

Hawaii 18 Nationals

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You’re on an island! Everything is imported with the exception of pineapples! Next year if she’s blessed enough to go, once she loses, she’s on the next plane out of there. If she loses at 2pm, she catches the 8pm flight back to Los Angeles. She must understand she cannot lose focus of why she is there and the purpose of going to Hawaii was to play the national tournament. She was there only to play tennis and develop her game; nothing more. I asked her, “Elizabeth if you had the opportunity to go next year, what would you do differently.” She said, “Oh Mom, I’ll be just fine, I’m use to it now. Almost need to go there a week before the tournament so you’re not walking around with wide open eyes and your mouth wide open. That place is incredible!” Tennis is definitely a marathon, constantly learning for all of us. Well, check out the pictures that were taken there, hope you enjoy them as much as Elizabeth enjoyed her stay in Hawaii. Elizabeth excitedly told me upon her return from Hawaii.

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