

**Vicky Mboko** has been an academy member at ACE since she was 4 years old. Her parents Godee and Cyprien Mboko, originally from the Congo, have been a fixture at Cedar Springs for over eight years where their three eldest children played at the highest level of national competition and pursued university studies. The baby of the family [she would not like this] Vicky, 12 years old, is not only following in her sibling steps, she is one of Canada's brightest prospect. This past December, Vicky competed in the Orange Bowl U14 championships in Florida. The event is recognized as the premier event for juniors. Although eligible for the U12, Vicky played U14 and served notice to the world by getting to the finals of this prestigious event. We caught up with her before leaving for England for a three week competitive tour with Tennis Canada.

***What have you learned from your brothers and sister in regards to your tennis?***

Well, I really liked David's [University of Toronto] overall striking ability, Gracia [University of Denver] has a great power forehand while Kevin [University of Edinboro] moves the best and has a great sense of humor.

***Were you surprised with your performance at the Orange Bowl?***

Yes, because I certainly was not playing well at the beginning of the tournament, but I got better every match and my confidence really improved.

***Where have you travelled and which country did you like the best?***

Of course, in the US, then France, Mexico, Czech Republic, Bolivia, Germany, Belgium and finally Guadeloupe which I liked the best because of the weather and the food!

