

SAFARI JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP PROGRAMME

Arrival: Saturday 31st July 2004

Sunday 1 August morning: Rest

Monday 2 August morning: training camp begins

Monday 2 August afternoon 3.00 p.m.: Press launch. Dinner and drinks in the evening.

Wednesday 4 - 6 August: Training Camp

7 August: Seniors Pro Challenge Match and Mini Trade Show

7 August Evening: African Gala Night (a fundraising event)

Sunday 8 August: Rest Day for coaches

Monday 9 – Friday 13 August: Training Camp

Friday 13 August 4.00 p.m.: Closing Ceremony.

Friday 13 August Evening: Coaches' Dinner and Dance at the **Carnivore**

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES FROM TOP SPORTS STARS EACH DAY

Sunday 15 August – Leave on Safari

Tuesday 17 August – Return to Nairobi for overnight stay

Wednesday 18 August – Leave for Mombasa

Saturday 21 August – return to Nairobi

Sunday 22 August – leave for Japan

BACKGROUND INFO ON THE EA SAFARI JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

Guest Coaches: Dumiso Khumalo (Zimbabwe), Katsuya Otsu (Japan) and Nozomi Ito (Japan)

USPTR Pro Coaches: Martin Dzuwa (Zimbabwe), Ezekiel Tarus, Franq Nyawalo, George Muga, Ben Lime (Kenya)

Technical volunteers from UNEP and USA.

Safari Tennis Camp Director and USPTR International Pro Coach: Dr. Elizabeth Odera

The camp is run under auspices of the "Nature and Sports Camps", an International partnership between UNEP, Global Sports Alliance and Sadili Oval.

Number of children: 100 (boys and girls), 4 years to 16 years.

Sponsors include: **Regional Air, Carnivore, Fischer Tennis (Austria), Head (USA), Wilson, Nestle Foods, Global Sports Alliance, Nairobi Sports House, Sarova Hotels and Going Out Entertainment Guide.**

MEET SOME OF THE COACHES

Camp Director Dr. Elizabeth Odera is from Kenya. She has coached and worked closely with 4 coaches under her to produce the widely successful Junior Ace Tennis Programme at Sadili Oval for the past 11 years. Sadili Oval has the largest training programme in the region, with about 470 youth from 17 schools in Nairobi. Currently the club has produced 26 top juniors, over which 16 have national ranking. Top juniors include Victor Okumu, Eric Ochieng, Harun Mburu, Gilbert Kibet, Rahab Mbugua, Terry Odera, Sonia Bashir, Owen Nyawalo, Maurice Wamukowa and Derrick Onyancha. She has played top ranked tennis in the region, including representing her

university abroad. She is married with two children, and holds a PhD in Human Immunology. She recently resigned from full-time scientific research at the Kenya Medical Research Institute, where she successfully designed a new kit for testing visceral leishmaniasis to concentrate on sports science. She is the Director of Sports and Head Pro at the Sadili Oval, Langata and has initiated the establishments of other camps and centres in Kisumu and Mombasa. She is a Professional Coach with the PTR (Professional Tennis Registry), the international organization that trains and certifies coaches worldwide. She is also a specialist on sports science and has developed a high performance training regime for top athletes in the country. She recently won the 2004 USPTR Humanitarian of the year award for her work in developing grassroots tennis in Africa.

Ace Martin Dzuwa is from Harare, Zimbabwe. He was the first Black to win the Zimbabwe Open in 1997, at the age of 18. He was placed in the David Cup team for the first time against Chile in 1998, and has since seen national duty against Austria, Morocco, Finland, Denmark and Chile. He has won the Malawi Open (1999, 2000, 2001), the ITF Circuit (Burundi 2002, Tanzania 2002, Uganda doubles 2000) and been a finalist in a number, including the Rwanda Open (1999-2002). His best ATP ranking has been 810. Martin has helped coach many of Zimbabwe and Africa's top junior players including John Koti, Nigel Badza, Zack Adamjee and Hilton Nyabau. He is currently a volunteer coach in UNEP's Nature and Sports Camp-Kenya project and has been brought through partnership of Regional Air and Block Hotels. His aspiration is to produce an Africa World Championship, and will be working closely with Dr. Odera in developing performance training for selected talented Kenyan juniors in the next couple of months. Martin Dzuwa is a USPTR coach.

Katsuya Otsu, from Tokyo, Japan, is currently the Project Manager, NPO Global Sports Alliance (GSA). He attended a course at the world famous Bollettieri Tennis Academy (USA) in 1993 that launched him into the tennis world more fully. He holds a Bachelor degree and a Masters Degree in Physical Education, from the Department of Physical Education, Tokai University, Japan where he is currently a lecturer, responsible for fitness theory, tennis theory and health education. He is also conducting research into 'sports and the global environment'. He has taught health and physical education to young people, more recently at the Ohadano High School, Kanagawa.

Dumiso Anold Khumalo is well known to Kenyans for winning the Kenya Open Tennis Tournament Mens singles in 2001. He has been one of Africa's most promising juniors in the past, that won him a scholarship to ITF's Centre for Africa in South Africa (1996-2000), and another scholarship to train and play in Spain, after he became Africa's number 3 in Under 18 at the 2000 Africa Junior Championships (2000 – 2002). Some of his achievements include: 1999: PLAYED THE WEST AFRICAN CIRCUIT UNDER 18 IN NIGERIA, TOGO, AND GHANA
NIGERIA: Finalist in singles, semi-finalist in doubles.
TOGO: Quarterfinalist in singles, winner in doubles.
GHANA: second round in singles, winner in doubles.
Finalist in the southern African circuit played in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia, in the Under 18 category: In Malawi, he won the singles and lost in the semis in the doubles, In Zimbabwe, he lost in the semi-finals in singles and quarters in doubles, while in Zambia, he lost in the semi-finals in the singles and won the doubles.
He also played the East African Under 18 Circuit in Uganda and Kenya in 1999.
In Uganda, he was a finalist in singles and won the doubles. In Kenya, he was a finalist in both singles and doubles.
In 2000: He played in the Pretoria North Tournament winning both the singles and the doubles. He followed this up by winning the singles yet again at Ellis Park Open in the Under 18 category. He played the Youth Cup and lost in the semi-finals to South Africa. Dumiso is one of a few selected African juniors who played He got selected to the ITF touring team in Europe, touring Austria, Hungary, Germany and the UK. In Austria, he lost in the second round in singles and won the doubles. He did better in Hungary, where he reached the quarterfinals in singles and won the doubles. In Budapest, he lost in the semifinals in the singles and won the doubles yet again.

In Germany, after a spell of illness coupled with fatigue, he managed to reach the third round in the singles and struggled with the doubles, losing in the finals in a closely contested match.

Dumiso made history by being the first black player to play the Junior Wimbledon and finish top 60 in the world singles and top 20 in the world doubles. He was selected to play the Junior US Open thereafter, but was unable to due to knee injury.

Since returning from Spain in 2002: He has played the following:

Zimbabwe Open: lost in the quarterfinals in singles, won the doubles.

Malawi Open: semi-finalist in singles, quarterfinalist in doubles

Bostwana Open: 3rd round singles, quarterfinalist in doubles

East Africa Money Circuit:

Tanzania: quarterfinalist singles, semifinalist in doubles

Mombasa (Kenya): quarterfinalist in singles, semifinalist in doubles

Nairobi (Kenya): Won the singles, finalist in doubles

In 2003, Dumiso went for further training in the USA, but was unable to stay long as a result of his recurrent knee injury. He, however, got to play four tournaments, including the Washington College Tournament where he was finalist in the singles and the South Carolina Open, which he won.

On his return in 2004, Dumiso has played the Mabatho Open Tournament in South Africa as part of his recuperation, losing in the quarterfinals in singles and winning the doubles.

His best ATP ranking has been 950

Dumiso feels that he has a lot to offer young upcoming players, and will be working with them as a volunteer coach through UNEP's exchange coach project under the Nature and Sports Programme. He will primarily work with tournament level players who are preparing to play college tennis in the future.

BACKGROUND ON THE JUNIOR ACE PROGRAMME AT SADILI

Sadili Oval Sports Club aspires to contribute as much as possible to the development of junior tennis in East Africa. Since its inception in 1992, when there were no tennis facilities and 7 kids were taught in the parking lot, our junior tennis programme now has five tennis courts and 470 kids train every week under four coaches, making it the largest tennis training programme in the region. A select squad of 82 kids between 4 and 14 years receive more intensive training three times a week. Of these, thirty-four are now at tournament level, 26 have national ranking, with eleven of them easily reaching the semis and finals in their age category at the nationals. Sadili has joined forces with UNEP and GSA to take sport and environment activities to youth in other parts of the region in a long-term programme. These achievements make the Sadili Junior Ace Tennis Programme one of the most successful sports initiatives in East and Central Africa today.