

09<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

### **Serena Hotels ITF Futures Tennis Tournament December, 2017 Men's Main Draw**

**Serena Hotels ITF Futures Tennis Tournament, 2017** Doubles Final was held on 09<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) Complex Garden Avenue, Islamabad in cloudy weather.

The Doubles event culminated on a good note with the Pakistani pair bagging the title. The Pakistani pair of Aqeel Khan and Shahzad Khan made history beating their opponents in straight sets. The pair is the first in Pakistan's history to win ITF Futures Tennis Tournament. It was a crunch encounter; both the pairs started slow and played cautiously trying to force the other to make mistakes. As the game progressed the pace increased, both pairs showed their skills and pushed the opponents to the limits. The pressure of the Final was evident on both pairs but the Pakistanis coped well and prevailed in the end. The home ground and the crowd, was to the local players' advantage which boosted their morale to finish the game in style with the crowd chanting the pairs name in the final stages of the game.

Aqeel Khan made his mark and proved the he is Pakistan's No.1 Tennis player indeed. He was well supported by Shahzad Khan whose excellent serves held the opponents on the back foot. Aqeel played some excellent shots to force the opponents into making mistakes.

Mr. Salim Saifullah Khan who witnessed the match alongside Mr. Syed Dilawar Abbas and the PTF Management expressed his pleasure at the momentous occasion and congratulated the Pakistani pair on making history and displaying excellent Tennis skills.

The results are given below.

### **Men's Doubles Main Draw Results (Final)**

**Aqeel KHAN/ Shahzad Khan (PAK) beat Luka PAVLOVIC (FRA)/ Pere RIBA (ESP): 7-6(3), 7-6 (4).**

### **Serena Hotels ITF Futures Men's Singles Final**

The Final of the Singles event will be played on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 (Sunday) at PTF Complex Islamabad between the Russian top Seed Ivan Nedelko and the fourth seed Spaniard Pere Riba at 2:30 PM.