



Fenesta Open Nationals Fresh and New faces to leave a mark

Fenesta Open National tennis championship which begins tomorrow will present a great opportunity for juniors and fresh faces to leave a mark in the men's and women's category at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association.

This will be a great chance for the Young Turks to make their presence felt on the hard courts. There is a prize money of Rs. 3 lakhs for the winners in men's and women's sections.

The qualifiers happened during the weekend. Arjun Khade from Maharashtra, a Wild Card entry into the qualifiers has entered the Men's Singles Main Draw by beating Dhruv Sunish. Arjun has reached finals of the Fenesta nationals twice before.

Nitin Kumar Sinha from Bengal did himself proud in the qualifiers on Sunday when he beat PC Vignesh, a well-known name on the circuit in yesteryears, by 6-4, 6-4. The youngster will also be competing in the under-18 main draw as the top seed.

There were interesting contests in the women's section as well. Shaikh Humeria defeated Aaliya Zubair Ebrahim by 6-3, 6-3 for a spot in the main draw.

Another girl who made her way into the elite main draw was Tanisha Kashyap. She defeated Shivani Amneni 6-3, 6-4. Akshara Iska did herself proud by also qualifying. She beat Himanshika 6-1, 6-2.

Zeel Desai is top seed in women's draw making her a top contender for winning the title this week. Third seed Shweta Rana, an experienced player, is also in the mix.

In the men's section, Suraj R. Prabodh is the top seed. Vijay Kannan and Nitten Kirtanne, former champions are also in the draw.

It will be interesting to see how matches in early stages play out.