



16 and under tennis team for Junior Davis Cup & Fed Cup



TAM has announced the Under 16 National Team tennis team participating in the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup- pre-qualifying event that will be held from 12th -18th March 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The pre-qualifying round will be followed a Final qualifying round in Malaysia. The best two teams in the Junior Davis Cup pre-qualifying event will join the other 14 boys/ girls teams to contest the Final qualifying round.

The Maldives team comprises 3 boys and 3 girls namely,

Dhain Mohamed Ameen- Ranked no.1

Yusuf Ahmed Akram- Ranked no.2

Humaidh Abdul Latheef- Ranked no.4

Mariyam Hashma Hanim- Ranked no.1

Aishath Yala Hussain- Ranked no.2

Aishath Yumn Niyaz- Ranked no.3

The team is coached by Mr. Kumar Adhikari.

Mr. Mohamed Hanim has been appointed as the manager of the team.

The Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals will be played in Budapest, Hungary. The Finals will be a 16-Team Final for both the boys' and girls' events and the format will be a round robin, followed by a knock out stage, as required, to place all teams from 1st to 16th positions.

The International Team Competition for players aged 16 & under was launched by the ITF in 1985 as the "World Youth Cup" with NEC as the title sponsor between 1988 and 2001.

In 2002 the ITF re-branded the boys competition as part of a new partnership with BNP Paribas to "Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas". The girls' competition was also changed to "Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas" in 2005.

From the competition's inaugural year in 1985 when 44 nations took part in regional qualifying with the top 16 boys' and 16 girls' teams moving through to the Final in Kobe, Japan, the competition has gone from strength to strength. The number of participants has grown to around 100 nations each year.

In the 2017 Final, the top seed Czech Republic won their first Junior Davis Cup title for 20 years by defeating the USA 2-0 in the finals.

In the Junior Fed Cup final the number one seeded USA team improved on their 2016 result by defeating Japan 2-0 on their way to victory in their final.