

GSPDP/ITF/OTF New Zealand Nationals

Tournament Dates: Nov 29-Dec. 8, 2025

Country: New Zealand

Venue: Wildling Park Tennis Center

Travel (Departure)

Nov 24.

I arrived in Auckland at around 2:40pm from Manila then checked in at Quest Carlaw Park at 3:30pm. I met with the team at 5:30pm for dinner at the food court area in the mall. After dinner we had a team meeting, explained the player pack, and discussed the schedule for the next day.

Nov 25



Wake-up time was 6:15am. We had breakfast at 6:45am and headed to the courts at 7:15am. Warm up was at 7:00-8:00am. We did on court training focusing on phases of play at 8:00-9:30 am. Then we had lunch at a pizza place and returned for matches at 1:00-2:30pm. The players had a yoga session at 3:00pm. I picked up Coco from the airport at 1:30pm and arrived back at the hotel by 3:30pm. At 5:00pm, we had dinner which was followed by a team meeting.

Nov 26



We headed to the courts at 7:15am. Warm up was at 7:30-8:00am. Doubles were from 8:00-9:30am, followed by fitness at 9:30-10:30am which focused on elbow and shoulder strengthening. The mental skills training took place from 11:00-12:00pm. Afterwards, we had lunch at a sushi place at 1:00pm and returned at 1:30-2:30pm for training focused on positioning. The players had another yoga session at 3:00-4:00pm. We then headed to the mall at 4:45pm for dinner. Back at the hotel, we had another team meeting to discuss the players' goals and learnings.

Nov 27



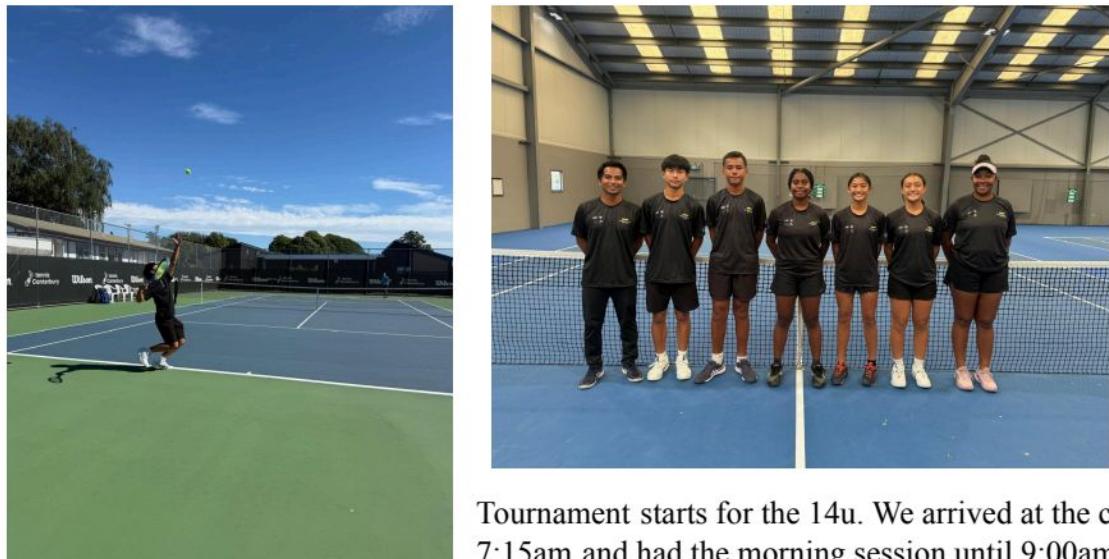
I left the hotel and headed to the airport at 5:30am with Alex (8:00am flight), Stella (10:30am flight), and Faith (11:45am flight). I made sure that Alex was checked in before meeting with Coach Dorrine to hand over Stella. The rest of the team arrived later with Coach Pairin. I waited at the international terminal until Faith checked in and reached her gate, then met with the rest at the domestic terminal. Our flight from Auckland to Christchurch departed at 1:15pm and arrived at around 2:40pm where we then took a shuttle from the airport to the hotel. We checked in and had everyone settled and rested. At 6:00pm, we ate dinner and stopped by the supermarket to buy breakfast for the team. We then went back and had a team meeting.

Nov 28



We headed to the courts at 8:00am. Practice was at 8:30-10am. Afterwards, we went back to the hotel and had our lunch. The team meeting was at 2:30pm, then we went to the courts at 3:30pm. The 12s and 14s had training from 4:30- 6pm with other players, and 16s played from 6:00-7:30pm. The players also participated in a visualizing activity. We returned to the hotel and had dinner, followed by a short team meeting.

Nov 29



Tournament starts for the 14u. We arrived at the courts at 7:15am and had the morning session until 9:00am. Joelei and Camelo had a player meeting at 8:45am. Joelei started her match at 9:00am and lost to the number 7 seed 6-0, 6-1. Camelo started a little later after 10:00am and won 6-1, 6-1. We went back to the hotel, had our lunch, and had the team rested a bit before going back to the courts at 2:30pm. We had the afternoon session from 3:00-5:00pm focusing on the phases of play, and court and net zones. We then went back to the hotel, grabbed dinner, and had a team meeting.

Nov 30

We arrived at the courts at 7:15am and had the morning session until 9:00am. Camelo started his match at 9:00am against the number 1 seed Vic Li and lost 5-7, 4-6. Joelei played her match a little after 11:00am for 17th-32nd place and lost 4-6, 2-6. We then ordered lunch through Uber eats.



Joelei played her doubles match and lost 2-6, 5-7. The rest of the group started their afternoon training session, focusing on transitioning and being aware of their energy level on court. Then, we went back to the hotel, grabbed dinner, stopped by the supermarket to get more breakfast essentials, and had a team meeting.

Dec 1



We arrived at the courts at 7:30am. Joelei played her match for 25th-32nd place and won 6-2, 6-2. Camelo played for 9th-16th place and won 6-3, 6-2. We ordered lunch through Uber eats and ate at the venue. We had our afternoon session focusing on serve and return placement then went back to the hotel around 5:30pm. We went to dinner at 6pm, returned to the hotel, and had a team meeting.

Dec 2



We arrived at the courts at 8:15am and the morning session ended at 10:15am. Camelo started his match playing for 9th-12th place and won 6-1, 7-6(7). There had been a bit of rain delay so everything got pushed back. We ordered lunch through uber eats. Joelei played her match and won 6-3, 6-0. I went to the airport to pick up Kevin while the rest of the group did an on court session with Coach Abby focusing on playing points. They then went back to the hotel and did fitness focusing on core and endurance. We went to the riverside market for dinner and stopped by the supermarket, then we had a team meeting.

Dec 3

We arrived at the courts at 8:00am where the team did light hitting. Camelo played his match at 9:00am and lost 0-6, ret. He was not feeling well. We ordered lunch through Uber eats. Joelei played her match around 11:45pm and won. We had Kevin practice and play some points, then went back to the hotel at 2:00pm. The team rested and met for dinner at 5:00pm. We then had a team meeting and explained the player pack to Kevin.

Dec 4



We arrived at the courts at 7:45am. The 12s and 14s had their warm up. Camelo and Joelei rested. Hermann played at 9:00am and lost to the 5th seed. Joella played at 10:00am and won. We ordered lunch through Uber eats. Colita then played at noon and won her match, followed by Kevin who also won his match. Then we went

back to the hotel at 3:00pm where the team got to rest and do laundry. Dinner was at 5:00pm, followed by a supermarket run. Lastly, we had our team meeting.

Dec 5



We arrived at the courts at 7:45am. Team warm-up was until 8:45am. Joella played at 9:00am and won her match while Hermann played at 10:30am and also won. Kevin played at 11:15am and lost; it was a 3 set battle. He started having cramps and pulled his hamstring running for a dropshot. He then went to the physio right after. We ordered lunch through Uber eats. Colita played at 12:30pm and won, Joella played her doubles at 1:45 pm and won as well. Hermann played his doubles at 2:30pm and won, Kevin also won his doubles match. We went back to the hotel at 5:30pm and met up for dinner at 6:30pm. We had a team meeting after. Camelo and Colita were not feeling well that day.

Dec. 6

The group was divided into two for separate departures so that Colita and Camelo had a bit more rest. The first group left with Coach Abby at 7:30am and then I went with the second group, departing from the hotel at 8:30am. Hemann played his match at 9:00am and won. Joella played her match at 11:15am and won as well. We went to see the physio with Kevin to evaluate him again to see

if he can play. The physio decided not to make him play and I 100% agreed based on the evaluation. Hermann played his doubles and lost in three sets against the number 2 seed. Joella played her doubles and lost, and Colita played her doubles and lost. I had Joelei and Camelo for a light session working on directional, forehand crosscourt in particular. We went back to the hotel at 4:45pm and met up for dinner at 5:30pm. We then had a team meeting.



Dec. 7

I dropped Kevin off at the airport at 3:00am; I had reserved an uber the night before. I got back at the hotel just before 4:00am and went to the courts at 8:50am with Camelo and Colita. Joella started her match at 9:00am and lost. Hermann played at 10:15am and won. Colita had a walkover. I worked with Colita, Camelo, and Joelei, focusing on the volleys and overheads. Coach Pairin left. We went back to the hotel at 12:40pm and met for lunch at 1:45pm. The kids walked around the area and went back to rest. We met for dinner at 6:00pm and then had a team meeting.

Dec. 8

We checked out from the hotel at 7:30am and left our luggage at the lobby before going to the courts at 7:45am. The matches were delayed because of the rain. Joella won her match and secured 3rd place. We ordered lunch through uber eats. Hermann played his match and won securing 17th place. The 16u consolation was cancelled. We returned back to the hotel at 2:30pm and took the kids around the area for shopping. We left the hotel at 5:30pm going to the airport and ate dinner before our flight. I went to pick up Stella at the international arrival in Auckland airport. Coach Dorrine and River were unfortunately stuck inside due to visa issues. We arrived at Gateway hotel around 11:00pm via airport to hotel shuttle. We then had a team meeting.

Dec. 9

Coach Abby and Colita left at 6:00am. The rest of the kids and I left at 8:40am. We checked in and waited for Richard to arrive, then handed Hermann, Joella and Joelei over. Their flight was at 3:35pm. My flight to Incheon, together with Camelo and Stella, departed at 11:45am and arrived at 7:45pm. Stella was picked up by her dad, while Camelo and I stayed at the transit hotel overnight.

Dec.10

We boarded our Incheon to Guam flight at 8:40am and arrived in Guam at 2:20pm.

RESULTS

Hermann Thomsen - U12

12 & Under Boys Doubles

Round of 16			1h 56m
Theo Feschiev	4	4	
Samuel Gale			
Dashiell Macpherson-Martin	6	6	HIGH
Hermann Thomsen			

⌚ Fri 5/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 15

Quarter final			1h 59m
Dashiell Macpherson-Martin	2	6	6
Hermann Thomsen			
Teo Serlachius-Williams	6	2	10
Domenic Wong			

⌚ Sat 6/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 11

Event: 12 & Under Boys Singles

12 & Under Boys Singles

Round of 32			1h 11m
Hermann Thomsen	2	1	
Domenic Wong	6	6	HIGH

⌚ Thu 4/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 10

17th/32nd place			1h 49m
Louis White	2	3	
Hermann Thomsen	6	6	HIGH

⌚ Fri 5/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 14

17th/24th place			1h 49m
Joshua Kreft	2	5	
Hermann Thomsen	6	7	HIGH

⌚ Sat 6/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 12

17th/20th place

17th/20th place			1h 38m
Freddie Lewis	4	2	
Hermann Thomsen	6	6	HIGH

⌚ Sun 7/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 11

17th/18th place			1h 46m
Hermann Thomsen	6	10	HIGH
Charlie Herd	7	2	2

⌚ Mon 8/12/2025
📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 6

Hermann finished 17th out of 32. Despite losing in the first round he fought well in all his matches and tried to apply what we have been working on tactically.

Doubles: Reached the quarter final and fell in the deciding tiebreak set.

Camelo Chen - U14

Round of 32 • 14 & Under Boys Singles		
George Williams	1	1
Camelo Jj Chen	6	6
Sat 29/11/2025 10:00 AM Wilding Park Tennis Centre - 15		
Round of 16 • 14 & Under Boys Singles		
Vic Li [1]	7	6
Camelo Jj Chen	5	4
Sun 30/11/2025 9:00 AM Wilding Park Tennis Centre - 18		
Round of 16 • 14 & Under Boys Doubles		
Fletcher Percy		
Harley Xiong		
Camelo Jj Chen	Walkover	
Easton Dowker		
Sun 30/11/2025 1:00 PM Wilding Park Tennis Centre		
9th/16th place • 14 & Under Boys Singles		
Camelo Jj Chen	6	6
Melvin Liu	3	2
Mon 1/12/2025 10:00 AM Wilding Park Tennis Centre - 18		
9th/12th place • 14 & Under Boys Singles		
Camelo Jj Chen	6	7
Paolo Zerboni	1	6
Tue 2/12/2025 10:00 AM Wilding Park Tennis Centre - 11		
9th/10th place • 14 & Under Boys Singles		
Camelo Jj Chen	Retired	
Declan Tanhe [7]	6	0
Wed 3/12/2025 9:00 AM Wilding Park Tennis Centre - 13		

Camelo finished 10th out of 32 in singles. Had to retire on his last match because he wasn't feeling well.

Doubles: Wasn't able to play because partner got injured during his singles match.

Kevin Seo - U16

Round of 32 • 16 & Under Boys Singles		
Junyhuk Seo [WC]	6	6
Eddie Bassett [A]	3	0
⌚ Thu 4/12/2025 1:15 PM 📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 9		
Round of 16 • 16 & Under Boys Singles		
Noa Milburn [3]	6	4 6
Junyhuk Seo [WC]	1	6 2
⌚ Fri 5/12/2025 11:15 AM 📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 13		
Round of 16 • 16 & Under Boys Doubles		
Nicholas Rayner	2	6 3
Lochie Williams		
Luca Bland [2]	6	3 10
Junyhuk Seo		
⌚ Fri 5/12/2025 3:00 PM 📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre - Court 13		
9th/16th place • 16 & Under Boys Singles		
Junyhuk Seo [WC]	Walkover	•
Max Flanagan		
⌚ Sat 6/12/2025 12:30 PM 📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre		
Quarter final • 16 & Under Boys Doubles		
Riley Breen		
Ray Xu		
Luca Bland [2]	Walkover	•
Junyhuk Seo		
⌚ Sat 6/12/2025 3:00 PM 📍 Wilding Park Tennis Centre		

Kevin placed 16th on singles. Physio recommended for him not to play after the second round match where he pulled his hamstrings running for a drop shot.

Doubles: Won the first round in doubles. Great fight even though he wasn't hundred percent because of his leg. He focused on the things he can only do at the moment, which is to press forward and wait for opportunities at the net.

LOGISTICS – Auckland

Logistic Information					
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Auckland Airport to Hotel

		Distance	Int. Driver Required	Confirmation of Car rental Approval	No. of People
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental a car		YES/NO		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uber or Taxi	20 km (26 min)			1 + 3 + 1 (see details below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Train				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shuttle bus				
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PLAYERS					
1	Camelo Chen	GUM	20 Nov	Pairin (DO) is picking up the players by Uber.	
3	Joelei Ioane	ASA	20 Nov	Pairin (DO) is picking up the players by Uber.	
	Joella Ioane	ASA			
	Herman Thomsen	ASA			
1	Colita Hakena	PNG	25 Nov	Coach Christian is picking up the players by Uber.	

Hotel and Travel Between the Tournaments

		Distance	Int. Driver Required	Confirmation of Car rental Approval	No. of People
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental a car		YES/NO		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uber or Taxi				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walking	240 meters (5 min)			7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Train				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shuttle bus				
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PLAYERS					
1	Camelo Chen	GUM			
2	Joelei Ioane	ASA			
3	Joella Ioane	ASA			
4	Herman Thomsen	ASA			
5	Colita Hakena	PNG			
COACHES					
1	Pairin (DO)	THA			
2	Christian Penafiel	GUM			

Walking from hotel to tennis court (240 meters_5 minutes)

Coach Pairin, with 4 players, booked an uber from the airport to the hotel which was a less than 30 minutes ride. I picked up Colita with uber on 25th November. The tennis courts were walking distance, so we travelled from hotel to courts and back by foot for about 5 minutes.

LOGISTICS – Christchurch

Logistic Information						
Christchurch Airport to Hotel						
		Distance	Int. Driver Required	Confirmation of Car rental Approval	No. of People	No. of Cars
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental a car		YES/NO			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uber or Taxi	10km(25 min)			2	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Train					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shuttle bus	10km(25 min)			5+1(see details below)	1
<input type="checkbox"/>					

PLAYERS								
5	Camelo Chen	GUM	27 Nov	Coach Christian travelled with the players.				
	Joelei Ioane	ASA						
	Joella Ioane	ASA						
	Herman Thomsen	ASA						
	Colita Hakena	PNG						
1	Kevin Seo	GUM	02 Dec	Coach Christian picked up player by Uber.				

Hotel and Travel Between the Tournaments						
		Distance	Int. Driver Required	Confirmation of Car rental Approval	No. of People	No. of Cars
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental a car		YES/NO			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uber or Taxi	2.5KM(10min)			8	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Train					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shuttle bus					
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PLAYERS								
1	Camelo Chen	GUM	4 people 1 Uber					
2	Herman Thomsen	ASA						
3	Junhyuk Seo	GUM						
COACHES								
1	Christian Penafiel	GUM						

PLAYERS								
1	Joella Ioane	ASA	4 people 1 Uber					
2	Joelei Ioane	ASA						
3	Colita Hakena	PNG						
COACHES								
1	Abigail Tere-Apisah	PNG						

We travelled from Christchurch airport to the hotel via shuttle bus which was a 25 minute ride. On December 2, I picked up Kevin at the airport by uber. From the hotel to the courts and vice versa, we had to book two ubers with four people in each car. The ride was about 10 minutes.

HOTEL LOGISTICS

BreakFree (CHC, NZ) (27 Nov - 8 Dec 2025 2 rooms 6 people 11 nights)

			Check in	Check out	
Room 1 (Players)					3 people 1 Room (3x single bed)
1	Camelo Chen	GUM	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	
2	Herman Thomsen	ASA	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	
3	Junhyuk Seo	GUM	2 Dec after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	

Room 2 (Players)

1	Joella Ioane	ASA	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	3 people 1 Room (3x single bed)
2	Joelei Ioane	ASA	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	
	Colita Hakena	PNG	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	

BreakFree (CHC, NZ) (27 Nov - 8 Dec 2025 2 rooms 2 people 11 nights)

			Check in	Check out	
Room 3 (Coach)					
1	Abigail Tere-Apisah	PNG	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	1 people 1 Room (1x Queen bed)

			Check in	Check out	
Room 4 (Coach)					
1	Christian Penafiel	GUM	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00	1 people 1 Room (1x Queen bed)

AIRPORT GATEWAY HOTEL (AKL, NZ) (8 DEC - 9 DEC 2025 5 rooms, 8 people, 1 night)

			Check in	Check out		
Room 1 (Players)					2 people 1 Room (3x single bed)	
1	Joella Ioane	ASA	27 Nov after 14:00	08 Dec before 10:00		
2	Youngwoo Choi	NMI				
Room 2 (Players)					2 people 1 Room (3x Singles bed)	
1	Colita Hakena	PNG	8 Dec after 14:00	09 Dec before 10:00		
2	Joelei Ioane	ASA				
Room 3 (Players)					2 people 1 Room (3x Singles bed)	
1	Hermann Thomsen	ASA	8 Dec after 14:00	09 Dec before 10:00		
2	Camelo Chen	GUM				
Room 4 (Coach)					1 people 1 Room (3x Singles bed)	
1	Abigail Tere-Apisah	PNG	8 Dec after 14:00	09 Dec before 10:00		
Room 5 (Coach)						
1	Christian Penafiel	GUM	8 Dec after 14:00	09 Dec before 10:00	1 people 1 Room (3x Singles bed)	

EXPENSES

TOTAL RECEIVED NZ\$	\$3,433.65	TOTAL RECEIVED USDS	\$2,000.00	\$1987.00 after wire transfer fee
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,244.43	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,875.39	
TOTAL REMAINING	\$189.22	TOTAL REMAINING	\$111.61	

Most of the funds were allocated for the players' and coaches' meals, specifically for lunch and dinner, which was about NZ\$22 per person per meal. Aside from that, we had to book uber rides from the hotel to the courts and vice versa, each ride being approximately NZ\$12, and for the uber rides from airport to hotel and back, which was about NZ\$45. The super shuttle from the airport to the hotel was NZ\$77.96.

The prime expense of NZ\$329.18 had been for the transit hotel booking at Incheon Airport for both myself and Camelo. The rest of the minor expenses were for snacks and breakfast. I handed over NZ\$80 to Richard for Joelei, Joella, and Hermann's lunch. This leaves me with the remaining funds of NZ\$189.22 or USD\$111.61.

CONCLUSION

All in all, it was a great experience for all the players and coaches. The kids on this tour were great. I could see that they are getting along well, pushing and helping each other on and off the court. I was able to learn a lot during this tour. Being able to learn more and connect with the players on and off the court to better guide them and help them grow is important in my opinion.

The tournament was great, organized and professional. The level of the players is also good. Tough, but not too overwhelming, just enough challenge and a great way to gauge the level of our players. The location of both the venue and hotel were great. Just 10 minutes away and lots of places to eat around the hotel, making it a lot easier.

Coach Abby did great work as well. It was easy to work with her and she communicated well during the tour making sure that we are always on the same page. Coach Pairin as well for guiding us and sharing her knowledge to us.

One thing I would say that needs to improve is the communication before the tour. Just having all the information beforehand and sooner would help us plan better and make adjustments on our schedule.

Lastly, I just want to thank GSPDP/ITF/OTF and GNTF for another opportunity. These tours motivate me to grow and do better as a coach. I also enjoy working with the Pacific Oceania team and being to give back as well. I am always grateful and looking forward to future tours.

With thanks,

Christian Penafiel