Quest, Mrs.

Johnson who replaced Mrs. Barnes from the Friday, Mr. James the bus driver, Mr. Martin (security) Barbara, Juliet, Nurses Collins and Lemard, and the volunteers who all did yeoman service"



The following are the results:

| Singles | Winner | Runner-Up |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Boys 18 | Brandon Burke (Jamaica) | Alejo Apud (Argentina) |
| Boys 14 | Daniel Harris (Jamaica) | Rafael Neves Gentil (Argentina) |
| Girls 18 | Kelsey Laurente (U.S.A.) | Nadia Alam Echeverria (U.S.A.) |
| Girls 14 | Nia Rose (U.S.A.) | Melena Lopez (Barbados) |

| Doubles | Winners | Runners-Up |
|----------|--|---|
| Boys 18 | Ian Laster/ Garik Yedigarian (U.S.A.) | Brandon Burke/ Yuta Hirokawa (Jamaica/Japan) |
| B 14yoys | Daniel Harris/ Ryan Simms (Jamaica) | Alex Anderson/ Maiz Sinclair (Jamaica) |
| Girls 18 | Kerrie Cartwright/ Nadia A. Echeverria (Bahamas/U.S.A.) | Hai-Li Kong/ Kelsey Laurente (U.S.A.) |



PARENTS & COACHES BEWARE!

The following is an extract of correspondence between Tennis Jamaica and the ITF:

Tennis Jamaica to ITF:-

"We would appreciate your clarifying the application of the Point Penalty System which is included in our Rules of Tennis by virtue of our membership in the ITF.

As we understand it where a child is playing a match and the parent is calling out either before or after or during a point it is possible for the umpire/referee to apply the Point Penalty System to penalise the child for the parents' behaviour.

Please confirm that this is accurate or guide us accordingly".

ITF to Tennis Jamaica:-

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"The Point Penalty System fully allows you to penalise the player for any offence committed by the parent or any other person related to the player who become abusive or offensive on or around the precincts of the Tournament Site. This also extends to the Accommodation Site. When a match is in play the Point Penalty is applied and when off court the System allows for penalisation.

In addition, if this behaviour continues you have the option to have the offending person removed from the site and if they refuse to leave you default the player. Further, you are permitted to ban such person(s) for a specified period from being on or around any site where an event is played. This is done by the disciplinary Committee of your Federation. The player and the offending person are notified by letter and this must be enforced throughout the period of the penalty. You would need to also advise the organising committee and Referee of each sanctioned event of such restriction.

Currently, we have a parent in TRI who is on a 6 months ban and was seen within the boundaries of an event during this period (you would need to state the extent of the perimeters of the site), and the restriction was extended by 3 months,. According to the degree of the offences they could eventually receive longer or permanent restrictions. As an alternative, you can refuse the Player's entry in any event.

Taking action sends the correct signal out that such behaviour would not be tolerated from anyone as it brings the sport into disrepute among other things".



August 10-16: ITF Digicel Junior International (Grade 5) St. Vincent

August 15–17: Highlight Open Junior Tennis Championship – Boys 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18. Girls 12, 14, 16, & 18 (Liguanea Club, Call:-926-8144-5).

August 17-22: ITF 13 & Under Development Championships Tobago.

August 22–29: Wata Amateur Tennis Championship Men's Class 1, 2, 3, & 4 and Ladies Class B (Liguanea Club, Call 926-8144-5).

August 29-30: IBEROSTAR TENNIS CLASSIC, Men's Open (\$50,000 winner, \$25,000 runner-up, semi \$12,500, quarter \$6,250) Men's Classes 2 & 3 and ladies. Open Amateur (Contact Mr. Simon Casserly– 995-8123 or Ms. Lisa Chin 846-5887).

Keep checking www.tennisjamaica.com for updated Calendar of Events!