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## 2012 Event Calendar

### National Rising Stars

21 – 24 June

### Rising Stars Regional Camp

Gauteng, Western Cape and Limpopo

28 – 29 June

### ACSA Open 2012

ITF 3 Series Event

Polokwane

25 – 29 June

### ACSA Soweto Open 2012

ITF Future Series Event

Soweto, Jhb

1 – 4 July

### Rising Stars Regional Camp

KZN East and South

4 – 5 August

### Rising Stars Regional Camp

EC West + North & Mpumulanga Central

11 – 12 August

### Paralympics London 2012

Eton Manor, London

1 – 8 September

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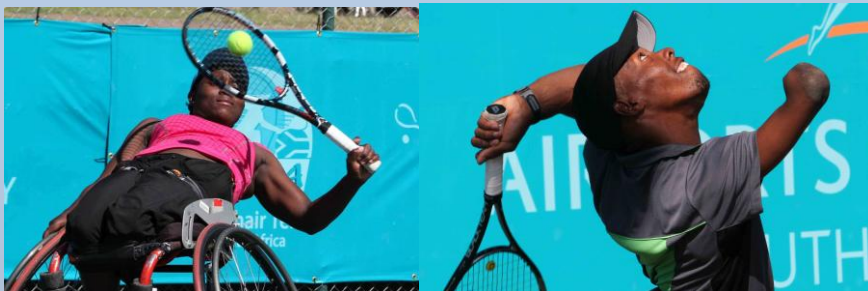
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## TOP Performances by W.T.S.A Super Stars



Paralympic bound wheelchair tennis sport stars Kgothatso Montjane and Lucas Sithole slammed their international opponents and claimed titles at the Airports Company South Africa GAUTENG OPEN in Benoni. Kgothatso Montjane's secured her first win over the Dutch world no. 9 Sharon Walraven defeating her 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. The doubles title was also won by Kg Montjane and her doubles partner Kanako Domori (JPN) securing a comfortable win over K Kruger (GER) and S Walraven (NED) 6-2, 6-1.

In the quad's final Lucas Sithole dominated the opening set against M Innocenti (ITA) and had to keep it all together with Innocenti fighting back in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lucas wrapped up the match by defeating the Italian Innocenti 6-1, 7-5.



Young SA top talent Evans Maripa had a glorious 2 weeks playing incredible tennis and causing one upset after the other at the SA Open and the Gauteng Open, reaching the semi-finals at both tournaments. Ace Evans Maripa's brilliance on court at the past two tournaments catapulted him 14 positions up the international rankings to world no.33.

Thabang Lekhanyane of Thembisa made it two in a row when he won the junior finals at the SA Open and the Gauteng Open. Promising young sport star Thabang played fellow South African junior Mabel Mankgele in both tournaments finals. Congratulations and well played Thabang!



## WTSA World Team Cup Players to leave for Seoul, Korea



The National WTSA squad that will be representing South Africa at the BNP Paribas 2012 World Team Cup, to be held in Seoul, Korea from 21 – 28 May. The green and gold WTSA players are prepared physically and mentally and will be giving their all in their pursuit of glory. The national squad are : Mabel Mankgele, Giff Lekhanyane, Mariska Venter for the junior's; Evans Maripa, Sydwell Mathonsi, Marshall Marsh for the men's; Kg Montjane, Celia du Toit, Rose van der Meer for the women's; Lucas Sithole, Steven Kekai, Bongani Dlamini for the quad's. Coaches are; Gerald Stofberg, Holger Losch, Kgotso Matshego and Craig Fairall.

Good luck team!

## WTSA Rising Stars Regional Camps



The Rising Stars Regional Camps are the latest addition to the ever-growing bouquet of WTSA's offerings. With the camps it is envisaged that they will become supplementary measures to the weekly coaching programmes taking place at various centres. WTSA has identified coaches across the country to become lead coaches at the camps with a view of being capable co-ordinators of the camps in the regions.

The Regional Camps are held in a central venue at various regions of the country, all centres within that region then converge for a weekend of hard but fun work.

A WTSA official along with the identified coaches:

- take players through their paces emphasizing the fun aspect throughout
- Players are divided into playability strength
- Coaches work with different level players emphasizing the serve, rally and scoring aspects
- camps also make provision for new players to be introduced to the sport and thus grow the participation

## ITF Ranking

14 May 2012

| ITF                 | Name              | RSA |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----|
| <b>Mens Singles</b> |                   |     |
| 33                  | Maripa, Evans     | 1   |
| 41                  | Mathonsi, Sydwell | 2   |
| 103                 | Marsh, Marshall   | 3   |
| 123                 | Els, Leon         | 4   |
| 125                 | Tshipuke, Ishmael | 5   |
| 139                 | Makwela, Tshepo   | 6   |
| 162                 | Selepe, Patrick   | 7   |
| 170                 | Ramphadi, Donald  | 8   |
| 172                 | Anderson, Malcolm | 9   |
| 179                 | Ramakoetsi, Frank | 10  |

### Mens Doubles

|     |                   |    |
|-----|-------------------|----|
| 36  | Mathonsi, Sydwell | 1  |
| 37  | Maripa, Evans     | 2  |
| 77  | Marsh, Marshall   | 3  |
| 129 | Els, Leon         | 4  |
| 136 | Makwela, Tshepo   | 5  |
| 138 | Ramakoetsi, Frank | 6  |
| 139 | Tshipuke, Ishmael | 7  |
| 154 | Gwija, Mayenzeke  | 8  |
| 160 | Ramphadi, Donald  | 9  |
| 168 | Lekhanyane, Giff  | 10 |

### Womens Singles

|     |                     |    |
|-----|---------------------|----|
| 10  | Montjane, Kgothatso | 1  |
| 32  | du Toit, Celia      | 2  |
| 36  | van der Meer, Rose  | 3  |
| 66  | Mankgele, Mabel     | 4  |
| 76  | Sibanda, Tsholofelo | 5  |
| 82  | Fuma, Siphokazi     | 6  |
| 93  | Dhladhla, Thandeka  | 7  |
| 98  | Hlatshwayo, Thando  | 8  |
| 104 | Venter, Mariska     | 9  |
| 120 | Rasila, Khuthadzo   | 10 |

### Womens Doubles

|     |                     |    |
|-----|---------------------|----|
| 16  | Montjane, Kgothatso | 1  |
| 43  | van der Meer, Rose  | 2  |
| 45  | du Toit, Celia      | 3  |
| 85  | Hlatshwayo, Thando  | 4  |
| 85  | Dhladhla, Thandeka  | 5  |
| 95  | Venter, Mariska     | 6  |
| 98  | Mokokonyane, Dudu   | 7  |
| 110 | Sibanda, Tsholofelo | 8  |
| 111 | Fuma, Siphokazi     | 9  |
| 113 | Rasila, Khuthadzo   | 10 |

### Quads Singles

|    |                      |   |
|----|----------------------|---|
| 10 | Sithole, Lucas       | 1 |
| 32 | Mathebula, David     | 2 |
| 44 | Kekai, Steven        | 3 |
| 48 | Dlamini, Bongani     | 4 |
| 50 | Degenaar, Luan Johan | 5 |
| 59 | Gallant, Fernando    | 6 |

### Quads Doubles

|    |                   |   |
|----|-------------------|---|
| 19 | Sithole, Lucas    | 1 |
| 47 | Mathebula, David  | 2 |
| 51 | Gallant, Fernando | 3 |
| 54 | Kekai, Steven     | 4 |
| 58 | Dlamini, Bongani  | 5 |