

Excitement at ITTF Nigeria Open



The fans were treated to an excitement moment at the ITTF Nigeria Open

The ITTF Challenge Nigeria Open has lived up to expectations as the fans were treated to exciting matches in the preliminary round of the singles events.

The 1200 capacity venue was half filled as the players gave the spectators to cheer from the start to the end of the day one.

Apart from the scintillating performance from the participants, the return of the former Nigerian internationals – Monday Merotohun and Kazeem Nosiru added glamour to the competitions.

Even the foreigners were not left out of the excitement as South Africa's Danisha Patel believes the quality of play confirmed why Nigeria remains among the best in the world.

An excited Patel said being her first time in Nigeria as she was amazed with the excitement and support that the presence of the fans added to the competition on the first day.

"I am surprised with the kind of support the fans have been giving the players particularly the number of them present at the venue. I was surprised that we could have that kind of number of people coming to the venue on the first day. They support good table tennis and they really understand the game. It is my first time in Nigeria and I am excited that the environment was very conducive for the players. I wish more Nigerians can play more in South Africa, as this will really boost the standard of the game in South Africa," she said.

On Thursday August 10, the fight for places in the main draw of the singles event enter final round as the qualifiers that will compete against the seeded players will know their fate.