

Wheelchair Tennis Regional Stars Camp a huge success

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Top notch performances were the order of the day from the 30 players who attended the Limpopo Regional Stars Camp for wheelchair tennis players. Participants from Helen Franz, Letaba, St Brendan's, Waterberg FET College and schools in Thohoyandou were taken through their paces by national coach, Craig Fairall and regional coach, James Nkoana along with Wheelchair Tennis South Africa National Development Officer, Patrick Selepe.

The purpose of the camps was to introduce new players to the sport while providing a platform for the emerging players to test their strength and ability against their peers from other centres.

The camps ran over two days last weekend, with focus on fun, and themes that covered specific wheelchair tennis drills followed by a mini-tournament.

"We have seen a lot of talent emerging from the camps in the last six months. This illustrates the strength of the events, and just how important a platform they are in the talent identification and the retention of players. Regional Camps are a vital stage in a wheelchair tennis players' life as it allows beginners, intermediates and advanced intermediates a much needed interaction with players of their own level, in a fun and cooperative environment," commented Siyabulela Nkachela WTSA Community Programmes and Media Manager.

The next training camp to be held in Limpopo will be due from 12 to 13 October at the Polokwane Tennis Stadium.

The Airports Company South Africa (Acsa) is the official sponsor of Wheelchair Tennis South Africa and the sport of wheelchair tennis. The company has contributed no less than R23-million to date and has committed to a continued investment in the sport as its flagship corporate social investment programme. For more information contact Siyabulela Nkachela on 082 679 3772.