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Spain clinches third Hopman Cup title

Spain was crowned champion at the Hyundai Hopman Cup after a memorable 2-1 triumph over Great Britain in Saturday's final.

Laura Robson gave Great Britain the perfect start by causing an upset in the opening match against Maria-Jose Martinez Sanchez. The 15-year-old, searching for her first singles win of the competition, claimed an impressive 61 76(6) victory over her more experienced opponent.

Andy Murray then looked like he was about to seal Great Britain's first-ever title as he raced into an early lead over Tommy Robredo. The Spaniard, however, fought back strongly and, after levelling the match, played some inspired tennis in the third set to record a 16 64 63 win.



*Maria-Jose Martinez Sanchez
and Tommy Robredo (ESP)
lift the trophy*

The crucial mixed doubles could have swung in the British pair's favour had they converted any of their three set points in the first set tiebreak. But Martinez Sanchez and Robredo held their nerve to win 76(6) 75 and capture Spain's third Hopman Cup title. It was Robredo's second triumph in the mixed team competition, having partnered Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario to help Spain to its last title in 2002.

The Hyundai Hopman Cup was held at Burswood Dome in Perth from 2-9 January. Eight nations competed in two round-robin pools (Group A: Spain, USA, Australia and Romania; Group B: Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Russia and Germany) with the winners progressing to the final. For full results, visit the official Hopman Cup website www.hopmancup.com.au.

Countdown to Australian Open



The 2010 Australian Open gets underway in just a week's time with the world's top players heading to Melbourne for the first Grand Slam of the year.

Rafael Nadal is the defending men's champion and will be attempting to win his second Australian Open title. Roger Federer will lead the challenge along with Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro.

Serena Williams lifted the women's trophy in 2009, her fourth Australian Open victory. The comebacks of Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin will add extra interest to this year's competition as they join a number of players with a chance of winning the title.

Henin, Stephanie Cohen-Aloro (FRA), Casey Dellacqua (AUS), Alicia Molik (AUS), Olivia Rogowska (AUS) and CoCo Vandeweghe (USA) have already been announced as women's wild cards. Men's wild cards so far announced are Carsten Ball (AUS), Sebastien Grosjean (FRA), Ryan Harrison (USA), Jason Kubler (AUS), Nick Lindahl (AUS) and Bernard Tomic (AUS).

Qualifying is being held this week with the main draw taking place from 18-31 January; for more information visit www.australianopen.com.



Burundi wins East African Junior Championships

Burundi was crowned champion for the third year running at the 2010 ITF/CAT East Africa Junior Championships, which finished over the weekend in Nairobi, Kenya. The event had more nations participating than in previous years, with Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Libya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and host Kenya battling it out for the team trophy and qualification to April's African Junior Championships.

Burundi was the winner of the team trophy by a wide margin, followed by Kenya and Ethiopia. In the individual results, Kenyan Michelle Onyanicha collected the gold medal in the girls 14 & under, silver went to Samah Adam of Sudan and third place went to Musera Dameris, also from Kenya. In the boys 14 & under, Guy-Orly Iradukunda (BDI) won for the second time, while the silver medal was won by Muhannad Elhouni from Libya and third place went to Ismael Changawa (KEN).

The 16 & under girls category saw the Ethiopians battle it out for gold and silver. Meron Getu emerged the winner with Dinkinesh Tamru settling for silver. Santiana Irankunda from Burundi clinched third place. The boys 16 & under group saw an all-Burundi final, with Hassan Ndayishimiye taking the gold medal and Kagoma Amadi the silver. Peter Simon Ayella from Uganda won the bronze medal.

ITF Executive Director of Development Dave Miley was in Nairobi for the event, and thanked the Kenya Lawn Tennis Association for their good organisation. He said: "It's great to see East Africa coming of age, as the standard of tennis in the region has really improved. This is encouraging and it justifies the money invested in the region."



NEWS IN BRIEF

Fed Cup Zonal nominations

The player nominations for the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Zonal Groups taking place during the first week in February (listed below) are now available on www.fedcup.com.

- Europe/Africa Zone Group I
- Americas Zone Group I
- Asia/Oceania Zone Group I
- Asia/Oceania Zone Group II

The World Group and World Group II first round ties will be played on 6-7 February while the remaining Zonal Groups will be contested in April.

O'Neil leaves USTA

Chief Business Officer of the United States Tennis Association Pierce O'Neil has announced that he is leaving the USTA after 15 years.

O'Neil joined the USTA in 1995 prior to the construction of Arthur Ashe Stadium and the expansion of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. He used the new facilities to turn the US Open into one of the most successful and profitable sports and entertainment events in the world, and is particularly credited with the significant increase of USTA/US Open annual sponsorship revenues. O'Neil also oversaw all USTA/US Open television productions and operations.

South African Airways ATP Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	10550
2nd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	9310
3rd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	8310
4th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6785
5th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	6780
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	4930
7th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	4510
8th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3410
9th	VERDASCO, Fernando (ESP)	3300
10th	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	2875

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)	5505
6th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5126
7th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)	4541
8th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3965
9th	ZVONAREVA, Vera (RUS)	3560
10th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3450

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	6160
2nd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	4408
3rd	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	3854
4th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2826
5th	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	2770
6th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2147
7th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	2005
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1999
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1741
10th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1594

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	5667
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	3815
3rd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	2985
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2488
5th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	2002
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)	4610
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	4128
3rd	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	2087
4th	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	2044
5th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	1339

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERTA, Daniel (SWE)	1025.00
2nd	MINA, Gianni (FRA)	957.50
3rd	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	792.50
4th	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	780.00
5th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	748.75
6th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	745.00
7th	COLLARINI, Andrea (ARG)	743.75
8th	ARGUELLO, Facundo (ARG)	718.75
9th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	713.75
10th	VELOTTI, Agustin (ARG)	711.25

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1541.75
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	1013.75
3rd	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	895.00
4th	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS) (USA)	816.25
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	785.00
6th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	747.50
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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ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 SAINT-MARTIN, GUADELOUPE

Singles

Natalie Piquion (FRA) d. Alize Lim (FRA)
76(4) 61

Doubles

Brandy Mina/Natalie Piquion (FRA) d.
Anne-Valerie Evain/Bianca Nocella
(FRA) 46 61 [10-5]

\$50,000 QUANZHOU, CHINA, P.R.

Singles

Aleksandra Krunic (SRB) d. Yi-Miao

Zhou (CHN) 63 75

Doubles

Wan-Ting Liu/Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d.
Yuliya Beygelzimer (UKR)/Zi Yan (CHN)
61 62

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

SAN RAFAEL, COSTA RICA, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Renzo Olivo (ARG) d. Ricardo Rodriguez
(VEN) 75 76(1)

Girls Singles

An-Sophie Mestach (BEL) d. Monica
Puig (PUR) 76(9) 63

Boys Doubles

Nikolai Haessig/Edward Nguyen (CAN)
d. Renzo Olivo (ARG)/Sebastian
Stiefelmeyer (AUT) 75 63

Girls Doubles

An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)/Demi
Schuurs (NED) d. Ellen Allgurin (SWE)/
Tamara Curovic (SRB) 64 61

CHANDIGARH, INDIA, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Mohit Mayur Jayaprakash (IND) d. Sai
Kartik Nakireddi (IND) 62 36 63

Girls Singles

Zi Yang (CHN) d. Rishika Sunkara (IND)
63 61

Boys Doubles

Kunal Anand/Saurabh Singh (IND) d.
Mohit Mayur Jayaprakash/Rishabdev
Raman (IND) 63 76(5)

Girls Doubles

Nova Patel/Rishika Sunkara (IND) d.
Sharmada Balu/Ankita Raina (IND) 62 64

VASTERAS, SWEDEN, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Gregoire Barrere (FRA) d. Matthias
Wunner (GER) 64 46 64

Girls Singles

Indy De Vroome (NED) d. Caroline
Rohde-Moe (NOR) 63 61

Boys Doubles

Gregoire Barrere/Lucas Pouille (FRA) d.
Jaan Kononov (EST)/Maksim Malyshev
(UKR) 46 75 [11-9]

Girls Doubles

Katja Milas (CRO)/Caroline Rohde-Moe
(NOR) d. Claudia Antonia Enache/
Patricia Maria Tig (ROU) w/o.

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 11 January 2010

GRAND SLAM AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

MEN	Germany F1 Futures	Schwieberdingen	\$10,000
	Spain F1 Futures	Ciudadella	\$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

Events - week commencing 18 January 2010

GRAND SLAM AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

MEN	El Salvador F1 Futures	Santa Tecla	\$10,000
	Germany F2 Futures	Stuttgart	\$10,000
	Spain F2 Futures	Cala Millor (Mallorca)	\$10,000
	USA F2 Futures	Hollywood, FL	\$10,000
	Great Britain F2 Futures	Sheffield	\$15,000
WOMEN	Great Britain	Wrexham	\$10,000
	USA	Lutz, FL	\$25,000
SENIORS	Great Britain	Dudley	Grade 2
	USA	Ballen Isles, FL	Grade 2
	USA	Palm Springs, CA	Grade 2
	New Zealand	Hamilton	Grade 4
JUNIORS	Colombia	Barranquilla	Grade 1
	Czech Republic	Prerov	Grade 1
	Germany	Hamburg	Grade 4
	China, P.R.	Jiangmen	Grade 5
	United Arab Emirates		Grade 5
	Australia	Melbourne	Grade A

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