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### CITATION

#### VERO NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP SEPTEMBER 2010

#### PAUL COLL (SQUASH)

Paul is an 18 year old with considerable potential in squash. He has been playing squash most of his life and has been a Canterbury representative in age group championships since 2001, commencing as an 11 year old. In 2004 he was Canterbury U13 champion and played the Brisbane Tri-series as a member of the National Development Squad. He repeated this in 2005 at the Adelaide Tri-series. Since 2006 he has represented Christchurch Boys High School at Secondary School events. 2009 was a great season. He won a number of tournaments, was the number one ranked NZ Junior and was selected for the World Junior Boy's Squad. He also travelled overseas and performed with credit in the British, Scottish and USA Junior opens. These events indicated he is competitive at this level and he is aiming to return to the British Open at the end of this year. In 2010 he became NZ Junior Champion.

Paul competed overseas at the World Juniors held in Ecuador in July/August and helped NZ to 6<sup>th</sup> place - defying the seedings – to record their best performance since 1992. His coach reports that he has a natural talent for the game, has always applied himself and has a perfectionist attitude. He has an intense training programme involving training on his own 5-6 times per week both on and off court. His results to date indicate he has the potential to forge an international squash career. Squash NZ high performance coach adds that Paul has immense motivation and maturity in his endeavours.

Paul is Head Boy at Adams House Boarding Hostel and a School Monitor at CBHS. He is currently studying NCEA level 3 and shows maturity and discipline to achieve the required results. On his record to date, he is a very worthy recipient and the award will assist with his development. We wish him well for the future.

Our thanks to Vero New Zealand for their assistance with this award.

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