



Monthly Newsletter-May 2019

From the desk of the President

"It gives me immense pleasure in watching tennis grow in Asia. Increase in number of tennis players and the quality of players is on the rise in Asia, which has been possible only because of tireless efforts of all the National Tennis Associations across Asian region.

I am also delighted to see efforts of young budding players junior at World Junior Tennis Competition-Boys/ Girls and at Junior Davis Cup / Junior Fed Cup. I would like to congratulate all the teams having qualified for the finals to take place later in the year along with their players, coaches and the captains. A special mention must go to the Syrian team for qualifying for finals of Junior Davis Cup. A country facing troubled times producing such a result provides enough motivation for all tennis payers not only in Asia but across the globe.

Asian Tennis Federation is committed to support and develop tennis in Asia and lot more activities are planned, which would be announced in due course"



Mr. Anil khanna

Tournament Section

DAVIS CUP- THAILAND VS PHILIPPINES

First tie of Asia Oceania Zone Group II of the newly formatted Davis Cup, the World Cup of tennis took place in Bangkok, Thailand. Thailand playing host to Philippines, had a favourable result. Thailand closed out the tie by taking a 3-0 lead after doubles. Philippines had a consolation win in the 4th rubber of the tie, to make the score 3-1 in favour of Thailand. The other 2 Asia Oceania Group II ties will take place in September later in the year.



JUNIOR DAVIS CUP AND FED CUP FINAL QUALIFYING, THAILAND

JDC/ JFC final qualifying event took place at National Tennis Centre, Nonthaburi,

Thailand. Teams from 16 nations contested to grab the 4 spots of Finals.

JDC saw some interesting results, wherein team from Syria created history by qualifying for the finals. Syria was clearly the dark horse, coming all the way from the pre-qualifying event and beating much stronger and seeded teams from China and Thailand on the way to the semi-finals. Australia were eventual winners of the final Qualifying event, and to accompany them on road to finals were Hong Kong, Japan and Syria.

JFC saw the host team of Thailand defeat Chinese Taipei in probably the closest tie of the tournament. They snatched victory in the deciding doubles match which lasted almost 90 minutes to emerge winners. Thailand and Chinese Taipei were joined by China and Korea to make the 4 teams to qualify for the Finals.



ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION FINAL QUALIFYING, MALAYSIA

The ITF World Junior Tennis Competition-boys Final Qualifying was conducted from April 1ST-6TH, 2019 in the Kuala Lumpur city of Malaysia. Top four seeded nations to sustained through the tournament and sailed through to the finals. Japan finished at the top followed by Australia, Thailand and China.

The week of WJTC Final Qualifying (Boys) was succeeded by WJTC Final Qualifying (Girls) scheduled from 8th-13th May, 2019. Interestingly enough, WJTC Girls saw Philippines at the top for the first time since 1993. Japan, China and Korea will join them for the finals in Czech Republic in August.



ASIAN TENNIS TOUR- \$3000K FOR MEN'S –MUMBAI

Asian Tennis Tour kick started with the first tournament of the season in the Men's Category in business capital of India, Mumbai. The inaugural tournament saw participation from 61 players. The finals was an interesting battle between the 6th seed and ITF world ranked player Prithvi Sekhar and Ishaque Eqbal. Ishaque routed Sekhar in an easy 2 set win, with score line of 6-1, 6-2. Result from the first ATT tournament goes on to reflect on the Purpose of ATT of providing opportunities to the National ranked and unranked players to get the exposure at Pan Asian level.

ASIAN ATF RANKING AND DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS FOR ATT STANDINGS

ATF will be coming out with bi weekly (Tuesday) Asian ATF rankings on the basis of combined ITF world Ranking Points and the ATT standing points from the second week of May 2019.

ATT has a good start already with the inaugural two tournaments seeing close to 120 players taking part in it. ATT standings will be released on bi weekly (Tuesday) from the second week of May 2019 along with the Asian ATF rankings.

The widespread gaining momentum of ATT has been taken in a new direction. ATT is fast to understand the importance of domestic tournaments in a professional career of a tennis player. We have now integrated ATT standings with the domestic tournaments. The National Associations can list the domestic tournaments with ATF to cover them under DTS and enable domestic players to earn ATT standing points and figure in ATT standings which are international by all means.



Focus for month of MAY 2019

- ITF Asia 14&U Development Championship Division 1, 4th-18th May 2019 in Tashkent Uzbekistan.
- Asian 14&U Category 2, 11th-17th May, 2019 in Nonthaburi Thailand.
- Asian Under 14 Grade A Tournament, 18th-25th May, 2019 in Almaty Kazakhstan.
- Asian Under 14 Grade A Tournament, 25th- 1st June, 2019 in Shymkent Kazakhstan.
- South East Asia- ITF 12&U Team Competition, 25th -31st May, 2019 in Manila, Philippines.