

## North West Boys – Runners up in NSW CHS Tennis



North West CHS Tennis Team - From left Joshua Crompton (Duval HS), Ciaran Lavers (Farrer MAHS), Tyson Peterswald, (Farrer MAHS), Daniel Clements (Tamworth HS) Zac Fielding (Tamworth HS), Jo Teege (Duval HS) Michael Wasson (Oxley HS), Jock Gardiner (Farrer MAHS), Daniel Nash (Tamworth HS) Manager: Tony Coyle, Tamworth HS

The North West boys CHS team put up a tough fight in the finals against the Sydney South West team in the recent NSW Secondary Boys Tennis Carnival held in Armidale. The boys beat the team in an earlier round, however Sydney proved too tough on the day.

The competition was extremely high, with Daniel Nash (1) playing Adam Hecimovic in his singles match – Adam recently won the Optus 14s Australian Championships!

Congratulations to Zac Fielding (5) and Daniel Clements (6) who won the most number of games for players in their positions.

Daniel Nash was also awarded for his 5 years of being selected in the team.

Zac Fielding and Daniel Clements with their certificates for the most games won in their ranking



## *Talent Identification the key to find out next star*



NIAS players were put through a strength and training session with Tennis NSW's coaching staff in Armidale.



Taking the big step from junior to senior ranks is proving the biggest hurdle for players as Australian tennis searches for our next Lleyton Hewitt or Samantha Stosur.

Australia continues to turn out talented junior players, but matching the East European production line in the senior ranks is proving a tough task.

One of the options is run more talent identification programs, and as part of a new initiative, the Tennis NSW coaching team are doing 12 road shows through NSW.

They were in Armidale in November to put members of the NIAS squad through their paces at the Armidale courts. Mark Wilton from Tennis NSW said Australia dominates the junior world stage.

"We won the US Open and Australian Open for juniors, so we're up there, world class, in the top three countries for juniors", he said.

"We definitely have good talent, it's just the transition to senior's is a big step.

Wilton said Australian players develop later than those overseas, particularly in Eastern Europe.

"We have to make sure that our juniors who are good at 15 and 16 get on the world stage a little bit earlier.

Wilton said there was "no magic wand" in attempting to produce the next Lleyton Hewitt.

"The cupboard is a little bit bare but there is a new focus on the younger age groups, between 6 and 12," he said.

"We have to get them really disciplined, make sure that the work ethic is there.. I think we might have lost that over the past 5 - 10 years".

Wilton said tennis was suffering from a lack of athletes.

"Go back 40 years and it was either tennis or cricket for kids, but now there is so much choice we lose a lot of the athletes," he said.

There are plenty of kids who want to play tennis, but they're not athletes, so we need to find the athletes and then put a racquet in their hand. (Reprinted from Armidale Express)



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## Medibank Junior Development Series 2010 Dates

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE
21st February	Inverell MJDS	Inverell Tennis Courts
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Gunnedah MJDS	Gunnedah Tennis Courts
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Armidale MJDS	Armidale Tennis Courts
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamworth MJDS	Tamworth Tennis Courts
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Narrabri MJDS	Narrabri Tennis Courts
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Glen Innes MJDS	Glen Innes Tennis Courts
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	West Tamworth MJDS	West Tamworth Tennis Courts
14/16 <sup>th</sup> August	Champion of Champions	Inverell Tennis Courts

*\*Please note that dates may be subject to change.*

Entries for the 2010 JDS Series can be emailed to the Regional Administrator Heather Apps at  
 NWJDS@bigpond.com.au Phone: 02 6772 7720 / 0427 080567 Fax: 02 6772 9599

Entry forms will be available from the North West website from 2010 onwards.

## Upcoming Junior Events

Date	Tournament	Contact	Phone	Email
6-7 Feb	Glen Innes Open	Linley Ryan	02 6733 2170	hedgeroy@gmail.com
14 Feb	NIAS / NWD Squad Trials	Justin Sherriff	0423 915 850	justinsherriff@bigpond.com
27-28 Feb	Werris Creek Open Junior	Gary Cohen	02 6747 4731	gcohen@harboursat.com.au
27-28 Feb	Walcha Seniors	Betty Sweeney	02 6777 2120	walchair@bigpond.net.au
2-5 April	Tamworth Easter Tournament	Jarrod Campbell	0421 287 004	hypo_72@hotmail.com
19-20 June	Werris Creek Little Masters	Garry Cohen		gcohen@harboursat.com.au
27 June	NIAS / NWD Training Weekend	Justin Sherriff	0423 915 850	justinsherriff@bigpond.com
3-4 July	NSW Country Closed Open – Forster	Wendy Saville	0419 681 781	wsaville@bigpond.net.au
5-9 July	NSW Country Closed Juniors – Forster	Wendy Saville	0419 681 781	wsaville@bigpond.net.au
5-8 Aug	Inverell AMT Tournament	Jean O'brien	02 6722 2773	jane_obrien@aapt.net.au

### Medibank Teams Event

18 – 28 February	12/U Medibank Teams Championships
5 – 6 June	14/U Medibank Teams Championships
9 – 10 October	10/U Medibank Teams Championships

### North West Polo Shirts

Polo Shirts with the NW tennis logo will be available in the New Year for \$35 each.

Players will be able to add embroidery under the logo if they are in a team's event, or play at Champion of Champions.

Contact Heather for further information or to preorder on  
 02 6772 7720 or NWJDS@bigpond.com



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 - Quality Programs, Facilities and Experiences"

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## Stars set to shine in Sydney

Tournament Director Craig Watson announced a world-class field of players, exciting on-site initiatives and great value ticketing options for the event, to be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from 10 to 16, January 2010. The stunning line up for the event includes four former World No. 1s and three Grand Slam Champions.

Leading the women's field is world No. 1 and 11-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams, who is returning to the event for the second consecutive year. She is joined by Dinara Safina (No. 2), Svetlana Kuznetsova (No. 3), Caroline Wozniacki (No. 4), Elena Dementieva (No. 5), Victoria Azarenka (No. 7), Jelena Jankovic (No. 8), Vera Zvonareva (No. 9) and Agnieszka Radwanska (No. 10).



## Sport & Recreation Grant – NOW OPEN

The primary focus of the grant program is on increasing regular and on-going participation opportunities.

### What are the objectives of this program?

1. Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.
2. Facilitate long-term change that will benefit people facing barriers to participation in sport, recreation and structured physical activity.
3. Develop the skills of volunteers and capacity of community organisations that provide participation opportunities.
4. Build the capacity of a community organisation to enhance their provision of sport and recreation services.
5. Provide accreditation or training to enable sport, recreation and physical activity programs to be conducted in locations across NSW and for specific communities.

### Who can apply?

- NSW incorporated, community based not-for-profit organisations
- NSW Local Government Authorities operating under the Local Government Act, 1993

### What level of funding is available?

- Grants from \$500 - \$10,000

### When can I apply?

Online applications are now open. To apply, visit <https://grants.communities.nsw.gov.au>

To ensure you meet eligibility criteria and understand the application requirements, please download and read the guidelines and sample application for this program.



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