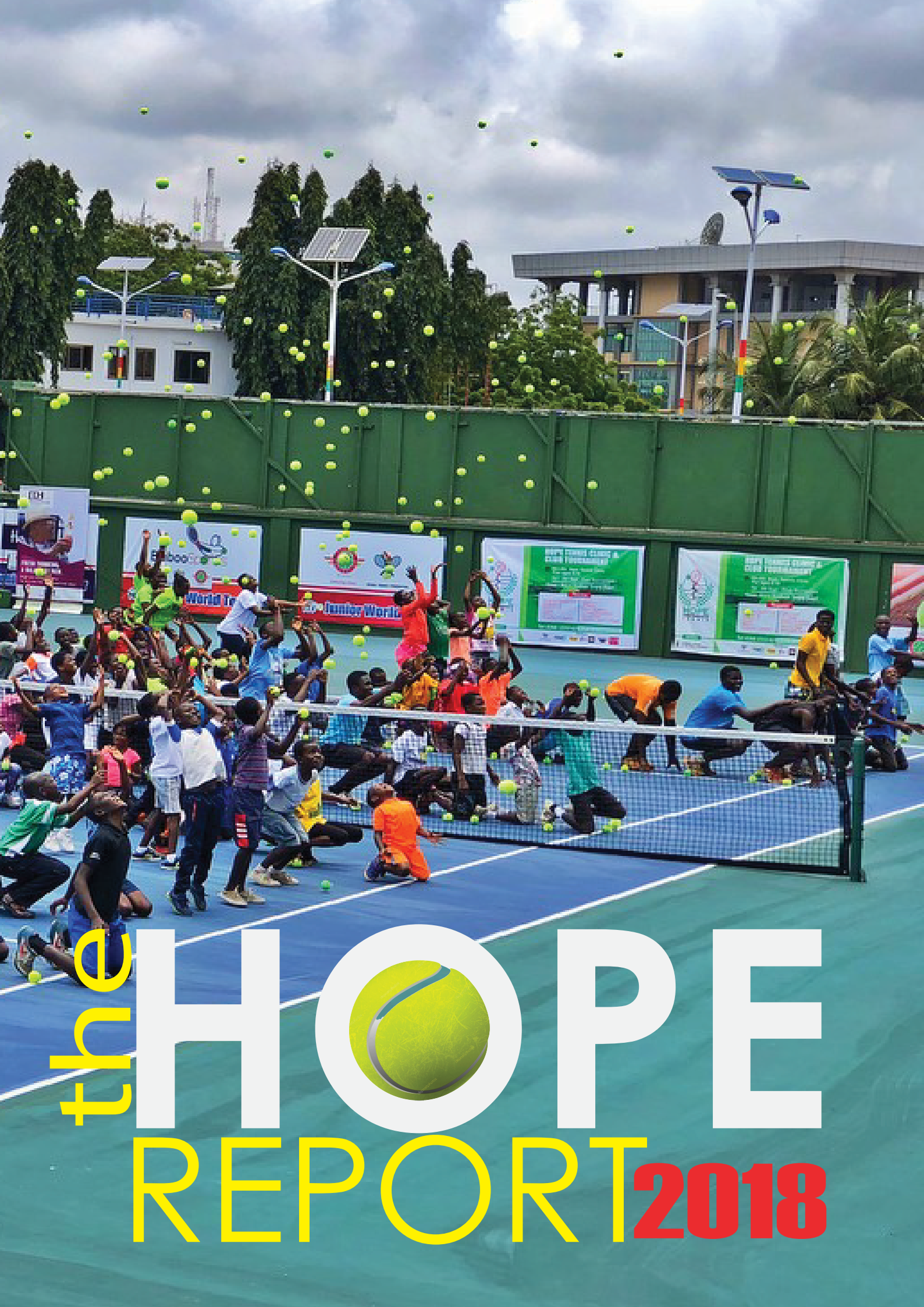

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are most grateful to the Atlanta Athletic Club for their very generous donations and support without which all these beautiful event would not have been possible and the HOPE that has come to the hundreds of these kids would have not been possible.

We are equally indebted to the Ghana Tennis Federation, Tennis Foundation Ghana, Tenolf and CDH for opening their doors to the Foundation.

To our very distinguish Coaches who put their years' worth of experience at the service of the foundation and to the benefit of our future stars, the difference you make is nothing short of legendary.

Goethe said, "treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being." The volunteers who came out in their numbers to support the work of the foundation have given true meaning to the eternal words of Goethe in the different capacities they played in helping to achieve the success recorded.

To all the beautiful and handsome kids who turn out in their numbers to colour the Accra Sports Stadium in their own rights and to give real meaning to our existence, there is no better way to appreciate you all than to stay true to the Vision that sets us up; Empowering the Next Generation.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hope Performance Tennis is a Not for Profit Organization whose Vision is to empower the next generation using the game of Tennis as a tool. The Foundation was established as a call to duty by our Founder and President Enock Godi, who haven passed through the difficulties of growing up as a homeless boy on the streets of Accra and haven now established himself as a former Davis Cup player of the Golden Racquets and now a professional Coach at the Atlanta Athletic Club is determined to eliminate all barriers that confronts the young person in developing to become a better person through the game of Tennis.

The maiden Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Tournament hosted from the 5th to 8th September 2018 has created so many powerful headlines that there is so much to report on. This piece is a gift from the Foundation to all those who participated in the program in an attempt to enrich their nostalgic feeling of such a historic program and to those who followed from afar or even reading about the program for the first time, the gift is equally presented to them to bring them to speed on the exciting and ground breaking four days at the Accra Sports Stadium that saw close to 400 young people in a blazing encounter of the future of Ghana Tennis.

This is a report of actions and less talk so I invite you to come along with us and get interactive as we bring you the people, images, publications and videos behind what made the huge success of our maiden Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament.

Cedric Dzelu
Executive Director
Hope Performance Tennis

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

ENOCK GODI

Our maiden program was a huge success, we were thrilled at the euphoria that graced the Accra Sports Stadium those four wonderful days. As a young boy I had the opportunity to participate in Tennis Clinics but I must confess that I was jealous each of those kids that participated in the program because it gave me the feeling of what I lacked then but at the same time it made me to celebrate them for coming out in their numbers to take advantage of the opportunity presented to them by the Foundation.

We were excited and humbled by the level of participation and honoured by the presence of various dignitaries who graced our program especially all the kids who came out in their numbers.

I will like to use this space to register my sincere thanks to Jeff Chandley the Director of Tennis at the Atlantic Athletic Club and by extension all the members of the Club especially those who contributed immensely to sponsor this program.

I am equally grateful to the Ghana Tennis Federation and my Management team and a host of volunteers for all working to see the success of the program.

There is no better way to thank everyone than to stay true to the inspiration that made us began.

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF TENNIS OF ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB U.S.A

JEFF CHANDLEY

The Atlanta Athletic Club, it's members and staff are proud of the efforts of the Hope Performance Tennis and its success in the inaugural clinic and tennis tournament.

The membership and staff are happy that their efforts to partner with founder Mr. Enock Godi and his committee through financial gifts, product and support were a big step in Hope Performance Tennis success.

With an understanding that tennis is a life sport but more importantly an opportunity to introduce youth to a better understanding of sportsmanship, physical activity and competition is the theme of any great tennis program.

The success of the first year of this event is attributed to the dedication of Mr. Godi to use his life experiences to pour himself into the country he loves and to help all youth understand anything is possible. His testimony of how he was able to break the bonds of homelessness through a sport and the support of a few coaches and people is inspiration for all youth, not just those in Ghana.

The Atlanta Athletic Club is dedicated to continue support in the goals and mission for future Hope Performance Tennis events and programs.

It will remain in the forefront of our minds the importance of our ability to give back to the game we love and help those that wish to help others.

We are extremely blessed to be associated with Hope Performance Tennis,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GHANA TENNIS FEDERATION

ISAAC ABE DUAH

It has been a tough and challenging year for me as the President of the Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF), I came on board as a Vice President in 2015 and later became the President in 2017. I came with the board at a time when everything was at its all-time low, gone were the days when Tennis was the number two sport in Ghana and the onus rest on the board to ensure that Tennis becomes the number two sport again. So we are seeing the renaissance of Ghana Tennis as a board which I head.

The vision is to start afresh to focus on junior tennis so that we can get good players again. There are no short cut to success and it is for this reason that we are on a sponsorship drive to promote the Under 12, 14 and 16 league.

We want to see a lot of players on court we want to see them getting equipment, we want to see coaches being trained as well as referees who will be always abreast with the modern trend of the game.

We are also concern with development of social tennis so that the Clubs will intend help us develop junior players in the various clubs. The gains made so far is to have created the favourable conditions for partners to come on-board because certainly GTF cannot do it all alone. Our main sponsor MacDan has been a phenomenal partner, we are excited he has extended his flagship MacDan Open to cover West Africa and that is what we are very excited about and the introduction of the MacDan Junior Open.

We have also welcomed Peter Mensah who is promoting tennis in schools, Coach Noah, Coach Ayi and Coach Quansah also developing junior tennis. The Tennis Foundation Ghana led by Roger Crawford has also been an excellent partner organizing an ITF tournament since the last one 11 years ago. For ten years Ghana has never been represented at the International Tennis Federation but Ghana was represented this year which speaks volume of putting Ghana Tennis on the right track.

Our Vision is that when Ghana holds the all Africa games in five years time the junior players we are grooming will come of age and be in good shape to do honours for the Nation.

Hope Performance Tennis has come at the right time and we are excited about their vision to develop junior Tennis which is in line with the vision of GTF. We are most grateful to Enock Godi, Cedric Dzelu, Giovanni Adinyira and all those behind Hope Performance Tennis for their Vision and dedication to promote Ghana Tennis.

PROFILE OF MANAGEMENT TEAM

Hope Performance Tennis is a Foundation working with a host of experts and seasoned professionals who are volunteering their talents and expertise to the work of the foundation ensuring that the foundation achieve its goals. Here are the profiles of those behind the day to day activities of the work of the Foundation.

PROFILE OF FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

A once homeless Enock Godi who rose from the hustle and vulnerability of a young boy in the Capital of Ghana is our proud Founder and President.

From age 11 Enock found hope and solace in hitting tennis balls and later became a ball boy as a means to make ends meet and to survive the hustle that has made other young boys victims of all kinds of social vices. He was always found on the tennis court practicing and dreaming of a future in tennis.

Enock Godi, the founder and President of the Hope Tennis Foundation is a product of ITF training centre in South Africa, where he received a scholarship to the Mount San Jacinto College in California. He was part of the winning team in the Southern California Championship in the United States of America.

Our Founder and President played for the Golden Racquet of Ghana in the Davis Cup in Tunisia in 2012. After featuring for the National team he went into professional tennis coaching plus skill development aimed at discovering rising future stars and introducing the game of tennis to virgin areas in Ghana in an attempt to give back to the game in ways that eluded him when he was young at the game.

He is currently a PTR Performance Professional and a certified USPTR 10U, 11 – 17 Professional at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Georgia, USA.

PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CEDRIC DZELU

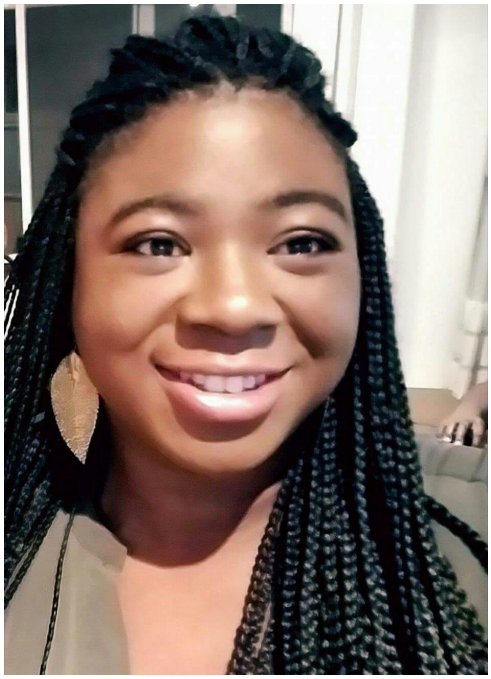
Appointed to provide the necessary leadership for the Hope Performance Tennis Foundation is a man whose twin love for tennis and helping those in need is unparalleled, notwithstanding the fact that Cedric Dzelu could not achieve his ambitions as a rising tennis player due to financial and environmental challenges, he undoubtedly see tennis as a tool for development that can change the lives of many especially lifting many out of poverty.

With over 11+ years of experience his expertise meets perfectly at the intersection of communication, marketing, finance, poetry, writing, community service and volunteering. He has distinguishably participated in many historical conferences around the world, taking up great responsibilities ranging from conference speaker, Lead facilitator, writing conference report and poetic performances in countries such as Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Kenya, Senegal, Ivory Coast and Ghana.

Cedric Dzelu is a Change Agent of the World YMCA and S2C Ambassador of the African Alliance YMCA, the oldest and largest NGO in the world into the business of empowering young people by providing young people with the space, platform and giving them the voice to enable them transform themselves and their communities.

Cedric holds MSc degree in Development Finance from the University of Ghana and BSc Marketing from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, (GIMPA).

PROFILE OF ACCOUNTANT



WHITNEY GODI

Whitney is a graduate from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She is currently the controller of Stone Showcase Inc.

She handles and manages all the finance operations of the company which is operating out of 4 locations. Whitney also hosts a podcast Thank You For You where they gather people's stories of adversity to be broadcasted throughout the world to help others who are going through similar situations.

Along with helping her husband's vision of Hope Performance Tennis, Whitney also enjoys traveling to new places and eating foods from all over the globe.

PROFILE OF MANAGEMENT TEAM

PROFILE OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECT OFFICER

GIOVANNI ADINYIRA

Giovanni Adinyira is the founder of Afrika Tennis, a social media based tennis news outlet, an avid writer of short stories for children, and is the 'In Country Representative' for Kingston Grammar School of England. He was the tournament organizer of the Dowunor Invitational Tennis Series.

He is a tennis enthusiast earning the name 30 love, but most importantly, his passion is for the development of junior tennis players both on and off the tennis court, he has organized various exhibition matches and has a knack for breaking projects down to the detail for effective management and execution. We have no doubt that he is a great addition to our course.

PROFILE OF FOUNDATION COACHES

The Foundation is proudly associated with a number of very seasoned Coaches who are equally committed to the development of tennis especially at the junior level. These Coaches are distinguish in the own rights and brings years of worth of experience to raise the next generation of players and also to leverage on the on and off the court benefits of tennis to empower young people.

COACH NOAH BAGERBASEH BUKARI

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Coach Noah is a house hold name in Ghana Tennis and holds an enviable reputation in African Tennis and beyond. He has coached at all levels of the game reaching the feet of Former Davis cup captain for five (5) consecutive years.

Coach Noah is a graduate of ITF level 2 and 3 in Valencia Spain and holds a Master of Philosophy of Sports from The University of Education Winneba.

He has coached in three tennis academies in Spain and is among other things the Director of national Tennis in Ghana, part time lecturer in the PE department of University of Education Winneba
He has conducted level one and two tennis coaching courses on behalf of ITF raising a generation of Tennis Coaches who are now blazing the trail in their own rights.

Right from this home Coach Noah has raised his children to become national champions and has produced many champions for the nation from being the first to put a racquet into the hands of many to grooming them to lifting up trophies and representing the flag of Ghana which earned him a special achievement award for being the best coach.

It must be put on record without any ambiguity that Coach Noah transformed the game and life of our Founder and President Enock Godi when he gave him a scholarship to the winneba sports college, the centre that broke the dawn for Enock.

COACH

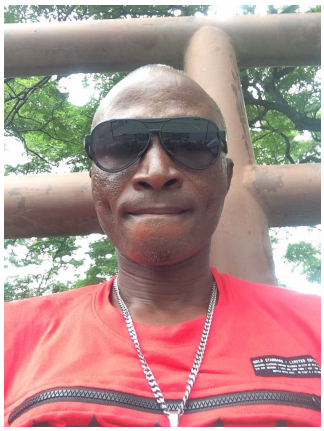
RICHARD AYI DARTEY

Coach Ayi as he is widely known home and abroad has been in tennis since 1979 working with junior players from zero to top 10 in the world. He holds an enviable reputation for grooming players to play for the national team from the junior level to the national level.

Coach Ayi is a must get Coach who has worked with the International Tennis Federation in South Africa for 3 years, All Court Tennis Academy in the US and currently working with the Aviation Social Centre serving for the past 11 years.

He also Works with Ghana Tennis Federation and a holder of level two I. T. F certificate and instructor for level one I. T. F coaching course.

COACH



HENRY QUANSAH

Coach Q as his affectionately called is an ITF Level 2 coaching certificate holder, working with National Sports Authority and also a National Coach. He captained the National team to win gold in 2005 all African games in Brazzaville and has produced a lot of good players for the National team.

COACH

Coach Doe who began his tennis carrier as a ball boy at the former Sun Rise Hotel now Alisa Hotel, has become one of the fineness tennis players and coaches in Ghana who had won some trophies both in the juniors and the seniors categories respectively.

He has been the champion of the age thirty (30) and above and currently the champion of the forty and above, has a number of trophies to his credit earned from both singles and doubles competitions respectively.

JOSEPH KOJO DOE-ADJANI

Thirty three (33) years of playing tennis experience and twenty eight (28) years of coaching experience, skilled on tennis coaching and playing. He holds a degree from the Regent University College of Science and Technology as a Bachelor of Theology with Management.

Coach Doe holds the International Tennis Federation (ITF) coaching certificate in both Level One (1) and Level (2) respectively. Currently doubles as the Ghana Armed Forces tennis coach and the Ghana national junior's team, and also trains the University of Ghana Tennis Team for their various competitions both in Ghana and outside Ghana.

COACH

From a humble beginning Coach Yahya has excelled from the junior level as a player into a phenomenal Coach whose hard work is now bearing fruits in many of the young players he is raising.

Coach Yahya is also blazing the trail as far as wheel chair Tennis is concern and has produced a player who featured in the London Open 2018 reaching the quarter finals. He has given momentum to the development of wheel chair tennis in a manner that wheel chair tennis is spreading very fast to cover all the regions of Ghana.

YAHYA MACAULEY

Coach Yahya holds ITF Level 1 and 2 certificate and is tipped by many as part of the next wave of coaches to take Ghana Tennis to the Next level.

His ambition is to be a vibrant and indispensable part of a dynamic team, inspiring and learning from the team, building himself into an epitome of coaching relations, the best of his kind.

FUNDRAISING

As a Not for Profit organization, we rely heavily on the benevolence and support of those touched by our desire to contribute to the development of young people.
To this effect a fundraising was organized by some members of the Atlanta Athletic Tennis Club to raise funds and other logistical items to support the foundation.
We also hosted a Gofundme to raise funds for the program. We will like to take this space to thank everyone who contributed in different ways to make this possible:

GAGA FOR GHANA LADIES NIGHT FUNDRAISING

Patty Hooper, Sandy Johnson, Nicole Lane, Kris Cowart, Vanessa Brwster, Lynn Ganote, Tricia Ferguson, Cynthia Potter, Caroline Kuehn, Jill Aycock,Tricia Miller, Mary Moore, Dawn Siebold, Lara Stickney, Gretchen Levy, Heather Levy, Sally Green, Lori KalleneseKathy Strickland, Stacey Montagner,Patty Barron, Leah Wrinkler Mandy Edrington, Jannet Hill,Cristy Hines,Jenny Nedza, Cindy Muir, Cheryl Orehosky, Carrie Strickler, Dorsey Alston, Tish delan, Valerie Mcmichael, Kristen Scott, Christy Luskin, Christine Safieh, Lauren Ellison, Jessica Pickron

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VISIT TO AMTEC

The team paid a courtesy call at the Army Officers Mess Tennis Court (AMTEC) to pay homage to the leadership and the members of the Club and to use the opportunity to invite them to the Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament.

This visit was necessary because The President cum founder, Executive Director and Programs Manager are products of AMTEC with deep connections. Both Enock and Cedric were former ball boys of AMTEC and were supported in different ways by the Club members.

The team was welcomed and well received by the Leadership of the Club led by General Salifu Yakubu a very skilful and hard hitter.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The team made a total of 15 media interactions in order to create awareness on the program and to draw wide range support from stakeholders. The breakdown is as follows:

TV: TV3, METRO TV, GTV, JOY NEWS, KATANGA TV, ATV

RADIO: ASEMPA 94.7 FM, UNIQUE 95.7 FM, ENIGYE 95.5 FM

ONLINE: GHANAWEB, GHANA NEWS AGENCY

VIDEO LINKS:

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQrzB6DgiAM&list=UUX-OW1P8Er4B64mo_xAoWgrA&index=6
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8. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weJFh9Vv0Hc&t=35s
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10. https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/SportsArchive/Hope-Performance-Tennis-holds-maiden-tournament-for-teens-684149
11. https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/tennis/Hope-Performance-Tennis-to-hold-clinic-and-club-tournament-in-September-675171
12. http://www.ghananewsagency.org/sports/all-is-set-for-hope-tennis-clinic-and-club-tournament-138126

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony of the maiden Hope Performance Tennis Clinic was held on the 5th of September 2018 as scheduled with the distinguish attendance of Mr. Cleland Doe-Sallah the Corporate Affairs Manager of CDH Ltd who chaired the opening ceremony, the President of the Ghana Tennis Federation Mr. Isaac Abe Duah, The President of the Hope Performance Tennis Mr Enock Godi and his team, Coaches of 15 clubs and foundation coaches all led by Coach Quansah, the CEO of Tenolf Sports Mr. Cleland Bawa and a host of other personalities who graced the occasion with over 350 kids in attendance.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CLINIC

The Hope Performance Tennis Clinic was held on the 5th and 6th of September 2018 which recorded 373 kids in total with 298 boys and 75 girls The participants were placed on four (4) different courts designed to achieved different set of High Performance Training.
Tennis Clinic Participating Clubs

1. AMTEC 37
2. Atomic Tennis Club
3. Baboo Tennis Academy
4. Flipper Tennis Club
5. Ghana Tennis Club
6. Kaneshie Sports Complex
7. Korle - Bu Tennis Club
8. Pilanzy Tennis Academy
9. Sakumono Tennis Club
10. Shi Shijee Shadé
11. St. Francis Foundation
12. Stadium A
13. Stadium B
14. Vicky Palow
15. Winneba Sports College

VISIT BY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The foundation was honoured to receive the distinguish presence of the Member of Parliament for the Klottey Korle Constituency, the Constituency under which the Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Tournament was held.

She interacted with the future stars using the opportunity to inspire them to blaze the trail to achieve their ambitions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOURNAMENT

The 7th and 8th September were the days 12 Clubs went into action to lock horns in three different categories; 16 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under. A total of 108 players participated in the club tournament from 12 clubs, 3 different set of players from each club featured for their clubs in the 3 different categories making 9 players from each club participating in the Hope Performance Tournament.

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AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony was a moment of great joy for those to receive honours for wining in their categories and a moment of consolation for those who nearly missed the top prizes. The ceremony was chaired by Mr. Philip Mensah the Deputy Commissioner of Ghana Revenue Service, in attendance was the President of the Ghana Tennis Federation Mr. Isaac Abe Duah, Mr. Prempeh Bannerman A member of the board of directors of GTF, Mr. Prince Annang Ace broadcaster at Metro TV, Mr. Cleland Bawa the CEO of Tenolf Sports and a host of invited guests.

At the end of the tournament here are the winners of the various categories and other special awards.

Winners of the 1st edition of the Hope Performance Tennis Tournament

Under-16
1st - Flipper Tennis Club
2nd - Stadium B
3rd - Korle-Bu

Under-14
1st - St. Francis Foundation
2nd - Stadium B
3rd - Baboo Academy

Under-12
1st - Stadium B
2nd - Baboo Academy
3rd - St. Francis Foundation

Most Promising Player - Isaac Akuaku (St. Francis Foundation)

Best Team - 37 AMTEC

Best Coach - Francis Kwame Boadu (Baboo Academy)

Best Volunteers- Eugene Hammond and Reuben Kellywood

VOLUNTEERS

The work of the foundation is purely voluntary and there is no shyness in saying that from the President to the Executive Director to all other volunteers, no one is paid for their valuable contribution. Each one of them appreciates that whatever role they are playing feeds into the overall vision of the foundation which is to empower young people through tennis.

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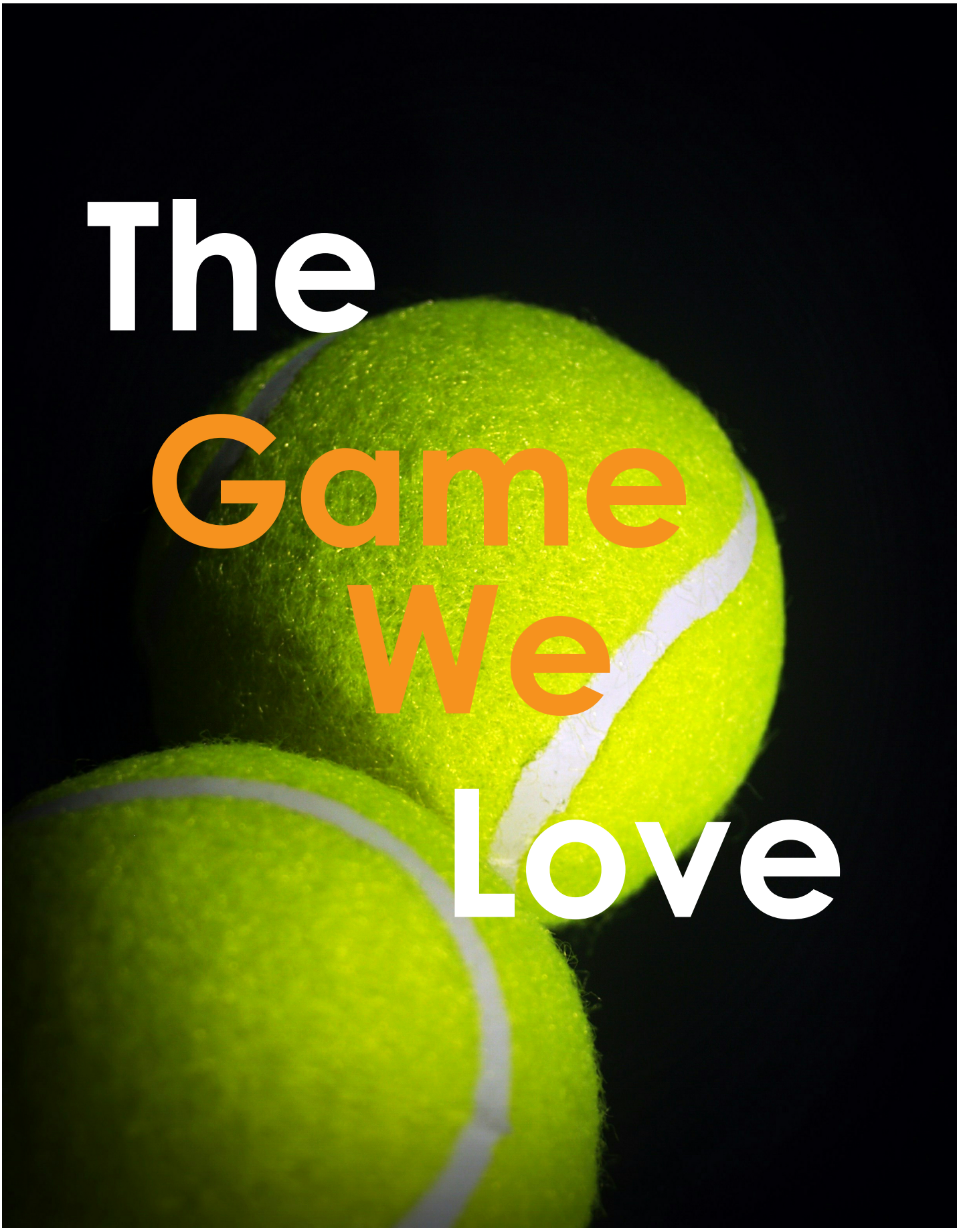
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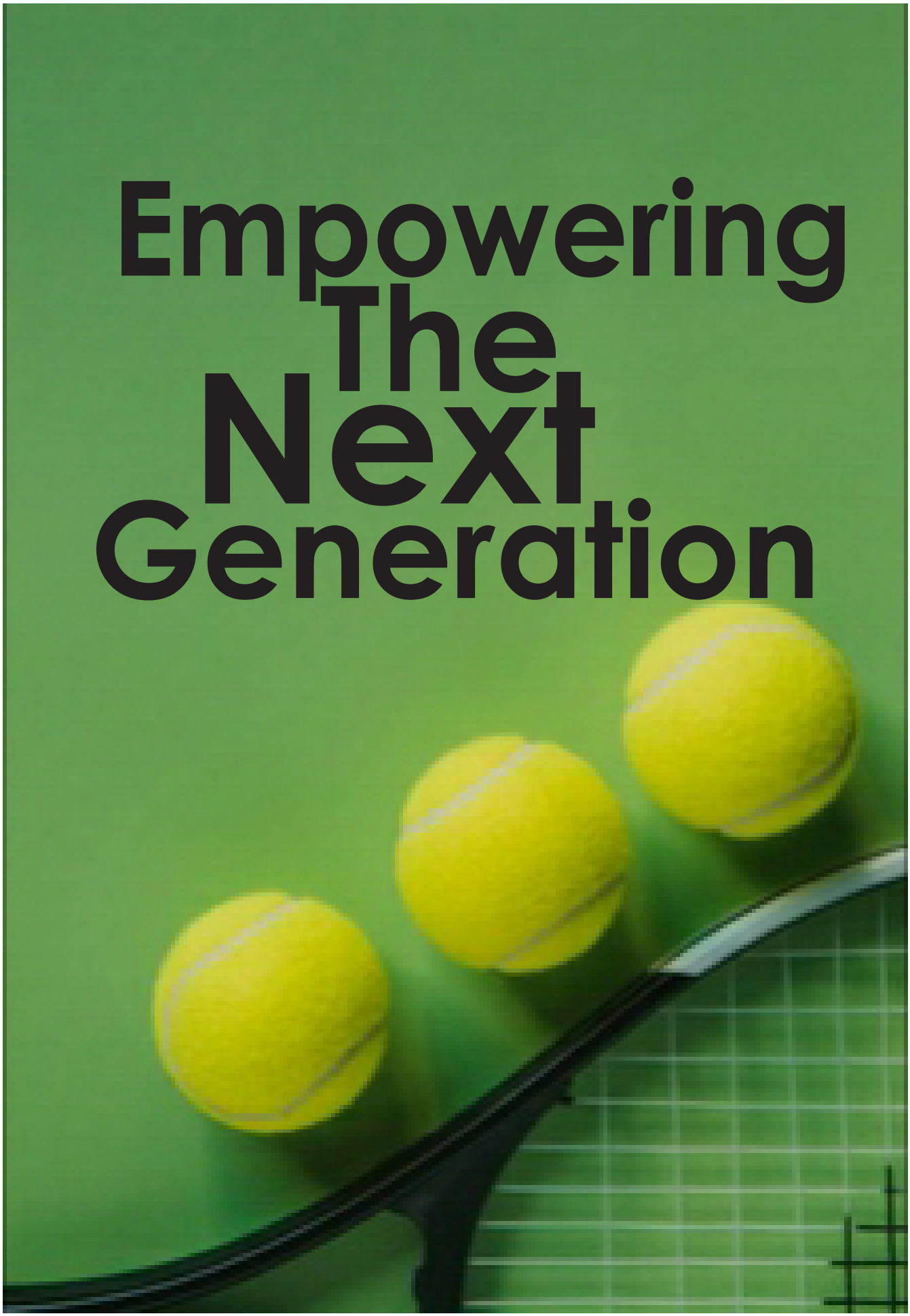
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