



A hearty hello to all KZN tennis fanatics – herewith the 6th edition of the KZN Tennis newsletter. There is always so much on the go these days that I hope you end up as inspired as I am putting this all together.



Our very first ranked TSA tournament on the South Coast – the Ugu tournament, was held in March. From left Ian Ackermann, Kim, Ron Sterling our white badge referee, Leonard Morgas, Natalie Grandin and Gary Comins. Debashan Reddy who was also part of the team, was managing his finals at Umtentwini Tennis Club.

Natalie Grandin (born 27 February 1981) is a retired professional **tennis player from South Africa**.

She has achieved a career-high singles ranking of no. 144 as of 12 September 2005. Career-high doubles ranking of no. 22 as of 14 May 2012. She has participated in 40 Grand Slams, won one WTA doubles title, three ITF Women's Circuit singles titles and twenty five doubles titles. She holds the record for the most Fed Cup appearances for South Africa – a total of 36 ! She is known for her variety of play, and volleying ability. Grandin retired from professional tennis January 2015.

Did you know ?



Eish to be that good



Our hearts swell again as we announce the KZN U13, 15 and 19 sides and results for 2016 :



BOYS U19A

Thembo Makhanya
Nicolai Manchev
C J Klopper
Bradley Porteous
Reece Newman
Ahmed Deedat

BOYS U15A

Benjamin Kohler
Jordan Theron
Kade Mindry
Louis vd Westhuizen
Jahar Persad
Haversham Chetty

GIRLS U19A

Sophie McDonald
Hannah Plageman
Kirsty Higgs
Megan McDonald
Kirsten Moody
Nonhlanhla Msomi

GIRLS U15A

Tyla Carter
Paige Wise
Courtney Fyfie
Calista Muna
Barakah Ayob
Sayuri Naidoo

4th overall

BOYS U15B

John Birchmore
Richard Hartmann
Antonis Patinios
Mpumelelo Maphumulo
Haafiz Karime
Luc Lenferna

5th overall

BOYS U13A

James Edley
Alex Edley
Thomas Rey
Calum Jestin
Shail Chetty
Kaelen Ramduth

BOYS U13B

Joe Hill
Joshua Heath
Ruben Viviers
Alex Styan
Karan Varyani
Yache Perumal

GIRLS U15B

Kelsey Jones
Kiara MacKay
Emma Lloyd
Ashleigh Starmer
Sachni Govender
Yasmin de Meyer

GIRLS U13A

Kylie Misdorp
Storm Veenstra
Jamie Jones
Anna Wise
Husna Kathrada
Kaitlyn Ramduth

GIRLS U13B

Mary-Lyn Cotton
Emily Cobbald
Daniella Samouilhan
Chloe Morton
Amahle Fihlela
Awande Mbuli

12th overall

3rd overall

10th overall

Photo courtesy of Linda Ramduth

The KZN Department of Sport and Recreation has shown their support of tennis in our province by sponsoring all 4 Elite Camps this year. The top 40 kids in the province are selected to play in a 2 day camp every quarter at Westridge where they are given professional advice from coaches, sport therapists and motivational speakers.



Winners of the recently completed Over 40's leagues :

First Division Men's : Midlands

Second Division Men's : Mitchell

Third Division Men's : Chatsworth

First Division Ladies : Prospect

Second Division Ladies : Chiltern

"When I was 40, my doctor advised me that a man in his 40's shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait to reach 50 to start again".

UPCOMING EVENTS :

Uthungulu (North Coast) TSA ranked tournament 27-29 May. Entries online www.tennissa.co.za. Entries close 2 weeks before start of tournament.

KZN Challenger Series (prev Dunlop Mini) 13-15 May. Entries online with www.tennissa.co.za.

The recently held Inter Provincials went off exceptionally well with 7 KZN teams entered !

The results were impressive too :

50A – 4th

50B – 3rd in group and 7th overall

50C – 5th

55A – 1st

60A – 4th

60B – 3rd

60 Shield – 2nd

Well done KZN for showing your support and talent.



**Take care until we chat
again in June.**

Kim

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