



Australian Players safe in New Zealand

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All of our players playing at Wilding Park in Christchurch are safe and uninjured although the earthquake has caused extensive damage. The courts have been destroyed (according to Steve Longworth and Helen McFetridge of the ITF) but the players are safe in the car park as the surrounding roads are extensively damaged. I have been in contact with several players and captains who report all players are safe and well although very, very scared. It appears that the players may not be able to return to their accommodation where their valuable and luggage are located as most were staying in the inner city area which has been devastated by the earthquake.

The initial shocks and the aftershocks are being felt in Christchurch and Timaru, however, no damage has occurred at these centres and play has continued.

We have to wait until further assessment occurs and until players are advised what to do.

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