

Interview of Our Shinning Tennis Star Isha Bhattacharya in the International Sports Magazine Tadpole

Every time before a match she makes a thin plate with a green rubber band and hides it in her pony tail. Isha Bhattacharjee from Kolkata considers it her lucky charm.

Luck with her skills have made her quite a known name in Kolkata's young tennis circuit.

Last week she was placed 2nd in the mixed doubles category in AITA'S Challenge Series, Patna.

"I think I was always meant to play tennis. The sport I started at the age of 5 has become my life today," Bhattacharjee shared with Tadpoles.

She is West Bengal's No. 5 in the U-18 category.

With her decent performances in many AITA (All India Tennis Association) tournaments it is a memory from 2009 that she considers quite a game changer.

"Being the champions at the U-18 SSTC-AITA Talent Series, 2009 held in Sreerampore, Kolkata was one event I can never forget," she said.

Bhattacharjee trains at Bengal Tennis Association and at her Delhi Public School, Megacity, Kolkata.

"Every player needs consistency, and for that one needs regular practice," said Bhattacharjee.

Tennis to her is not just a physical sport but something that has made her stronger mentally.

"It has strengthened me and made me more independent."

For Bhattacharjee, there is one more magnet that keeps her attracted to the sport – Maria Sharapova.

"Not only is she my idol in the game, but in terms of styling as well. I have always been into fashion, and she has made tennis a podium for fashion as well," she said.

Bhattacharjee is the diva of her school and loves the attention her sports vice captaincy brings with it.

“I have worked hard to become a known name in my school. It makes me feel so important,” she said.

Apart from tennis she is also into singing and dancing and has participated at national level.

She loves how her school has always supported her and has helped her stand out. “My school is like a family to me, they are the best,” she said.

The lesser number of known players in tennis is a major concern for her.

“It is really sad that there are around 700-800 tennis players in India, but only one Sania Mirza or Mahesh Bhupathi. The nation needs more tennis heroes, hope I can be one some day,” said Bhattacharjee.

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