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Ergon Energy NQ Junior Age Championships - Finals

The 2011 Ergon Energy NQ Junior Age Championships were played at Tennis Townsville, North Ward from Sunday 25 - Tuesday 27 September, 2011. Players from all over the State registered to compete in North Queensland's premier junior tennis event. The first match started Sunday morning at 8.00am and the last match finished Tuesday afternoon. The junior talent was outstanding with many thrilling and exciting matches taking place at Tennis Townsville.

The tournament is ranked by Tennis Australia under the Silver Series and offers points across the 12s, 14s and 16s age groups. The tournament had over 100 juniors showcasing their tennis skills over the past 3 days.

In the 10U Girls Singles, 8 year old Mikayla Zahirovic (Tennis Townsville) won the finals match against Helena Fricke (Mount Isa) receiving the Champion title for the 10U Girls Singles.

In the 12U Boys Singles Finals, number 1 seed Adam Walton (Home Hill) defeated number 2 seed, Thomas Braithwaite (Mount Isa) in the Finals.

In the 12U Girls Singles, the top 2 seeds played each other in the Finals with the number 2 seed Lily Clements-Markham (Cairns) defeating the number 1 seed, Alix Leckenby (Brandon).

In the 14U Boys Singles, Ryan Schwab (Townsville) defeated number 1 seed Jack Walton for a spot in the Finals. Schwab defeated number 2 seed, Brendan Goldsmith (Cairns) in the Finals.

Brittany Zipf (Rockhampton), the number 1 seed in the 14U Girls Singles cruised into the Finals winning the Semi Final 6-0, 6-1 against Tenika McGiffin (Mackay). Brittany defeated Samantha Nyika (Mackay), the number 2 seed in the Finals.

In the 14U Girls Doubles Majella Nobile (Tennis Townsville) and Lisa Payne (Townsville) played an exciting match against Tenika McGiffin (Mackay) and Samantha Nyika (Mackay). The Townsville girls proved too good for the Mackay girls and won the Finals.

In the 16U Girls Singles, local Tennis Townsville girl, Majella Nobile defeated Ashlee Priddey (Cairns) in the Finals. Majella also won the 14U Mixed Doubles Finals with her partner, Lachlan O'Reilly (Cairns), which means she won every event she entered! Majella is a member of Tennis Townsville's Pickerings DMG Training squad coached by Tennis Townsville Head Coach, Wayne Hannah.

Seth Siriya, Tennis Townsville local and number 1 seed in the 16U Boys Singles defeated Tyson Daly (Proserpine) 6-4, 6-3 in the Semi Finals. It was a very close game and both boys gave it their best. The number 2 seed, Norbert Kaess (Tennis Townsville) did not get a spot in the Final, with Mitchell Robins (Brisbane) defeating him 6-0, 6-3 in the Semi Final. Mitchell defeated the number 3 seed, Rhan Burton (Cairns) in the Quarter Finals, the number 2 seed Norbert Kaess (Tennis Townsville) in the Semi Final. Mitchell Robins has played amazing tennis throughout the tournament defeating all the top seeds and he continued to do so in the 16U Boys Singles Finals. 15 year old Mitchell (Brisbane) went head to head with Seth Siriya providing the crowd with a thrilling match, he defeated Seth 6-3, 6-1.

However when good friends Seth Siriya and Mitchell Robins put both their powerful tennis skills together they won the 16U Boys Doubles Final, defeating Tim Braithwaite (Mount Isa) and Norbert Kaess (Tennis Townsville).

The 16U Boys Singles wasn't the only event Mitchell Robins conquered, he also took out the title in the 18U Boys Singles. Mitchell Robins took on Rhan Burton from Cairns, the number 1 seed in the 18U Boys Singles It was a great match to watch where Mitchell won 6-1, 6-0.

The Ergon Energy NQ Junior Age Championships saw 3 big days of tennis showcasing junior talent. It gave juniors a chance to earn more points to their Australian Ranking.

President Peter Duncan said "It was a great few days during the school holidays and we watched some of the best juniors play tennis. There are definitely a lot of young future stars that participated in the tournament and we look forward to another successful tournament next year." Mr. Duncan would like to thank Ergon Energy for their continued support of this event for the last 7 years.

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