

Ontario players recent successes in ITTF Global Junior Circuit and World Hopes Team 2010

April is a good month for Ontario juniors. Our juniors were recently involved in 3 ITTF events in different parts of the world and had achieved success.

The series of successes started with Filip Ilijevski's stellar performance at the New Zealand Junior & Cadet Open – ITTF Junior Circuit, Auckland, NZL, Apr 6 – Apr 9, 2010 cumulating in 2nd place in the World Hopes (U12) category. Congratulations to Filip for being selected member of the World Hopes Team 2010 among 5 boys and 5 girls from different countries and continents.

There was even a bigger Canadian presence at the Venezuela Junior & Cadet Open – ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Valencia, VEN, Apr 19 – Apr 23, 2010 where 9 juniors and cadets from the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia attended. This international tournament was well-attended by 66 elite male and female players from countries including Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad, United States, Mexico and the host country Venezuela. It began with a 3 days training camp followed by 5 days of intense competitions including teams, singles and doubles events for Junior (U18) and Cadet (U15). The notable results from this event include:

Cadet Boys Team 3rd place - Jeremy Lau BC & Klement Yeung ON

Junior Boys Team 2nd place – Andre Ho BC & Pierre-Luc Theriault QC

Cadet Girls Team 3rd place – Michelle Liaw BC & Lolo Zhao ON

Cadet Boys Double 3rd place – Jeremy Lau BC & Mathieu Theriault QC

Junior Boys Double 1st place – Andre Ho BC & Pierre-Luc Theriault QC

Junior Boys Single 2nd place – Pierre-Luc Theriault QC

Last but not the least, in the Youth Olympic Games International Qualification Event 5 (Pan America event), Valencia, VEN, Apr 24 – Apr 25, 2010, Lolo Zhao ON got 2nd place in the girls event and Mathieu Theriault QC got 3rd place in the boys event.

Overall, it was a great success for the Canadian Team and an excellent experience for the young players.



For details refer to TTCAN and ITTF websites.