

The Nadi Sports Club - The Best Tennis Club in Fiji!

As a proud member of the Nadi Sports Club, I thank Gyanendra Sharma of Courts for sponsoring the successful tennis tournament at the Nadi Sports Club (NSC) from June 9-12. I also give special thanks to NSC Captain Sachin Reddy and Richard Breen for their work at the Club to make this tournament a success.

As the President of Tennis Fiji, I remind everyone that without "tennis clubs" it is difficult to create a strong national program. The Nadi Sports Club is not only one of the finest tennis clubs in the nation, but also the Pacific region. The NSC should be recognized, as each year for the past twenty years the NSC has hosted International Tennis Federation (ITF) regional junior tournaments. Without the NSC, it would be impossible for Tennis Fiji to host the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, a special annual event that brings together over ninety champion junior players from seventeen Pacific nations. Tennis Fiji is thankful to the NSC for their support and teamwork to develop tennis.

From a player point of view, it should also be recognized that many Fiji national champions developed their talent on the tennis courts at the Nadi Sports Club. Past NSC players and Pacific regional champions, Lote Degei, Hitesh Morriswala, Abraham Khan, Romil Patel and Bhavin Khatri will fondly remember their junior days, travelling the Pacific to participate in ITF tournaments. In recent years, the Nadi Sports Club has produced regional junior champions William and Tony O'Connell, Tarani and Mulan Kamoe, Devin Khatri and Tiernan Breen. These six champions competed successfully in the ITF Pacific Oceania Junior Championships. Their success allowed them to represent Fiji several times, on the ITF Regional Teams that tour New Zealand and Australia. Each weekday afternoon at the Club, you will see Coach Sachin Reddy working hard with future young stars, who might one day represent Fiji in national and international tennis events. The NSC has a history of excellent players and new champions are currently being developed.

Special mention should be given to Nadi Sports Club player Tarani Kamoe. Last year at the Pacific Games, sixteen year old Tarani was so very close to winning a medal. The last Nadi Sports Club player to win a medal at the Pacific Games was Hitesh in 1999 in Guam. This May, Tarani was the first Fijian lady to win the Fiji Open in nearly two decades. In the years to come Tarani might prove to be one of the greatest Nadi Sport Club champions.

This year Tarani will travel 10-12 weeks playing in international events. We all wish Tarani success in these events and we congratulate her for what she has achieved.

Thanks again to the Nadi Sports Club for hosting a wonderful tournament. The sponsorship from Courts is so important to our wonderful sport. Thank you Courts!

Dan O'Connell
President, Tennis Fiji



GYANENDRA SHARMA OF COURTS FIJI AND WINNER TARANI KAMOË