



Dear Players,

The Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) is currently investigating the intentions and conduct of a man who has been approaching tennis players on social media under the names Nayan Patel, Raj Aron and Happy Acres Media. The approaches appear to be in the form of sponsorship assistance, however, there may be an ulterior motive for him gaining access to players.

**Please be on the lookout for any unsolicited approaches on social media by Raj Aron, Nayan Patel and Happy Acres Media. If you have previously been approached by any of them, or are currently connected on social media with any of them, or receive an approach from any of them, report it to the Tennis Integrity Unit at [info@tennisintegrityunit.com](mailto:info@tennisintegrityunit.com) so that further information can be gained about the individual and motives for operating these accounts.**

In 2014, a Facebook account in the name of Nayan Patel (Facebook name – whynayan crazy) approached a number of players representing a media company called 'Happy Acres Media'. He falsely claimed that Happy Acres Media was working with the ITF to promote and provide sponsorship to lower ranked tennis players. He asked personal questions and requested money.

In April 2016, a Facebook account in the name of Raj Aron approached a player offering sponsorship. He said he was the sponsorship Manager at BBC Sports, and a tennis journalist. He also said that he visits ITF matches. He asked private questions and provided a form called 'ORGANIC TENNIS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM' requiring personal information. The Facebook page shows a direct link to Happy Acres Media and TIU believes the two accounts (Patel and Aron) are being controlled by the same person.

Again, if you have been approached by any of the named individuals above or are connected via social media, please reach out to the **Tennis Integrity Unit at [info@tennisintegrityunit.com](mailto:info@tennisintegrityunit.com)**.