

# SOLOMON ISLANDS TENNIS FEDERATION THRID QUARTER REPORT JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2011

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Solomon Island Tennis Federation has continuously working hard in keeping the tennis program in Honiara going steady and making sure that everything is running smooth.



The Solomon Island Mini Tennis Program is one of the many sports in the country which concern with children's physical, Emotion, Social and mental ability of children in sports. This mini tennis program helps in physical fitness, and having good sense of mental thinking.

There are many schools in Honiara that involves in this program and complete with each other since the program started in the country. The first competition started in 2004 and 2005 and St. John's won the competition twice in a row. In 2006 and 2007 there was no competition due to tennis equipment's that were stolen during the April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> riot in Honiara, because of this political crisis, the mini tennis program had gone through many difficulties in trying to maintain the mini tennis program functioning.

After two years of difficulties, however, the mini tennis has managed to overcome its hardships successfully and at the moment Mini tennis is on the move again with children flooding the tennis court every day from Mondays to Saturdays (6) days a week.

The Solomon Islands Mini Tennis Association had recently organized an Inter-school championship 2011 which attracted 13 primary schools around Honiara to take part in the competition, and it was held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This event took place during the school's one week break. The competition was categorized under 3 age groups. i.e. under 10 boys & girls, under 12 boys & girls and under 14 boys & girls.



The total participants of the kids attending the school championship this year in Honiara were as follows.



For under 10 boys and girl there were a total of 102 all together, for the under 12 boys and girls there were a total of 102 of them and for under 14 boys and girls there were 93 of them which total up to 300 participants during the competition.

### **UNDER 10 BOYS AND GIRLS**

The 2011 ANZ Inter-School Mini Tennis championship brings a huge number of kids of



both genders and in particular the number of 10 boys and girls, and also some new hopeful potential. In the under 10 boys category there were a total of 51 boys and 51 girls selected from the 13 schools which makes the total of 102 for this age group.

The performance of these young children's was very impressive and moral up lifting for the tennis development in Solomon Islands. There are some high potential in some of the kids in this age group and if they continue on, they will be the future top players of their community and the nation.

### **UNDER 12 BOYS AND GIRLS**

In the under 12 category there were a total of 51 boys and 51 girls selected from the 13 schools which makes the total of 102 for this age group



There were also new upcoming stars that were spotted by the organizing committee of the competition. The performance of the competitors was very promising for the development of tennis in Solomon Islands.

## UNDER 14 BOYS AND GIRLS

In the under 14 boys and girls category there were a total of 13 schools and with a number of 48 girls and 48 boys, thus a total number of 96 competitors.



In this age category the organizing committee had spotted new and potential players from most of the schools. During their competition, they were very competitive at some stages; the game seems to be longer and tougher. And this looks very promising for the development of Tennis in the Solomon Islands.

In this 3 days competition for this age group, we the SITA and HTA had seen a great number of kids whom had improved in this ANZ MINI TENNIS PROGRAM, and the majority of these competitors are looking very promising and hopeful to become our future stars in tennis.

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