



## Elite Players Fund: A Year in Review.

The Elite Players Fund is about to enter its 8th year in 2010 & was established to help our young GoodLife competitive players achieve their international goals & compete for Canada at World & International Championships. The athletes who have been supported by the Elite Players Fund in the past are Runa Reta & Robin Clarke, who have both gone on to professional careers as well as represent Canada at the senior level. Samantha Cornett, Stefano & Alina D'Ásti received support in 2009.

In 2009 Samantha Cornett had a stellar final junior year! Her most notable finishes were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Canadian Junior Squash Nationals & in the Scottish Junior Open, Girls U/19 division. Sam's greatest achievement in 2009 was representing Canada at the World Junior Women's Squash Championships where in the individual event she was the highest placed Canadian reaching the last 16 & in the team event she helped Canada place 5th.

Stefano in his first year in Boys U/17 finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2009 Canadian Junior Squash Nationals & in the Canadian Junior Open finished in 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> bracket. He is also becoming quite an accomplished squash coach & has donated lessons to this year's silent auction.

Alina D'Ásti the youngest member supported by the Elite Player Fund who started competing when she was 10 years of age. Alina finished 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold #1 event, playing up in Girls U/17. Upon moving up to the Girls U/15 division, Alina finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 2009 Canadian Junior Squash Nationals. In the Canadian Junior Open she finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Girls U/15 division. She is now growing too! Guys in the club watch out!

In 2010, the Elite Player Fund will again contribute to travel to the Canadian Junior National Squash Championships & International Junior Opens. You can track achievements on the squash website: [www.qvsquash.goodlifefitness.com](http://www.qvsquash.goodlifefitness.com).

I would like to pay tribute & thank the following contributors for their support:

- Darlene Stoyka for being the driving force behind the scenes raising support for the Elite Players Fund & in organizing the annual silent auction;
- All who have contributed to the silent auctions
- GoodLife Fitness, Vincent Taylor, Cornett & D'Ásti Family, Bob Young, Keith Fagan; volunteer coaches

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