

Sunday 1 May, 2011

North Queensland Open Tennis Championships Results- Day 2



Day 2 of the NQ Open Tennis Championships currently being played at the Tennis Townsville Centre, North Ward was another amazing day filled with talented tennis matches. The talent we've so far seen this weekend has been amazing as the championships are filled with players from all ages.

The first match of the day commenced at 8.00am this morning.

The Open Mens Singles

The number 1 seed Mark Draper (Townsville) has previously won the Championship title 4 times, will he change it to 5 this year?

Gavin Van Peperzeel (Brisbane), the number 3 seed is hoping for a win this tournament. He has won the last 2 Open he's competed in, so he's also hoping for his winning streak to continue at the NQ Open and take out the title. Gavin said "my biggest competition is definitely Mark Draper; he's won the NQ Open 4 times so he's unquestionably a talented tennis player". Gavin snapped his ankle at the end of 2009 and was out of action for 8 months. Back in full swing, Gavin will have to overcome Mark in the Semi-final to achieve his goal.

Number 1 seed, Mark Draper (Townsville)

21 year old Travis Dragojlo (Toowoomba), the number 2 seed recently lost to Gavin Van Peperzeel (Brisbane) in the Chinchilla Open Tennis Tournament, so he's hoping they can have another go at it and play each other in the Open Mens Singles Finals. Travis said "I'm at good age where I know what works for me and doesn't. I know not to push myself in certain areas, but ensure I train hard with my tennis. I've also been playing on mostly grass court in the last few weeks, so I've been adjusting to hard courts." Travis has only been playing competitive tennis since 2009; he's competed in many tournaments before 2009, however the sport became much more serious when he moved from Townsville to Brisbane in 2009. Travis will have to beat Matt McCray in the semi to book his place in the finals.



Number 1 seed, Harriet Sheahan (Brisbane)

The Open Ladies

18 year old, Harriet Sheahan (Brisbane) tore her calf muscle in January- after 3 months of no play this is her first tournament of the year. And of course her goal is to take out the Championship title. Harriet meets Lizette in the Final tomorrow morning.

Cassie Gramlick (Brisbane) is 20 years of age and is ready to compete in the finals and win the title. She said 'I've been training very hard, almost every day. Any chance I get, I'm out on the courts improving my tennis.' When asked who she thought to be a strong competitor, Lizette Cabrera was mentioned, "I've played Lizette twice before; she's won and I've won, so we're even at the moment. I think playing Lizette will be a very tough match".

Age does not matter in this tournament with 13 year old Lizette Cabrera, the number 3 seed being a strong competitor in the Championships. She's displayed some amazing tennis and so far 2011 has been a great year for her with plenty of winnings. Lizette's biggest achievement so far in 2011 is getting selected to compete in the Junior World Cup in Malaysia - Lizette flies out next week.

Lizette played her way into the finals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Cassie in the semi-final match.

In the 18U Boys Singles Lachlan Kern (Townsville) advanced to the semi-finals, while Seth Siriya (Townsville) succumbed to a nagging knee injury. The Boys final will be played tomorrow morning at 11.00 following the semi-finals at 8.00. Lachlan and Seth are both members of Tennis Townsville's Pickerings DMG Touring squad which is coached by Tennis Townsville Head Coach, Wayne Hannah.

In the 18 U Girls Singles Majella Nobile (Townsville) will meet Pia Eustace (Mackay) in the finals, following two exciting semis. The girls will appreciate a good rest before the final due to start tomorrow morning at 10.15.

Tomorrow is the big day with the Mens Semi Finals, Finals and Ladies Finals taking place. Play will commence at 8.00am with the Mens Semi Finals, The Ladies Final will be played on Court 8 in front of the grand stand at 9.30 with the Open Mens Singles to follow at 11.00.

Come down to Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward to catch all the live action. Entry is free and you have a chance to win 2 x tickets to the Australian Open 2012 thanks to Rebound Ace.

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