VANUATU TENNIS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VANUATU TENNIS FEDERATION

2013

Words from our President

2013 has been another successful year for the Vanuatu Tennis Federation.

The year started at the Australian Open in January where the Pacific Oceania Dolphins competed at the ATL and Cyril Jacobe was a player in the Team with Cyrille Mainguy being the Captain.

The Development Programme kicked off in February and over 120 kids joined the programme throughout the year down at the Cercle Sportif.

In April the VTF sent a Team of 8 players to take part in the West Pacific Qualifiers and the 4 representatives in the 12 and under category qualified to represent the West at the Pacific Oceania Junior Championship in Lautoka including our National Coach Francis Bryard. The players were Ben Pechan, Clement Mainguy, Rosalie Molbaleh and Daisy Sipiti.

In July, the VTF organized the Independence tournament and this was a great warm up tournament for the players selected to go to Fiji for the POJC.

In August, the above players returned to Lautoka and played in the POJC and the highlight for the Vanuatu representatives was Ben and Clement winning the title in the 12 & under doubles being crowned Pacific Oceania Champions and Daisy Sipiti winning the Oceania Plate.

In September, Cyrille Mainguy took the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team in Dubai to play in the Group III as the Captain to play United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Iran, Vietnam, Cambodia and Oman. The Team finished 7th and will play in Group IV in 2014.

In October and November, the VTF organized the U15 TVL National Closed Championship and over 60 players battled for over 4 weekends as warm up for the December Regional tournament.

In December, the VTF organized the U15 TVL Regional Championship with 28 players from Solomon Islands, Fiji, New-Caledonia, New-Zealand and Kiribati and 55 players from Vanuatu. From the 16th to the 20th December, a total of 238 matches were played and the tournament ended up in the evening of the 20th with an exceptional level of tennis to see Johan Sklenak (NC) being crowned U15 regional champion after winning Tabera Bonteman (KIR) 3-6 6-3 6-3.

VASANOC, AU BON MARCHE, TVL , CERCLE SPORTIF, ITF and OTF were again major partners in the development of tennis this year and I am hoping 2014 will be even bigger with more kids joining our development programme.

Cyrille Mainguy
VTF President

The Vanuatu Junior Tennis Initiative

With over 120 kids regularly playing tennis, the Vanuatu Junior Tennis Initiative has been highly successful in 2013. The program on courts is run every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning with the assistance of Esau Manaroto, Marie Liwuslili and since November our wheelchair champion Tom joins the team.

The VJTI has also ran activities during the Olympic Day , the Independence Celebration at Freshwota and the International Tennis Day. During these events, more than 400 kids were given the opportunity to practice some tennis drills.

During the year, the program benefited from advices provided by Darran Wrighton, the ITF development officer for the Pacific, from Andrew Mailtorock, the RTC Head Coach and Jerome Rovo, national player and coach in Singapore who organized a special clinic after the TVL Regional Tournament.

Regular tournaments were organised and some of best players of the program managed to participate to the Junior Battle, the TVL Closed Championships and the TVL Regional. A special congratulation goes to Daisy Sipiti, Ware Solomon and Daniella Turanleo who performed extremely well at the TVL Regional.

With more tournaments coming in 2014 and better cooperation with the Academy, our program will continue to grow.

Francis Bryard
VTF Secretary General

Olympic Day

VJTI kids with President Cyrille Mainguy

The Junior Battle!

Those crazy moments!! We love them!

Welcome Tom!

West Pacific Qualifier and POJC 2013

58 enthusiastic players from 5 Pacific Nations converged on Fiji to qualify to be members of the West Pacific Team at the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships to be held in August.
The Vanuatu team this year was strong in the U12 event with Ben Pechan, Clement Mainguy, Daisy Sipiti, and Rosalie Molbaleh all coming 1st and 2nd. Exciting tennis player Tabera Bonteman from Kiribati returned to defend his title beating Joel Junior Benjamin from the Solomon Islands in the final of the Boys U15 event.
Vinda Teally from the Solomon Islands beat last year's 12 and 15 champion Ruby Coffin from Fiji in the final after losing to the same player two days earlier in the last round of pool play. The U18 have a new champion, Robin Morove; a smooth swinging player from Papua New Guinea, who won the 7 player round robin competition with a perfect record of six wins from six matches including a victory over the 2011 U15 champion Tito Bira from Kiribati who finished in 2nd place. The Girls U18 was a 3 player event, with Annie Shannon from Fiji winning both of her matches and the championships with Lorraine Banimataku from Vanuatu in 2nd place. An 18 player team represented the West Pacific Region at the POJC in August.

2013 West Pacific Team
12 & Under Boys:
1. Ben Pechan – Vanuatu 2. Clement Mainguy – Vanuatu 3. Banian Ieora - Kiribati .
12 & Under Girls:
1. Daisy Sipiti - Vanuatu 2. Rosalie Molbaleh - Vanuatu 3.Chrisma Au – Solomon Islands*
15 & Under Boys:
1. Tabera Bonteman – Kiribati 2. Joel Junior Benjamin – Solomon Islands 3. Krishan Raju – Fiji
15 & under Girls:1. Vinda Teally – Solomon Islands2. Ruby Coffin – Fiji3. Mulan Kamoe - Fiji
18 & Under Boys: 1. Robin Morove – Papua New Guinea 2. Tito Bira – Kiribati
18 & Under Girls :1. Annie Shannon – Fiji 2. Lorraine Bainimataku – Vanuatu

Coaches for the West Pacific Team:
Francis Bryard – Vanuatu
Doreen Ningalo – Solomon Islands

Retrieved from the West-Pacific Report by Gene Ridgway

West Pacific: the closing ceremony

The Vanuatu Team warming-up!

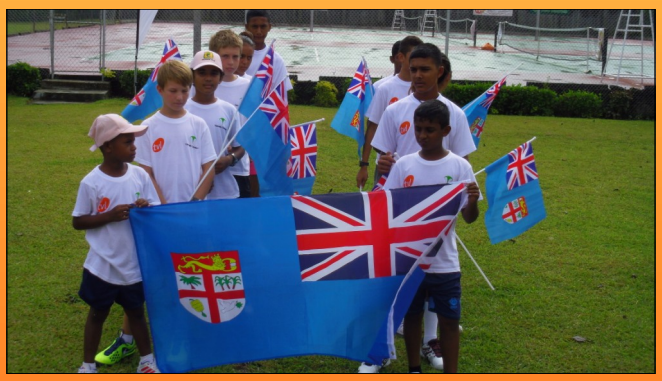
The TVL Under 15 Regional Tennis Championship

With over 80 participants coming from 6 countries, the second edition of the U15 TVL Regional Championships has been a huge success thanks to our main sponsors TVL, Au Bon Marché, the Cercle Sportif, Bred Bank, Top Signs and VASANOC and to all the volunteers and the parents. Despite the rain, we manage to have a great week of tennis culminating in a superb final for the U15 boys between Johann Sklenak from New-Caledonia and Tabera Bonteman from Kiribati. The TVL is becoming a great annual event and 2014 will be more challenging as the tournament will become an Under 16 and host 4 categories: under 10; under 12; under 14; under 16…. So be ready! See you in December 2014 for an other great event!

TVL UNDER 15 REGIONAL—2013 EDITION PALMARES

	1st	2nd	3rd
GIRLS UNDER 10	ZORIKA MORGAN (SOL)	BIRD PRUDENCE (SOL)	CHARLIS CHLOUGH (SOL)
BOYS UNDER 10	TEVA HEBRAUD (NC)	FLAVIO PIZZACALA (NC)	WARE SOLOMON (VAN)
GIRLS UNDER 12	ROSALIE MOLBALEH (VAN)	EMMA GUILLAIN (VAN)	DAISY SIPITI (VAN)
BOYS UNDER 12	ANDY DUHAZE (NC)	ILAN CONAN (NC)	CLEMENT MAINGUY (VAN)
GIRLS UNDER 15	LEA BOLO (NC)	BRENDA AMANAKI (NC)	DANIELLA TURANLEO (VAN)
BOYS UNDER 15	JOHAN SKLENAK (NC)	TABERA BONTEMAN (KIR)	LIAM SUTTIE (NZ)

TVL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL AWARD	
BEST SPORTMANSHIPS GIRLS	RAPHAELINE KAMALI – FIJI
BEST SPORTMANSHIP BOYS	CALEB CHUTE – FIJI
BEST FIGHTING SPIRIT GIRLS	MARYLISE TARI – VANUATU
BEST FIGHTING SPIRIT BOYS	POPEY LEONG – SOLOMON
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	ZIGGY MATHIESON - VANUATU



The Fiji Team!! In style...

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Under 15 boys finalist Tabera Bonteman and Johann Sklenak and chair umpire Cyril Jacobé. Johann won in three sets after a great match. The finals were watched by over 100 enthusiasts and supporters.

Under 15 girls finalist Léa Bolo from New-Caledonia and Brenda Amanaki from Vanuatu with chair-umpire Marie Liwuslili.

The closing ceremony with all the finalists… A great moment!

Ware Solomon battling against Flavio from New-Caledonia… Thanks to Henry from VASANOC for a great pic!

ITF visits

Darran Wrighton the new ITF Development Officer for Oceania visit us in November. During his visit, Darran met the VASANOC office with President Cyrille Mainguy and SG Francis Bryard and the Department of Youth and Sports.
Darran conduct several training sessions with VJTI kids and the Academy. His visit was also the occasion for local coaches to learn more on new drills and techniques.

Darran is based in Lautoka, Fiji and we wish him all the best for the development of tennis in our region. We anticipate a great cooperation with him and with ITF.

Darran with Cyrille Mainguy, Francis Bryard and VASANOC CEO, Henry Tavoa

Fiji Tennis Open

The **Tennis Fiji-Jacks of Fiji Tennis Open 2013** concluded over the weekend with 2 players becoming two time Men's and Ladies Open Champions of the Fiji Open. Cyril Jacobe (VAN) emulated the feat he achieved in 2006 by becoming the Fiji Open 2013 Men's Singles Champion beating William O' Connell (FIJ) in the final 6/1, 6/4. Similarly in the Ladies Singles Open, Marcia Tere-Apisah (PNG) repeated what she had achieved in 2009 by beating the defending champion, Tarani Kamoe (FIJ) in 3 sets 4/6, 6/4, 6/2.

There were a total of 314 matches played over 5 days (though one day was washed out by torrential rain so in effect 4 days) at the Denerau Golf and Racket Club comprising a total of 3,712 games. Some intermittent rain, unusual for this time of the year, meant that some matches that were scheduled for the grass court were transferred to the synthetic grass courts at the Nadi Sport's Centre. This necessitated playing some pro sets to ensure that the event would be completed.

Retrieved from OTF Website

Cyril Jacobe receiving his price.

Next events—2014

Date	Event
13-20 January	Australia: Shepparton Money tournament for Pacific Oceania Dolphins
20-21 January	Australia: Tennis League (ATL) for Pacific Oceania Dolphins
08 February	Vanuatu: VJTI 2014
01st March	Vanuatu: International Tennis Day: Tennis 10; Tennis X-Press; Tennis for all
22-23 March	***Vanuatu: Junior Battle: qualification for the West Pacific Qualifier (Singles and doubles)***
March	Vanuatu: Play and Stay Course
12, 19 and 26 April	***Vanuatu: Junior Cup (Team Event for under 12, 14 and 16)***
April	Group IV Davis Cup (TBC)
13 April	Fiji: OTF General Meeting
5-10 May	Fiji: West Pacific Qualifier
12-16 May	***Vanuatu : 1st Under 16 VJTI Camp***
02-09 June	Fiji: Fiji Open (TBC)
24– 29 July	***Vanuatu: Inter-primary/Inter-Secondary Schools Tennis Championships (Team Event for under 10, 12 and 14)***
12-16 August	Fiji: POJC
24/30 August or 31/06-08/09	***Australia (Cairns) : Oceania***
September (every Saturday)	***Vanuatu: TVL Junior Nationals (individuals : under 10, 12, 14 and 16)***
13 December	Vanuatu: VJTI Closing for 2014
15-20 December	***Vanuatu: TVL Under 16 Regional Tennis Championship***

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