

Thursday 28 April 2011

North QLD Open Tennis Championships- on this weekend!

The North Queensland Open Tennis Championships will be held at Tennis Townsville this weekend from Saturday 30 April to Monday 2 May.

Tennis Townsville has received 174 entries in total; there are 34 participants in the Mens Open Singles, 14 participants in the Open Ladies Singles and 23 participants in the 18 Boys Singles.

The top seeds in the Open Mens Singles are 1. Mark Draper (Brisbane), 2. Travis Dragojlo (Ingham), 3. Gavin Van Peperzeel (Brisbane), 4. Norbert Kaess (Townsville), 5. Kane Rochford (Townsville), 6. David Single (Townsville).

In the Open Ladies Singles the top seeds are; 1. Harriett Sheahan (Brisbane), 2. Cassie Gramlick (Toowoomba), 3. Lizette Cabrera (Townsville), 4. Amy Lee Evans (Cairns).

The top seeds in the 18 Boys Singles are 1. Norbert Kaess (Townsville), 2. Seth Siriya (Townsville), 3. Lachlan Kern (Townsville), 4. Quinton Argent (Cairns). And the top seeds in the 18 Girls Singles are 1. Shalyn Vance (Ingham), 2. Tynneal Mancinelli (Ingham).

The number one seed in the Mens Singles, Mark Draper (Brisbane) is going for the fifth North Qld title. Mark has previously won it in 1989, 1990, 2003 and 2009.

Last year's runner up is this year's number 3 seed, Gavin Van Peperzeel (Brisbane) who also has his eyes on the big title.

The number 2 seed, Travis Dragojlo (Ingham) won the Mens Doubles in 2010.

Kane Rochford, the number 5 seed is a regular on the courts at Tennis Townsville and often helps out Head Coach, Wayne Hannah with the junior tennis programs. "I'm returning to competitive tennis still injured, so I hope everything goes well. I think that Mark Draper, Travis Dragojlo and Gavin Van Peperzeel are the ones that stand out as player to beat."

Lizette Cabrera is the number 3 seed in the Open Ladies Singles. You may recognise her name, as this 13 year old superstar's successes have received a lot of exposure, she is definitely an up and coming tennis champion, but will she be able to win the Open Ladies Singles for the first time?

The top three seeds in the 18 Boys Singles are all Townsville locals. Norbert Kaess, Seth Siriya and Lachlan Kern are all part of Tennis Townsville's Pickerings DMG Training squad which is coached by Tennis Townsville's Head Coach, Wayne Hannah. Lachlan Kern was the runner up in the 18 Boys Singles last year.

These players and plenty of others will give you some thrilling and interesting matches and we're all very excited to find out who will take out the Championship title! Make sure you come along and cheer for your favourite players!

The Championships will commence on Saturday, 30 April at 8.00am and finish on Monday with the Open Ladies Singles on at 9.00am and the Mens Singles to follow.

Tennis Townsville President, Peter Duncan is very excited about the event and the upcoming matches, 'We're very excited to once again host the NQ Open Tennis Championships and this time it's during our Centenary year, making the occasion that little bit more special. We've got a lot of talented players registered from all over the state! The event is our premier tennis event and is sure to provide the crowd with some thrilling matches. It's a great time to come along with the whole family! Entry is free and food and drinks are available.'

Catch all the live action this weekend at Townsville's premier tennis event. Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward.

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