



Locals picked for national student team

The Tula tennis players certainly made their presence felt during the USSA A Tournament in Bloemfontein, reaching the final for the second consecutive year.

Although Tula lost against Kameas, the players still did enough to impress the selectors Kyle Ylverton, Amy Cluver, Benjamin Palmer and Henslo. Dams were selected to represent the national USSA team.

Ylverton, who is also the club's champion, coached their coaches for the consistent performance during the USSA tournament.

Coming on court again was, of course, a disappointment, but it was once again a lesson learnt.

The team performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament and truly was unstoppable.

It was a matter of the other team trying to beat us every day. That is all to do with hard work. The coaches have done a massive job to prepare us physically and mentally for the tournament," said Ylverton after the tournament.

Ylverton, who is doing her Masters in information technology, has also begun to compete in South African tournaments.

She recently lost out in two finals and nowadays regularly qualifies for the quarter and semi-finals.

"It is refreshing to me when the next morning regarding my losses. The main goal would be to represent South Africa at the World Student Games in Italy next year."

Acto whom had the biggest influence on her playing career, she said that it is important to acknowledge her first coach Jack Forrest.

"He taught me how to play and helped me to compete at a high provincial level."

The biggest influence, however, since I started playing at Tula is Kobus Batta.

"He is one of the most knowledgeable coaches I have ever had the privilege of working with and certainly has helped me to take my games to a new level."



Kyle Ylverton in action. Photo: Reg Caldecott

