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Clijsters and Williams win Laureus awards

Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters were honoured at the Laureus World Sports Awards on 10 March at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi.

Williams was presented with her second Sportswoman of the Year award, seven years after winning it for the first time, following a highly successful year in 2009. The 28-year-old, who ended the season ranked No. 1 in the world, was crowned champion at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon, and also sealed the title at the end-of-year Tour Championships.

Clijsters, meanwhile, won the Comeback of the Year award, after her remarkable return to the game in 2009. Having given birth to daughter Jada, she announced her comeback in the summer and, after playing just two preparation events, won the US Open title.



Kim Clijsters (BEL)
(Photo: Laureus)

Three other tennis players were shortlisted for an award – Roger Federer (Sportsman of the Year), Juan Martin del Potro (Breakthrough of the Year) and Shingo Kunieda (Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability).

The Laureus World Sports Awards, which recognise outstanding sporting achievement, are widely acknowledged as being amongst the world's premier honours in sport. The winners are chosen by the Laureus World Sports Academy, the ultimate sports jury, made up of 46 of the greatest sportsmen and sportswomen of all time. For further information, visit www.laureus.com.

Grimm receives Hall of Fame Golden Achievement Award



Heinz Grimm receives Golden
Achievement Award from Sir James
Harvie-Watt (Photo: Swiss Tennis)

The International Tennis Hall of Fame and ITF announced that Heinz Grimm of Switzerland is the 2010 recipient of the prestigious Golden Achievement Award. The award is presented annually on a worldwide basis to individuals who have made important contributions internationally to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion or education, and have devoted long and outstanding service.

Grimm has been active as an administrator in the sport for more than five decades. He has shown outstanding dedication towards growing tennis in Europe by serving in executive positions within several leading industry organisations.

A former Swiss Davis Cup player, Grimm took on his first role in tennis administration as president of the Swiss Tennis Competition Committee in 1968. He went on to serve as vice president of Swiss Tennis from 1980 to 1994, and in 1995 he was named honorary vice president. In 1975, Grimm co-founded the European Tennis Association, now known as Tennis Europe. He was president of the organisation from 1978 to 1993, and was named an honorary life president in 1993.

From 1983 to 2001, Grimm held many roles within the ITF, including chairman of the Fed Cup Committee, co-chairman of the ATP/ITF Satellite and Challenger Committee, and member of the Board of Directors. In 2001, he was named an honorary life vice president. For further information, visit www.tennisfame.com.



Remaining play-off venues confirmed

The ITF has announced the remaining venues for the 2010 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas World Group and World Group II Play-offs to be played on 24-25 April alongside the World Group semifinals.

Serbia returns to the Belgrade Arena for its World Group Play-off tie against Slovak Republic, with the venue previously used for its first round contest against Russia in February, where the hosts suffered a narrow 3-2 defeat despite two victories for Jelena Jankovic. The Belgrade Arena also hosted this month's Davis Cup by BNP Paribas tie in which Serbia overcame USA.



Belgrade Arena
(Photo: Srdjan Stevanovic)

Poland's World Group II Play-off against Spain has been moved to Sopot Tennis Club. For further information visit www.fedcup.com.

World Group Play-offs

Belgium v Estonia	Grenslundhallen - Ethias Arena, Hasselt	Clay (indoors)
Ukraine v Australia	Palace of Sports "Lokomotiv", Kharkiv	Clay (indoors)
Germany v France	Frankfurt Palmengarten, Frankfurt	Clay (outdoors)
Serbia v Slovak Republic	Belgrade Arena, Belgrade	Clay (indoors)

World Group II Play-offs

Poland v Spain	Sopot Tennis Club, Sopot	Hard (indoors)
Sweden v China, P.R.	Idrottens Hus, Helsingborg	Hard (indoors)
Canada v Argentina	Uniprix Stadium, Montreal	Carpet (indoors)
Slovenia v Japan	Dvorana Lukna, Maribor	Clay (indoors)

Top juniors contest Copa Gerdau titles



Tiago Fernandes (BRA)
(Photo: Corinne Dubreuil)

Australian Open junior champion Tiago Fernandes of Brazil and Jana Cepelova of Slovak Republic top the seedings at this week's Copa Gerdau in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The tournament, which takes place at the Associacao Leopoldina Juvenil, is the third Grade A event of the 2010 ITF Junior Circuit, forming the climax to the series of ITF/COSAT events in Latin America.

Fernandes is favourite to claim his second title of the year, despite losing his first match on clay at last week's Banana Bowl. His compatriot Guilherme Clezar, born and raised in Porto Alegre, is looking for his first title since lifting the Uruguay Bowl trophy almost a year ago, having reached the quarterfinals of four Grade A tournaments in the last 12 months.

Other contenders include last week's Banana Bowl champion Sebastian Gomez (COL); second seed Renzo Olivo (ARG), who has already won two Grade 1 titles in 2010; and Yasutaka Uchiyama (JPN), who has reached three finals on the circuit in the past year. Slovaks Filip Horansky and Jozef Kovalik lead the European assault.

Girls' favourite Cepelova returns to the site of her best ITF Juniors performance to date, having reached the final last year. Her main challenger is Monica Puig of Puerto Rico, who has had an impressive start to 2010, making the finals of the Casabalanca Cup and Coffee Bowl and currently boasting a 20-5 win-loss record for the year. Other players to watch are Eugenie Bouchard and Katarena Paliivets of Canada, although both have tasted more success on hard courts.

The Copa Gerdau takes place 15-21 March. For daily reports and results visit www.itftennis.com/juniors.

NEWS IN BRIEF

National Association update

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Federacion Hondurena de Tenis

New President:

Artuto Maduro

New Secretary:

Mario Colindres



South African Airways ATP Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	11350
2nd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	8310
3rd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	7440
4th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	7255
5th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6265
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	5290
7th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3905
8th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	3720
9th	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	2970
10th	GONZALEZ, Fernando (CHI)	2890

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	5758
2nd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	4408
3rd	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	3696
4th	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	2950
5th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2835
6th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	2240
7th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	1848
8th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1828
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1821
10th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	1697

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	4757
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	4150
3rd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	3160
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2488
5th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1826
6th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	1823
7th	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1724
8th	PARK, Ju-Yeon (KOR)	1204
9th	KRUGER, Katharina (GER)	1204
10th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	1060

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	4660
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	4053
3rd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	2040
4th	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	2025
5th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	1339

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	8645
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	6480
3rd	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	5930
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5925
5th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5626
6th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)	5300
7th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	4855
8th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3880
9th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3770
10th	LI, Na (CHN)	3466

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERTA, Daniel (SWE)	1017.50
2nd	MINA, Gianni (FRA)	977.50
3rd	FERNANDES, Tiago (BRA)	917.50
4th	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	830.00
5th	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	780.00
6th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	758.75
7th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	741.75
8th	ZSIGA, Mate (HUN)	695.00
9th	OLIVO, Renzo (ARG)	691.25
10th	KRAWIETZ, Kevin (GER)	682.50

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1515.00
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	998.75
3rd	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS)	843.75
4th	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	815.00
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	807.50
6th	KHROMACHEVA, Irina (RUS)	806.25
7th	ISHIZU, Sachie (JPN)	735.00
8th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	731.25
9th	PUIG, Monica (PUR)	703.75
10th	STEPHENS, Sloane (USA)	702.50



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Results week commencing 8 March

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

FRANCE F4 FUTURES, LILLE (\$15,000)

Singles

Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) d. Niels Desein (BEL) 64 62

Doubles

Ruben Bemelmans/Niels Desein (BEL) d. Raven Klaasen/Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA) 76(4) 63

GREAT BRITAIN F3 FUTURES, TIPTON (\$15,000)

Singles

Roberto Bautista-Agut (ESP) d. Daniel Smethurst (GBR) 75 64

Doubles

Kamil Capkovic/Andrej Martin (SVK) d. Olivier Charroin/Ludovic Walter (FRA) 60 62

PORTUGAL F2 FUTURES, LAGOS (\$10,000)

Singles

Guillermo Alcaide (ESP) d. Benoit Paire (FRA) 64 46 63

Doubles

Adrian Cruciat/Victor Ionita (ROU) d. David Canudas-Fernandez/Javier Marti (ESP) 64 63

SPAIN F8 FUTURES, SABADELL (\$10,000)

Singles

Gabriel Trujillo-Soler (ESP) d. Alessio Di Mauro (ITA) 62 62

Doubles

Ignacio Coll-Riudavets/Gerard Granollers-Pujol (ESP) d. Bart Govaerts (BEL)/Jordi Samper-Montana (ESP) 75 63

SWITZERLAND F1 FUTURES, TAVERNE (\$10,000)

Singles

Luca Vanni (ITA) d. Marc Meigel (GER) 63 63

Doubles

Marcin Gawron/Dawid Olejniczak (POL) d. Jeremy Blandin (FRA)/Alexander Sadecky (SUI) 61 76(5)

TURKEY F2 FUTURES, ANTALYA (\$10,000)

Singles

Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) d. Pavol Cervenak (SVK) 63 64

Doubles

Stanislav Poplavskyy/Artem Smirnov (UKR) d. Thomas Fabbiano/Matteo Trevisan (ITA) 67(4) 63 [10-6]

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 ANTALYA, TURKEY

Singles

Michaela Pochabova (SVK) d. Evelyn Mayr (ITA) 61 75

Doubles

Diana Enache/Cristina-Andreea Mitu (ROU) d. Evelyn Mayr/Julia Mayr (ITA) 67(3) 61 [11-9]

\$10,000 BUCHEN, GERMANY

Singles

Romina Oprandi (ITA) d. Irina Buryachok (UKR) 61 63

Doubles

Irina Buryachok (UKR)/Amra Sadikovic (SUI) d. Simona Dobra/Tereza Hladikova (CZE) 75 63

\$10,000 DIJON, FRANCE

Singles

Ganna Piven (UKR) d. Anais Laurendon (FRA) 64 75

Doubles

Estelle Guisard/Anais Laurendon (FRA) d. Olga Brozda/Magdalena Kiszczynska (POL) 75 75

\$10,000 METEPEC, MEXICO

Singles

Macall Harkins (USA) d. Maria-Fernanda Alves (BRA) 61 63

Doubles

Amanda Fink/Elizabeth Lumpkin (USA) d. Maria-Fernanda Alves (BRA)/Daniela Munoz-Gallegos (MEX) 63 57 [10-8]

\$25,000 CLEARWATER, FL, USA

Singles

Johanna Larsson (SWE) d. Shuai Zhang (CHN) 76(4) 60

Doubles

Yi-Fan Xu/Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d. Alina Jidkova (RUS)/Laura Siegemund (GER) 64 64

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

BLUMENAU, BRAZIL, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Juan Sebastian Gomez (COL) d. Renzo Olivo (ARG) 06 61 64

Girls Singles

Beatrice Capra (USA) d. Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR) 67(5) 62 61

Boys Doubles

Duilio Beretta (PER)/Roberto Quiroz (ECU) d. Filip Horansky/Jozef Kovalik (SVK) 57 75 [10-7]

Girls Doubles

Denisa Allertova/Pernilla Mendesova (CZE) d. Cecilia Costa Melgar (CHI)/Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR) 36 61 [10-5]

NONTHABURI, THAILAND, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Benjamin Mitchell (AUS) d. Suk-Young Jeong (KOR) 75 63

Girls Singles

Irina Khromacheva (RUS) d. Tamara Curovic (SRB) 63 46 61

Boys Doubles

James Duckworth/Benjamin Mitchell (AUS) d. Ben Wagland/Andrew Whittington (AUS) 75 75

Girls Doubles

Tamara Curovic (SRB)/Saisai Zheng (CHN) d. Luksika Kumkhum (THA)/Kyra Shroff (IND) 63 63

POTCHEFSTROOM, SOUTH AFRICA, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Sebastian Stiefelmeyer (AUT) 62 61

Girls Singles

Zarah Razafimahatratra (MAD) d. Jennifer Ren (GBR) 64 61

Boys Doubles

Mate Pavic (CRO)/Sebastian Stiefelmeyer (AUT) d. Uros Petronijevic (SRB)/Austin Smith (USA) 62 62

Girls Doubles

Reka Muller (HUN)/Denise Starr (USA) d. Klara Fabikova (CZE)/Jennifer Ren (GBR) 67(5) 62 [10-7]

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KRAMFORS, SWEDEN, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Gregoire Barrere (FRA) d. Laurent Lokoli (FRA) 62 61

Girls Singles

Lou Brouleau (FRA) d. Julia Wachaczyk (GER) 62 60

Boys Doubles

Mikelis Libietis (LAT)/Anton Volkov (RUS) d. Laurent Lokoli/Enzo Py (FRA) 46 62 [10-5]

Girls Doubles

Marcelina Cichon (POL)/Barbara Haas (AUT) d. Rebecca Poikajarvi (SWE)/Heini Salonen (FIN) 76(4) 16 [10-7]

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Mac Styslinger (USA) d. Morgan Mays (USA) 63 61

Girls Singles

Gabrielle DeSimone (USA) d. Gaia Sanesi (ITA) 64 62

Boys Doubles

Andrew Ochotta (CAN)/Michael Zhu (USA) d. Kyohhei Kamono (JPN)/Eduardo Martinez (MEX) 64 62

Girls Doubles

Natalie Beazant (GBR)/Gaia Sanesi (ITA) d. Beatrice Cedermark (SWE)/Nadia Ravita (INA) 26 76(0) [10-8]

BANDER SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Keisuke Watanuki (JPN) d. Kazuma Kawachi (JPN) 64 61

Girls Singles

Kanika Vaidya (IND) d. Hitomi Naito (JPN) 61 61

Boys Doubles

Kazuma Kawachi/Soichiro Moritani (JPN) d. Takashi Saito/Keisuke Watanuki (JPN) 63 63

Girls Doubles

Hitomi Naito/Haine Ogata (JPN) d. Voni Darlina (INA)/Tracy Dong (CAN) 75 62

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Yoshinobu Fujimoto (JPN) 64 64

Quad Singles

James Mcleod (NZL) d. Takahiro Koga (JPN) 63 60

Men's Doubles

Yoshinobu Fujimoto (JPN)/Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Travis Moffat/Eamon Wood (NZL) 76(6) 67(6) 62

Quad Doubles

Matthew Ingram (AUS)/James Mcleod (NZL) d. Ricki Foulsham/Tim Johnson (NZL) 60 60

BIEN, SWITZERLAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Joachim Gerard (BEL) d. David Dalmasso (FRA) 61 61

Women's Singles

Jordanne Whaley (GBR) d. Sandra Kalt (SUI) w/o.

Men's Doubles

Jozef Felix (SVK)/Peter Wikstrom (SWE) d. Joachim Gerard (BEL)/Sebastien Husser (FRA) 67(6) 63 64

Women's Doubles

Sabine Ellerbrock/Katharina Kruger (GER) d. Sophie Fraioli/Christine Schoenn (FRA) 60 60

TAIPEI, CHINESE TAIPEI, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Satoshi Saida (JPN) d. Sang-Ho Oh (KOR) 76(3) 62

Women's Singles

Ju-Yeon Park (KOR) d. Kanako Domori (JPN) 61 63

Quad Singles

Bin Hassan Azman (MAS) d. Chu-Yin Huang (TPE) 64 26 60

Men's Doubles

Kook-Sung Ahn/Sang-Ho Oh (KOR) d. Sumrerng Kruamai/Suwitchai Merngprom (THA) 64 75

Women's Doubles

Kanako Domori (JPN)/Ju-Yeon Park (KOR) d. Yuko Okabe/Chika Shigesada (JPN) 62 62

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 15 March 2010

MEN	Canada F3 Futures	Sherbrooke	\$10,000
	Croatia F1 Futures	Porec	\$10,000
	India F1 Futures	Kolkata	\$10,000
	Japan F1 Futures	Tokyo	\$10,000
	Portugal F3 Futures	Albufeira	\$10,000
	Spain F9 Futures	Badalona	\$10,000
	Switzerland F2 Futures	Wetzikon	\$10,000
	Turkey F3 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
	China F1 Futures	Kaiyuan	\$15,000
	Great Britain F4 Futures	Bath	\$15,000
	Italy F1 Futures	Trento	\$15,000
	Kazakhstan F1 Futures	Astana	\$15,000
	France F5 Futures	Poitiers	\$15,000+H
	WOMEN	France	Amiens
Great Britain		Bath	\$10,000
Italy		POSTPONED TO 22 MAR	\$10,000
Russia		St.Petersburg	\$10,000
Switzerland		Wetzikon	\$10,000
Turkey		Antalya	\$10,000
Mexico		Irapuato	\$25,000
USA		Fort Walton Beach, FL	\$25,000
SENIORS	Brazil	Curitiba	Grade 2
	Belarus	Logoisk	Grade 4
JUNIORS	Malaysia	Kuching	Grade 1
	South Africa	Pretoria	Grade 2
	Barbados	St Michael	Grade 4
	Panama	Llanos de Curundu	Grade 4
	Slovak Republic	Trnava	Grade 4
	Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 4
	Guadeloupe	Gosier	Grade 5
	Brazil	Porto Alegre	Grade A
WHEELCHAIR	Canada	Ontario	ITF 3 Series
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	Great Britain	Sunderland	ITF 3 Series
	Italy	Cuneo	ITF 3 Series

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This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 22 March 2010

MEN	Croatia F2 Futures	Rovinj	\$10,000
	India F2 Futures	Chandigarh	\$10,000
	Japan F2 Futures	Tokyo	\$10,000
	Spain F10 Futures	Zaragoza	\$10,000
	Switzerland F3 Futures	Vaduz, Liechtenstein	\$10,000
	Turkey F4 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
	China F2 Futures	Mengzi, Honghe	\$15,000
	Italy F2 Futures	Roma	\$15,000
	Kazakhstan F2 Futures	Almaty	\$15,000
	WOMEN	Egypt	Cairo
France		Gonesse	\$10,000
Italy		Pomezia	\$10,000
Japan		Kofu	\$10,000
Turkey		Antalya	\$10,000
United Arab Emirates		Fujairah	\$10,000
Great Britain		Jersey	\$25,000
Mexico		POSTPONED TO 19 APR	\$25,000
Russia		Moscow	\$25,000
USA		POSTPONED TO 01 MAR	\$25,000
Uzbekistan		Namangan	\$25,000
SENIORS	USA	Houston, TX	Grade 1
	Czech Republic	Milovice	Grade 4
	Egypt	Cairo	Grade 4
	Portugal	Lisbon	Grade 4
	Portugal	Estoril	Grade 4
JUNIORS	Philippines	Manila	Grade 1
	Uruguay	Montevideo	Grade 2
	Chinese Taipei	Taiwan	Grade 4
	Trinidad & Tobago	Port of Spain	Grade 4
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