

Florida: great opportunities for NSM players

NSM players Patrik Niklas-Salminen and Eero Vasa spent 1 month in South Florida. Vasa and Niklas-Salminen played the 2 most important tournaments in the 14&Under division (Eddie Herr and Orange Bowl), played South Florida local tournaments, practiced with the best American players and the top 3 best 14&Under in the world, watched ATP players practice hard in their off season preparation, met tennis legends Chris Evert and Sebastien Grosjean, practiced with ATP and WTA pros, and even played Beach Tennis with them!

Vasa and Niklas Salminen also received invaluable tips and training session from some of the most respected tennis coaches (Jose Higuera, Jay Berger, John Evert, Ean Meyer) and strength & conditioning coaches (John Mark Jenkins and Jaz Green – Andy Murray’s fitness coach). They also had the chance to test their vision ability and receive tips on how to improve their reaction time, depth perception and all hand-eye coordination skills that are so important in tennis.

Below, a few images of the training days between tournaments:



Patrik Niklas-Salminen playing practice matches first against Henrik Wiersholm (2011 winner of Le Petit As in France) and then against Riley Opelka (Ranked number 1 in the

USA in the 14&Under) at the USTA National Training Centre at the Evert Tennis Academy. Watching Patrik's match USTA Coaching Director Jose Higuera (former coach of several top 10 players, including Roger Federer), USTA Men's Tennis Director Jay Berger (former top-10 ATP), and USTA National Coach Mike Sell.



Eero Vasa and Patrik Niklas-Salminen listing to Ean Meyer (a technical and movement expert in tennis). Patrik and Eero took a lot out of a few hours with Ean who talk to them about stances and movement. With Ean we also arrange a practice for Patrik and Eero with Anna Tatishvili (currently top 70 WTA and coached by Ean)



A little fun is always good! Ero and Patrik playing Beach Tennis in South Beach (Miami) against ATP doubles player Stefano Ianni. The boys lost badly!

During the time in Florida, Patrik Niklas-Salminen and Eero Vasa spent a lot of time with Hong Seongchan, arguably the best 14 & Under in the world (Hong was coached until a few months by current NSM Coach Federico Ricci). Here Patrik Niklas-Salminen practicing and playing points with Hong Seongchan, Hong was finalist in Eddie Herr and winner of the Nike Junior Tour Master and Orange Bowl in 2011!



Here below Eero Vasa with former top 200 ATP and current top 150 ATP Doubles Stefano Ianni. Eero and Stefano doing some core-strength exercises after practice.

