



# OCEANIA TENNIS FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Pacific Oceania Davis and Billie Jean King Cup Teams Promoted

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# OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: VICE PRESIDENT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Mr. Cyrille Mainguy (VAN) Mr. Bruce Osborne (AUS) Mrs. Davina Hosking-Ashford (CI), Mrs. Vicki Reid (AUS), Mrs. Terri-Ann Scorer (NZL), Mrs. Tara Perez-Steffy (GUM), Mrs. Barbara Stubbings (PNG), Ms. Florence Wasko (ASA) Tara Perez-Steffy (GUM) replaced Torgun Smith (GUM) in June 2023	
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:	Mr. David Smith, Mr. Richard Breen	
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MEMBER NATIONS:	American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Is, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.	

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023**

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Oceania Tennis Federation (**OTF**) for the year 2023 year. 2023 was an exciting year where ALL OTF activities and projects happened.

The OTF managed to host all its major events including all Regional Championships, the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, the Nations' Cup in Samoa, a number of Junior tours and the year ended with the 17<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games in Honiara from the 19<sup>th</sup> November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Congratulations to all the Nations and their players who made it to these events and to the ALL the medal winners from the Games.

A number of committees were set up this year and with the Regional Training Centre being closed, the High-Performance committee worked closely with ITF to introduce a touring programme supporting the best U14 in the Region and the players were identified to be supported throughout next year. The Oceania Tennis Federation held its Annual General Meeting virtually for the fourth year in a row and it definitely saved costs. The AGM was meant to be held face to face in Port Vila in early March but Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin passed through Vanuatu the week of the AGM and it was held virtually.

Throughout the year all meetings were held virtually including OTF Board meetings. The ITF AGM was hosted in person in Cancun later in the year and it was great to see some of the Oceania delegates attend the elective AGM. It was disappointing to see that no OTF delegates were voted onto the ITF Executive and the OTF will continue pushing to amend the ITF Constitution so that the Oceania Region has a direct representative on the ITF Board.

The ITF and the OTF continued to further develop great communication having more regular meetings and that was definitely the positive point for 2023 with more direct communication with the ITF's various departments.

Our ITF Oceania Development Officer, Gary Purcell remained based in Australia but was able to travel to a number of Nations and also conducted a CBI level 1 coaching course during the year in Fiji where few coaches received their Certificate and it was also great to see Female coaches attend and pass the Certificate and supported under the Pacific Leaders Women and Girls Programme financed by DFAT through Tennis Australia. Gary continues to work closely with the OTF to improve the level of tennis in our Region and to keep the coaches motivated.

We are also extraordinarily well served by our Joint Executive Officers, David Smith and Richard Breen who between them make Oceania function and work efficiently despite our limited budget and our challenges. This year was very challenging as tennis returned in full and ALL our projects and events happened and unfortunately the cost of travel has increased and a lot of work happened to postpone and host events and our Joint EOs and Project Coordinator did extremely well.

The Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team travelled to Sri Lanka in August and Congratulations to Captain Aymeric Mara and his team consisting of Colin Sinclair, Clement Mainguy, Gillian Osmont and Matavao Fanguna as they got promoted to the Group II Play Offs for 2024!

The Pacific Oceania Billie Jean King Cup Team travelled to Malaysia in July and Congratulations to Captain William O'Connell and his team consisting of Abigail Tere-Apisah, Carol Lee, Violet Apisah and Patricia Apisah and Saoirse Breen as they got promoted to Group I for 2024!

CONGRATULATIONS to both teams and all the best in their promotion matches next year.

I want to thank Tennis Australia for their continued financial and logistical support of the OTF which is exceptionally administered by Vicki Reid supported by my Vice-President Bruce Osborne who does so much for tennis in the Pacific Oceania region. Tennis Australia's assistance supports our objectives of building the grass roots and increasing participation in Pacific Oceania which will give us a firm base to grow the sport for the future. In my view, this is the best use of our limited resources.

Tennis Australia through the Government of Australia have also continued supporting women and girls in Tennis in Oceania and as such Tennis Australia held a workshop during the Pacific Nation's Cup inviting women from around the Region. Tennis Australia has also supported individual female coaches to be mentored and attend the CBI Level 1 course in Fiji and also attend various tours with juniors and head coaches. Tennis Australia has also employed a media officer dedicated to OTF news and supporting Tennis Fiji being based there. Tennis Australia has really done a lot to support our people and sport in the Region and the OTF is very thankful!

I also want to thank the ITF for their continued financial commitment and engagement and support throughout 2023. Additionally, for working closely with the OTF to develop our funding budget at all levels, all of which play a very important and critical part in assisting Oceania to 'grow the game' and extend our Projects.

The OTF AGM will be held in Melbourne on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 and the OTF will be delighted to host all of our Oceania and ITF Delegates during the most beautiful Grand Slam and special mention to Tennis Australia that will be hosting us.

Finally, my thanks to the OTF Board and all of the officers of our Oceania Nations whose love for and commitment to tennis keeps the game going and growing. A special mention to all the volunteers in tennis who are equally committed to growing the game...

You ALL make the OTF the very special organization it is.



Cyrille Mainguy President Oceania Tennis Federation

# **Executive Officer's Report**

# **Overview**

2023 will be remembered for the unparalleled success at senior level but also a year when more events, particularly Junior, were held across our region that in any one single year facilitated through the funding provided by both the GSPDP grants but also the substantive ITF Pacific Oceania Assistance funding. It will also be remembered as a year when, in the last week of July, for the first time in Pacific Oceania history both the Men's Davis Cup and Women's Billie Jean King Cup Team were promoted in the same week.

But our region continues to innovate and none more so that when prior to the NZ Nationals in December, Pacific Oceania players trained at the Lavie Academy in Auckland, assisted by coaches Sebastian Lavie and Gilles de Gouy, as they prepared for the following week to play in the New Zealand Nationals. Similarly Tennis Coaching experts from Pacific Oceania and Asia travelled and conducted training programmes in Guam, NMI, Tahiti, Samoa and American Samoa.

But 2023 was also about opportunities where with the assistance of funding through the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), substantive coaching and other programmes, detailed throughout this report, were rolled out in a manner never-before-seen in our region.

But we still have a lot of work to do as we all work hard to change the lives of so many players, officials, administrators and coaches across our Region. This 2023 Annual Report, which focusses on the activities of Pacific Oceania, is both an opportunity to celebrate the successes but also reflect on the journey that we have all been collectively experiencing as we have continued to embrace the ITF 2024 Strategy and 8 strategic priorities.

# **Governance-Executive and AGM**

The 2023 OTF AGM was held virtually for the 4th consecutive year. It was intended to be a face-to-face AGM, but this couldn't occur due to 2 consecutive cyclones (Judy and Kevin) that closed all airport access to Vanuatu. There were 30 attendees at the AGM including the following from the ITF and Tennis Netherlands who presented to the AGM:

- David Haggerty ITF President
- Luca Santilli ITF Executive Director, Tennis Development
- Gary Purcell ITF Development Officer, Pacific Oceania
- James McGurran ITF International Relations Manager
- Roger Davids President, Tennis Netherlands and Chair of the ITF Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce.

During the AGM, there was an election for the OTF Vice President for the 4 years from 2023-2027 and 3 OTF Board Members also for the 4 years from 2023-2027. Elected were:

Vice -President 2023-2027 Bruce Osborne (AUS)

Board Member 2023-2027 Vicki Reid (AUS)

Board Member 2023-2027 Terri-Ann Scorer (NZL)

Board Member 2023-2027 Florence Wasko (AS)

They joined incumbent OTF Board Members: President 2021-2025 Cyrille Mainguy (VAN) Board Member 2021-2025 Davina Hosking-Ashford (CI) Board Member 2021-2025 Torgun Smith (GUM)-subsequently resigned; replaced by Tara Perez-Steffy (GUM) Board Member 2021-2025 Barbara Stubbings (PNG)

#### ITF AGM, Cancun, Mexico – 21<sup>st</sup>-24th September 2023

11 OTF Members attended the 2023 ITF AGM in Cancun, Mexico from Thursday 21st September-Sunday 24th September. This was an opportunity for the OTF to meet formally with Luca Santilli and James McGurran from the ITF. The 11 attending from the OTF Region were:

- Richard Breen (OTF Joint EO)
- Bobby Cruz (Northern Mariana Islands)
- Davina Hosking-Ashford (Cook Islands)
- Julie Paterson (New Zealand)
- Jacquie Mangan (Australia)
- Vicki Reid (Australia)
- Tara Perez-Steffy (Guam)
- Terri-Ann Scorer (New Zealand)
- David Smith (OTF-Joint EO)
- Torgun Smith (Guam)
- Cyrille Mainguy (Vanuatu)

# **Gender Equality**

During the AGM, Tennis Australia and Tennis New Zealand received respectively Silver and Bronze Awards for their Advantage All Gender Equality in Tennis Reward and Recognition Programmes





# **OTF Membership**

The OTF has 20 Member Nations: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

# **Administration and Financial Accounts**

The OTF continues to be administered by two Joint Executive Officers with the respective primary responsibilities of each being:

- David Smith Plans and Policies; Finance; Sponsorship Submissions; Senior Touring
  - Teams/Events; Governance Management; Communication.
- Richard Breen Development Programme; ITF Junior Pacific Circuit; Regional Tennis Centre.

Additionally, Richard Breen manages all the Pacific Oceania Joint ITF/OTF projects on behalf of the ITF.

As an appendix to this Annual Report are the Financial Accounts and Performance Statement. The final preparation of the OTF's Financial Accounts and Performance Statement are prepared by Transparent Accounting, a New Zealand chartered accounting company who specialize in Not-For-Profit reporting under

# the PBE SFR A standards in accordance with the New Zealand Financial Reporting Act 2013. These accounts were then audited separately by Kudos Murray Audit Ltd (Cornelius du Plessis).

In late March, the OTF employed Lucy Vakere as its first Administration and social media Officer. This position is responsible for providing administrative and operational support to assist with Regional Administration and Social Media content. She has additionally been promoting social media content and supporting the projects of the Pacific Women and Girls in Tennis Programme of Tennis Australia in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of the Australian Government.



The OTF Board established sub-committees during 2023 and these were:

- Finance-Cyrille Mainguy, David Smith, Richard Breen, Barbara Stubbings.
- Gender Equality-Cyrille Mainguy, Barbara Stubbings, Vicki Reid, Florence Wasko, Davina Hosking-Ashford.
- Governance- Bruce Osborne, Vicki Reid, Terri-Ann Scorer, Tara Perez-Steffy.
- Education-Vicki Reid, Barbara Stubbings, Davina Hosking-Ashford, Tara Perez-Steffy, John Tannang.
- High Performance- Cyrille Mainguy, Terri-Ann Scorer, Tara Perez-Steffy, Richard Breen, Florence Wasko, Torgun Smith.
- Beach Tennis-Cyrille Mainguy, Olivier Le Dain, Davina Hosking-Ashford, Richard Breen.
- Masters-Bruce Osborne, Davina Hosking-Ashford, Richard Breen, David Smith.
- Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Selectors
  - o Team Captain- Bruce Osborne, David Smith, Florence Wasko
  - Players-Bruce Osborne, David Smith, Cyrille Mainguy, Appointed Captain.

# **Financial Assistance and Funding and Other Support**

Tennis Australia has assisted the Oceania Tennis Federation financially in a marked way in 2023. For the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Tennis Australia provided equipment and funding to 9 Pacific Nations through the Australian Open Pathway Programme (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti and Vanuatu. The Oceania Tennis Federation records its thanks to Craig Tiley, Vicki Reid and Isabelle Gemmel for their support of this invaluable programme. Additionally, the OTF, in partnership with Tennis Australia, thanks the Australian Government for the 4-year funding support through the PacAus Elite Sport Programme designed to help and support Pacific Women in Tennis emerge onto the World



Stage. This grant, payable in 8 tranches, is between the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Tennis Australia and is a grant to support the implementation of the activity "Pacific Women in Tennis-Emerging onto the World Stage." This financial support in 2023 has created enormous opportunities for players, coaches, administrators and officials and this is detailed throughout this Annual Report.

# Services to the Game Recognition

During the 2023 Australian Open, presentations were made to both Barry McMillan and Ian Barclay of the ITF Award for "Services to the Game." For the last 26 years Barry McMillan held 2 key roles assisting the OTF in its Development and Administration since the OTF's inception in 1993. He was the OTF's Honorary Auditor for 20 years 1999-2019. He was Tennis Australia Delegate Member to the Board from 1993-1999; President of Tennis South Australia 1982-1984; South Australia Tennis Board Member 1979-1981; Member of the Board of Tennis Australia 1982-1984.

Ian Barclay coached a number of Victorian and Australian Junior Champions, singles and doubles, most

notably Pat Cash. He was National Junior Coach for the Lawn Tennis Association for nine years before returning to Australia. As of 2010, he was still coaching and involved with junior development programs with Tennis Australia. He coached over 20 Grand Slam junior title winners and over 40 national and international junior and senior title winners in two different countries. His awards include; 2011 Order of Australia Medal for Services to the Sport of Tennis; 2012 Tennis Australia Presidents Spirit of Tennis Award; 2016 Tennis Coaches Australia – Victoria Awarded Legend Status; 2013 Tennis Coaches Australia – Victoria Hall of Fame Inductee; 2007 Tennis Coaches Australia – Victoria Coach of The Year Award; 2011 – 12 Tennis Victoria – Victorian Spirit of Tennis Award.



The OTF is extremely grateful for the support received from Tennis New Zealand in many ways throughout 2023. Through CEO, Julie Paterson, Tennis New Zealand provided Wildcards for the M15 and W15 Wellington Events for Gillian Osmont (TAH) and Leilany Ipunesso (NC).



The OTF thanks the ITF for their continued support and investment in the Oceania Region. But also

particularly in their investment in time that they have provided to our region, not only in the innumerable virtual on-line meetings but in the face-to-face visits when Luca Santilli, Debbie Kirkwood, Dermot Sweeney and Gary Purcell visited our region. The OTF's main priorities are to develop grassroots participation, facilities, programmes, events, elite tours and to this end the OTF is grateful for the funding support that was provided in 2023 and will be provided in 2024 to help achieve these goals.

The OTF Board and Executive Officers have enjoyed the close working relationships at every level and department of the ITF as we collectively



worked hard to align our common goals. In particular we want to thank the ITF Development Team of Luca Santilli, (Executive Director Tennis Development), Debbie Kirkwood, (Head of Performance and Events), Rachel Woodward (Manager-Tennis Development), Dermot Sweeney (Technical Director, Training Centre and Players), Miguel Crespo (Head-Participation and Coaching), James McGurran (International Relations Manager), Gary Purcell (Development Officer- Pacific Oceania) and Paul Lifton (Lead Project Manager, ITF World Tennis Number).

David Smith Executive Officer (Joint)

# **SENIOR TENNIS**

#### 2023 DAVIS CUP

In 2023, the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team played 2 Davis Cup Ties. The first was World Group II Play Off Tie played on hardcourt at the Sir Garfield Sobers Sports Complex in Bridgetown, Barbados against Barbados in the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February.

The team for this Tie was:

- Colin Sinclair (NMI)
- Clement Mainguy (VAN)
- Gillian Osmont (TAH)
- Brett Baudinet (CI)
- Matavao Fanguna (TON)
- Aymeric Mara (VAN)-captain
- Cyrille Mainguy (VAN)-manager

Following the draw, Clement Mainguy (VAN) opened the Tie in the 1st rubber against Darian King. King had a current ATP Singles Ranking of 765 and a Doubles Ranking of 1275 but he has had a career-high ATP singles ranking of 106 achieved on 8 May 2017, and a career-high ATP doubles ranking of No. 156 achieved on 21 October 2019.

The Order of Play was:

- Clement Mainguy vs Darian King
- Colin Sinclair vs Kaipo Marshall
- Brett Baudinet/Colin Sinclair vs Matthew Foster-Estwick/Darian King
- Colin Sinclair vs Darian King
- Clement Mainguy vs Kaipo Marshall





After Day 1, the Tie was evenly poised at 1 Rubber All. Clement Mainguy (VAN) opened the Tie on his 20th birthday but was defeated in 1 Hour 11minutes by Darian King (BRB) 6-4, 6-0. In the 2nd Rubber, Colin Sinclair (NMI) decisively beat his opponent Kaipo Marshall 6-2, 6-1.

Entering Day 2 The Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team had high expectations. This wasn't to be as Barbados beat Pacific Oceania 3-2 on Day 2 with ascendency in the Tie oscillating back and forth.

The Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Doubles team of Brett Baudinet (CI)/Colin Sinclair (NMI) got the day off to the perfect start beating the Barbados doubles pairing of Matthew Foster-Estwick/Darian King in a thrilling 3-set match 4-6, 7-6(4), 7-5 to take the Tie to a 2-1 Pacific Oceania lead.

Then Colin Sinclair played Darian King, formerly ranked 106, and after 1-hour 41minutes, Darian King prevailed 7-6(6), 6-3 to level the Tie at 2-2. The tie then came down to the 5th rubber between Clement Mainguy (VAN) and Kaipo Marshall. Clement Mainguy started the match perfectly winning the 1st set 6-4, but then lost the last 2 sets for Kaipo Marshall to win the match 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 and Barbados the Tie 3-2

Later in the year in July, the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team played a 2<sup>nd</sup> Event in the Asia/Oceania Group III in the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. The team was:

- Colin Sinclair (Northern Mariana Islands)
- Clement Mainguy (Vanuatu)
- Gillian Osmont (Tahiti)
- Matavao Fanguna (TON)
- Aymeric Mara (Vanuatu) -captain
- Cyrille Mainguy (Vanuatu)- team manager



There were 8 Nations competing: Saudia Arabia, Iran, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Pacific Oceania, Jordan and Vietnam. The 8 Nations were drawn into 2 Groups with Pacific Oceania the top seed in Group B. Group A: Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Sri Lanka

Group B: Pacific Oceania, Jordan, Malaysia, Cambodia

The round robin matches were played from Wednesday 26th- Friday 28th. Play Off Ties were played on Saturday 29th. 2 teams were promoted and 2 relegated. The winners of each Pool were directly promoted to compete in the World Group II Play Offs in 2024 and played off for final positions (A1 vs B1). The 2nd team in each pool played off to determine the 3rd promoted team (A2 vs B2). The bottom 2 teams in each group competed in a play-off to determine the 2 teams relegated to compete in Asia/Oceania Group IV in 2024.

The Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team had an indifferent start to their Davis Cup Tie on the clay courts at the Sri Lankan Tennis Association National Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka. They lost their first Tie to Malaysia 2-1, then beat Cambodia 3-0.

Pacific Oceania played Malaysia in their opening Tie with both Colin Sinclair (NMI) and Clement Mainguy (VAN) losing very tight 3 set matches in 3 hour long epic battles in the excessive humidity and 32C heat. Colin Sinclair and Matavao Fanguna (TON) then combined to win their doubles match 6-4, 6-1. Final Score Malaysia beat Pacific Oceania 2-1.

On Day 2 Pacific Oceania beat Cambodia 3-0. Gillian Osmont played his first Davis Cup Singles match

beating his opponent, Panlock Kleang 6-0, 6-2. Colin Sinclair then beat the opposing #1 player, Sarinreach Leng 7-5, 6-2 before both Colin Sinclair and Matavao Fanguna won their doubles 6-3, 6-2 to give Pacific Oceania a 3-0 win. The Group was thrown wide open with Jordan beating Malaysia 2-1 with the Tie between Pacific Oceania play Jordan then becoming a "must win match."

On the final day, the Pacific Oceania Team beat Jordan 2-1 to be promoted to the World Group II Play Offs in 2024. In the opening singles, Clement Mainguy was beaten 7-6 (3), 6-4 by Mohammad Lkotop. Colin Sinclair then levelled the Tie 1-1 when he beat Zaid Shelbaya 6-1, 6-0. Then in the deciding doubles, Colin Sinclair/Matavao beat Karam Hatamleh/Mohammad Lkotop 6-2 6-7(5) 6-3.

Three teams were promoted to the 2024 Davis Cup World Group II play offs in 2024. They were Pacific Oceania, Iran and Vietnam. Two teams were relegated to Word Group IV for 2024. Sri Lanka and Cambodia.



The Guam Davis Cup Team played in the Group IV Asia/Oceania Event in Antalya, Turkey from the 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Eight Nations competed and they were drawn into 2 Pools: Pool A: Syria, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Iraq Pool B: Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Guam, Turkmenistan. The Guam Team was: Mason Caldwell, Camden Camacho, Daniel Llarenas, Dakota Gibson, Derek Okuhama and Torgun Smith (captain).

Guam lost their opening pool match to Kuwait 3-0. Daniel Llarenas lost to Bader Alabdullah (KUW) 6-1, 6-4. Camden Camacho lost to Essa Qabazard 6-3, 6-0 and the Doubles pairing of Mason Caldwell/Derek Okuhama lost to Abdulhamid Mubarak/Essa Qabazard 6-2,6-1.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> pool match, Guam beat Turkmenistan 2-1. Daniel Llarenas beat Yuriy Rogusskiy 6-3. 6-2. Camden Camacho beat Meylis Orazmuhamedow 6-2, 6-2. The Guam doubles pairing of Mason Caldwell/Derek Okuhama then lost to Hadzhymrat Charyyev/Attymyrat Gurbanov 6-3, 7-6 (6).

In the final pool match Guam lost to Kyrgyzstan. Daniel Llarenas lost to Kirill Kristanov 7-6(3), 3-6, 6-2. Camden Camacho lost to Ligiz Kamchibekov 6-1, 6-1. In the Doubles match Mason Caldwell/Derek Okuhama lost to Kirill Kristanov/ Mirgiiaz Mirdzhaliev 7-6(3), 7-6 (2). In the Promotion/Relegation Play Offs, Guam lost to Iraq 2-0(Doubles not played).

At the end of November the Australian Davis Cup Team of Alex de Minaur, Max Purcell, Alexei Popyrin, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Matthew Ebden and Leyton Hewitt (captain) played against Italy in the final 8 knockout stage of the Davis Cup Finals in front of over 9,000 spectators in Malaga, Spain.

The Italian team, headed by World #4 Jannik Sinner, beat Australia 2-0 in the final with Matteo Arnaldi (ITA) defeating Alexei Popyrin (AUS) in 3 sets 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 in the opening match before Jannik Sinner (ITA) defeated Alex de Minaur (AUS) 6-3, 6-0 to win the Tie for Italy and to take Italy to the #1 Davis Cup ranking for the first time ever becoming only the 10<sup>th</sup> Nation to hold the #1 ranking position since rankings were introduced in 2001.

#### **BILLIE JEAN KING CUP**

The Pacific Oceania Billie Jean Cup Team played in the 2023 Asia/Oceania Group II by Gainbridge Event outdoors on the hardcourts at the National Tennis Centre from Monday 24th July to Saturday 29th July. The Pacific Oceania Team was:

- Carol Lee (NMI)
- Violet Apisah (PNG)
- Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG)
- Saoirse Breen (Fiji)
- Patricia Apisah (PNG)
- William O'Connell (Fiji)

There were 12 Nations competing: New Zealand, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong China, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Pacific Oceania, Mongolia and Guam. The Teams were drawn into 2 Pools:



In the opening pool match Pacific Oceania convincingly beat 4th seeds, Hong Kong China, 3-0. Violet Apisah got the Tie off to the perfect start beating Man Ying Maggie Ng 7-5, 6-2. Then Carol Lee beat the #1 player from Hong Kong China, Ho Ching Wu, 6-4, 6-3 to give Pacific Oceania an unassailable lead. They then combined in the Doubles to beat the same 2 players, Man Yin Maggie Ng and Ho Ching Wu 7-6(10), 6-2.

Then Pacific Oceania went to the top of the Group A Pool after stunning the Event's Top Seeds, Chinese Taipei, by winning both singles to have an unassailable lead of 2-0 before losing the dead doubles rubber to finish at 2-1. Violet Apisah, playing #2, got the Tie off to the perfect start beating Hao-Ching Chan 2-6, 7-5,7-5. Then Carol Lee beat the opposing #1 Chinese Taipei player, Pei-Chi Lee, ranked 450 in the World in straight sets 7-5, 7-5. In the Doubles Patricia Apisah/Abigail Tere-Apisah lost to Hao-Ching Chan/Letisha Chan 6-1, 6-0.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie, both Violet Apisah (PNG) and Carol Lee (NMI) were in devastating form easily beating their Singaporean Singles Opponents. Violet Apisah beat Audrey Tong (SGP) 6-1, 6-1 and then Carol Lee gave Pacific Oceania an unassailable lead when she beat Sue Yan Tan (SGP) 6-2, 6-1. In the dead doubles rubber Carol Lee/Patricia Apisah lost 6-4, 6-1.

On Day 4, Pacific Oceania continued their devastating form beating Guam 3-0, only losing 7 games in the 3 matches. Patricia Apisah (PNG) started the Tie off in perfect style beating Sydney Packbier (GUM) 6-4, 6-2. Then Carol Lee (NMI) beat her #1 opponent, Freemont Gibson (GUM) 6-1, 6-0. Then Violet Apisah (PNG)/Carol Lee (NMI) combined to beat Sydney Packbier/Michelle Pang (GUM) 6-0, 6-0.

On the final day of Round Robin pool play, Pacific Oceania beat Pakistan 3-0 to win Group A only dropping 1 set against all 5 Nations that they played. On the final day, Pacific Oceania Team beat Indonesia 2-0 (doubles not played) to win promotion to World Group I in 2024. As had been the case consistently

throughout the week, Violet Apisah (PNG) got the team off to the perfect start beating the #2 player from Indonesia, Deria Nur Haliza (INA) 6-2, 6-2. Then Carol Lee, also as she had done consistently throughout the week, backed this up by beating the #1 player from Indonesia, Beatrice Gumulya (INA) 7-5, 6-1. Chinese Taipei were the other Nation to be promoted, beating New Zealand 2-1.

In the same Event was the Guam Team comprising Freemont Gibson, Sydney Packbier and Michelle Pang. Guam lost all of their 5 Ties: They lost to Pakistan 2-1, Hong Kong China 3-0, Chinese Taipei 3-0, Pacific Oceania 3-0 and Singapore 3-0. In the relegation Play Off they lost to Sri Lanka 2-0 (doubles not played).

Pacific Oceania and Chinese Taipei won promotion to Asia/Oceania Group 1 in 2024. Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka will remain in Asis/Oceania Group II in 2024. Guam and Turkmenistan were relegated and will compete in Asia/Oceania Group III in 2024.



In early November the Australian Billie Jean King Cup Team of Kimberly Birrell, Storm Hunter, Daria Saville, Aija Tomljanovic, Ellen Perez and Alicia Molik travelled to Seville, Spain to play in the Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Finals. The Finals featured 12 teams competing in four round-robin groups of three. Switzerland as 2022 Billie Jean King Cup champions and Australia as 2022 runners-up, automatically qualified for the 2023 finals. They were joined by the nine winners of the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers (Canada, Czechia, France, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Slovenia, Spain, USA) plus the wild card, Poland. Australia was in Group B with Slovenia and Kazakhstan with the pool being won by Slovenia who joined the other three group winners: Canada, Czechia and Italy. The Billie Jean King Cup 2023 final was won by Canada who defeated Italy 2-0.

#### PACIFIC NATIONS CUP

The 2023 Pacific Nations Cup was held from the 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September at the Apia Park Tennis Facility in Apia, Samoa. The Event was officially opened by Reverend Nu'uausala Siutaia Siosi with Debbie Kirkwood, ITF Head of Performance and Events, and Gary Purcell -ITF Pacific Development Officer also present. 55 Pacific players (31 Men and 24 Women) competed. This event is a Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup type event for Class C Pacific Nations only where teams play 2 singles and 1 doubles rubber in each Tie. There were 10 Men's Teams and 8 Women's Teams. The following were the respective Pools:

Men's Event:

Group A – Tahiti (1), Samoa #2 Team, Solomon Islands Group B -Samoa #1 Team (2), Norfolk Islands, Nauru Group C – Fiji (3), Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Cook Islands (4)

Women's Event Group A- Samoa (1), Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tahiti (3) Group B- Fiji (2), Samoa #2 Team, Vanuatu, Cook Islands (4)

Samoa won both the Men's and Women's Event. The Final Placings for the respective Men's and Women's Event were:

#### Men:

- 1. Samoa 1
- 2. Tahiti
- 3. Tuvalu
- 4. Fiji
- 5. Solomon Islands
- 6. Norfolk Island
- 7. Cook Islands
- 8. Vanuatu
- 9. Samoa 2
- 10. Nauru

#### Women:

- 1. Samoa 1
- 2. Tahiti
- 3. Fiji
- 4. Cook Islands
- 5. Vanuatu
- 6. Solomon Islands

7. Samoa 2 8 Nauru



#### **2023 PACIFIC GAMES**

The 17th Pacific Games were held at the new National Tennis Centre in Honiara, Solomon Islands from the 19th November-2nd December 2023. There were 24 Sports with 24 Nations competing. The tennis event, due to its size started 2 days earlier on Friday 17th November preceded by the first Technical Meeting where the draws for the Men's and Women's Teams Event were made as follows:

**Men's Teams Event**– there were 13 teams separated into 4 Pools with the respective seeds being Tahiti (1), Papua New Guinea (2), Fiji (3) and New Caledonia (4).

**Women's Teams Event**– there were 10 teams separated into 3 Pools with the respective seeds being Samoa (1), Papua New Guinea (2) and Solomon Islands (3).

The eventual Teams Event Medal Winners were:

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Teams Event	Guam	Tahiti	New Caledonia
Women's Teams Event	Samoa	Solomon Islands	Papua New Guinea

At the conclusion of the Teams Event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical meeting was held where the draws were done for the 5 Individual Events. The winners of the Individual Events were:

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Singles	Heremana Courte (NC)	Heve Kelley (TAH)	Matthew Stubbings
			(PNG)
Women's Singles	Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG)	Annerley Georgeopoulos (SAM)	Eleanor Schuster (SAM)
Men's Doubles	Charles Cornish/ William	Faolina Heleti/Maka Foster Ofati	Camden Camacho/
	O'Connell (FIJI)	(TUV)	Daniel Llarenas (GUM)
Women's Dobles	Annerley	Zorika Morgan/Georjimah Row	Rubby Coffin/Tarani
	Georgeopoulos/Eleanor	(SI)	Kamoe (FIJ)
	Schuster (SAM)		
Mixed Doubles	Matthew Stubbings/Abigail	Antoine Voisin/ Mehetia Boosie	William O'Connell/Tarani
	Tere Apisah (PNG)	(TAH)	Kamoe (FIJ)

The Medals won by Nation were

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Samoa	2	1	1	4
Papua New Guinea	2		2	4
Fiji	1		2	3
Guam	1		1	2
New Caledonia	1		1	2
Tahiti		3		3
Solomon Islands		2		2
Tuvalu		1		1

#### FIJI 2023 OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 114th Fiji Tennis Open Event was held from Wednesday 31st May to Sunday 4th June on the synthetic and grass courts of the Sheraton Denerau Golf and Racquet Club, Denerau Island, Fiji. 109 players entered the event from Australia, New Zealand and across Pacific Oceania with large contingents from Samoa and the Solomon Islands. These players competed in 235 matches in 27 events over 5 days on 10 courts. **The Open Winners were:** 

- Men's Open Singles Marvin So'onalole (SAM)
- Women's Open Singles Eleanor Schuster (SAM)
- Men's Open Doubles Lachlan Guba (SI)/Junior Miki (SI)
- Women's Open Doubles Eleanor Schuster (SAM)/ Roselyn Tupuola (SAM)
- Mixed Open Doubles Junior Miki (SI)/Georjimah Row (SI)









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Colin Sinclair (NMI) won 4 titles in 2023. He won the M15 Rancho Santa Fe Event in California in early June beating 4<sup>th</sup> seed, Jaimee Floyd Angele (FRA) in the final 6-3. 6-2. He additionally won 3 Doubles Titles: The Noumea Challenger 100 (with partner, Rubin Statham -NZL) in January 2023; the ITF M25 Canberra Event in

March (with partner Zaharije-Zak Talic-AUS) and the San Luisi Potosi Challenger in April (with partner Adam Walton-AUS). His year end ATP Singles Ranking was 400 and his Doubles Ranking 221, though he did achieve earlier in the year on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 his highest Doubles Ranking of 200.





In late May, Saoirse Breen (FIJ) had a historic moment in Monastir, Tunisia in gaining her first WTA Point in the ITF W25 event after she won through 3 rounds of qualifying.

In her first match, she had a lucky break when her opponent, Lara Charles (AUS) retired with an injury with the score 3-1. Then in her 2nd round qualifying match, she prevailed against Luna Plaza Araujo (BRA) 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.



In her 3rd and final round qualifying match she convincingly beat Ferdaous Bahri (TUN) 6-3, 6-1. Then in her 1st round main draw match, she played Isabella Shinikova from

Bulgaria. Shinakova's highest World Ranking was 133 in Singles and 159 in Doubles. Saoirse lost this match 2-6, 3-6.

# JUNIOR TENNIS

#### EAST PACIFIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (EPQ)

The ITF East Pacific Regional Qualifying Championships (EPRQ) were held in April 2023 in Apia, Samoa. A total of 84 players took part in the U12, U14 and U16 Events from 5 Nations: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tahiti and Tonga.



During the Event, Natalie Dellamarta (AUS), the referee for the event, held an officiating workshop with a group of coaches, mangers, captains and volunteers.

This was part of the Australian Government initiative to empower Women in the Pacific. Additionally, the OTF and the ITF used this as an opportunity for an expert coach, Gille de Gouy (assisted by Gary Purcell), to hold coaching clinics for the players.





French Polynesia

Cook Islands/ Tonga

Samoa

Samoa

Samoa

**Cook Islands** 

International Coaching Expert Gilles De Gouy and ITF Development Officer -Pacific Oceania, Gary Purcell held a Tennis Camp for players in the EPRC 2023, focusing on the U10 and U12 categories.

The winners in the various age groups were:

#### GD16

- 1. Mehetia Boosie + Tavero Chung
- 2. Busby Toaiva + Mahinarangi Warren
- 3. Maiata Forsyth + Ana Laumanu Ma'U
- 4. Shanna Krause + Tasa Paul

#### BD16

1.	Hiva Kelley + Keanau Lei Foe	French Polynesia
2.	Darius Carruthers + Titus Paul	Samoa
3.	Anthony Chan Tung + Zac Sasulu	Samoa
4.	Luke Pierre + Kolosina Aron Vainikalo	Cook Islands/ Tonga

#### GS16

0210		
1.	Mahinarangi Warren	Samoa
2.	Mehetia Boosie	French Polynesia
3.	Tavero Chung	French Polynesia
4.	Busby Toaiva	Samoa
BS16		
1.	Hiva Kelley	French Polynesia
2.	Keanau Lei Foe	French Polynesia

- 3. Darius Carruthers
- 4. Luke Pierre

#### GD14

1. 2. 3. 4.	Raetea Rongo + Te Kura Ariki Tekura Tamangaro Mia Chang Yuk Shan + Meheti Tohetiaatua Fruean Latoya + Dora Moors Therese Chan Tung + Maryallyson Vaai	Cook Islands French Polynesia Samoa Samoa
BD14		
1.	Nicholas Montaigut + Matehau Sacault	French Polynesia
2.	Aaron Carruthers + Seuiama Penn	Samoa
3.	Toamailelagi Godinet + Aifili Tamasoaali	American Samoa
4.	Kaleb Hampton + Roland West	American Samoa
GS14		
1.	Mia Chang Yuk Shan	French Polynesia
2.	Raetea Rongo	Cook Islands
3.	Dora Moors	Samoa
4.	Nualelai Vaai	Samoa
BS14		
1.	Nicholas Montaigut	French Polynesia
2.	Matehau Sacault	French Polynesia
3.	Toanui Lee Tham	French Polynesia
4.	Aifili Tamasoaali	American Samoa

#### NORTH PACIFIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (NPQ)

The ITF/OTF North Pacific Regional Championships were held in Guam from the 24th-29th April 2023. It featured 50 players in the U12, U14 and U16 Events from 5 Nations: Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia. During the week an expert coach from Indonesia, Martin Setiawan, conducted a development camp as part of the ITF/OTF Development Programme.





The final placing of the NPQ were:

BS14			GS14	
1.	Junhyuk Seo	GUM	Hannah Chae	NMI
2.	Siwoo Lee	NMI	Anne Lee	NMI
3.	Nason Wessel	NMI	Lina Tsukagoshi	NMI
4.	Daniel Dontrick	FSM	Leah San Augustin	GUM
5.	Jacob Hsiao	GUM	Rachel San Augustin	GUM
6.	Yutaka Kadokura	NMI	Clara Ueki	PLW
7.	Jeren Devera	GUM	Leleana Isaac	PLW
8.	Blackie Diereragea	NRU	Sorai Nakamura	PLW
BS16				
1.	Jonathan Jackson	GUM	Freemont Gibson	GUM
2.	Erwin Tayshawn	FSM	Sydney Packbier	GUM

3.	Seungwoo Choi	GUM	Leila Mercado	GUM
4.	June Yu	NMI	Amelie Terlaje	GUM
5.	Simon Tang	NMI	Hoo Wang	NMI
6.	Jacob Ji	GUM	Irin Chung	NMI
7.	Jordan Harris	NRU	Savita Sikkel	NMI
8.	Wataru Kadokura	NMI	Louisa William	FSM
Boys 1	12& U		Girls 12&U	
1.	Guam Boys		NMI Girls	
2.	NMI Boys		Guam Girls	
3.	FSM Boys		Nauru Girls	
4.	Nauru Boys		Palau Girls	

#### WEST PACIFIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (WPQ)

The West Pacific Regional Championships were held in Port Vila, Vanuatu from the 1st-6th May 2023. 34 U12 players from 5 Nations (Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Kiribati) competed. In the U14 and U16 Event 52 players from 4 Nations (Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea) competed.





The final placings of the WPQ were:

#### BS14

John Kennedy Taufunu 1. Colita Hakena 2. Uraia Ratu Alish Kanegai 3. John Louie Domalaon Ashanti Ligo 4. Frank Sun Jen Tahunipue 5. Mathis Jacobe Maelyn Bird 6. Thomas Hyun Nepheline Leah 7. Aryan Lal Niconia Wivou 8. Jenshally Aka Henley Daniel BS16 GS16 1. Fintan Molbaleh Josephine Debalevu 2. Sugar Ray Hakena Pauline Hyun

GS14

- 3. Deevansh Singh
- 4. Alessandro Traverso
- 5. Phyongill Justus Tolowe
- 6. Leo Jung-Dupoux
- 7. Roko Draunidalo
- 8. Vignesh Dass

#### BD14

- 1. Uraia Ratu + Frank Sun
- 2. Andrew Sanga + John Kennedy Taufuna
- 3. Reezwan Khan + Aryan Lal
- 4. Henley Daniel + Oliver Sands

#### BD16

- 1. Fintan Molbaleh + Allesandro Traverso
- 2. Leo Jung-Dupoux + Oscar Maucotel
- 3. Phyongill Justus Tollowe + Fisher Waita
- 4. Jung Joonhyeok + Deevansh Singh

# Abygael Coeuillet Sina Izumi Margaret Agi Leoa Morginah Dorothy Mae Maycianne Mera Namet Sanewai

# GD14

Colita Hakena + Nepheline Leah Misha Kanegai + Ashanti Ugo Bossley Malia + Niconia Wivou Michelle Kupenga + Elizabeth Qaqaturaga

# GD16

Josephine Debalevu + Sina Izumi Maycianne Mera + Sabine Saltukro Margaret Agi Leoa + Morginah Mae Pauline Hyun + Namet Sanewal

During the WPRC, Gary Purcell met with all the coaches in attendance and discussed the future of the WPRC and the ITF's plans for more tennis development programmes in the Pacific.



#### PACIFIC OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (POJC)

The Pacific Oceania Junior Championships were held in Lautoka, Fiji from the 10th-19th July. 29 Players competed in the U12 Event and 65 players in the U14 and U16 Events. In the U12 Event there were teams from:

**Boys**: Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, NMI, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, French Polynesia, Vanuatu **Girls**: American Samoa, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, NMI, PNG, Samoa, French Polynesia, Vanuatu

In the U14 and U16, there were players from:

American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Guam, Nauru, NMI, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, French Polynesia, Vanuatu

The Final Placings were:

BS14			GS14	
1.	La Hunn Lam	NMI	Colita Hakena	PNG
2.	Junhyuk Seo	GUM	Mia Chang	PYF
3.	Nasson Wessel	NMI	Raetea Rongo	СОК
4.	Toanui Lee Tham	PYF	Dora Moors	SAM
5.	Nicholas Montaigut	PYF	Nualelai Vaai	SAM
6.	John Kennedy Taufunu	SOL	Maryallyson Vaai	SAM
7.	Uraia Ratu	FIJ	Anne Lee	NMI
8.	Aifili Tamasoaali'l	AS	Ashanti Ligo	VAN
BS16			GS16	
1.	Fintan Molbaleh	VAN	Mehetia Boosie	PYF
2.	Hiva Kelley	PYF	Freemont Gibson	GUM
3.	Keanau Lei Foc	PYF	Mahinarangi Warren	SAM
4.	Jonathan Jackson	GUM	Sydney Packbier	GUM
5.	Darius Carruthers	SAM	Josephine Debalevu	FIJ
6.	Sugar Ray Hakena	PNG	Tavero Chung	PYF
7.	Devaansh Singh	FIJ	Abygael Coeuillet	VAN
8	Ao Li	FIJ	Leila Mercado	GUM
BD14			GD14	
1.	La Hunn Lam + Nasson Wessel	NMI	Mia Chang + Raetea Rongo	СОК
2.	Ryan Choi + Siwoo Lee	NMI	Alish Kanegai + Ashanti Ligo	VAN
3.	Nicholas Montaigut/Matehu Sacault	PYF	Maelyn Bird + Jen Tahunipue	SOL
4.	Dontrick Daniel + Junhyuk Seo	FSM/GUM	Colita Hakena/Dora Moors	PNG/SAM

#### BD16

			0010	
1	Hiva Kelley + Keanau Lei Foc	PYF	Mehetia Boosie + Tavero Chung PYF	
2.	Jonathan Jackson + Erwin Tayshawn	GUM/FSM	Josephine Debalevu + Sina Izumi	FIJ
3.	Seungwoo Choi + June Yu	NMI	Abygael Coeuillet + Pauline Hyun VAN/	
4.	Darius Carruthers + Titus Paul	SAM	Irin Chung + Hoo Wang	NMI
Boys 12 & U			Girls 12 & U	

- Vanuatu 1.
- 2. Guam
- 3 Tahiti
- 4. NMI
- Fiji 5.
- Samoa 6.
- 7. Cook Islands
- Solomon Islands 8

#### GD16

	Mehetia Boosie + Tavero Chung PYF	
SM	Josephine Debalevu + Sina Izumi	FIJ
	Abygael Coeuillet + Pauline Hyun	VAN/PNG
	Irin Chung + Hoo Wang	NMI

Girls 12 & U Fiji American Samoa Vanuatu Tahiti Guam Samoa Nauru Papua New Guinea



In attendance at the POJC were Dermot Sweeny (ITF Technical Director, Training Centres and Player Development) Gary Purcell (ITF Development Officer-Pacific Oceania) and Gille De Gouy. All 3 held Coaching Workshops during the POJC.

#### FIJI WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR EVENTS

At the end of July and the beginning of August, two World Tennis Tour Junior Events were held at the Regional Tennis Centre in Lautoka, Fiji. Both were very well attended with players from many Pacific nations, Australia and New Zealand as well as Asian Nations including Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. Qualifying events with over 20 players participating were held both weeks for boys and girls meaning it was very competitive to get into the main draws of 32 each week.

After long hot days for qualifying and first round of week one the tournament was interrupted by rain from 10am on Wednesday and did not resume until almost midday on Friday. Matches were then reduced in length to two sets and a match tiebreak until the finals in singles and short sets until the final of the doubles with almost all the tournament played on Friday afternoon and Saturday. The finals were held over until Sunday, the qualifying day for week 2. The finalists in the first week represented a wide spread of Nations illustrating the international nature of the tournament. Hudson Baxter (AUS) beat Jacob Shen (HKG) in the boy's singles and Charlotte Vanstone McGrath (AUS) beat Lisa Anzai (JPN) in the girl's singles. Success for the Pacific came in the boy's doubles with Charles Cornish (FIJ) and Maka Ofati (TUV) taking the title in straight sets.



The girl's Doubles was a very close match with Lucia Gale (NZL) and Mahi Khore (AUS) triumphing in a match tiebreak. The tournament was also notable for two players from Tahiti having success in singles, Mehetia Boosie reaching the quarters and Tavero Chung the second round, achieving Junior world rankings for the first time. Weather was better for the second week. Many of the same players dominated again. There was a notable singles performance from Maka Ofati (TUV) who played superb serve and volley tennis to reach the semi-finals where he lost in three sets to week one winner Hudson Baxter after getting to match point in the second set but being unable to convert.

Boosie and Chung continued on their good play from the previous week by reaching the doubles semifinals. Top boy's seed Max Wong (SGP) was in great touch winning all his matches in straight sets as he breezed past Hudson Baxter (AUS) in the boy's singles final. Charlotte Vanstone McGrath reached her second final in a row but was stopped by compatriot Ava Beck 7-5, 6-3 in a very tight final. The pair easily took out the doubles final over Olivia Collins (AUS) and Anna HSU (TPE). Charles Cornish and Maka Ofati featured in the boy's doubles final for the second week but were unable to complete the double going down to enthusiastic Japanese pairing Ko Fujikawa and Nagamitsu Kuroda in straight sets.





#### AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023 ASIA/PACIFIC ELITE 14 & UNDER TROPHY

In the last week of January at the Australian Open, the top U14 Pacific Oceania players went to Melbourne to play against the top U14 players in the Asia/Pacific region.

Representing the Boys for Pacific Oceania was Hiva Kelley (TAH). He competed against players from Korea, New Zealand, Malaysia, Australia, Thailand, India and Japan.

Representing the Girls was Mia Chang (TAH). She competed against players from Hong Kong, Korea, New Zealand, Japan, Kazakhstan, India and Australia.

Hiva Kelley finished  $6^{\text{th}}$  and Mia Chang  $7^{\text{th}}.$ 

#### GSPDP/OTF/ITF U16/17 J30 NOUMEA

The GSPDP/ITF/OTF 16U/U17 J30 Noumea ITF Juniors Tournament was held during the week commencing Monday 19th June to Saturday 24th June. There was a team of 4 from Pacific Oceania players: Fintan Molbaleh (VAN), Roselyn Tupuola (SAM), Josephine Grace Debalevu (FIJ) and Hiva Kelley (TAH) with Head Coach Gilles de Gouy. Hiva Kelley won his 1<sup>st</sup> round match against New Caledonia's Vicente Lebel 6-2, 6-4 then lost in the 2nd Round to Harrison Care (AUS) 6-3 ,6-0. Fintan Molbaleh won his 1<sup>st</sup> round match then lost to Simon Tremolieres (SGP) 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

In the Girls events, Roselyn Tupuola lost to Olivia Collins (AUS) in the first Round 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. She partnered with Josephine Debalevu in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the doubles and beat Olivia Collins and Shiori Takeda 6-4, 6-2. Grace Debalevu won her 1<sup>st</sup> round match against Lily Koleski(AUS) 6-4, 6-3 but lost her 2<sup>nd</sup> round match to Kasumi Hirayama (JPN) 64, 6-3.



#### TOURNOI DES REQUINS DU PACIFIC

From 14-21 October, a team of 11-year-old and 12-year-old players travelled to New Caledonia to compete in the "2023 Pacific Sharks" Tournament. They were accompanied by coaches Cyril Jacobe (VAN), Lorraine Banimataku (VAN) and Ruby Coffin (FIJ). Players came from 3 Pacific Oceania Nations: Vanuatu, Tahiti and Fiji. The Pacific players had excellent success with Alexandria Chand (FIJ) winning the Girl's Singles; then combining with Tabitha Speed (FIJ) to win the Girl's Doubles. The players competing were Gabriele Wong, Erik Michon, Caroline Andrew, Suzanne Saltukoro and Ylan Jacobe (VAN), Tabitha Speed, Alexandria Chand, Davina Mailtorok, Roko Draunidalo, Liam O'Donnell (FIJ) and Marotea Jamet (TAH).



**ITF J200 OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

In August, 4 coaches and 16 players played in the J200 Oceania Junior Championships in Sydney. The team was led by Head Coach Gilles de Gouy (TAH) with 3 other coaches, Ian Honila (VAN), Raynal Singh (FIJ) and Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG).

The 16 players were Maka Ofati (TUV), Charles Cornish (FIJ), Fremont Gibson (GUM), Roselyn Tupuola (SAM), Noah Molbaleh (VAN), Josephine Debalevu (FIJ), Hiva Kelley(TAH) Tavero Chung (TAH), Sugar Ray Hakena (PNG), Mehetia Boosie (TAH), Fintan Molbaleh (VAN) Jonathan Jackson (GUM), Colita Hakena (PNG) Keanau Le Foc (TAH) Noah AhKim (TAH) and Mia Chang (TAH).

Maka Ofati was the only player to win a match when he won his 1<sup>st</sup> round singles match beating Hudson Baxter (AUS) 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (5).



#### 2023 11U/13U AUSTRALIA TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In June a large contingent of Pacific players took part in the U11 and U13 Australian Teams Championships on the Gold Coast of Australia. The results were:

U11 Boys Team Event (Rod Laver Cup)- Pacific Oceania finished 10<sup>th</sup>.

U11 Girls Team Event (Margaret Court Cup) – Pacific Oceania finished 7<sup>th</sup>.

U13 Boys Team Event (Sproule Stephens Cup) – Pacific Oceania finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

U13 Girls Team Event (Mary Hawton Trophy) – Pacific Oceania finished 7<sup>th</sup>.



From there all the players flew to Fiji for a camp which bridged the gap between the Australian Tournament and the start of the POJC. This training camp was led by Gilles de Gouy (TAH). He was assisted by Lorraine Banimataku (VAN) and Sachin Reddy (FIJ).

#### NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS-CHRISTCHURCH

Six players and 2 coaches (Gilles de Gouy and Malcolm Kajer) travelled to Christchurch in December to play the New Zealand Nationals. The players were:

- Boys Under 12 Mareko Webb (COK)
- Girls Under 12 Faith Perera (GUM)
- Boys Under 14 La Hunn Lam (NMI)
- Girls Under 14 Colia Hakena (PMG)
- Boys Under 16 Fintan Molbaleh (VAN)
- Girls Under 16 Mehetia Boosie (TAH)

Colita Hakena partnered with New Zealander, Zyphveronee Te Kahu and lost the Final of the Girls 16 Doubles to Emily Dunn and Dorea Morina 6-4, 6-2. Also Faith Perera partnered with Olivia Gibbons to reach the quarter-finals of the Girls U12 Doubles.



# PACIFIC WOMEN IN TENNIS PROGRAMME

#### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE(DFAT)

During the year, the Pacific Women and Girls Programme of Tennis Australia and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided financial grants to high performance players. These grants were aimed at high-performance players aged between 18 to 25 years, playing ITF Women's World Tennis Tour events, and WTA tour events, either Singles and/or Doubles. A requirement was that players must hold the nationality of one of the following countries/territories: Fiji, Kiribati, Federated Sates of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu or Vanuatu.

#### ITF PACIFIC OCEANIA FEMALE COACHES NETWORK

Gary Purcell, the ITF Development Officer-Pacific Oceania hosted in June a very successful Female Coaches Network Webinar. There were 14 attendees and the topics covered were:

- ITF Advantage All Introduction and ITF Objectives and Initiatives
- Female Coaches Network KPIs and 2023 Plans
- Landscape of female coaches in Oceania based on KPIs.

- National Associations Case Studies and Best Practices Tennis Australia, Tennis Fiji, Guam National Tennis Federation
- Roundtable: Questions and Conclusion

The attendees were:

- Gary Purcell (ITF)
- Cecilia Ancalmo (ITF)
- Vicki Reid (Australia)
- Nicole Pratt (Australia)
- Kura Karika-Une (Cook Islands)
- Davina Hosking-Ashford (Cook Islands)
- Luisana Vakere (Fiji)
- Lala Debalevu (Fiji)
- Anastasia Isaac (FSM)
- Michelle Pang (Guam)
- Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG)
- Yvonne Carruthers (Samoa)
- Vaitea Lo (Tahiti)
- Ian Honila (Solomon Islands)

### SEREIMA LALAVANUA ACTIVELY COACHING ACROSS PACIFIC OCEANIA

Throughout the year, Sereima Lalavanua has been actively coaching across Pacific Oceania in Tuvalu, Tonga and particularly Fiji with multiple programmes which are an initiative by Pacific Aus Sports and Tennis Australia to empower Pacific Women through Tennis. Attendees below were part of a 5<sup>th</sup> programme at the Northern Club in Lautoka, where the focus of this course was serves and backhands.



She also led in August, the 4<sup>th</sup> Women's Community Coaching Programme at the Lautoka Regional Training Court as part of the Tennis Australia and Pacific Aus Sports initiative for Pacific Women.



She had earlier, in June, led the first and then the second Community Coaching programme as part of the Tennis Australia initiative through the DFAT Pacific Australian Sports Partnership Programme for Pacific Women and Girls at the Nadi Sports and Social Club in Fiji. This initial session included five young women who came from tennis, rugby, and volleyball sporting backgrounds. This initiative was an opportunity to actively involve and educate more women and girls to coach tennis in the Pacific. She subsequently conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Coaching Programme for Women at the Regional Training Centre in Lautoka.



In early December, she also conducted the 3rd Women's Community Coaching Program at the Atele Tennis Courts with the Girls that are part of Team Tonga for the 2024 East Pacific Regional Qualifying Event. During her time in Tonga, she held 3 Community Coaching programs for the Women in Tennis in Tonga Programme. Also, part of the programme was Grace Younghee, who travelled with this year's East Pacific Tongan Team, Karen Fonau, Coach Iasinito Hausia, and Amanaki Fakakovikaetau.



#### SECOND PACIFIC WOMEN LEADERS IN TENNIS PROGRAMME

The 2nd Pacific Women Leaders in Tennis Programme was held in September in Apia, Samoa and was officially opened by the Samoan Minister of Woman, Community and Social Development, The Honourable Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molioo. With so much relevance to this program, The Honourable Minister is the first woman ever appointed Minister of Finance in Samoa. This intent of this programme is to give Pacific Women in Tennis the opportunity to learn and connect with other women from the region who share their passion to lead and inspire change. It allows the women to engage in a variety of experiences, meaningful discussions, and skill-building activities that will not only enhance leadership capabilities but also enable them to make a lasting impact. Whether they are a player, coach, administrator or enthusiast, this program is designed to elevate the participants' potential and amplify their voice. Their dedication and enthusiasm

will inspire generations of women and girls to play and stay in tennis. This programme, which is a 4-month long course, is an integral part of the funding provided by Tennis Australia through the DFAT Programme. There were 4 Facilitators: Vicki Reid - Tennis Australia, Isabelle Gemmel - Tennis Australia, Barbara Stubbings - PNG and Lusiana Vakere - Fiji

There were 10 participants: Denke Soonalole (SAM), Anastasia Isaac (FSM), Saintly Alesi Molotii (TUV), Lorraine Banimataku (VAN), Freda Vora (VAN), Lina Schuster(SAM), Elizabeth Tesimu(SI), Martha Nakaio (PNG), Pritika Singh (FIJI) and Noelani Politini (FIJ).



#### **OFFICATING WOKSHOP HELD BY AUSTRALIAN REFEREE**

In July, as part of the Australian Government's funding initiative to empower women in the Pacific, the ITF white badge referee Natalie Dellamarta held an Officiating workshop in Apia, Samoa with a group of Pacific Oceania Junior Championship Supporters, mothers, coaches, and volunteers. Present also for the session was Tahitian Tennis Federation President, Ruth Manea. The session focused on rules and regulations, as well as familiarizing participants with Tournament Software, operating events independently, scheduling, and enforcing rules. Natalie Dellamarta also mentored and trained a few other female volunteers to be court monitors.



#### TENNIS AUSTRALIA HOLDS A TRAINING CAMP

In June, Tennis Australia held a training camp as part of the Women and Girls in the Pacific Oceania Programme. This programme was facilitated by Australian Coach, Emily Burns. 3 Pacific coaches attended: Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG), Coach Ruby Coffin (FIJ) and Lorraine Banimataku(VAN). 6 Pacific Girls attended the programme: Mia Chang (TAH), Colita Hakena (PNG),Faith Perera (GUM), Anne Lee (FSM), Joelei Ioane (AS) and Alexandria Chand (FIJ). We thank PacificAusSports, and Tennis Australia for the opportunity for growth, development, and advancement in tennis for our Pacific Women and Girls, not only in this initiative, but continually throughout the year. We cannot overstate the impact that this has had in transforming the lives of so many in Pacific Oceania.

# COACHING AND COACHING DEVELOPMENT

#### **DEVELOPMENT COACHES**

In April, the OTF/ITF appointed 2 coaches to assist in the OTF/ITF 2023 Development Programme in Pacific Oceania. They were Gilles de Gouy (TAH) and Martin Setiawan (INA). The purpose of the programme was to assist and support the respective Nations with their Junior Development in the work that they will be doing with players, coaches and other stakeholders. As part of this first project, a 12&U Training Camp was run for all players involved in the 12&U East Pacific Regional Championships as well as other junior players. Throughout the project the coaches worked with the respective National Associations in assessing the following Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

- Number of unique players
- Number of entries in Tennis10's competitions
- Number of tennis facilities (schools & clubs)
- Number of deliverers delivering sessions (school teachers)
- Number of deliverers delivering sessions (coaches)

Gilles de Gouy travelled to work with the Juniors and Coaches during the East Pacific Regional Championships (EPQ) in Apia, Samoa from the 17th-24th April; then he travelled to Pago Pago, American Samoa from the 24th-27th April; then from the 1st-7th May to Papeete, Tahiti.

Martin Setiawan similarly travelled to Guam and worked with their Juniors and Coaches during the North Pacific Regional Championships from the 24th April-2nd May. He then travelled to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands from the 3rd-9th May.

#### ABIGAIL TERE-APISAH A CERTIFIED ITF LEVEL 2 COACH

In June, Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG) travelled to the Pancho Alvarino Academy, Valencia, Spain where she gained her ITF Level 2 certification, the first Pacific Oceania woman to do so. This was assisted by the ITF Academy and funded through Olympic Solidarity. The ITF "Coaching Advanced Players" was taught by Miguel Crespo and Rafa Martinez-Gallego and was the final practical part of the course that she has been taking for most of this year. The course consisted or 4 weeks online theory and a 1 week practical in Spain.



#### ABIGAIL TERE APISAH ATTENDS COACH CONNECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP IN CANBERRA

In April, Abigail-Tere-Apisah (PNG) was afforded an opportunity by Tennis Australia and the Australian Government through its DFAT Pacific Australia Sports Partnership Programme to continue to develop her Coach Education to benefit Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Region. Abigail participated in the Coach Connect Talent Development Workshop, facilitated by Nicole Pratt, Tennis Australia's Women's Coach Lead and National Teams Coach. The Workshop was held in conjunction with the 2023 Australian Junior Clay Court National Championships at the Next Generation Lyneham Tennis Centre. The Workshop allowed Abigail to observe the best 11–14-year-old Australian juniors competing; build a support network with Tennis Australia coach development staff; and observe practical application of key priorities for developing elite junior players and how to efficiently coach this level of athlete. This was an excellent forerunner to progress her tennis coaching career and also assisted her preparation for her subsequent attendance at the Level 2 Coaching Certification in Valencia, Spain later in the year.



#### TENNIS AUSTRALIA PACIFIC WOMEN AND GIRLS' TENNIS PROGRAMME IMPACTING PACIFIC COACHES

Over the last 2 years and in particular 2023, the Tennis Australia Pacific Women and Girls in Tennis Programme has been impacting in a very marked way the lives of numerous women in Pacific Oceania. This is highlighted none more so than by the impact on Lorraine Banimataku and her recent accomplishments. This would not have been possible without the support of Tennis Australia and the DFAT Programme. In August, Lorraine Banimataku travelled to the Gold Coast and accompanied an ITF GSPDP tour to the Australian Junior Tennis Team Championships. Whilst in Australia she was funded through the Tennis Australia Program to be mentored by Emily Burns, an experienced female Australian coach gaining experience on the ground with young Pacific tennis players. This aided her preparations for her forthcoming CB1 Coaching Course. A month later, Lorraine attended the ITF run CBI level 1 coaching course with funding assistance from Tennis Australia. In total 6 women were fully funded by Tennis Australia along with Lorraine to attend the coaching course held in Fiji. Lorraine went on to successfully complete and pass her ITF level 1 Coaching Course. Testimony to her achievement was securing one of the prized spots in the 2023/24 Pacific Women Leaders in Tennis Programme. Together with Freda Vora, she is one of the two women from Vanuatu on the program.



#### PACIFIC WOMEN COACHES ATTEND 3-DAY CAMP ON THE GOLD COAST- AUSTRALIA

During the Australian National Teams Championships (U11, U13, U15) in June, Ruby Coffin (FIJ) and Lorraine Banimataku (VAN) took part in a 3-day camp from the 20th - 22nd June at the KDV Academy on the Gold Coast in Australia prior to the ITF/OTF GSPDP Australian tour. This camp was facilitated by Tennis Australia as part of their commitment to mentor Pacific women coaches. The coaching mentoring experience lasted for the duration of the Championships until 2 July 2023.

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ITF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FACILITATES ITF WORKSHOP ON THE JTI

In August, the ITF Pacific Development Officer, Gary Purcell held an ITF facilitated workshop on the Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) programmes in the Pacific with Glenn Cabasug (PNG) and Lucy Vakere (FIJ). The Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) is the National 14 and U Junior Development Programme for a National Association, supported by the ITF. It is a key part of the National Association's player development pathway. The inclusion of women in the workshop is also part of the PacificAusSports initiative to strengthen women leadership and administrative skills/roles in the development of tennis in the Pacific.



#### EDUCATION AND ITF ACADEMY

#### **OPTIMAL COMPETITION PARENTING WORKSHOP**

During the West Pacific Regional Championships in early May in Vanuatu, the ITF Development Officer-Pacific Oceania (Gary Purcell) held a Parents' Workshop. This Optimal Competition Parenting Workshop provided a background for parents to support their children and how to optimize their involvement in competition settings. There is a course available in the ITF Academy entitled "**Optimal Competition Parenting in Tennis: An Introduction.** " The content of the course allowed parents to know more about the role parents play in children's tennis participation and development, differences between the different types of parental involvement and support and how to create an environment that maintains a child's motivation.

# **Governance Workshops**

Four Governance Workshops have been held throughout the year by the OTF Team. Early in the year at the end of April, Richard Breen held a course in Samoa. Then during the Pacific Oceania Junior Championship (POJC) in July, the 2 OTF Executive officers, David Smith and Richard Breen held a Governance workshop. Then subsequently, in Tuvalu and Tonga. Governance is a key focus for the OTF and this was timely with the POJC and so many Nations there. There were 20 in attendance:

- 1. Northern Mariana Islands Jeff Race
- 2. American Samoa Francine Amoa
- 3. Tahiti Vaitea Lo
- 4. Fiji Sumit Lal
- 5. Fiji Sereima Lalavanua (Lala)
- 6. Guam Kishan Wick
- 7. Vanuatu Yanni Honila
- 8. Vanuatu Lorraine Banimataku
- 9. Solomon Islands Dorrine Ningamo
- 10. Papua New Guinea Eddie Mera
- 11. Samoa Marvin Soonalole
- 12. Samoa Yvonne Carruthers
- 13. Cook Islands Malcolm Kajer
- 14. Nauru John Tanning
- 15. Federated States of Micronesia Anastacia Isaac

16. Federated States of Micronesia – Brian Isaac

- 17. Palau Ernestine Rengill
- 18. Fiji Ruby Coffin



19. Fiji – Lusiana Vakere
20. ITF Camp Coach – Gilles de Gouy

Then in October, Lucy Vakere, the OTF Administration and Media Officer, and Sereima Lalavanua travelled to Tuvalu. Lucy conducted a Governance workshop, which was attended by Mr. Elu Tataua (Secretary General of Tuvalu), Alesi Molotii (Member of Tuvalu Olympic Committee) and teachers from Nauti Primary School. Coach Lala conducted 3 "Train the Trainer Programmes" at the Nauti primary school and Nukufetau preschool. This latter coaching programme was part of the Tennis Australia and the Australian Government's PacificAusSports initiative to promote, unify and strengthen Pacific Women's Coaching, Administration and Development.



In December, Lucy Vakere travelled to Tonga as she provided help and assistance to guide Tennis Tonga in the important steps to strengthen and enhance governance in their Nation.



### **Development Officer Travel Activity:**

Through the year, Gary Purcell travelled the Oceania region, visiting key Nations to continue developing tennis across the ITF Strategic Pillars of Administration, Education, Events, Facilities, Participation and Performance. These travels were instrumental in strengthening regional ties and providing for the unique needs of each location.

#### Development Officer Travel

- January: Australia
- February: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and Solomon Islands
- April: Samoa and Guam
- May: Vanuatu
- June: Cook Islands
- July: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and Solomon Islands
- August: Fiji
- September: New Zealand and Samoa
- October: Colombia
- November: Solomon Islands and Thailand

#### **Strategic Pillars of Participation and Performance**

#### **Regional Development Programme Travel Activity:**

In collaboration with dedicated coaches, our Regional Development Programme covered three distinct phases, reaching 11 unique Nations. The initiative, led by professionals such as Gilles De Gouy, Martin Setiawan, and Roland Kraut, impacted over 600 players and involved more than 40 coaches. This comprehensive program supported scholarship recipients and individuals, providing essential funding, competition exposure, and coaching opportunities.

Phase 1 (January-May):

- Gilles De Gouy: American Samoa, Samoa, Tahiti
- Martin Setiawan: Guam, Northern Mariana Islands

Phase 2 (June-August):

- Gary Purcell and Dermot Sweeney: Fiji
- Gilles: Fiji
- Martin: Palau and Guam

*Phase 3 (September-December):* 

- Gary Purcell and Debbie Kirkwood: Samoa
- Gilles De Gouy: American Samoa, Samoa, Cook Islands, Tahiti, New Zealand
- Roland Kraut: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands
- Martin Setiawan: Federated States of Micronesia

We also supported 5 Scholarship recipients and other identified individuals to help support their tennis progression. Through GSPDP Player Grants and GSPDP Regional Tours over 40 players benefitted from funding, competition and coaching support.

# Strategic Pillar of Education:

Under the Strategic Pillar of Education, our team facilitated a range of courses and workshops, reflecting our commitment to building a strong foundation for tennis in the region. From the grassroots Play Tennis Courses to advanced coaching sessions and Parent Workshops, our efforts were aimed at developing both players and those supporting them.

- Conducted 3 Play Tennis Courses
- Conducted 1 Regional Coaching Beginner and Intermediate Players Course
- Facilitated Coach Education Workshops in several nations.
- Hosted 5 Parent Workshops
- Established an Education Working Group to devise a 2-year strategy for the region.
- Tournament Software upskilling in numerous nations

## Initiatives and Support:

As part of the ITF's commitment, the ITF Development Officer actively initiated and supported various programs, including:

- Junior Tennis Initiative Subsidy and Equipment support
- Recognition of Coach Education Systems
- National Training Centre Recognition
- Olympic Solidarity Development of a National Sports Structure
- ITF Facility Grant applications

These will continue to be a focus into 2024 to finalise much of the work started in 2023.

## **Upcoming Programme:**

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce the imminent launch of the **Pacific Oceania Regional Touring Team Programme for 2024**. This program is designed to provide our top-ranked 14&U players with comprehensive support, encompassing Competition, Training, Schooling, and Sports Science and Sports Medicine.

#### Visiting ITF Staff in 2023:

Throughout the year, ITF staff, including Luca Santilli – Executive Director Development, Debbie Kirkwood -Head, Performance and Events Tennis Development, and Dermot Sweeney - Technical Director, Training Centres & Player Development Tennis Development, visited the region, further solidifying the collaborative efforts between the ITF and Pacific Oceania.

These initiatives and activities underscore our commitment to the growth and development of tennis in the Pacific Oceania region. The ITF are enthusiastic about the progress achieved in 2023 and look forward to advancing tennis in Pacific Oceania in 2024.

# ITF BOARD AND MEMBER NATION REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO THE ITF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS 2024-2025.

When the ITF announced the composition of the ITF Committees and Commissions for 2024-25, there was very strong representation from the Oceania Region. More than 230 representatives from 68 nations have been appointed to serve on a range of ITF committees, commissions and taskforces that assist the ITF and its Board of Directors across key areas of the sport. The duties of each committee and commission are derived from the ITF constitution and members fulfil their duties across the ITF's core pillars for governance, sport and participation in a manner consistent with the ITF values of good governance, integrity, inclusiveness, innovation and collaboration. The list of Oceania representatives for 2024-2025 are:

- Belinda Colaneri (AUS) Coaches Commission
- Isabelle Gemmell (AUS) ITF World Tennis Tour Committee
- Cyrille Mainguy (VAN) Regional Association President Taskforce
- Bruce Osborne (AUS) Masters Committee
- Julie Paterson (NZL) Advantage All Committee
- Celia Patrick (NZL) Structure and Organization Committees
- Machar Reid (AUS) Sports Science and Medicine Commission
- Vicki Reid (AUS) Advantage All Committee
- Terri-Ann Scorer (NZL) Audit Committee
- David Smith (NZL) Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce
- Torgun Smith (GUM) Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Taskforce
- Mark Woodforde (AUS) Davis Cup Committee and Olympic Committee

# Pacific Oceania Statistics

# Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team Results

Year	Nation	Group	Result	Year	Nation	Group	Result
1995	UAE	3	3-0	2009	Syria	3	2-1
1995	Lebanon	3	2-1	2009	Tajikistan	3	3-0
1995	Bangladesh	3	1-2	2009	Tajikistan	3	3-0
1995	Jordan	3	3-0	2009	Singapore	3	3-0
1995	Saudi Arabia	3	1-2	2009	Lebanon	3	2-1
1996	Oman	3	2-1	2010	Thailand	2	0-5
1996	Singapore	3	1-2	2010	Malaysia	2	3-2
1996	Syria	3	2-1	2011	Thailand	2	0-5
1996	Malaysia	3	1-2	2011	Iran	2	'4-1
1996	Kazakhstan	3	2-1	2012	Philippines	2	0-5
1997	Sri Lanka	3	2-1	2012	Lebanon	2	'1-4
1997	Malaysia	3	1-2	2013	UAE	3	1-2
1997	Qatar	3	2-1	2013	Vietnam	3	1-2
1997	Kuwait	3	2-1	2013	Cambodia	3	1-2
1997	Qatar	3	1-2	2013	Iran	3	1-2
1998	Pakistan	2	0-5	2013	UAE	3	NP
1998	Qatar	2	1-4	2013	Oman	3	2-1
1999	Saudi Arabia	3	2-1	2014	Kyrgyzstan	4	3-0
1999	Tajikistan	3	1-2	2014	Bangladesh	4	2-1
1999	Malaysia	3	0-3	2014	Jordan	4	3-0
1999	Tajikistan	3	0-3	2014	Iraq	4	2-1
2000	Qatar	3	0-3	2014	Qatar	4	1-2
2000	Bangladesh	3	1-2	2015	Iraq	4	2-1
2000	Kuwait	3	1-2	2015	Bahrain	4	3-0
2000	Tajikistan	3	0-2	2015	Jordan	4	2-1
2000	Bangladesh	3	1-2	2015	UAE	4	2-1
2001	Jordan	4	2-1	2016	Singapore	3	3-0
2001	UAE	4	1-2	2016	Hong Kong China	3	0-3
2001	Brunei	4	3-0	2016	Turkmenistan	3	2-1
2001	Iraq	4	2-1	2016	Iran	3	0-3
2001	UAE	4	1-2	2017	Syria	3	2-1
2002	Saudi Arabia	3	2-1	2017	Sri Lanka	3	1-2
2002	Tajikistan	3	1-2	2017	Jordan	3	1-2
2002	Syria	3	2-1	2017	Turkmenistan	3	2-1
2002	Iran	3	1-2	2018	Vietnam	3	1-2
2002	UAE	3	1-2	2018	Malaysia	3	1-2
2003	Kuwait	3	0-3	2018	Cambodia	3	1-2
2003	Malaysia	3	0-3	2018	Jordan	3	2-1
2003	Qatar	3	2-1	2019	Saudi Arabia	4	2-1
2003	UAE	3	3-0	2019	Bangladesh	4	2-0

2003	Kyrgyzstan	3	2-1	2019	UAE	4	2-0
2004	Syria	3	3-0	2020	Not Played-Covid-		
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2004	Bahrain	3	3-0	2021	Vietnam	3	1-2
2004	Vietnam	3	2-1	2021	Qatar	3	2-1
2004	Tajikistan	3	2-1	2021	Syria	3	2-1
2004	Kazakhstan	3	1-2	2022	Estonia	2	0-4
2005	Lebanon	2	3-2	2022	Iran	3	3-0
2005	Korea	2	0-5	2022	UAE	3	3-0
2006	Malaysia	2	3-2	2022	Saudi Arabia	3	3-0
2006	Hong Kong	2	1-4	2022	Vietnam	3	2-1
2007	New Zealand	2	0-5	2023	Barbados	2	2-3
2007	Pakistan	2	3-2	2023	Malaysia	3	1-2
2008	Oman	3	2-3	2023	Cambodia	3	3-0
2008	Kuwait	2	1-4	2023	Jordan	3	2-1
2009	Sri Lanka	3	3-0	2023	Iran	3	2-0

# Pacific Oceania Billie Jean King Cup Team Results

Year	Nation	Group	Result	Year	Nation	Gro	Result
1995	Sri Lanka	2	0-3	2003	India	2	0-2
1995	Malaysia	2	0-3	2004	Kazakhstan	2	0-3
1995	India	2	0-3	2004	Turkmenistan	2	3-0
1996	Chinese Taipei	2	1-2	2004	Syria	2	3-0
1996	Uzbekistan	2	0-3	2004	Singapore	2	1-2
1996	Brunei	2	3-0	2015	Indonesia	2	0-3
1997	Syria	2	3-0	2015	Sri Lanka	2	3-0
1997	Philippines	2	1-2	2015	Singapore	2	3-0
1997	Pakistan	2	2-1	2016	Indonesia	2	0-2
1997	Uzbekistan	2	1-2	2016	Bahrain	2	3-0
1997	Malaysia	2	1-2	2016	Philippines	2	1-2
1998	Malaysia	2	2-1	2016	Iran	2	3-0
1998	Singapore	2	2-1	2016	Hong Kong China	2	1-2
1998	India	2	0-2	2017	Singapore	2	3-0
1998	Tajikistan	2	2-0	2017	Hong Kong China	2	0-3
1999	Hong Kong China	1	0-3	2017	Iran	2	3-0
1999	New Zealand	1	0-3	2018	Iran	2	3-0
1999	Korea, Rep	1	0-3	2018	Oman	2	3-0
1999	China	1	0-3	2018	Malaysia	2	3-0
2000	Uzbekistan	2	1-2	2018	Singapore	2	2-1
2000	Fiji	2	2-0	2019	Korea	1	0-3
2000	Iraq	2	3-0	2019	Indonesia	1	0-3
2000	Malaysia	2	3-0	2019	China	1	0-3
2000	Philippines	2	2-0	2020	Not Played – Covid 19		
2001	Indonesia	1	0-3	2021	Not Played- Covid 19		

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2001	India	1	0-3	2022	Thailand	2	0-3
2001	Korea, Rep	1	0-3	2022	Maldives	2	3-0
2001	New Zealand	1	0-3	2022	Singapore	2	3-0
2002	Syria	2	3-0	2022	Malaysia	2	2-1
2002	Kazakhstan	2	0-3	2023	Hong Kong	2	3-0
2002	Malaysia	2	1-2	2023	Chinese Taipei	2	2-1
2002	Singapore	2	3-0	2023	Singapore	2	3-0
2003	Kyrgyzstan	2	3-0	2023	Guam	2	3-0
2003	Philippines	2	0-3	2023	Pakistan	2	3-0