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Early defeat for Hopman Cup favourites

Top seeds Australia, represented by Lleyton Hewitt and Samantha Stosur, suffered a surprise 2-1 defeat by Romania in their opening Group A contest of the 2010 Hyundai Hopman Cup in Perth. Victor Hanescu and Sorana Cirstea won the deciding mixed doubles, after Cirstea had upset Stosur in three sets in the women's singles.

Samantha Stosur and Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) (Photo: Professional Sport)

In the other early Group A encounter, Spain, represented by Tommy Robredo and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, scored a 3-0 victory over USA, featuring John Isner and Melanie Oudin. Meanwhile Monday's first two matches in Group B saw victories for Russia, who overcame Germany 2-1, and Great Britain, 2-1 winners over Kazakhstan.

The Hyundai Hopman Cup is celebrating its 22nd year at the Burswood Dome in Perth. Sanctioned by the ITF since 1996 as its official mixed team competition, the event enjoys a special place in the calendar as a fitting memorial to Australian legend Harry Hopman, who achieved so much in the sport.

Play will continue at the Burswood Dome all week, with the two group winners contesting the final at 09:30 local time (01:30 GMT) on Saturday 9 January. For all the latest news, visit the official Hopman Cup website: www.hopmancup.com.au.

Kudla and Ishizu win Grade A Casablanca Cup

Denis Kudla (USA) (Photo: Susan Mullane)

Denis Kudla of the United States and Japan's Sachie Ishizu captured the first titles of the 2010 ITF Junior Circuit at the Grade A Casablanca Cup in, Tlalnepantla, Mexico City.

Eddie Herr champion and second seed Kudla, who triumphed in last year's doubles event, completed a magnificent run by beating unseeded Juan Sebastian Gomez of Colombia 76 62 to lift the trophy without dropping a set the entire week. "I'm really happy for this victory," Kudla said, "and I'm honored to become a Casablanca Cup champion because this is a very important tournament."

In the boys' doubles event Xin Gao and Bowen Ouyang (CHN)claimed the title over Diego Acosta and Roberto Quiroz of Ecuador by walkover.

In the girls singles final, third seed Ishizu recorded an easy 62 60 win against unseeded Monica Puig of Puerto Rico to claim her first Grade A title on the ITF Junior Circuit. In front of a crowd of 1,500, the 17-year-old Japanese player clinched victory in just 58 minutes to become the first Asian player to lift the Casablanca Cup trophy. "I was a bit nervous before the start of the match," Ishizu said. "I met a great player in the final but from the very beginning I took control of the game and never lost my concentration. I'm very happy for my victory at a Grade A event."

In the final of the doubles competition Marianne Jodoin teamed up with 2009 Orange Bowl Champion Gabriela Dabrowski, the Canadians defeating Doroteja Eric (SRB) and Anita Husaric (HUN) in a thrilling three-set match 36 61 [12-10]. For further information, visit www.itftennis.com/juniors.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Obituaries

LTA Honorary Vice President **Dick Robinson OBE** died on 19 December aged 93 after 56 years of service on the LTA Council.

Robinson was chairman of the LTA Council in 1973, and was the LTA representative on the CCPR (Central Council of Physical Recreation) from 1973 until 1987, and a member of the CCPR Executive Committee from 1979 to 1999.

Sir Robert Phillis, a member of the LTA Council and Board, died on 22 December aged 64 following a long battle with cancer.

Phillis was one of the first two independent board members in 2005 following a distinguished career which included being Deputy Director-General of the BBC and most recently the Chief Executive of Guardian Media Group.

development events

4-10 Jan: ITF/CAT East African Junior Championships - Nairobi, Kenya
10-16 Jan: ITF/CAT Southern African Junior Championships - Harare, Zimbabwe
12-21 Jan: Level 1 Coaches Course - Villa Clara, Cuba

South African Airways ATP Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	10550
2nd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	9205
3rd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	8310
4th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	7030
5th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6785
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	4930
7th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	4410
8th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3410
9th	VERDASCO, Fernando (ESP)	3300
10th	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	2875

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	5384
2nd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	4275
3rd	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	3795
4th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2826
5th	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	2770
6th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	2000
7th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1999
8th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	1837
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1663
10th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1533

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	5667
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	3815
3rd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	2658
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2397
5th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	1881
6th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1537
7th	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1285
8th	PARK, Ju-Yeon (KOR)	1205
9th	KRUGER, Katharina (GER)	1204
10th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	1083

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	4281
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	3758
3rd	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	2087
4th	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	2044
5th	BUREDEKIN, Jamie (GBR)	1187

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	9075
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	7800
3rd	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	6141
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5875
5th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	5585
6th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5126
7th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)J	4820
8th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3965
9th	ZVONAREVA, Vera (RUS)	3560
10th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3450

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERTA, Daniel (SWE)	1055.00
2nd	MINA, Gianni (FRA)	957.50
3rd	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	820.00
4th	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	810.00
5th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	753.75
6th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	745.00
7th	COLLARINI, Andrea (ARG)	743.75
8th	ARGUELLO, Facundo (ARG)	718.75
9th	KRAWIETZ, Kevin (GER)	715.00
10th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	713.75

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1553.75
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	1013.75
3rd	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	895.00
4th	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS)	816.25
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	761.25
6th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	760.00
7th	ISHIZU, Sachie (JPN)	735.00
8th	SILVA, Camila (CHI)	710.00
9th	STEPHENS, Sloane (USA)	702.50
10th	KOLAR, Nastja (SLO)	702.50

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Results weeks commencing 21 and 28 December

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

BRAZIL F34 FUTURES, SAO PAULO ($15,000+H)

Singles
Guillermo Alcaide (ESP) d. Julio Silva (BRA) 64 63

Doubles
Guillermo Alcaide (ESP)/Alexander Slabinsky (GBR) d. Juan-Pablo Amado (ARG)/Rodrigo-Antonio Grilli (BRA) 61 61

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

TLALNEPANTLA, MEXICO, GRADE A

Boys Singles
Denis Kudla (USA) d. Juan Sebastian Gomez (COL) 76(6) 62

Girls Singles
Sachie Ishizu (JPN) d. Monica Puig (PUR) 62 60

Boys Doubles
Xin Gao/Bowen Ouyang (CHN) d. Diego Acosta/Roberto Quiroz (ECU) w/o.

Girls Doubles
Gabriela Dabrowski/Marianne Jodoin (CAN) d. Doroteja Eric (SRB)/Anita Husaric (BIH) 36 61 [12-10]

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Events - week commencing 4 January 2010

MEN/WOMEN	**HYUNDAI HOPMAN CUP, PERTH, AUSTRALIA**		
WOMEN	Guadeloupe	Saint-Martin	$10,000
	China, P.R.	Quanzhou	$50,000
SENIORS	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
	Canada	Toronto	Grade 3
JUNIORS	Costa Rica	San Rafael	Grade 1
	India	Chandigarh	Grade 3
	Sweden	Vasteras	Grade 4
WHEELCHAIR	Australia	Caloundra	ITF 3 Series

Events - week commencing 11 January 2010

GRAND SLAM	**AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**		
MEN	Germany F1 Futures	Schwieberdingen	$10,000
	Spain F1 Futures	Ciutadella	$10,000
	USA F1 Futures	Plantation, FL	$10,000
	Great Britain F1 Futures	Glasgow	$15,000
WOMEN	Great Britain	Glasgow	$10,000
	Guadeloupe	Gosier	$10,000
	China, P.R.	Pingguo	$25,000
	USA	Plantation, FL	$25,000
SENIORS	Australia	Gold Coast	Grade 1
	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
JUNIORS	Australia	Traralgon	Grade 1
	Venezuela	Caracas	Grade 1
	Slovak Republic	Bratislava	Grade 2
	India	Kolkata	Grade 3
	Austria	Bergheim	Grade 4
	Hong Kong, China	Causeway Bay	Grade 4
	Japan	Kawaguchi	Grade 4
	Poland	Szczecin	Grade 4
WHEELCHAIR	Australia	Adelaide	ITF 3 Series

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