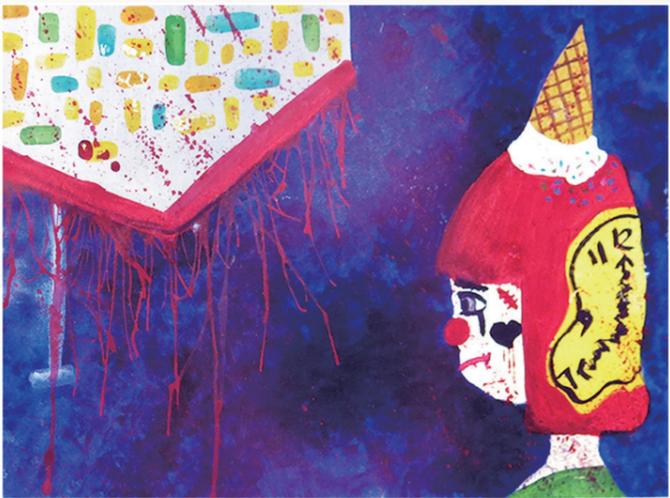




Artist shows 'persistence'



Staff Reporter

Local artist Tiffany Ho Ian Tong is holding a solo exhibition in which she wants to share with the public her "persistence" with her artistic endeavour.

The "Persistent – Solo Exhibition of Tiffany Ho", which comprises several dozen exhibits in various artistic forms, is on display at the Youth Art Exhibition and Performance Hall in Praça do Tap Seac.

The 16-year-old artist, a F5 pupil at the Macau Anglican College, told *The Macau Post Daily* on the phone last night that the exhibition was her first ever solo show.

The exhibits include watercolours, oil paintings and acrylics.

"The work included in the exhibition was created over the last two years...I was very unhappy when being pushed to learn drawing during my childhood. About two years ago I found that drawing could help me ease my unhappiness thus I started to enjoy drawing," she said.

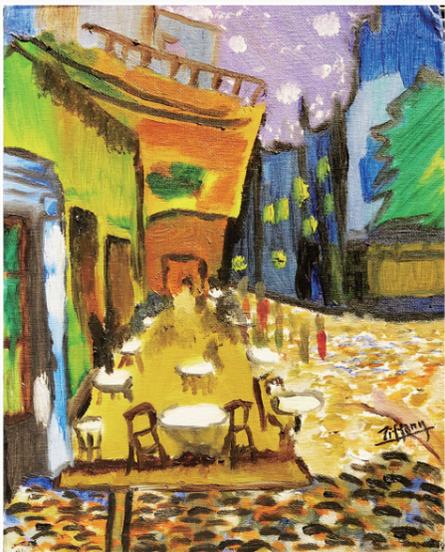
"In most of the paintings shown at the exhibition it is common to see blood... however, in the paintings I completed recently blood appears less," she said, adding that drawing can help her to remain calm and happy.

"I have named my first solo show 'Persistent' as I want to show the public that I will keep on drawing no matter how many unhappy times I experience," the girl said.

Ho also said that she planned to study art therapy after finishing school.

"I want to help children with art in the future...art can help people stay happy and peaceful," she said.

The exhibition, which will run until Sunday, is open from 12 .a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Admission is free. ■



Nishikori downs Isner to take Washington title

Tennis

Jim Slater

WASHINGTON — Japan's Kei Nishikori took a big step on his road back to the US Open final on Sunday by rallying to defeat John Isner and win the Washington Open title.

The 25-year-old Asian number one, last year's US Open runner-up, defeated American John Isner 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to capture his 10th career title at the combined ATP and WTA hardcourt event, a warm-up for the US Open fortnight that starts in three weeks.

"I'm sure this win will help me a lot. It's important for me to play good tennis this summer," Nishikori said. "I'm looking forward to playing again in the US Open. I'm excited to play again on the big stage."

Nishikori, who rose one spot yesterday to match his career high ranking of fourth in the world, won his third crown of the season after defending titles at Memphis and Barcelona.

Nishikori became the first Asian singles winner in the tournament's 47-year history despite connect-



Japan's Kei Nishikori hits a return against John Isner of the US during their Citi Open final at Rock Creek Park Tennis Center in Washington, DC., on Sunday. — AP

ing on only 59 percent of his first serves. He managed to win 42 of his 46 first-serve points despite only five aces to Isner's 18.

"I returned really well," Nishikori said. "I had to guess sometimes but I was there all the time and it was a great winning percentage on my first serve."

"I've been returning really well this week and winning a lot of matches like this. It's never easy against these big servers but I'm

playing well against these guys."

Isner found himself foiled by Nishikori's first serves and the baseline game with which he backstopped them.

"I just didn't make enough inroads on his first serves," Isner said. "He put a decent number of first serves in and from there he is arguably the best in the world from the baseline."

"His backhand is world class. He's very talented and very skilled. He knows what he's doing with the

ball. He's gifted with talent and he works his tail off. He's a great player and a great champion."

Isner, who won his only prior meeting with Nishikori in April's Miami quarter-finals, will jump from 18th to 12th in yesterday's rankings.

"I'm playing with a lot of confidence," Isner said.

It was Isner's third loss in a Washington final after falling to Andy Roddick in 2007 and Juan Martin Del Potro in 2013.

"Getting to the finals three times and not breaking through is disappointing, but I haven't lost to any slouches," Isner said. "Getting to the final is a good achievement but losing stinks."

Isner took the only break of the first set in the last game with a service return forehand winner down the line. Nishikori began the second set with a break, as Isner hit a forehand wide on break point, and held serve five times to force a third set.

"That was a big turning point for sure," Isner said. "He got up an early break and that gave him some momentum and confidence."

Nishikori jumped on a second serve for a return winner to break Isner, then held at love in three of his final four service games for the triumph.

Stephens wins first title

In the women's final, American Sloane Stephens won her first WTA title, defeating Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 6-2.

Stephens, ranked five spots ahead of her rival at 35th, had been the highest-ranked player never to reach a WTA final before doing so this week in her 84th tour event.

"It has been an amazing week and something I will never forget," Stephens said. — AFP



Sloane Stephens

Sports Digest

Swimming: Phelps nabs another world leading time in 200m medley

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Michael Phelps made it three national titles in three world leading times in three days on Sunday with a sizzling 200m individual medley triumph at the US swimming championships.

The 18-time Olympic gold medalist electrified the crowd by hitting the 150-metre mark under world record pace en route to a dominant victory in 1min 54.75sec.

"I'm pumped," Phelps said. "Being able to do that right now, I'm very, very pleased and it's something great to build off of."

Although he faded on the final freestyle leg to finish outside the world record of 1:54.00 set by US team-mate Ryan Lochte in 2011, he was more than a second faster than the 1:55.81 Lochte produced to win the world title in Kazan, Russia, this week.

Phelps lost his world championships berth as part of the sanctions for his drunk-driving arrest last September. — AFP

Tennis: Kerber outlasts Pliskova to win Stanford title

STANFORD, California — Germany's Angelique Kerber (pictured) claimed her fourth title of 2015 by outlasting rising star Karolina Pliskova in a three-set marathon final at the WTA Tour's Stanford tournament on Sunday.

Kerber, who was seeded fifth, needed two hours and seven minutes to post a 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Czech Pliskova who ended the match on a forehand error.

Kerber hammered 27 winners and made just 14 unforced errors as she was able to overcome the more powerful and much taller (1.86 metre) Pliskova.

Kerber now has four WTA Tour

titles this season with one each on red clay, green clay, hardcourt and grass. That ties her with American Serena Williams for the most wins in 2015.

Pliskova, who made 52 unforced errors against Kerber, will break into the top 10 for the first time when the new rankings come out in the next few days. — AFP



Golf: Henry wins Barracuda Championship

RENO, Nevada — JJ Henry drained an eagle on the second sudden-death hole to beat fellow American Kyle Reifers in a playoff and capture the PGA Tour's Barracuda Championship on Sunday.

The 40-year-old Henry won his second title in the event after winning in 2012 and punched his ticket to next week's PGA Championship. It was also his third career USPGA Tour crown.

Henry birdied the 18th hole in regulation to score six points in the final round and tie Reifers with a four day total of 47 and set up the sudden-death showdown.

It was the fourth playoff in Barracuda Championship history and the first in over a decade in the unique Stableford scoring system assigning point values to shots rather than registering a score relative to par. — AFP

Marquez wins at Indy to extend US stranglehold

Motorcycling

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana — Two-time defending world champion Marc Marquez overtook countryman Jorge Lorenzo with fewer than three laps remaining to claim his third consecutive Indianapolis MotoGP victory on Sunday.

Spanish Honda rider Marquez covered the 27-lap, 112.6 kilometre Indianapolis Motor Speedway course in 41 minutes, 55.371 seconds with Yamaha's Lorenzo, 0.688 seconds behind.

Italian superstar Valentino Rossi finished third.

Rossi retains his lead in the world championship standings with a nine-point advantage over team-mate Lorenzo, 195-186.

Rossi edged out Dani Pedrosa in a tight battle for third place, just slipping past the Spanish Honda rider with one lap left to reach the podium.

"I saw that Jorge was strong and I was not able to go in front and to open a gap," said Marquez. "So I decided to stay behind him and try to attack in the end."

"In the beginning I was able to follow him, but then mid-race I was struggling a little bit."

"I was a half-second, six-tenths behind him. But then I saw that was the only chance to try to attack with two laps to try to surprise him ... I pushed a lot on the last lap."

Counting 2011 and 2012 wins in the Moto2 category, Marquez has won five times in a row at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sunday's victory made him the first three-time winner in the Indianapolis MotoGP.

He's also won the last two Mo-

toGP races in Austin, Texas, as well as last year's race in Laguna Seca, California.

Sunday's victory was also the 22nd for Marquez in 46 MotoGP starts.

Lorenzo was the runner-up at this race for the second consecutive year.

In eight starts at Indianapolis, he has never finished below fourth and Sunday's trip to the podium was his sixth this season.

Rossi has finished on the podium in all ten of his MotoGP races this season.

In the Moto2 race, pole sitter Alex Rins of Spain pulled ahead of Switzerland's Dominique Aegerter with less than two laps remaining and rode his Kalex to the finish in 41:18.866.

Johann Zarco of France and Italy's Franco Morbidelli passed

Aegerter to finish second and third.

Rins's margin over victory over Zarco was 0.482 of a second.

Aegerter settled for fourth place, with Spain's Tito Rabat coming in fifth.

Sunday's races got underway with Livio Loi's win in the Moto3 race.

Loi started on the ninth row and took over the lead with 19 laps remaining.

Right behind Loi was Great Britain's John McPhee and Germany's Philipp Oettl.

Loi, mounted on a Honda, covered the 23-lap course in 40:50.747 and finished ahead of McPhee by 38.860 seconds.

The 18-year-old Belgian won for the first time in his 34th Moto3 start. — AFP



Spain's Marc Marquez (centre) celebrates with Repsol Honda Team after winning the MotoGP Red Bull U.S. Indianapolis Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sunday. — AFP