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## ***Mikayla Zahirovic, a rising star at Tennis Townsville***

The Junior Development Series are held from March to October in 2011. The series consists of 13 tournaments which are conducted in Northern Queensland. The Junior Development Series was established to provide the opportunity for players to begin their introduction into sanctioned events and caters to the 11U, 13U, 15U and 17U divisions.

The series is divided into two categories consisting of the A and B Circuit. The A Circuit is for the more competitive junior player who regularly competes in tournaments and the B Circuit is to encourage new junior players who are maybe just beginning their tennis and is open to everyone. Many athletes who begin playing in Junior Development tournaments then go on to play open age and later, open tournament events around Queensland and interstate.



One of Tennis Townsville's youngest players produced a great result when she competed in the Junior Development Series over the weekend in Home Hill (A Division). Mikayla Zahirovic, who is just 8 years of age, came 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 5. She played against girls who are up to 15 years of age.

Mikayla is part of Tennis Townsville's Pickering's DMG Touring Squad which is coached by Tennis Townsville Head Coach, Wayne Hannah. Mikayla's tennis keeps improving and there's hardly an afternoon when she's not at Tennis Townsville training with her grandfather.

Tennis Townsville Head Coach, Wayne Hannah said 'Mikayla is a very talented tennis player and is already showing great results at such a young age.'

Mikayla looks up to Sam Stosur and her ultimate goal is to play for Australia one day.

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**Windmill Bricklaying North Queensland Open Championships 30 April - 1 May**  
**Bernie Lanigan Optometrist Tennis Townsville Championships 25 - 26 June**  
**Ergon Energy North Queensland Junior Age Championships 25 - 27 September**

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