

*Thursday 14 April*

## **Lizette Cabrera wins 16U Doubles National Titles!**

Australia's rising tennis stars were on show at the Optus National Claycourt Championships which were held in Ipswich in April. Amongst the stars was Tennis Townsville's future champion Lizette Cabrera.



*From Left to Right: Olivia Tranjumulia and Lizette Cabrera*

The 12U, 14U and 16U tournaments form part of the Optus Junior Tour, a series of events offering the country's talented juniors valuable match experience on all the Grand Slam court surfaces; grass, clay and hardcourt. It's important for juniors to learn about technique and playing styles on all different types of court surfaces so that they're prepared to match it with the world's best junior players.

At the Optus 16U National Claycourt Championships, Lizette Cabrera (Townsville) and her doubles partner, Olivia Tranjumulia (Rockhampton) won the 16U Girls Doubles beating the number 1 seeds. The unseeded Queensland pair both just 13 years of age, upset the top seeds, Ashley Keir (Nicholls, ACT) and Gussie O'Sullivan (Murrumbeena, VIC) 3-6 6-2 12-10. This made it consecutive national doubles championships for the regional Queensland duo after they won the Optus 14s National Grasscourt Championships in Mildura in February! Cabrera and Tjandramulia have both won national junior doubles championships in the 12/u age group with different partners

This is a great achievement for both girls and they are very proud of this accomplishment. To not only compete in the 16U Doubles and then go up against the number 1 seed and beat them was a triumph in itself.

Lizette has also recently been chosen to represent Australia in the 14/U World Junior Tennis Qualifying Championships to be held in May. The girls are hoping to get through the initial Asia/Oceanic Region rounds to reach the top 16 teams and equal or better last year's result, which was third in the world!

Lizette will continue her training with Tennis Townsville's Pickerings DMG Touring Squad which is conducted by Tennis Townsville Head Coach, Wayne Hannah.

2011 has so far been an amazing year for Lizette and we can't wait to see what happens next. She definitely has a very bright future ahead of her and Tennis Townsville is very proud of Lizette.

Unfortunately Lizette's parents are having trouble financing all of the events. The tournaments and travel expenses are putting a lot of financial strain on the family. The tennis community is also very keen to keep Lizette in Townsville instead of her going to a capital city and continue to develop her talent. The Cabrera family is seeking financial assistance from local businesses for young Lizette to go on the tours to further develop her tennis. Lizette has the ability to not only become Australia's best female player, but maybe even in the world. If you're interested in sponsoring Lizette, please contact Tennis Townsville on 4721 5129.

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