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## **2012 JOP Episode for Christyna**

I have so many great memories from playing in JOP. If I only wrote about my best memory, it would not show how much I truly appreciate everything I experienced with JOP, so I feel obligated to mention more than one.

My first special feeling with JOP came when I went to see Angelyna, my big sister, play in Tomas Cup in 2010. Wow! It was like a junior version of the Toray Pan Pacific Open that I saw the year before. My family has gone and seen many big junior tournaments, and I've heard people say JOP isn't the "real" junior association, but Tomas Cup is still the best junior tournament that we have ever seen.

I wanted to play there so bad. My father/coach told me everyone wants to win, but he told me the players who become great set big goals and want to win more than their opponents. Even though I always want to win every tournament I play, my big goal was to play in Tomas Cup.

It was such a relief and so amazing when I finally won my first tournament on the last day of qualifying for the next year's Tomas Cup. I was always the smallest player, but that gave me the belief that I could do anything if I wanted it bad enough.

Everything in my life got better, including my grades in school. Since then I've won many tournaments, including some big comebacks against bigger, stronger, faster and better players.

While still only nine, I won in the 12 & Under finals at Nishi Tama coming back from 1-4 down to win 7-5. In another 12 & Under tournament in Oiso, I was down 2-5 with double match point (40-15), and fought back to win 7-5 against a very good player who had beaten my older sister before.

But my best memory was the first day I ever tried "Tebowing," which is now famous in the United States. It is a kind of prayer named after an American football quarterback who is not considered to be a very good. But he is famous for never giving up and making unbelievable, miraculous comebacks again and again.

Like Tebow, I was down in the finals at Oiso 0-5, Love-30 with my weak serve against the #1 girl in Japan. I won that finals match 7-5. I will forever have this comeback that most people never experience. I also now have my best friend who I hope to play with forever.

I thank my best friend and rival for making me better, I thank JOP/Sports Sunrise for all these memories, and I thank God for blessing me with tennis and this great life.

Sincerely,

Christyna