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NBA Tennis Tournament attracts many entrants

ANGUILLA-- The third annual NBA Open (formerly the NBA Invitational) began on May 23rd with draws which encompassed every level of tennis player. Although weather delays hindered the tournaments matches causing it to run over to this week, there were still many spectators and supporters from Anguilla and St Martin/St Maarten. Players in the matches travelled to Anguilla from Antigua and St Martin/St Maarten to take part in a variety of draws.

Taking the winning place in the Junior Veteran Women's Singles was Trudy Nixon who defeated Chelle Flynn. Vernon Hodge of Anguilla beat runner up Michael Beck of the USA for the winning title in Senior Veteran Men's Singles. The Veterans Mixed Doubles draw was captured by the team Stanley Reid and Blondelle Laurent who triumphed over John Benjamin and Gloria Proctor. Sam Bashir of St Martin/St Maarten beat runner up Hollis Wharton of Anguilla in the Junior Veteran Men's Singles. The winner in the Veteran Female Doubles draw went to Gloria Proctor and Blondelle Laurent with the runners up being Wilma Proctor and Debra Branch.

In the draw of Girls' 14 and Under Singles, Antonella Bigotti of St Martin/St Maarten triumphed over runner up Aline Geyer. St Martin/St Maarten player Ugo Lemoine beat Antoine Laurent for the title of Boys' 10 and Under Singles champion. Brothers Louis and Emille van den Eijnden of St Martin/St Maarten competed against each other in the Boys 14 and Under Singles with Louis van den Eijnden emerging as the victor. Jaivaughn Richardson took the winning title in the B-Open Men's Singles with the runner up being Dwayne Smith. The winning spot for Beginner Women's Singles went to Lynne Danglar who beat Sherma Hodge for the title.

The finals for the remaining draws will be played this week at the Anguilla Tennis Academy culminating with the finals for the Men's Open being played at 4pm on Saturday June 5th. The closing ceremony and prize giving will immediately follow the Men's Open finals at 6pm on the premises of the Anguilla Tennis Academy in Blowing Point.