



**TOMAS CUP JAPAN JUNIOR TENNIS
TOUR CHAMPIONS 5th**



第5回 TOMAS CUP 全国ジュニアテニスツアーチャンピオンズ大会

2012 JOP Episode for Coach Van Darre Supporting Junior Players

The annual Tomas Cup is the best junior tournament I have ever seen. It is the junior version of the Toray Pan Pacific Open. It is more than just a tournament, it is an event. Even my 5-year old daughter, who does not play in tournaments yet, can identify this tournament as special and always enjoys the extra activities they have.

And Sports Sunrise is the best organizer of junior tennis in Japan. The Japan Junior Tennis Tour, with their one-day tournament format, is a great way for juniors to get started playing tennis tournaments.

I also strongly support the bench coaching that they sometimes allow for junior players. Some people think that some kids have an advantage, but it is no more than families with more money having an advantage in sending their kids to better tennis academies. Bench coaching is the best way to teach junior players to compete in a match, and this experience is more important than who wins or loses. Even the WTA allows coaching for professional women players.

Sports Sunrise is also the one organization where everyone involved is very friendly and they really care about the junior players. This is what junior tennis should be about: caring support for the junior players.

Highest Compliments,

Brandon Van Darre