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Friday(ish) Flash – 21st May 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Presentation night
- Maree's Bits
- Vouchers
- Thump Sports
- Finally – Michelle and the World Cup

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22nd May is presentation night – don't forget.

Entertaining us will be Elaine Holden and Rik Jones, our resident musical maestros. If you missed the dynamic duo last year, make sure you catch them this time round.

5.30–6pm	Arrival and refreshments
6pm	Prize giving will start with our MC Paul Cornish taking centre stage and small speech given by Club President
6.10pm	Club awards to be presented (seniors first then juniors) Awards to be given to members by Barbara Griffin.
7.00pm	Supper to be served by Magaret and team
7.25pm	Commencement of prize given with the association rep awards to be given out.
8.20pm	Prize giving finishes and band starts
10.30pm	Finish

Maree's Bits:

Davis Cup in Hawera

Information about this was distributed by Terry last week, but if you didn't see it, let me know and I will forward it to you (email me on tenniswang@xtra.co.nz). New Zealand will be playing Pakistan in Round 2 of the 2010 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas (Asia/Oceania Group II) at the TSB Hub in Hawera from 9-11 July. While the team will not be announced until June, this is our opportunity to see some very high quality tennis.

Prize giving – see you tomorrow night!

Upcoming tournaments –

Please note this list is not comprehensive and only covers those in the Tennis Central region. For a comprehensive list please see the calendar on the Tennis NZ website. New added events will be in red.

Manawatu will be hosting a winter tournament but I have not had the dates confirmed yet. This will be part of the Tennis Central Points Race, which I will explain on here once Jared lets me know when it is. Age groups are 12s, 14s and 16s. There will be no 10s but they will be hosting a Challenger Tournament, which means shorter scoring, time limit on games and possibly using green dot balls (lower compression). As soon as I have the info, I will email it out.

Tournament name	Date	Closing date for entries	Further info from
Hutt Valley Winter Tournament	3-7 Jul		www.huttvalleytennis.co.nz
Manawatu Junior Spring Open	27 Sept-1 Oct		jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz
Slazenger Wellington Spring Junior Open	4-8 Oct		jen@regionaltennis.co.nz
Strike Tennis Labour Weekend (Wellington)	23-25 Oct		jen@regionaltennis.co.nz
Taranaki Junior Open	Oct/Nov - TBC		s.l.lloyd@xtra.co.nz



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FINALLY

Michelle Low has just returned from Oz where she no doubt excelled with her funny-shaped stick. It sounds like those Aussies were up to their usual tricks:

“We won the first test 3-2, lost the 2nd 1-0, and lost the 3rd on stokes, they got a goal that was not a goal, and the refs couldnt make a decision, so they call it a goal, we were not happy

They played under age players in there age groups, which we didnt know until the end of the tournament, which nz will have to sort out next time.

Had agreat time and would like to thank everyone that made the trip possible”

Michelle's broad array of talents have not gone unnoticed. It is said that she has been put on standby for the upcoming (proper) world cup in Sith Efrica. Ryan Nelsen was recently seen showing Michelle how to administer a knee to the groin, how to roll around theatrically when tripping over a blade of grass and how to practice novel goal-scoring celebrations.

Out of interest, the All-Whites have been installed as the team least likely to win the coveted trophy, at 2000-1, along with the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea. Those perrenial big occasion non-performers, Spain, are the bookies favourites. They will be hoping for as many evening games as possible so as not to conflict with their obligatory afternoon siesta.

The Friday Flash may be a bit sporadic during the tournament, depending on how New Zealand, Australia and England fare.

Lastly, check out this young Kiwi, Austen Childs:



Do you think this bloke might have wrist problems in the future? He must be the Muralitharan of tennis.

Enjoy your tennis.

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