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W.T.S.A. SALUTES GREAT ATHLETES

KG & Lucas have recently made SA & the world stand up and take notice.



Kgothatso Montjane and Lucas Sithole were named SASCOC Sportspersons of the Year, 2010 in the disabled category, at a ceremony held at Sun City on Sunday, 21 August, 2011. Montjane was judged against a tough line up, with athletes like Natalie du Toit and fellow swimmer Emily Gray also in the running. Sithole was up against equally stiff competition with track and field athlete, Hilton Langenhoven and sprinter Samkelo Radebe vying for the title.

Lucas, has now truly made his mark in the quad division of wheelchair tennis, Besides being nominated by the Mail & Guardian as one of South Africa's top 200 influential men in the Sport's division in 2011 and winning the 'disabled sportsperson of the year 2010' Gauteng Sports Awards, **Lucas has now broken into the top 10 players in the world – our first athlete to break into the top 10 in the world .**

Kgothatso has an equal number of awards and impressive performances for 2011. She was runner up in the 'disabled sportsperson of the year 2010' Gauteng Sports Awards, has beaten 3 top 10 players this year, and is now ranked an impressive in the world.

We are so proud of the two players- they are the first W.T.S.A. players to break in the top 10 internationally, receive awards for their national performance vs other disabled sports, and are sounding a warning bell for all- Watch out for us – W.T.S.A. means business.

2011 Event Calendar

Cruyff Junior Camp 2011

Junior & Regional Star
Ellis Park
29 September – 1 October

Coaches Courses

29 September – 1 October
Ellis Park, Gauteng

ACSA Soweto Open 2011

Future Level Event
3-6 October 2011

ACSA Border Open 2011

Grade III Level Event
7-10 December 2011

ACSA Jhb Open 2011

Future Level Event
12-15 December

W.T.S.A. is launching a new Website
Check out www.tennis.co.za or
www.wtsa.co.za from 15 October

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our group

WTSA HOSTS SUCESSFUL ITF WORLD TEAM CUP



WTSA welcomed 34 nations, 64 teams and over 350 participants to Pretoria from 25 April- 1 May.

The event was hosted at the University of Pretoria and had the top players in the world battling it out for national honour.

SA achieved a first for the events in many respects:

- First time it was hosted on African Soil
- First time physically disabled lines officials and umpires were used
- First time the volunteers and majority of the workers at the event were from the wheelchair tennis programmes and centres
- First time the event had TV coverage and live TV footage

SA can also be proud that it was a **first time we received a medal – the Open Men’s Team won Bronze in World Group II**

The team consisted of Sydwell Mathonsi, Evans Maripa, Marshall Marsh, & coach Gerald Stoffberg.

School Pupils Selected for European Wheelchair Tennis Development Camp



Two junior Wheelchair Tennis South Africa players were selected to participate in the Johan Cruyff Junior Development Camp in Belgium – a warm up to the prestigious Ath Open. Thato Tsomole who hails from the North West attends Meerhof School in Gauteng, was accompanied by Thando Hlatshwayo, from Bumbisiswe School in KZN.

Only players born on or after 1 January 1993 were eligible to compete.

The players were accompanied by James Nkoana. Both players and coach made us proud.

ITF Ranking

19 September 2011

ITF	Name	RSA
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Mens Singles

36	Mathonsi Sydwell	1
52	Maripa, Evans	2
114	Marsh, Marshall	3
95	Tshipuke, Ishmael	4
145	Monyamane, Desmond	5
169	Selepe, Patrick	6
222	Ramakoetsi, Frank	7
234	Els, Leon	8
268	Thientsi, M	9
276	Makwela, Tshepo	10

Mens Doubles

57	Mathonsi, Sydwell	1
64	Maripa, Evans	2
103	Marsh, Marshall	3
147	Ramakoetsi, Frank	4
173	Tshipuke, Ishmael	5
174	Monyamane, Desmond	6
181	Selepe, Patrick	7
185	Els, Leon	8
203	Makwela, Tshepo	9
237	Opperman, Arrie	10

Womens Singles

11	Montjane, Kgothatso	1
36	du Toit, Celia	2
42	van der Meer, Rose	3
66	Mankgele, Mabel	4
80	Fuma, Siphokazi	5
81	Sibanda, Tsholofelo	6
95	Rasilla, Kgothatso	7
102	Hlatshwayo, Thando	8
106	Venter, Mariska	9
112	Gximusa, Nomo Africa	10

Womens Doubles

14	Montjane, Kgothatso	1
43	van der Meer, Rose	2
53	du Toit, Celia	3
78	Mokokonyane, Dudu	4
93	Venter, Mariska	5
100	Fuma, Siphokazi	6
104	Rasilla, Kgothatso	7
105	Mankgele, Mabel	8
102	Sibanda, sholofelo	8
121	Hlatshwayo, Thando	9

Quads Singles

10	Sithole, Lucas	1
36	Kekai, Steven	2
44	Mathebula, David	3
46	Degenaar, Luan	4
47	Gallant, Fernando	5
51	Mokobodi, Abigail	6
75	Konzani, Ndhiko	8

Quads Doubles

28	Sithole, Lucas	1
45	Degenaar, Luan	2
47	Mathebula, David	3
49	Kekai, Steven	4
58	Gallant, Fernando	5