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## Australian Open begins in Melbourne



The Australian Open got underway today at Melbourne Park. Despite below-par weather, the crowds still flocked to see the world's best players begin their campaigns to win the first Grand Slam of the year.

The biggest casualty of a rain-interrupted first day was Maria Sharapova, whose continuing comeback from a shoulder injury was derailed by fellow Russian Maria Kirilenko, 76(4) 36 64 after a three-hour-22-minute battle.



Maria Kirilenko (RUS) defeats Maria Sharapova (RUS) (Photo: Paul Zimmer)

In other bottom half action, Rafael Nadal, Juan Martin del Potro, Andy Murray and Andy Roddick won their matches, as did Dinara Safina, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Elena Dementieva, Justine Henin and US Open champion Kim Clijsters in the women's draw.

Roger Federer, the No. 1 seed in the men's event, is in the top half of the draw along with Novak Djokovic and two of the tour's in-form players, Nikolay Davydenko and Robin Soderling.

Serena Williams, top seed in the women's event, and sister Venus are both in the top half of the women's draw, along with Caroline Wozniacki, Victoria Azarenka, Ana Ivanovic and home favourite Samantha Stosur.

For more information about the Australian Open, which is taking place in Melbourne from 18 to 31 January, visit the official website: [www.australianopen.com](http://www.australianopen.com).

## New ITF books available

The latest editions of *The ITF Year* and *Davis Cup by BNP Paribas: The Year in Tennis 2009* are now available to buy from the [ITF Store](http://ITF Store).

*The ITF Year 2009* is a comprehensive colour record of the ITF's activities in 2009. The ninth edition of the ITF's official yearbook contains features by leading tennis writers on the 2009 season, plus full results of Grand Slam tournaments, Davis Cup and Fed Cup, the ITF men's and women's professional circuits, ITF Junior Circuit, wheelchair tennis and ITF seniors tournaments. There are reports on the ITF's Development activities and Technical Centre, historical records of major tournaments, biographies of the greatest players and ITF World Champions, and other useful ITF and tennis information.

*Davis Cup by BNP Paribas: The Year in Tennis 2009* is a full-colour 128-page coffee table book telling the story of the 2009 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas. It is written by the tennis journalist Mark Hodgkinson, and includes photos from top international tennis photographers.



## South Africa wins Southern African Junior Championships

South Africa was the victorious team at the fourth ITF/CAT Southern African Junior Championships last week, beating Zimbabwe by the closest of margins to claim the title it has won every year of the event.

The championships, for players aged 14 & under and 16 & under, took place in Harare, Zimbabwe and featured 36 boys and 33 girls from nine countries. Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe competed for the team trophy and qualification to the ITF/CAT African Junior Championships, to be held in Abuja, Nigeria on 4-8 April.



Winners South Africa, with second-placed Zimbabwe and third-placed Mauritius

In the individual results, Janet Koch (RSA) won the gold medal in the girls 14 & under, beating Eugenie Lim Ah Tock (MRI) 60 61, while Theresa Van Zyl (RSA) took the bronze. In the boys 14 & under, gold and silver went to South Africa, with Lloyd Harris defeating Phillip Franken 36 61 60, and third place went to Julien Minfa (MRI).

The girls 16 & under category saw the Zimbabweans battle it out for gold and silver, and Valeria Bhunu emerged the winner with a straight-sets victory over Pauline Chawafambira 62 60. South African Madrie Le Roux clinched third place. The gold medal in the boys 16 & under went to Marc Van Der Merwe (RSA), who defeated Tendai Tapfuma (ZIM) 75 62. Ronnie Myburgh (RSA) won the bronze medal.

The venue, Harare Sports Club, has benefited from ITF facility grants and is now an excellent venue for Tennis Zimbabwe that is aiming to become one of the best facilities in Africa. The ITF thanks Tennis Zimbabwe for its hard work which made the event a great success.



## Davis Cup venues confirmed

All the venues and surfaces for the first round ties in the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group, being played 5-7 March, have now been confirmed after Spain and Belgium submitted their proposed venues. The full list is below. All venues are subject to a successful site visit and final confirmation by the ITF. For more information, visit: [www.daviscup.com](http://www.daviscup.com).

Spain v Switzerland	Plaza de Toros de la Ribera, Logrono	Clay (outdoors)
France v Germany	Palais des Sports, Toulon	Hard (indoors)
Russia v India	Small Sports Arena "Luzhniki", Moscow	Hard (indoors)
Sweden v Argentina	Kungliga Tennishallen, Stockholm	Hard (indoors)
Croatia v Ecuador	Gradska sportska dvorana Varazdin, Varazdin	Hard (indoors)
Serbia v USA	Belgrade Arena, Belgrade	Clay (indoors)
Chile v Israel	Enjoy Tennis Center, Coquimbo	Clay (outdoors)
Belgium v Czech Republic	Expodroom, Bree	Clay (indoors)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Russia wins European Trophy

Tennis Europe has announced that the 2009 European Tennis Trophy for Overall Performance will be presented to Russia for a record fifth consecutive year.

The winners of the individual categories are Spain (Professional Tennis), Russia (Junior Tennis), Germany (Senior Tennis) and Netherlands (Wheelchair Tennis).

The awards, now in their 20th year, recognise the annual achievements of the European Tennis Association's 49 members.

For more information, visit: [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org).

### Obituary: Alastair Martin

Alastair Martin has passed away aged 94 at his home in Katonah, NY, USA.

Alastair served as the USTA's First Vice President from 1969 to 1970, a period that marked a critical transition between the amateur and Open eras.

He was also President and Chairman of the International Tennis Hall of Fame 1977-79 and a founder member of the Eastern Tennis Association in the U.S.

As a player, Alastair won eight singles and ten doubles titles at the U.S. Amateur Championships. He was considered one of the finest all-court players of his generation.



## 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	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	6780
5th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6580
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)	9195
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	7600
3rd	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	6081
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5785
5th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	5505
6th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5126
7th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)	4740
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	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	780.00
4th	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	780.00
5th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	748.75
6th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	745.00
7th	COLLARINI, Andrea (ARG)	731.25
8th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	713.75
9th	TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)	670.00
10th	KRAWIETZ, Kevin (GER)	665.00

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1541.25
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	937.50
3rd	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	865.00
4th	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS)	813.75
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	785.00
6th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	747.50
7th	STEPHENS, Sloane (USA)	702.50
8th	KOLAR, Nastja (SLO)	702.50
9th	SILVA, Camila (CHI)	700.00
10th	ISHIZU, Sachie (JPN)	657.50



ITF Juniors Top 10 Club

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## Results week commencing 11 January

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### GERMANY F1 FUTURES, SCHWIEBERDINGEN (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Jesse Huta Galung (NED) d. Gilles Muller (LUX) 62 67(4) 63

##### Doubles

Jesse Huta Galung/Miliaan Niesten (NED) d. Phillip Regnat/Marcel Zimmermann (GER) 16 76(6) [10-4]

#### GREAT BRITAIN F1 FUTURES, GLASGOW (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Chris Eaton (GBR) d. Jamie Baker (GBR) 64 64

##### Doubles

Chris Eaton/Dominic Inglot (GBR) d. Olivier Charroin/Alexandre Renard (FRA) 46 63 [10-2]

#### SPAIN F1 FUTURES, CIUTADELLA (MENORCA) (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Francesco Aldi (ITA) d. Sergio Gutierrez-Ferrol (ESP) 63 75

##### Doubles

Ignacio Coll-Riudavets/Jose-Antonio Sanchez-De Luna (ESP) d. Cesar Ferrer-Victoria/Marcelo Palacios-Siegenthale (ESP) 62 63

#### USA F1 FUTURES, PLANTATION, FL (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Benoit Paire (FRA) d. Marco Mirnegg (AUT) 62 67(10) 75

##### Doubles

Stefano Ianni (ITA)/Deniss Pavlovs (LAT) d. Marcus Fugate (USA)/Timothy Neilly (BAH) 62 62

### ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

#### \$10,000 GLASGOW, GREAT BRITAIN

##### Singles

Sarah Gronert (GER) d. Julia Babilon (GER) 26 62 61

##### Doubles

Victoria Larriere (FRA)/Anna Smith (GBR) d. Nicole Clerico (ITA)/Liana-Gabriela Ungur (ROU) 64 64

#### \$10,000 GOSIER, GUADELOUPE Singles

Alize Lim (FRA) d. Natalie Piquion (FRA) 61 62

##### Doubles

Malou Ejdesgaard (DEN)/Alize Lim (FRA) d. Kayla Rizzolo/Katie Ruckert (USA) 61 57 [10-3]

#### \$25,000 PINGGUO, CHINA, P.R. Singles

Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d. Anna Gerasimou (GRE) 63 60

##### Doubles

Chin-Wei Chan (TPE)/Yi-Fan Xu (CHN) d. Chun-Mei Ji/Wan-Ting Liu (CHN) 63 61

#### \$25,000 PLANTATION, FL, USA Singles

Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO) d. Johanna Larsson (SWE) 63 63

##### Doubles

Aurelie Vedy (FRA)/Mashona Washington (USA) d. Jorgelina Cravero/Maria Irigoyen (ARG) 60 62

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### CARACAS, VENEZUELA, GRADE 1 Boys Singles

Mate Zsiga (HUN) d. Roberto Quiroz (ECU) 64 63

##### Girls Singles

Caroline Garcia (FRA) d. Veronica Cepede Royg (PAR) 63 64

##### Boys Doubles

Diego Acosta/Roberto Quiroz (ECU) d. Thiago Augusto Bitencourt Pinheiro/Vitor Galvao (BRA) 62 63

##### Girls Doubles

An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)/Demi Schuur (NED) d. Andrea Gamiz/Adriana Perez (VEN) 63 64

#### BRATISLAVA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, GRADE 2

##### Boys Singles

Matthias Wunner (GER) d. Tom Farquharson (GBR) 63 62

##### Girls Singles

Magda Linette (POL) d. Julia Wachaczyk (GER) 60 61

### Boys Doubles

Tim Nekic/Matthias Wunner (GER) d. Marko Krickovic/Ralf Steinbach (GER) 76(4) 75

### Girls Doubles

Alison Van Uytvanck (BEL)/Veronika Zavadzka (CZE) d. Julia Wachaczyk/Stephanie Wagner (GER) 62 76(4)

### KOLKATA, INDIA, GRADE 3

#### Boys Singles

Haadin Bava (IND) d. Chieh-Fu Wang (TPE) 61 75

#### Girls Singles

Tjasa Srimpf (SLO) d. Zi Yang (CHN) 63 63

#### Boys Doubles

Ting Yu Chuang/Chieh-Fu Wang (TPE) d. Mohit Mayur Jayaprakash/Rishabdev Raman (IND) 76(10) 64

#### Girls Doubles

Tjasa Srimpf (SLO)/Dora Vajdic (CRO) d. Nova Patel/Rishika Sunkara (IND) 64 64

### BERGHEIM, AUSTRIA, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Dennis Novak (AUT) d. Pedja Krstin (SRB) 64 63

#### Girls Singles

Barbara Haas (AUT) d. Samira Giger (SUI) 26 75 62

#### Boys Doubles

Adam Kianicka/Michal Kianicka (SVK) d. Lukas Ollert/Joel Schreier (GER) 26 63 [10-6]

#### Girls Doubles

Nina Nagode (SLO)/Julia Stamatova (BUL) d. Ekin Gunaysu (TUR)/Anna Smolina (RUS) 36 64 [10-6]

### CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, CHINA, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Nuttanon Kadchapanan (THA) d. Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (THA) 62 26 62

#### Girls Singles

Pei-Chi Lee (TPE) d. Ai Wen Zhu (CHN) 63 64

#### Boys Doubles

Nuttanon Kadchapanan (THA)/Leander Lazaro (PHI) d. Justin To/Long-Fung Vincent Yau (HKG) 64 64

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### Girls Doubles

Katherine Ip (HKG)/Ekaterina Klyueva (RUS) d. Xi-Wei Cai/Qianqian Zhao (CHN) 62 61

### KAWAGUCHI, JAPAN, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Yosuke Takeuchi (JPN) d. Keisuke Watanuki (JPN) 63 64

#### Girls Singles

Aiko Yoshitomi (JPN) d. Mami Adachi (JPN) 76(8) 75

#### Boys Doubles

Shintarou Imai/Souma Kuribayashi (JPN) d. Yutaro Matsuzaki/Keisuke Watanuki (JPN) 76(2) 57 [10-8]

#### Girls Doubles

Erina Hayashi/Misaki Mori (JPN) d. Sari Baba/Haine Ogata (JPN) 62 63

### SZCZECIN, POLAND, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Constantin Christ (GER) d. Miki Jankovic (SRB) 76(5) 62

#### Girls Singles

Anna Shkudun (UKR) d. Katarzyna Kaleta (POL) 60 64

#### Boys Doubles

Miki Jankovic (SRB)/Maxim Lunkin (RUS) d. Krzysztof Bartosiewicz/Marcin Holowinski (POL) 64 75

#### Girls Doubles

Aneta Dvorakova/Barbora Krejcikova (CZE) d. Alisa Knyazeva/Anastasiya Saitova (RUS) 60 64

### ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

### ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, ITF 3 SERIES

#### Men's Singles

Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Marc McCarroll (GBR) 63 62

#### Women's Singles

Jiske Griffioen (NED) d. Daniela Di Toro (AUS) 63 75

#### Men's Doubles

Marc McCarroll/Gordon Reid (GBR) d. Michael Dobbie/Ben Weekes (AUS) 62 63

## This Week Next Week

### Events - week commencing 18 January 2010

#### GRAND SLAM AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

<b>MEN</b>	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
<b>WOMEN</b>	Great Britain	Wrexham	\$10,000
	USA	Lutz, FL	\$25,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	Great Britain	Dudley	Grade 2
	USA	Ballen Isles, FL	Grade 2
	USA	Palm Springs, CA	Grade 2
	New Zealand	Hamilton	Grade 4
<b>JUNIORS</b>	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

### Events - week commencing 25 January 2010

#### GRAND SLAM AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

<b>MEN</b>	Argentina F1 Futures	Dolores	\$10,000
	Guatemala F1 Futures	Guatemala City	\$10,000
	Israel F1 Futures	Eilat	\$10,000
	Spain F3 Futures	Murcia	\$10,000
	USA F3 Futures	Tamarac, FL	\$10,000
	France F1 Futures	Bagnoles De L'Orne	\$10,000+H
	Germany F3 Futures	Kaarst	\$15,000
	Morocco F1 Futures	Casablanca	\$15,000
	<b>WOMEN</b>	France	Grenoble
Germany		Kaarst	\$10,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	USA	Naples, FL	Grade 2
<b>JUNIORS</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA</b>		
	Ecuador	Cuenca	Grade 2
	Czech Republic	Frydlant nad Ostravici	Grade 4
	New Zealand	Christchurch	Grade 4
	Switzerland	Oberentfelden	Grade 4
	China, P.R.	Guangzhou	Grade 5
	United Arab Emirates	Fujairah	Grade 5
<b>WHEELCHAIR</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA</b>		
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